

# Stars party goes on despite cloudy skies

by Matthew Wilson

BROWNINGTON — Despite gray skies and cool temperatures from a day of damp weather, visitors to the Old Stone House in Brownington still found a good time to be had. Gathered for the Twilight Stars Party Sunday people came out to Prospect Hill equipped for the cool evening, whether they could get a glimpse of some stars or not.

“We’ve sold about double the tickets we did last year,” said Drew Bush, the museum’s assistant director for marketing. Over 200 tickets sold ahead of time suggested a hearty turnout.

“We’re supposed to have clear skies in about ten minutes, and it’s going to be 85 degrees,” Kyle Chadburn, a member of the Evansville Transit Authority said in jest as he picked a few soft chords, with the other members of the band ready to play. “Even if it doesn’t, we’ve got music to keep us warm.”

The band began to jam classic radio rock and R’n’ B hits. After a few songs, dancers took to the green before the stage, moving to the music.

Carrying umbrellas and fold-out camp chairs, bundled in blankets, and wearing sweatshirts or an extra layer of long sleeves, people came out looking to enjoy music, food, and fellowship.

The Runaway Tomato had a variety of pizzas available for those looking to buy themselves a bite to eat, by the slice as well as whole pies for families, pizza boxes were passed about all around.

Sweets like cookies and cakes, and hot dogs prepared by volunteers from the Ladies Aid were also available, the smell of their grill filling the air with the signature scent of cookout fare. At a nearby tent, people could enjoy a beer or cider, including a brew from sponsor Hill Farmstead Brewery.

“This is the sixth year we’ve held the event, but the first time it’s been under the clouds,” Molly Veysey, executive director of the Old Stone House Museum said. In years past, the event saw wide open skies, perfect for stargazing, but the



Members of the Evansville Transit Authority entertained the crowd with a selection of familiar tunes. Playing at the stargazing party for the last six years, the band is celebrating its twentieth year playing music throughout the area. Photos by Matthew Wilson

overcast conditions this year proved less than favorable for the pastime.

“It is September in northern Vermont, but hopefully the skies will clear up,” Ms. Veysey said.

As the sun began to set, a heavy fog blanketed Prospect Hill as children with flashlights and glowsticks darted about in the fade of day. As the band finished up its set, the murky night showed no reprieve, still hiding the stars from sight. Nonetheless, some still walked up Prospect Hill where long ago Alexander Twilight with his family and neighbors were known to stargaze as well. Bobby Farlice-Rubio from the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, who would have helped those in attendance to identify and understand the night skies with telescopes, took questions from the crowd about astronomy. Mr. Farlice-Rubio told the crowd about a number of features that would be visible throughout the upcoming season before a number of small voices gave him questions about constellations and the other solar bodies unseen but present in the heavens above.

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The stars may have been hidden by the clouds, but children playing in the fog still found the observatory on Prospect Hill to be an amusing place to play with flashlights in the dark, waving glow sticks as they waited for the astronomy demonstration to begin.

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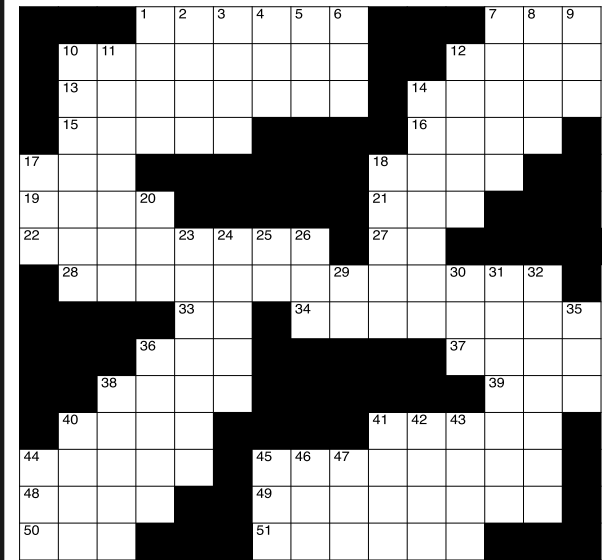


Artist William Tulp, a creative collaborator and volunteer at the Old Stone House Museum painted the faces of the kids at the Twilight Stars Party, he is one of the many volunteers who worked to make the gathering possible.

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## CROSSWORD



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Grievous
- 7. Queens ballplayer
- 10. Honorable title
- 12. Created
- 13. Grillmasters do it
- 14. Wartime German cargo ship
- 15. Cocoplum
- 16. Hebrew calendar month
- 17. British thermal unit
- 18. Brews
- 19. One of Thor's names
- 21. Decorative scarf
- 22. Clothes
- 27. - : denotes past
- 28. A way to address a lover
- 33. Commercial
- 34. Utters repeatedly
- 36. Google certification (abbr.)
- 37. Taxis
- 38. Belgian village in Antwerp
- 39. Talk excessively
- 40. Broad volcanic crater
- 41. Surgical instrument
- 44. Listens to
- 45. Revelation of a fact
- 48. Paddles
- 49. Heard
- 50. Tooth caregiver
- 51. Metric capacity units

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Protein-rich liquids
- 2. Musician Clapton
- 3. Wine
- 4. When you hope to arrive
- 5. Something one can get stuck in
- 6. Midway between east and southeast
- 7. Mothers
- 8. German river
- 9. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
- 10. Discharged
- 11. Areas near the retina
- 12. Greek mythological sorceress
- 14. Very unpleasant smell
- 17. " \_\_ Humbug!"
- 18. White poplar
- 20. Journalist Tarbell
- 23. Teachers
- 24. One older than you
- 25. Long Russian river
- 26. Run batted in
- 29. Beloved Hollywood alien
- 30. Holiday (informal)
- 31. Furniture with open shelves
- 32. Argued
- 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 36. Cars have them
- 38. Volcanic craters
- 40. Made of fermented honey and water
- 41. Shelter for mammals or birds
- 42. One who utilizes
- 43. Moves swiftly on foot
- 44. Builder's trough
- 45. Architectural wing
- 46. 12
- 47. Pacific Standard Time

See solution on page 36

By what names do you call your... ...Grandmother and Grandfather?

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## Celebrating Grandparents!

**Grandpa**

My grandfather lives with my family.

My grandparents live far away.

Grandparents hold a unique place in our lives. There is even a special day set aside to honor them - but grandchildren should celebrate their grandparents *all year long*. So, get busy and visit, call, email or write to your grandparents - or to a grand aunt or uncle.

I'll teach you how to grill a great "burger" next time you visit!

This hamburger looks delicious!

**Grandma**

We have such fun!

Read the clues below to fill in both crosswords with activities I love to do with my Grandpa and my Grandma:

- broken items around the house
- bulbs in the garden
- a story aloud
- lunch
- at the alley
- his favorite T.V. show
- the dog
- the bird feeders with seeds
- at board games
- and glue model cars
- off the bridge
- songs at the top of our voices
- horseshoes in the park
- up our mini-golf scores

- in the park
- squares for quilts
- the birds at the feeder
- up to go to see a play
- greeting cards
- to swimming lessons
- bikes
- the porch and steps
- for groceries
- cards
- photos for scrapbooks
- at a new restaurant
- before I go to sleep
- cookies

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### Family Tree

There are many things **you** can do, learn, make or collect to help preserve **your** family history!

Fill in the missing vowels to see what kinds of things you can learn about your family or do with them:

- S \_ \_ NGS
- L \_ \_ NG \_ \_ G \_
- D \_ \_ NC \_ \_ S
- C \_ \_ K \_ \_ NG
- ST \_ \_ R \_ \_ S
- PH \_ \_ T \_ \_ S
- R \_ \_ N \_ \_ NS
- MAKE A ST \_ \_ RYB \_ \_ K
- F \_ \_ M \_ \_ LY TR \_ \_
- P \_ \_ CN \_ \_ GS

### Family Memories

Grandpa and I started a family scrapbook. Help us get this photo into our album.