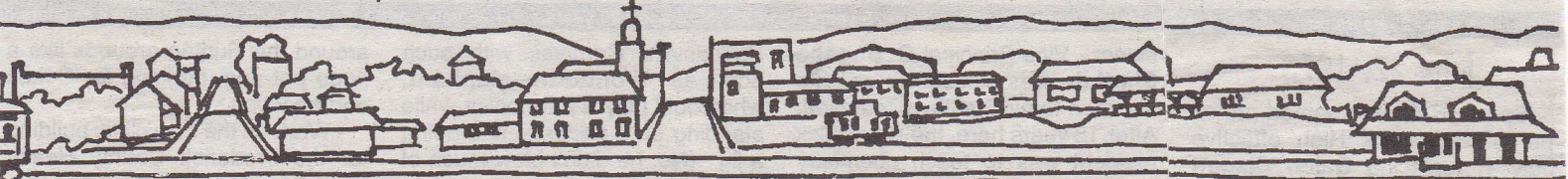
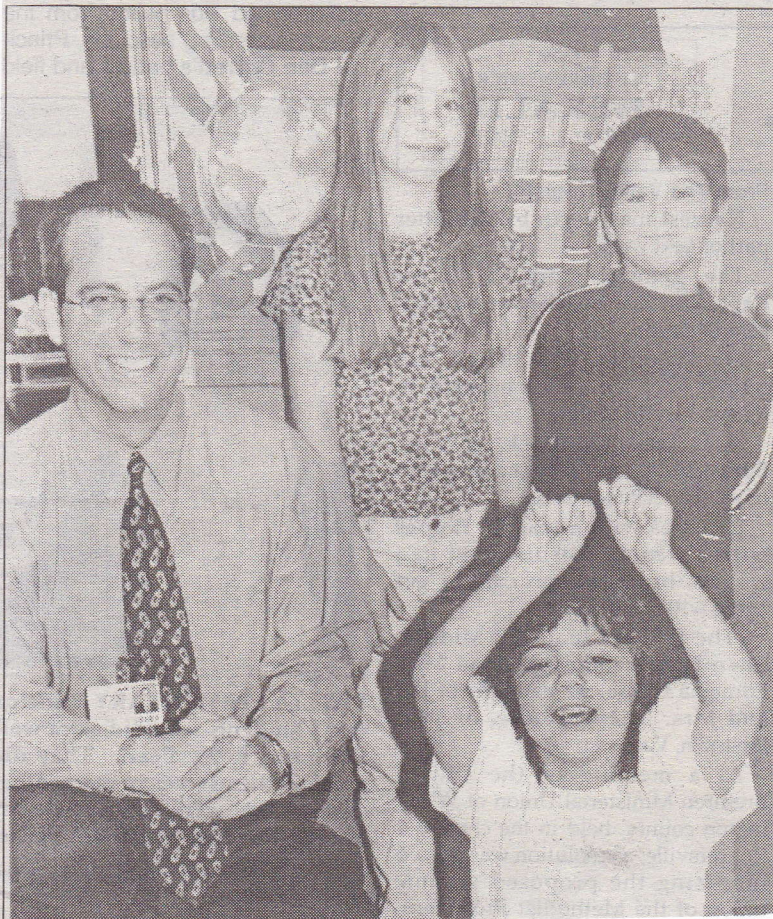


## News of the Brunswick community



Richard McKnight made sure that all-important 2003 party accessory—the tent—was in place for the first annual block party.



### 6th Ave. neighbors enjoy block party

Richard McKnight knows gardening. Richard also knows woodworking. And much to the delight of the residents along 6th Avenue, he also knows how to throw a really great party! On Saturday, May 24, the neighborhood came together at the First Annual 6th Avenue Block Party, a street-wide outdoor event organized by Mr. McKnight.

In many cases, the party provided an opportunity for long-time friends to have a seat, share a meal, and exchange unhurried conversation. In other cases,

neighbors were meeting each other for the first time. And, much to the delight of at least one resident, "We found out we really like each other! Without the party, we might never have had the chance to stop and introduce ourselves."

Throughout the afternoon, neighbors listened intently to each others' stories and learned a little something about the town and about each other. Bob Breeden's interesting recounting of the history of Brunswick; Mrs. Cauley's delightful stories about her husband's "airplane shenanigans" during World War II; and Mrs. Lang's powerful descriptions of her experiences in Prussia during that same period of time.

When stories weren't being told, neighbors exchanged gardening and landscaping advice, pets' names, and even just "news tidbits" that others had missed.

Life's hectic pace affords fewer and fewer chances for strangers to exchange more than a passing greeting. Thanks to Mr. McKnight's vision, however, and his neighbors' interest in following his lead, the community of friends along 6th Avenue is eagerly awaiting the next opportunity to slow down, sit down, and spend a few hours just enjoying each other's company.

Attendees at the First Annual 6th Avenue Block Party: Mr. Richard McKnight and Ms. Rosalie Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Brad McElhinney and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Oden and Kayle, Mrs. Lorrie Lang, Ms. Joanne Joyce and Ms. Cindy Robins, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Breeden, Mr. and Mrs. Cauley, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Geisbert and family, Ms. Zombros, Mr. Allen Hubble and Ms. Cathy Johnson.