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-- Press is welcome to attend the private screening of "Our Town: Jersey Shore" at the Jersey Shore Historical Society on Wednesday, May 30 at 7 p.m. All of the volunteers who assisted with the project will attend, making a great photo/interview opportunity. The Sun Gazette may also have interest in the story as many volunteers indicated that they receive the Williamsport paper.

"OUR TOWN: JERSEY SHORE" PREMIERES ON WPSU-TV

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (May 25, 2007) — Community members from Jersey Shore ventured out into the community this spring, cameras in hand, to tell the story of their hometown. The production, "Our Town: Jersey Shore" will premiere at 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 7 on WPSU-TV.

The production gives viewers a sense of feeling, being, and living in Jersey Shore. Locals took footage and told the stories of places and events such as the Pine Creek Rail Trail, Rainbow's End Llamas, and the flood of 1972 caused by Hurricane Agnes.

The program covers the long history of the Tiadaghton Elm, under which the Fair Play Men made their own Declaration of Independence from Britain on July 4, 1776 on the banks of Pine Creek. The program also takes viewers to Salladasburg to Cohick's Trading Post where Katharine Hepburn, James Cagney and Harold "Red" Grange were once customers. Students at the Jersey Shore Middle School were also involved in the production, shooting footage as part of a school project.

Throughout the program, one theme comes up time and time again, that Jersey Shore is a nice place to call home. Community-member Dave Kagan said "We're very happy here. It's a wonderful, wonderful community."

WPSU-TV created the "Our Town" series to treat viewers to the many personalities, perspectives, and possibilities that our local towns have to offer. The series adopted the concept of "day-in-the-life" picture books, which profile the people, places, and happenings of a specific town or area. Community members were invited to showcase their town in the ways they saw best fit. With the freedom of blank tape, camcorders, and plenty of enthusiasm, they were on their way. Through visits to local businesses, the historical society, and local landmarks, the program took shape.

Production underwriting for "Our Town: Jersey Shore" was provided by Jersey Shore State Bank, West Pharmaceutical Services, The Tiadaghton Inn, and The Jersey Shore Educational Association. The program was produced and directed by Charlie Gudeman, Cole Cullen, and Dick Knupp. Executive Producer was Greg Petersen.

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