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Red Lion residents ready for TV debut Residents turn out for a sneak peek of WITF's new program

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Red Lion might not have the glamour of "The O.C.'s" Newport or the scandals of "Desperate Housewives" Wisteria Lane, but the community is definitely a star in its own right.

Just ask its people.

Last night, local residents gathered at Red Lion Area Senior High School for a preview of the television program "Our Town: Red Lion." Scheduled to premiere on WITF-TV next week, the show features interviews with townspeople and video footage shot by local residents.

"Our Town gives hometown residents a chance to tell their stories," explained producer Michael Williams. "People tell their own stories in their own words."

Back in August, Williams, along with the production team from WITF, recruited volunteers and instructed them use a camcorder to capture the people, places and events that make Red Lion ... well, Red Lion.

Lack of response was not an issue. More than 40 people offered to participate. Last night's showing was the first time they all watched the final, edited result.

"Great. Just great. Well done," said Mayor Sterling Smith.

"I really enjoyed it," added William Ritz of the Red Lion Felton Band.

"It really showed how Red Lion is a central hub for industry," said borough council member Kandy Paules-Sowards.

Delving deeper: According to Williams, areas such as Harrisburg, Lancaster and York always grab the attention. The goal of the Our Town series is to delve a little deeper into the character and characteristics of the Central Pennsylvania region. The Red Lion feature is the 22nd episode in the series.

With more than 15 hours of interviews, 40 hours of video footage, and six weeks of editing involved in the project, editor Clark Rousch had more than enough to work with. Each volunteer videographer had a different assignment so footage would not overlap.

Red Lion Area High School student Kirby Sybert took on the daunting task of profiling Copper Beech Golf and Swim, which was once the Red Lion Country Club.

OK, perhaps it wasn't such a tough assignment.

"I like to play golf," the 15-year-old Sybert said. "We play golf a lot. So I thought it would be fun."

Born and raised on Keener Avenue, lifelong Red Lion resident and history buff Jan Barnhart, 58, took a break from his career in finance to check out life behind a camera. Taking his new job seriously, he captured various images of lions, from those on the street signs to those cast as statues.

"I loved it," he said. "It was fun digging in and learning."

Sholom Migash, owner of Drafty Old House Graphic Design, offered both her house and herself to the project. The 37-year-old spent her school years in Red Lion, moved away and eventually decided to return with her family.

"This is such a nice community," she said. "Not everyone knows how much history there is here."

Red Lion trivia: Migash is not kidding. Several interesting tidbits of trivia are included in "Our Town: Red Lion." How many people know that there once was a time when one out of every eight cigars smoked in America was rolled in Red Lion? Or that a rug produced at Family Heirloom Weavers was featured in the movie "Cold Mountain"?

And those who want to find out what a Jake Steak is or learn the true identity of professional wrestler Dirty Deeds are just going to have to tune in next week.

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