

William A. Diehl, SSgt

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July 5, 2005 - Veterans, children enjoy Greencastle's holiday fun.



GREENCASTLE, Pa. - A few weeks after he escaped from his German captors at the very end of World War II, [Bill Diehl](#) of Greencastle was in an English barbershop and wanted to weigh himself.

"I put a farthing in the scale and out came a slip of paper that said I weighed so many stone," the 80-year-old Diehl said Monday as he watched events at the fourth annual Greencastle-Antrim July Fourth Celebration. The barber told him it came to about 123 pounds.

At the time, he and thousands of other members of the [106th Infantry Division](#) were ordered by their commanders to surrender a few days before Christmas 1944. Diehl said he weighed 185 pounds.

More than 60 years later and a few pounds heavier, Diehl was having a more enjoyable afternoon, along with about 40 members of his family and a few hundred others who gathered at the Tayamentasachta Environmental Center for a day of patriotic fun.

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