

Bradys Bend Historical Society

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Greetings!

This year's news from the area is dominated by the new bridge. It was decades in the planning, two years in the building, and now it has finally come to be. It opens the area to great views no matter which direction you look, and changes the whole look of the landscape.

The bridge was dedicated and opened to traffic on April 26. (See more info inside)

Photo by Jerry Sowden - The detonating explosive charges strapped to strategic points on the old East Brady Bridge create a dense cloud of smoke as the



steel beams drop into the Allegheny River. The bridge was constructed in 1885. It was closed earlier this spring after the completion of a new \$15.8 million bridge downstream.

This past year, as always, we say goodbye to some of our members. Stan Haugh, mainstay of the community for many years in his service as borough policeman, ambulance volunteer, and much more, passed away recently. We also mark the passing of members Joyce Shepard and Bill Bowser.

The Society has a few projects still brewing - the Armstrong County History Alliance is still pushing fundraising ideas, and we're still taking orders for the memorial brick project at the Brady's Bend Honor Roll.

We had the opportunity to talk to many folk at the Riverfest on a fine (but hot!) July weekend.

We hope you'll find time to join us for activities and meetings this year, so mark the dates on your calendars (see page 2).

Finally, a reminder. If your newsletter has a FORWARDED sticker on it from the Post Office, you MUST tell us your new address or you won't get a newsletter next year. Just drop us an email at dmcc1018@alltel.net or send a card to the above address. And if you aren't a life member, your dues of \$2.00 are due by August 31. Thanks for your attention to these details!