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NEWBERRY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PLANS FESTIVAL IN NEWBERRY PARK

Event Planned for Saturday, April 30th

Enjoy four hours of fun, food, frolic and fundraising all to support the NCP, your neighborhood organization that has brought you annual block parties, tree plantings, *insideNewberry* Day, Newberry Business Showcase, Community Yard Sales, Spring & Fall Litter Pick Ups and two \$5000 grants for Community Trash Pick Ups. In response to your concerns, we produced & distributed Emergency Alert Information to every door in Newberry/Jaysburg and we are the proud publishers of this quarterly newsletter.

Did you know that the NCP is one of forty organizations in the State to qualify for Elm Street designation? Our Elm Street Program is responsible for the new sidewalks, curbs, trees and street lights at the West Fourth Street gateway to Newberry; Four home owners have qualified for grants for façade improvements to begin this spring.

The NCP is very grateful for the many generous individuals, local businesses and the City of Williamsport for their contributions of time and resources to support our activities and projects over the years.

We can keep the momentum going in spite of the current economic climate. The NCP, with its non-profit status and track record is positioned to attract private & public resources. With your support and participation, we can create a bright future for our community.

As we go to press, all the festival activities have not been finalized but what we can tell you is:

The Newberry Lions will be serving up their fabulous french fries – Wow! We won't have to wait till the June Fair! You can look forward to great Italian fare served up by The Original Sons of Italy Lodge 138; Guest chefs grilling juicy hot dogs and to pacify your sweet tooth - homemade baked goodies and ice cream.

Two local bands - R Way and The Nobody's will keep us rocking and rolling.

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Pictured: Blair Mitcheltree, Kristen Carlyle, and Mike Mummy from the band R Way (Steve Wheeland is on drums). They've also appeared at the Valley Inn, the Hiawatha and other local venues. They will be joined by The Nobody's (Oscar Eldridge, Rockin Roy Pursel, and Big Al Meck). They have all graciously agreed to donate their time to the NCP Festival. Both bands play classic rock, a little blues, a little variety.



NCP PLANS FESTIVAL IN NEWBERRY PARK...

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The Lycoming County Master Gardeners are coming with a wealth of information. Bring your gardening questions; learn the benefits of composting and much more. Rain barrels and plants will be available to purchase.

We'll celebrate the arts in Newberry with the unveiling of the Jackson School Art Club's fourth in a series of murals inspired by life in Newberry.

Play Bocce! Discover how much fun and easy it is to learn. Newberry native, Phil Preziosi will be on hand with official rules and instructions.

Take a walk down memory lane to recall Newberry's past! Bring your photos & memorabilia. Members of Lycoming County Genealogical Society will help you locate an ancestor; scan your treasured documents & share their recent acquisitions of Newberry photos.

Sack races, face painting and other games will entertain the youngsters. Games of chance will have some grownups leaving with a smile – win or lose – knowing that they did their part in supporting the Newberry Community Partnership.

Look for posters and local media sources for additional activities and surprises.

See you Saturday April 30th at the Newberry Park Fair Grounds, located off Linn Street between Diamond and Pearl Street (behind Sanders Funeral Home). This event is co-sponsored by the City of Williamsport and the Newberry Community Partnership with the generous support of the Newberry Lions Club.

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WEST END CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Spring Fundraisers

Easter is coming soon and the community center has just the gifts for you to give your loved ones. The WECCC will be selling homemade peanut butter eggs and coconut cream eggs along with a variety of Easter Flowers. This fundraiser will be April 15th, 16th, and 17th. Watch for the flower and candy sales at the corner of West Fourth and Diamond Streets.

Our **5th Annual Patriotic Festival** will be May 21st from 1:00 – 6:00 PM and will honor all our veterans – past and present. This year we will be featuring World War II with guest speakers, entertainment, and displays pertaining to that war. The festival will offer good food, children's activities, vendors, ice cream, prizes to be won and most importantly – FUN. Come join us for an opportunity to honor those who are serving or have served our country.

Social Hall Project

The former sanctuary in the WECCC is being remodeled to become Newberry's newest social hall and/or activity room.

The pews have been unbolted from the floor and the carpet has been taken up in the first stage of this project. Soon the pews will be offered for sale to the public as will several other items formerly used in the sanctuary. The remodeling of this room will take time and money. Donations for this project would be greatly appreciated and may be made by calling the office at 323-6297.



Experience Works

Experience Works, an organization that assists individuals age 55 or older, will once again hold training at the Center. This program is for those with very limited income and offers on the job training for its participants while providing community service at a non-profit host agency. Learning to develop a job search plan and developing a strong support plan are all goals of the Experience Works Job Club. One not only learns new job skills but also builds strong self confidence. To learn more about Experience Works call 570-321-5811.

Shipment to Our Soldiers Overseas

The Center is gearing up for a large shipment of "love from America" to our men and women serving in the armed forces overseas. The items being sent are all donations from various organizations or churches in the area. This will be the third large shipment in five years. If you attend our Patriotic Festival and wish to bring an item to be sent, we will see that it reaches our soldiers. Join the West End Christian Community Center in saying "thank you" to our military personnel who are protecting our freedoms and our rights.

*~ Articles submitted by Marge Thompson,
Executive Director/WECCC*

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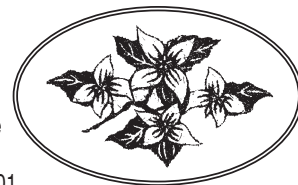


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ORIGINS OF NEWBERRY MONUMENT

History of "The Light of Liberty"

In recent months *insideNewberry* received calls about the origins of the beautiful monument "The Light of Liberty" that graces the intersection of Arch and West 4th Streets and the cover of *insideNewberry*. Who does the memorial honor? Who was the artist?

What follows is a brief response about the monument and a thumbnail sketch about the artist. We'll cover the full story in April 2012.

May of 2012, Lady Liberty will be 90 years old. The Newberry Community Partnership and *insideNewberry* thinks it would be a great idea to throw a birthday party for her. Please let us know.. Do you like that idea? Are you related to any of the men and women who are memorialized or were instrumental in erecting the monument? Do you have pictures of them or the celebration parade & dedication?

THE MONUMENT

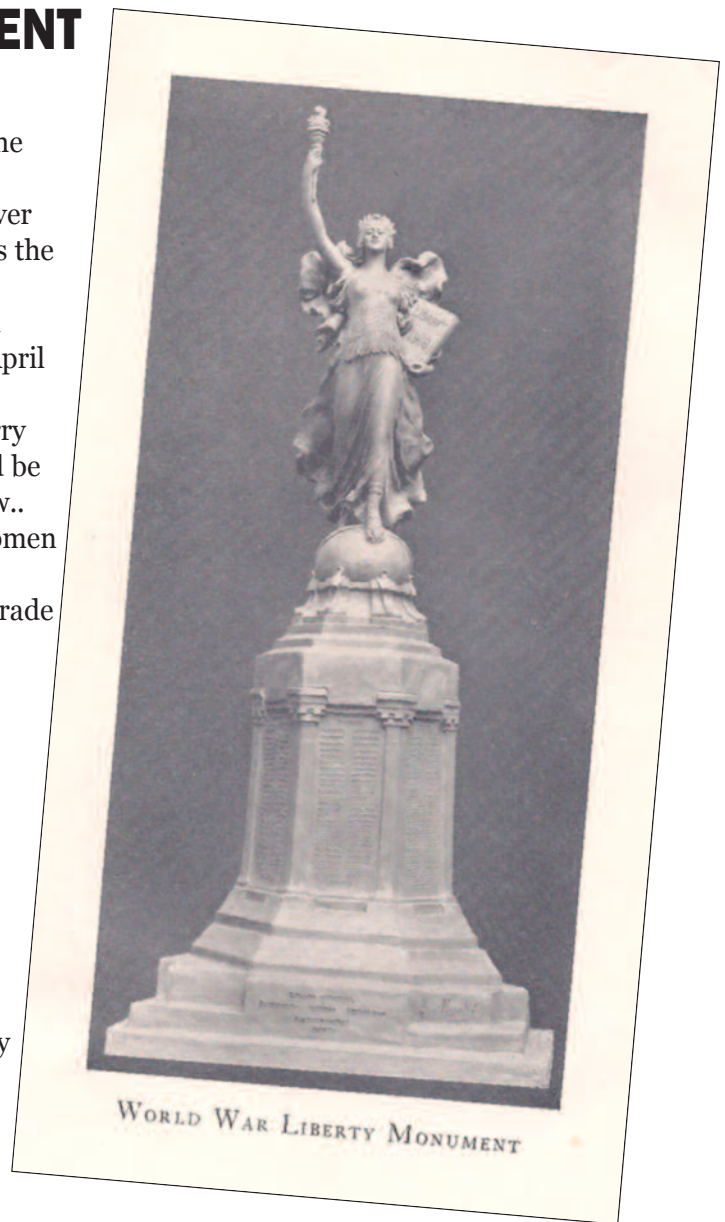
The idea for the memorial was conceived by a group of Newberry women. They held their first gathering at the home of Gertrude Herman in June of 1920, to lay plans to erect a memorial to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in World War 1. The names of those honored were the soldiers, sailors and Red Cross Nurses of the 7th & 11th Wards and adjoining townships.

The project took 2 years from inception to completion. We've estimated that over 70 men and women worked diligently and tirelessly for countless hours over that period to form an organization, fundraise, research and select the monument company, compose and publish a history of their efforts and plan a proper dedication celebration. To them we owe our gratitude for a gift of beauty that continues to be a source of pride and honor to our community.

THE ARTIST

Do we realize how fortunate we are to have a unique work of art by a renowned sculptor in our community? Giuseppe Moretti (February 1857 – February 1935) was born in Siena, Italy, the nephew of Vincenzo Cardinal Moretti, a noted art patron. He began studying marble sculpting at the age of 9 with the monks of San Domenico and with sculptor Tito Serrochi. He moved to Carrara to perfect his skills. At age 22, he moved to Zagreb, Croatia and made several important commissions before a large earthquake devastated the area.

Moretti relocated to Vienna, Austria where he worked on the Rothschild Palace and executed a marble bust of Emperor Franz Josef for the 1900 Paris Exposition. He then moved to Budapest, Hungary where he undertook works to commemorate the city's history. In the summer of 1888, he emigrated to the



United States and opened a studio in New York City. His first commission was a sculpture of the "Marble House" of William K. Vanderbilt in Newport, RI. After working on the Vanderbilt estate, Moretti became well-known in Pittsburgh, maintaining a presence there from 1895 until 1923.

His reputation as an artist soon won his most famous commission from James A. MacKnight, secretary of Birmingham, Alabama's Commercial Club. Moretti agreed to charge only \$6,000 for the massive plaster model of Vulcan, the largest cast iron sculpture in the world for Birmingham's contribution to the St. Louis Exposition.

Moretti moved around east of the Mississippi frequently after 1916, returning to Pittsburgh, where he established a permanent residence and studio on Bigelow Boulevard.

A prolific artist, Moretti made war memorials a major source of income completing 12 World War I memorials, 19 monumental works, 6 church sculptures, 24 memorial

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tablets, 14 memorials, 27 sculptures in marble, bronze, and aluminum and 27 bronze statues.

In Pittsburgh, you will find many of Moretti's notable works of art – in bronze, marble and granite.

In 1930, in failing health, he and his wife Dorothea Long Moretti returned to San Remo, Italy where he remained until his death in 1935.

A big thank you to Phil Preziosi for briefly parting with his copy of the original program booklet containing the short history of the Newberry Memorial Association to scan the original photo and for researching the life of artist Giuseppe Moretti.

EASTER EGG HUNT PLANNED

Saturday, April 16

The City of Williamsport will be holding the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Brandon Park near the bandshell on Saturday, April 16 at 2:00 PM. Open to all children under the age of 10. The rain date will be Saturday, April 23rd, same time and location. For details call Christy Haberstroh at 327-7566 or email: mayor@cityofwilliamsport.org



NEW FIRE TRUCK FOR WILLIAMSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

New Aerial Fire Fighting Truck for Williamsport's Firefighters

Deputy Chief Dave Dymeck stopped in to chat about the new Pierce Arrow XT Aerial Fire Fighting Truck the Williamsport Fire Department recently purchased with Community Development Block Grant funds. The new truck, dubbed Tower One (T1 for short), replaces the original, 1999 Tower One. The new T1 has a tower that extends 100 feet high. That's almost as high as the top floor of the Genetti Hotel.

By tradition, Williamsport Fire Trucks have been red and white, but T1 is glossy red, simply because it costs more for 2 colors. So, this T1 will set a new tradition in color, and safety too. Reaching the scene quickly is important but this truck has an automatic rollover protection system that slows the vehicle down if a corner is taken too fast. It also automatically deploys the supports that keep the vehicle secure when the tower is extended, reducing set up time and allowing fire fighters

to get to work a little faster. The 100' platform is controlled from the platform itself and from the ground. The ground controller often has a better perspective and can stop the platform from striking obstructions, such as wires, that can't be seen from above.

Every firefighter's duty is to protect life and property, so it makes sense they would want to protect the planet by using Green apparatus. T1 can't claim to be 100% Green, but it does have a system that reduces emissions and is more environmentally friendly than old T1.

This is the largest vehicle Williamsport's Fire Department has and it responds to all "Box Alarms", that means structure alarms and vehicle entrapment events, so we can, unfortunately, expect to see T1 often. But T1 also makes pleasant house calls! T1 and its drivers will be at the Newberry Community Festival in Newberry Park on Saturday, April 30th.



Firefighters Jeff & Jeremy Vogt, JJ Lyons, Dave Weaver pose with the new Pierce Arrow XT Aerial Fire Fighting Truck, dubbed Tower One.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK



Event Scheduled for May 14-21

The week of May 14th to the 21st has been designated Emergency Medical Services Week for Lycoming County. The Newberry community is invited to attend the kick-off event at Round House Field on Little League Boulevard on Saturday, May 14 with a display of emergency services units from around the county to include: Emergency Medical Services, Fire, Technical Rescue, Law Enforcement and Citizens Corps Council. T-shirts will be provided to Children 12 and under upon the completion of an educational circuit.

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For additional information, call the
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★ SPECIAL VOTER SECTION FOR 2011 PRIMARY ELECTION ★

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ELECTION DAY • TUESDAY, MAY 17
Polls Open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Voter Information & Registration

- Pennsylvania is a Closed Primary - only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote.
- All registered voters may vote for a referendum regardless of party affiliation, however at the time of this printing there are no referendums on the ballot.
- State, County, City, School Directors, Township, and Borough offices are on the ballots this year.

Deadline to register to vote or make changes to your registration is Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:00 PM, 30 days prior to the election.

Civilian Absentee Ballot deadline is Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 5:00 PM -7 days prior to Primary.

If you have an illness and or physical disability that prohibit you from voting, or will be out of your municipality during the hours the polling places are open, you may vote by absentee for the Primary Election.

If an emergency occurs after the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot, contact the Voter Services office at 570-327-2267 to apply for an emergency absentee ballot. If you need a voter registration application or an absentee ballot application you can:

- **Download an application** on the Lycoming County website www.lyco.org and click on "Voter Services"
- **Stop in Lycoming County Voter Services** for an application at 330 Pine Street, Executive Plaza, 1st Floor, Room 101, Williamsport, PA 17701
- **Call Voter Services Office** at 327-2267 with any questions.

Sample ballots will be available upon request in the Voter Services office starting Monday, April 25, 2011.

NEWBERRY POLL LOCATIONS

**ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, MAY 17
POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM UNTIL 8:00 PM**

Poll Locations:

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St. Matthews Lutheran Church
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8th Ward

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3 County Commissioners • 1 County Controller
1 Coroner • 1 District Attorney • 1 Prothonotary
1 Register and Recorder • 1 County Treasurer

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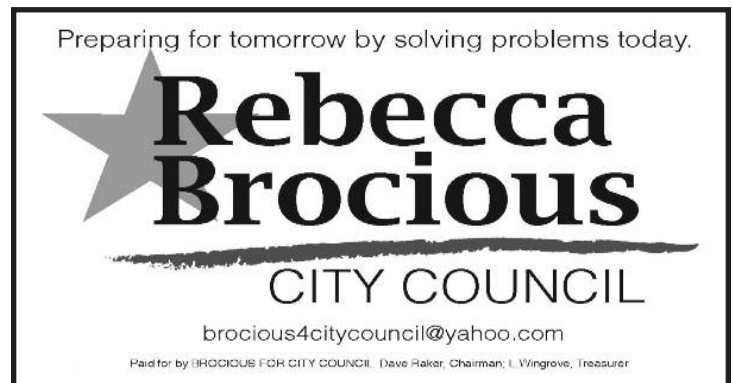
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INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS...Reports from Newberry's Schools

Jackson Elementary School

Together We Teach the Child

Spring is here! For Jackson students and faculty that means preparation for the final weeks of the school year. At Jackson, we pride ourselves in working closely with our student's families. In doing so, we recognize that the education of the child is not depending solely on us. We rely a great deal on family members to continue to support their child's learning especially during summer vacation. In this article, I wish to share the many ways family members can ensure their child continues to progress and retain what they worked so diligently to learn over the school year.



- **Inspire a lifelong love of learning** - visit museums, libraries, points of interest.
- **Encourage your child to ask questions** - about how things work and why things happen. A curious child is the best learner.
- **Talk often** - help build language and word knowledge.
- **Help build self-esteem** - effort is important not just success or failure.
- **Stimulate creativity** - sing, play an instrument, paint, draw, cook with them.
- **Show a love for reading** - let them see you read. Read to them often. Ask them to read to you. Keep your attitude for reading positive. Becoming a better reader is hard work and needs practice.
- **Limit TV viewing** - too much can hurt reading skills and attention span.

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Helping young children develop language skills is crucial to success in school. They have to learn to say things they want to say. Talking allows them to organize their thoughts, put their ideas into words and helps them explore ideas with others.

Reading to your child is equally important. They need to hear the "tune" of written language as they become familiar with books and stories. The sound of written language differs from what is heard in their environment. They learn to read better when they are familiar with written language. Read stories over and over again until they get to know if you left out a part or changed the words.

Be sure that your child reads every day. Keep a log of books read and/or the amount of time spent reading. Local libraries and the Williamsport Area School District both support the use of reading logs.

The summer will "get away from you" before you know it. Students often experience the "summer slide" if not reading regularly and may drop back a year or more in their reading level.

Encourage older children to visit the website at Jackson. Many teachers have designed their websites to include links to on-line learning activities. Visit www.wasd.org and click on Jackson School. Go to a teacher at your child's grade level to visit sites.

As we enter the final portion of the school year, the Jackson faculty wishes to thank our community for all the support we received in educating your child. We want the same things for your child- positive feelings about school and continued academic growth.

~ Submitted by John J. Killian, Principal

Saint John's School of The Arts

SOTA to Feature Student Performances

The Saint John's School of the Arts will hold its annual day of student performances on Saturday, April 16, at Saint John's-Newberry United Methodist Church, 2101 Newberry Street.

According to Anne Keely, the school's director, this is an excellent opportunity for the community to come see what the school of the arts is all about. "We are finishing up our fourteenth year, and yet many people do not know about the school of the arts," Keely said. "This is a wonderful asset to our community, and currently there are over 200 students enrolled in our year-round music and fine arts programs."

The schedule of departmental recitals includes:

- Flute students of Anne Keely at 2:00 PM
- Piano students of Bethany Fisher at 2:00 PM
- Brass students of Philip Herfort at 2:00 PM
- Piano Students of Diane Havrilla at 3:00 PM



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SOTA Dance students

An exhibition of student art work will also be featured during the afternoon of April 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Art students of Jason Paulhamus, which include students from elementary age through adult, will display their work.

All of these events are free and open to the public. An informal reception will be offered during the afternoon for program participants and guests. More information can be obtained by calling the School of the Arts office at 327-5575.

West Branch School May Fair & Music Festival



Each year in May, West Branch School holds its annual Fair and Music Festival. There are always plenty of food vendors, making available an array of choices from hamburgers and hot dogs to gourmet salads. There is also live music, presented by numerous bands throughout the day. This year's festivities are scheduled from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Saturday, May 7th. Children, friends, families, neighbors, and anyone in between are invited to attend our Fair. We will have a children's area with lots of fun activities for the kiddos.

We are also raffling 18 great prizes ranging from an in-home sitting with the Wild Studio to a four-course gourmet meal prepared by one of our parents. West Branch School is a parent-teacher run non-profit organization; therefore each one of our own parents will be involved in making the Fair a success for our school. Everyone has a great time and looks forward to the Fair each year. We hope to see you there!

SUMMER BRANCHES – West Branch School is gearing up for another summer of exciting camps, called Summer Branches. Tentatively, camps are scheduled to begin June 20th, 2011, and end 5 weeks later on July 22nd, 2011. Our Summer Branches program is always full of fun and excitement, typically for children ages 6-11 years. Watch for more information on Summer Branches coming soon!

CONSIDERING WBS FOR YOUR CHILD? West Branch School is currently enrolling for the upcoming 2011-12 academic year. We enroll kindergarten through eighth grade, and are very open to giving tours and allowing families and children to get a glimpse of what we are all about. Applications may be obtained by calling the school at (570) 323-5498, or by e-mailing us at office@westbranchschool.org.



Pictures from the 2010 May Fair & Music Festival held by the West Branch School.



Did You Know that Bernie, Marion, Jennie, Rose, Pat, Mary, Bob, Barb and Carol all exercise Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:30 AM at the Lincoln Senior Center Exercise Room?

Did you know that 70 Meals on Wheels' Individuals receive monthly home-made cards from the newly formed Lincoln Senior Center Craft Group?

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NEWBERRY LIONS NEWS

Annual Lions Parade & Fair Scheduled for June 14th thru the 18th

Highlight your calendar from Tuesday, June 14th to Saturday, June 18th so you will be sure to join in the festivities at Newberry Park to support the Newberry Lions. Circle Wednesday the 15th - Parade Night! Three prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories: Costume, Wheels & Pets. Rain date is Thursday, June 16th.



The fair opens nightly 6:00 PM to enjoy all your favorite foods prepared by Lions members – hamburgers, hot sausage, hot dogs, pizza and their famous French fries. Be sure to save room for funnel cakes made just for you by members of the Newberry Lioness Club.

The rides start at 7:00 PM and be sure to try your luck at bingo and games of skill and chance... all to benefit the Newberry Lions and the needed services they provide to our community.

Journey for Sight Walk

Meet at 2:00 PM Sunday, May 1st at Old Lycoming Fire Hall on Dewey Avenue and journey on the bike path to the Lycoming Creek Loins Social Hall, where you will be served lunch. Attention non-profit groups - benefit your own charity too!! The Lions will share 50% of the funds you raise with your own charity. Contact a Lion for more details.

All Newberry Lions fundraising efforts support many state and local charities for the blind as well as programs such as Newberry Little League and West End Babe Ruth Baseball.

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*Contact any Lions member to learn more
about Newberry Lions or to become a member.*

STEP NEWS

Home Pre-Purchase Workshops



The Homeownership Counseling Department at STEP, Inc. is offering **FREE** workshops to anyone interested in the basics of home ownership. Each class consists of 2 sessions of 2 hours each and covers the following topics:



- Role of the Real Estate Agent
- Sales Contract
- Financing & Closing Costs
- Real Estate Taxes
- Credit & Budgeting
- Closing Documents
- Fair Housing Law

Classes are held once a month during the day or evening depending on the demand and are held in the Head Start or Youth Build buildings on Boyd Street behind the main STEP building.

To **register** for a workshop call Marguerite Fleming at 601-9674 or email mafleming@stepcorp.org. A certificate of completion will be awarded for attendance at both sessions that may be used to satisfy PHFA's pre-closing requirement.

Renovate & Repair Loans Are Now Available at STEP

These loans are a great source of funding for homeowners who need as little as \$2,500 or as much as \$35,000 to complete repairs and/or renovations. The loans are funded by the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) who participates with STEP to offer these loans to homeowners in Lycoming and Clinton Counties.

The proceeds can only be used to complete repairs or renovations that improve basic livability and/or affect health, safety, energy efficiency, accessibility, and code violations. There is a sliding scale of fixed interest rates, beginning at 6.375%. There is no application fee and closing cost assistance is available for those who meet income guidelines.

No equity is required and the credit guidelines are flexible. Terms of 10, 15 or 20 years are available and the closings are held locally at the STEP office on Lincoln Street in Williamsport. The loan is secured by real estate and does involve a mortgage.

As part of the loan process, STEP provides guidance in locating contractors and preparing bids. STEP also oversees construction and arranges inspections of completed work.

Eligibility can be determined by telephone, but appointments are necessary to apply. To schedule an appointment, call the Housing Counseling Office at 570-601-9674 or email mafleming@stepcorp.org.

STEP is a PHFA certified counseling agency and also administers the EHLP and HEMAP loan programs which help homeowners in danger of losing their homes through foreclosure. STEP also offers free credit and debt counseling as well as pre-purchase and pre-closing counseling. For additional information about any of our programs you can call the above number. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

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Some of Jstyles Salon staff – Back row, left to right: Amanda Robey, Anna Henley, Chris Egli. Front row, left to right: Amy Wool, Dina Wascher, Ruth Robinson. Missing From picture, Michele Woodley, Nichole Hawkins, Kortney Howard, and Lesly Brion.

2ND ANNUAL BILLTOWN FILM FESTIVAL

Redefining Community

That political unrest and the economic instability of the Middle East have caused the price of gasoline to rise. You are paying more at your local gas pump because of the tragic incidents that are happening a half-a-world away. Your life has been impacted by people you will never meet in places you've probably never been. The world today is a global neighborhood.

The Billtown Film Festival is an attempt to redefine the concept of community. We will bring films to Williamsport from filmmakers from around the world. We will explore, and hopefully explain, why it is everyone's responsibility to be sensitive to the global habitat. The air we breathe belongs to no one and belongs to everyone. Climate change affects us all.

The Second Annual Billtown Film Festival of 2011 will focus its attention on the environment. We've adopted the concept "Act locally, think globally." The range of films to be screened will offer new solutions to old problems. The BFF will show how other communities are protecting their environments. The BFF will present important information in compelling and entertaining ways. It's not just a collection of boring documentaries. We aim to inspire, not provoke.

The BFF applauds the citizens of Newberry. Your good works have made Williamsport a better place to live. We hope that other neighborhoods follow your lead.

The Billtown Film Festival will be held at the Community Arts Center on April 21-23, 2011. Admission is FREE! (Donations accepted.) Come join us for 3 nights of fun, music and thoughtful independent films. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Check out the BFF website at: www.billtownfilmfestival.com

NEWBERRY BUSINESS HELPS WOMEN GET BACK ON FEET

Jstyles Salon Working With YWCA

Jstyles Salon has initiated a wonderful program to help women in need in the community. The salon will work with the YWCA to help women get back on their feet.

Through two of the programs offered at the YWCA, two women per month will be selected to receive a free wash, cut and style at the salon. Then they will go to the West End Christian Community Center Clothes Closet to receive suitable clothing. This will help them to prepare to enter the job market; for interviews and increase their self esteem.

"Our staff at the salon is happy to provide this service. We like to help people, says Dina Wascher, salon owner. My son, Ryan Jasper who passed away last October, enjoyed giving free haircuts and trying to help people. I'd like to carry on my son's wishes to help people who need it. We keep our prices very reasonable, so everyone can get pampered and feel good about themselves." Dina, who is also on the board of the West End Christian Community Center added, "We are doing everything we can to help others. That is what we are here on this earth to do."



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TOUR DE BILL 4: DISCOVER WILLIAMSPORT BY BICYCLE

Ride benefits YMCA Strong Kids Campaign

The YMCA is again sponsoring the Tour de Bill, an event when people can get out and enjoy Williamsport by bicycle. The 15-mile route provides riders an opportunity to explore the many facets of the City of Williamsport plus enjoy the Susquehanna River on the bike path. Beginning and ending at the YMCA downtown on Elmira Street, riders will go from Newberry to the East End, through historic, industrial, college, hospital, center city, and residential neighborhoods. "The Tour de Bill is not intended as a race but as a casual ride and the number of riders is increasing each year," said Louisa Stone, founder of this popular event.



Other than the section on the bike path, the route is on city streets where riders will share the road with cars. Cyclists are responsible for their own safety and must sign a liability waiver. Riders must obey traffic rules and wear helmets. Parents should be sure that their children are capable of riding on city streets with traffic.

Two rest stops where riders can enjoy water, snacks, and restroom facilities will be designated. Riders can also

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Start 8:00-10:00 AM - Finish by 2:00 PM

stop at other places such as Newberry Park, the Public Art Academy and Eagle Rock Winery at the Pajama Factory on Rose Street.

A detailed map of the route will be provided. Group leaders are available beginning at 8:00 AM. The ride will go rain or shine with perhaps a delay if it is raining. The rest stops will close at 1:00 PM. Not counting stops, most riders can complete the ride in 2 – 3 hours.

Register online at www.williamsportymca.org, by mail, at the Y front desk, or at the Y Arena the morning of the ride. Posters and registration forms will be distributed at various locations around the area. For the entry fee (\$15 for adults, \$5 for people under eighteen), riders will receive an event t-shirt, route map, and snacks at rest stops.

The YMCA is the primary sponsor and will handle the administration, insurance certificate, and permits. The ride benefits the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign which provides Y scholarships to needy children.

For more information call:
Louisa Stone, Chair, 570-322-8902
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Or Megan Casson, 570-323-7134, Ext. 47,
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some spring
clean-up ideas**

Here are some ideas to help clean-up your property and get ready for the warmer weather ahead:

1. Clean up and remove any rubbish/debris and garbage around the property.
2. Place all rubbish/debris and garbage inside approved containers. If you are a renter, then the landlord must provide you with a leak proof, covered, outside garbage container.
3. Clean out the gutters and downspouts and remove any debris that might have gotten trapped.
4. Make a list of projects that need to be done. If you are a renter, make a complete list of items that you have noticed and give it to your landlord with an explanation of the items:
 - a. Remove all chipping and peeling paint on exterior of house
 - b. Repair roof
 - c. New window screens



These are just some ideas that can make Spring clean-up a little easier. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact our office at (570) 327-7517 or e-mail us at codes@cityofwilliamsport.org.

CITY-WIDE SPRING YARD DEBRIS CLEAN-UP

Slated for Friday, April 22

Residents may begin to place yard debris out for collection on Friday the 22nd through Monday, May 13th. All materials must be placed along the curb-line.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Yard Debris Only – limbs, leaves, plant and shrub clippings.
- Loose Material only – **NO Plastic bags** will be collected.
- Main Street pick up only – No alley pick up due to equipment limitations.
- Residents should NOT place yard debris out after the collection has been completed.
- The collection process will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.



SPRING LITTER PICK-UP & PLANTING

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011
10 AM – NOON**

**MEET IN FRONT OF THE
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UPCOMING NEWBERRY-RELATED EVENTS

APRIL 2011

April 2011 – WECCC Easter Flower Sale

- Friday, April 15 – Noon to 5 PM
- Saturday, April 16 – 9 AM to 6 PM
- Sunday, April 17 – Noon to 4 PM

Saturday, April 16 – Easter Egg Hunt

- See page 5 for details

Saturday, April 16 – NCP Spring Litter Pick-Up & Planting

- See page 19 for details

Sunday, April 17 – Palm Sunday

Friday, April 22 – Good Friday

Friday, April 22 – 2nd Annual Billtown Film Festival

- See page 17 for details

Sunday, April 24 – Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 24 – Lycoming Presbyterian Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

- 7:30 AM
- 825 Arch Street (outside in Colonial Park, weather permitting)
- Continental Breakfast following Sunrise Service
- Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship 10:45 AM

Friday, April 29 – Spaghetti Dinner

- 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
- Lycoming Presbyterian Fellowship Hall (Handicap accessible), 825 Arch Street
- Meal: Spaghetti, Sauce, 2 Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Homemade Dessert
- Adults \$8.00, Children 10 & Under \$4.00, Under 3 Years FREE

Saturday, April 30 – NCP Festival in Newberry Park

- See page 1 for details

MAY 2011

Sunday, May 1st – Lions Journey for Sight

- See page 15 for details

Saturday, May 7 – Lioness Yard Sale

- 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Lycoming Presbyterian Church, 825 Arch Street

Saturday, May 7 – West Branch School Fair

- See page 14 for details

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

Saturday, May 14 – Rummage Sale

- 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Lycoming Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, 825 Arch Street

Tuesday, May 17 – Primary Election Day

Tuesday, May 17 – Election Day Bake Sale

- Lycoming Presbyterian Church, 825 Arch Street

Saturday, May 21 – Patriotic Festival

- See page 3 for details

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day

JUNE 2011

Saturday, June 4 – 4th Annual Tour de Bill

- See page 18 for details

Tuesday, June 14 – God, Country & Community Flag Day March

Tuesday, June 14 – Newberry Lions Fair Begins

- See page 15 for details

Wednesday, June 15 – Lions Parade

- See page 15 for details

Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day

Tuesday, June 21 – Summer Solstice

JULY 2011

Monday, July 4 – Independence Day