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NEWBERRY LITTLE LEAGUE TO OPEN SEASON APRIL 20TH

Newberry Field of Dreams Mural to be Celebrated

A fun filled day is planned for the 2013 Newberry Little League season. The festivities begin at 11:00 am at Shultz Field located on the corner of Mosser Avenue and Arch Street. The Opening Ceremonies will start at Noon.

Activities will include a ticket raffle with great prizes; a 50/50 drawing and great food. A visit from Boomer of the Crosscutters; Tee Ball, Minor Softball and Major Games are also scheduled. The league photographer will be on hand to take team and individual pictures.

The festivities will also include the public unveiling of the mural *Newberry Field of Dreams* that celebrates Little League and depicts a group of players from Newberry's 2012 District 12 Champions. It is the sixth in a series of murals created by the Jackson School Art Club, under the direction of art teacher Sandra Corson that can be seen throughout Newberry/

Jaysburg. Funding for the mural was made possible through the City of Williamsport Cultural Grant Program and administered by the Newberry Community Partnership. Seems like all the elements are in place for a great day for Newberry Little League, so come out and support our ball players. See you there!!!

NEWBERRY LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY



Details:

When: April 20, 2013

Where: Shultz Field

Time: Noon

Festivities begin at 11:00 AM!

Fun Filled Day Planned!

- Opening Ceremonies
- Ticket Raffle with Great Prizes!
- 50/50 Drawing
- Great Food
- Boomer from the Crosscutters
- Tee Ball, Minor Softball and Major Games Scheduled



"Picture Day"

Smile!

Our league photographer will be on hand to take team and individual pictures. A schedule will be available on Opening Day.



UPDATE: THE LIGHTS MUST GO ON

Let's Not Leave Our Kids in the Dark

The capital campaign to raise \$45,000 for a new lighting system for the major baseball field has reached a little over half of its goal. "We still need to raise \$20,000 more to pay for the new lighting," said Kristin Caringi, Lighting Committee Chairperson. During a storm last July, one of the light poles was damaged. Unfortunately, they cannot replace just one pole because new regulations require installing an entirely new lighting system.


Please help us reach our goal by mailing your contribution to Newberry LL Lighting Fund, Care of: Kristin Caringi, Chairperson, 109 West Hills Drive, Williamsport, PA, 17701. Make checks payable to Newberry Little League.* For more information email: nlckrc@comcast.net or call 570-419-4921.

**Newberry Little League is a 501 C (3) non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible to extent permitted by law.*

NEWBERRY WELCOMES MARTINO'S HAIR II *Jstyles Salon Under New Ownership*

Jstyles Salon at 1969 West 4th Street in the Dunkin Donuts /Newberry Plaza, has a new owner. Martin Jennings of Martino's Hair in Williamsport's East End has been operating the salon effective April 1st. Dina Wascher, owner of Jstyles Salon would like to thank everyone for their past patronage and encourages you to continue to visit the new salon. There will be a new look, some new staff and a friendly atmosphere to provide great service to the community. Martino's Hair II, will be a welcome addition to Newberry. Martin Jennings has owned and operated his salon on the Loyal Plaza for many years, and will operate both locations. Please welcome them and stop in for a haircut or service.

~ Submitted by Dina Wascher



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WOODLANDS BANK

CHRISTY A. HABERSTROH

AUGUST 10, 1955 – MARCH 22, 2013

The infectious smile, optimism and zest for life that personified Christy Haberstroh, will be missed by her family, friends and community. Her passion to serve extended beyond her immediate family to her Newberry neighborhood and the City of Williamsport.

By executive order Mayor Gabriel J. Campana required the city flag to be flown at half-staff for one week to honor Christy, his devoted administrative assistant. "Our city has lost a kind soul," Campana said. "Christy was an unselfish wife, mother, grandmother and a positive city employee who dedicated her life to making Williamsport a better place. She will never be forgotten and is now one of God's angels."

Editor's Note:

Read a comprehensive obituary of Christy's life and impressive contributions to our community at www.knightconferfuneralhome.com



NEWBERRY LIONS NEWS

Lions Journey for Sight Walk

Meet at Old Lycoming Fire Hall on Dewey Avenue, Sunday, May 5th. Registration is 1:00 PM. Starts at 2:00 PM to journey on the bike path to the Lycoming Creek Lions Social Hall where lunch will be served.

Annual Lions Fair & Parade

The Newberry Lions regret that they must cancel their Annual Fair & Parade this year. A spokesperson for the Newberry club cited several reasons for the decision; the inability to procure a ride vendor for the scheduled "carnival week" dates and declining active membership participation. "We would not be able to offer the same quality of fun and entertainment that the community has come to expect," he said.

If you are interested in returning this tradition to our community next year, please contact any Lion member to volunteer or become an active member.

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

CITY-WIDE SPRING YARD DEBRIS CLEAN-UP

To Begin Monday, April 22, 2013

The City of Williamsport's 2013 Spring Cleanup of yard debris will begin on "Clean Earth Day", Monday, April 22, 2013 and end on Friday, May 17, 2013. Residents may begin to place yard debris out for collection on Friday, April 19, 2013 through Monday, May 13, 2013 with all materials placed along the curb-line. **Please Note:**



- Yard Debris Only – limbs, leaves, plant and scrub clippings
- Loose Material Only – No Plastic Bags will be collected
- Main Street Pickup Only – No Alley pickup due to equipment limitations
- Residents should NOT place yard debris out after May 13, 2013.
- **Residents should be reminded of City of Williamsport Ordinance, Article 737.04 that placing yard waste and tree limbs along roadways is PERMITTED ONLY during the designate Cleanup period. Any Resident who violates Ordinance 737.04 can be fined \$100.00 per day until the debris are removed at the property owners expense.**
- **THE COLLECTION PROCESS WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS TO COMPLETE.**

WIN A 2-HOUR CRUISE ON THE HIAWATHA WITH "FLIPSIDE"

insideNewberry wants to give you a heads up that raffle tickets will go on sale soon to party with "Flipside" on a Hiawatha cruise, Sunday, September 15th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Must be 21 to attend. Five 1st prize winners can invite 17 friends for a 2 hour cruise to party with "Flipside". Additional great prizes, ticket outlets and more details will be announced in local media. Tickets will be \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.

**Proceeds benefit the Newberry Community Partnership (5013C) to support the continued efforts to bring quality of life improvements and community events to our neighborhood.*

COMMUNITY INVITED TO JOIN IN TO PICK UP NEWBERRY



Dear Friends & Neighbors of Newberry/Jaysburg:

It is time again to come together to beautify our streets, alley-ways and parks. It is apparent many of us walk with bags in hand throughout the year picking up litter daily. Thanks to all who help! However, it is also rewarding to be part of a larger group effort. Come, bring your community spirit and participate in the **Annual Spring Litter Clean-up on Saturday, April 20th from 9:30 to Noon, rain or shine.**

Sponsored by the Newberry Community Partnership's Safe, Clean and Green team, we shall be registered with the Keep PA Beautiful campaign/Great American Pick-up 2013. The event coincides with worldwide Earth Day activities. Gloves, vests, bags and refreshments will be provided. Please meet by 9:30 AM at the northwest corner of West 4th and Diamond Street. **For more information or questions call Julie, 322-6828 or Alannah, 601-0298.**

PARKS & RECREATION EVENTS CALENDER

Spring is here and it's time to start planning summer activities for your family. Let the Williamsport Recreation Department help with your planning. This year we have a wide selection of activities for the whole family.



East End Swimming Pool – Open weekends only, May 25 – June 8. Open daily at 11 AM after June 10.

Summer Camp Program – June 10 to August 23

Flag Day March – June 14, 6:00 PM, Downtown

Soap Box Derby – June 15, 10:00 AM, Market Street

Homemade Days – June 21-22, Brandon Park

Joel Garrison Day – August 13 in Memorial Park

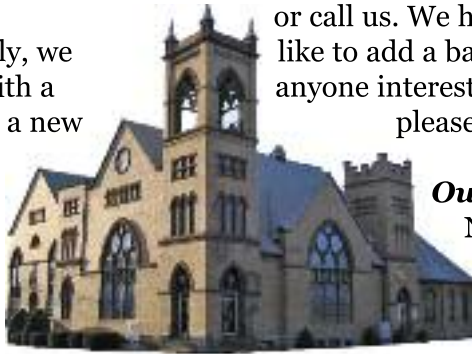
Williamsport Welcomes the World – August 23, Downtown

Please keep an eye out for the 2013 Recreation Guide coming in May. This booklet will provide you with all the details of activities for the summer of 2013.

WEST END CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

New WECCC Entrance

If you haven't been by to see us lately, we have a new Diamond Street entrance with a beautifully designed accessibility ramp, a new wider door with a push button door opener all covered with a lovely arched canopy. We are thankful for all the generous donations that made this project possible. Stop by and see why we are so proud of our new look. As long as you are in the neighborhood, come in and visit. You can shop at the Clothes Closet or Thrift Shop, have lunch in our Soup Kitchen or visit the Optical Clinic and learn how you can buy new glasses at an affordable price. Other Center activities include a Weight Watchers meeting on Wednesday evenings; Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held on Wednesday and Saturday evenings. There is much to see and do here so come say "hello".



or call us. We have plenty of free parking. We would like to add a baked goods vendor, so if you know of anyone interested in selling their yummy baked goods, please call our office at 323-6297.

Our Next Project

Now that we have completed the new ramp and entrance at WECCC, we are looking forward to moving onto our next project - leveling the floor of the former sanctuary. In this "multi-purpose room" the center will be able to fulfill another long term goal; to provide an after-school program for Newberry students. The space will also be used for other programs, fundraising events, and be available to rent to the general public for large meetings, concerts and celebrations. We seek the community's support to make our Community Room dream a reality. Please send your monetary donations to the WECCC, 901 Diamond Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. Please indicate "Floor Project" on the memo line of your check. We look forward to the completion of this project so the community will have a facility in the heart of the neighborhood to enjoy.



The new canopy entrance at the WECCC.

Monthly Sandwich Sale

Did you know EVERY MONTH WECCC has a sandwich sale? We offer delicious ham and turkey sandwiches for \$3.50 each or roast beef for \$3.75. All sandwiches come on a five inch roll with a slice of American cheese, are individually wrapped and include packets of mustard and mayonnaise. Sandwiches can be frozen to enjoy at a later date. They are available for pick up on the second Wednesday of the month between 11:00 AM and Noon. Please call in your orders early in the month. If you order ten or more sandwiches, we will deliver them to you. You can't beat that for service! Call us at 323-6297 to order sandwiches. You'll be glad you did.

Produce Vendor Returning

The fresh produce vendor will be returning soon to sell fresh fruits and vegetables here at the Center. Those who purchased from him last year enjoyed the convenience of having fresh produce available right here in the neighborhood. The start date and times have yet to be determined, so please look for his tent

Hearing Loss Association of Lycoming County

The Hearing Loss Association now meets at the center the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the library on the main floor of the building. This enables everyone attending to use the new entrance to the building. Their mission is to enhance the lives of hearing loss individuals through open communication. This Lycoming County Chapter will advocate for those with hearing loss and provide support and educational resources, in order to better assist those dealing with hearing loss. For more info, contact Kay Tyberg, President at 570-497-4559 (Video Relay System-VRS) or e-mail her at Tybergkay7376@yahoo.com.

~ Submitted by Marge Thompson, Director



Produce vendors sell their delicious products just outside the WECCC. Stay tuned for 2013 dates and times.

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



L to R:
Ms. Lori Baer,
School Board
President,
Abby Kline,
Dr. Kathleen
Kelly, WASD
Superintendent

Jackson Elementary School

Outstanding Student Named

The 2012-2013 Outstanding Student is Abby Kline, a 5th grade student from Mrs. Grove's classroom. Abby was selected by the faculty and staff based on academics and leadership qualities. She was presented to the School Board of Directors on March 19, 2013. Congratulations to Abby and her family for this honor.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration will be done at the District Service Center, 2780 West Fourth Street. Prepare to spend 30 minutes at registration to provide the following:

1. Child's birth certificate
2. Parent/Guardian's ID
3. Proof of residence
4. Child's immunization record
5. Record of school age dental exam and medical exam

Children must reach age 5 by September 1, 2013 in order to enroll.

Questions regarding kindergarten and new student registration can be directed to Mrs. Shelly McKernan, Registrar at 327-5500 ext. 33473 or email to smckerna@wasd.org

Re-Alignment of Schools in the WASD – We are All Millionaire Proud!

The Williamsport Area School District will have four primary schools (grades K-3). These will be:

- Jackson Primary School*
- Hepburn-Lycoming Primary School*
- Stevens Primary School*
- Cochran Primary School*

The district will have two intermediate schools (grades 4-6) These will be:

- Curtin Intermediate School*
- Lycoming Valley Intermediate School*

WASD will have one middle school (grades 7-8) which will be located on the former Roosevelt campus:

The Williamsport Area Middle School

Will we continue the Millionaire traditions at the *Williamsport Area High School* (grades 9-12).

The primary schools will have a controlled choice process. Primary students will be placed according to parental preference (choice) based on a specific order of criteria, beginning with the student's current residence (if within the boundaries of the school's residence area for the ensuing year.) For a complete list of other items considered for choice visit www.wasd.org.

~ By John J. Killian, principal

Saint John's School of The Arts

Think Spring and Go Green with Bonsai!



Register now for the next **Introduction to Bonsai** class, offered by SOTA. Limited class size.

- Who:** Ages High School and Older
What: Learn about and make your own "tree in a pot"
When: 6:30 to 7:30 PM
 Thursdays (April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, and May 23, 2013)
Where: Saint John's-Newberry UMC
 2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport
Cost: \$26 Registration fee (Additional members of same family \$20) plus \$55 tuition (includes use of all tools and materials; students keep tree and pot)
Instructor: Jason Paulhamus



New Kid's Camp Coming Summer!

- Who:** Children and youth entering 3rd through 8th grades
What: "Praiseformance!" A one week, unique summer camp opportunity for kids to express their musical talents in a safe, fun, and positive environment through music, choreography, crafts, and more.
When: 9 AM through 1 PM
 Monday through Friday, July 15-19, 2013
 Plus a special performance Friday evening
Where: Saint John's-Newberry UMC
Cost: \$26 Registration fee (Additional members of same family \$20) plus \$99 tuition (includes all supplies, music, crafts and snacks)
Instructor: Carol Schwanger

Registrations accepted beginning May 6, 2013. Call the SOTA office for details or to receive our brochure.

INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS... (Continued from Page 5)

SOTA Calendar of Events for April, May, and June, 2013

Student Musical Performances & Art Exhibition

2:00 to 4:00 PM - Saturday, April 20, 2013

Saint John's School of the Arts

Admission: Free

Annual Spring Dance Ensemble Performance

2:00 p.m. - Saturday, May 11, 2013

Williamsport Area High School Auditorium

2990 West Fourth Street, Williamsport

Suggested Donation: \$10 per Family at the Door

Registration for Summer Semester

Begins Monday, May 6, 2013

Call the School of the Arts Office for Details (327-5575)

Summer Semester Begins Monday, June 10, 2013

Offerings: Art, Ballet, Ballroom Dance, Introduction to Bonsai, Drama/Theatre Arts Workshop, Modern Dance, Piano, Voice, Woodwind & Brass, Kid's Camp (music/choreography/crafts). All lessons and classes are held at SOTA, 2101 Newberry Street.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Contact Anne Keely, SOTA Director, at 570-327-5575, at SOTA or visit us on the web:

<http://sotafriends.org>

<http://schoolofthearts.susumc.org>

www.facebook.com/sotafriends

www.twitter.com/sotafriends

West Branch School Friendships Blooming at West Branch School's Summer Branches



While most schools are packing up their supplies come summertime, West Branch School in Newberry is gearing up for Summer Branches. The program is five weeks of summer camps focusing on educational and creative classes, taught by dedicated instructors from our community and beyond. With themes such as science, visual arts, performance arts, fitness and cooking, there is something for everyone.

As a WBS parent, Summer Branches instructor and Newberry resident, I get the unique opportunity to watch the school transition every June from an extraordinary school to exciting summer camps. Every summer I am thrilled to be part of the variety of camps we offer, as well as meet the wonderful children that join them. I love sharing my passion for art, folklore and history with students, but the thing that always delights me most is watching new friendships bloom.

One such story is the summer I taught Egyptian art and history. During the class, we discussed the importance of symbology to ancient Egyptians and made complementing artwork. Along with learning traditional Egyptian hieroglyphics and symbols, the students were asked to create several pieces that incorporated symbols important to them. Two students, both inquisitive and spirited young ladies, began the week debating whether or not it was OK to compliment each other's artwork and symbols because they came from very different religious backgrounds, which their pieces reflected. With respect, these remarkable young ladies continued to check on each other's work and compare ideas. By Wednesday, they were complimenting one another and asking fun get-to-know-you questions at lunch. By Friday, they were creating alongside each other, chatting about music and hobbies and giggling joyfully like, well, children. Showing everyone around them that learning has no boundaries and neither do friendships.

Summer Branches runs June 17-July 19 and has options for children ages 4-12. For info call 323-5498 or e-mail us at westbranch@comcast.net.

And remember to visit our **Annual Fair & Music Festival** on **Saturday, May 11th!** All the familiar food, along with a kid's area and our ever-popular raffle! We hope to see you there!

~ By *Brianne M. Tupper*

OUR HOME PAGE...

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REMEMBERING DANNY HOFFER

MAY 8, 1966 - NOVEMBER 5, 2012

Danny Hoffer was his name, making my life better was his game. My name is Jean (Hostrander) Hoffman better known to Danny as his second mom or Jeannie- girl.

One day while visiting family, I met Danny who lived next door at 2400 Dove Street. Danny was this plump, friendly, always smiling guy who had Downs Syndrome, and could warm your heart the minute you met him. That day led me to taking care of Danny for the next 12 years.

His mother Louise wasn't feeling well and needed someone to take care of Danny while she went into the hospital. We talked about Danny. Who would care for him if something happened to her? His siblings lived out of town and it would be very difficult for Danny to adapt to a major move.

In my heart I knew that I really wanted to help Louise out. I talked to her about taking care of Danny while she had medical tests done. She couldn't have been happier. Louise was very protective of Danny but realized that she needed to take care of herself for Danny's sake.

Meanwhile, this 35 year old man was staring me right in the face. He started asking "What be happening? I go with you? Do I need my suitcase? How about my jamies? You take me to work?" This meek man just turned into Mr. Questions of the World. He was so excited, yet worried about his mom. "I not too sure about Mom, will she be okay? What we be having for supper?" He went from one thing to the next but always seemed to end up asking about food. "I tell all my friends that I be with you Jean until my mom comes home."

The week he stayed with me was the most fun-filled joyous time for me. Here I was, taking care of a person with Downs Syndrome and loving every minute of it. By the end of the week, Danny taught me so much about himself; how kind and gentle he was and how amazing his thought processes were. Danny's speech was hard to understand at first, but I learned to listen and eventually, figured out what he was trying to tell me. He would leave out certain words, but by listening, I learned to see everything as he did. It was truly amazing.

His mother's tests revealed that she had a brain aneurism; the prognosis was not good. This news prompted Louise into action. She needed find someone or somewhere to place Danny in case something happened to her.



Fran Decker, Social Worker and Volunteer Coordinator for Albright LIFE presented Danny with a Volunteer Award at a ceremony held at the LIFE Center. As you can see Danny was very excited to receive such an award for his efforts.



We learned that Hope Enterprises offered a "Family Living" program. I went through the necessary personal training and had my house licensed by the state to be able to invite Danny into my home to live – sharing my life with him. Initially, Danny came for visits a few days a week; he worked his way up to staying the week with me and weekends with his mother. After some time Danny was living with me fulltime.

The Family Living program was a whole new life for Danny. He began to make his own decisions about what to wear, eat and drink. He received the "Family Living Award" for all the accomplishments he made in his first year while his mother was still living. He learned to bake a cake, cook his own omelet, make his bed and do his laundry. Louise was, "Oh, so proud of him"! He even had a girlfriend, named, "Kathlene", who brightened up his day just by being at work with him. Danny would call her "sweetie pie", and she would respond, yes, "honey bear". They were quite the pair.

Through the years Danny volunteered at numerous businesses

and organizations such as; Albright LIFE Lycoming/Clinton, Valley View Nursing Home, Hepburnville & Trout Run Volunteer Fire Company. He also helped raise money and donations for Aids Resource Center.

Danny added so much to my life that I wish everyone could experience the love, gentleness and sensitivity that was shown to me by him for 12 years. I will always cherish my memories of him.

This special guy from Dove Street made his neighborhood a better place; the neighborhood was his home and he loved his "next door" neighbors; especially Mary Mileto for all her hugs, Aunt Sara, Uncle Merrill, Mark, Lisa, Dave, Jake and Mr. Smith. Special thanks to Larry Sanders for his kindness with limo rides, the Esposit family for loving Danny so much; "Miss Mansfield", "WeeWee", "Baldy" the bus driver, and everyone in Newberry who touched Danny's life and allowed him to touch yours. Special thanks to "The Hostrandrs", who lovingly welcomed Danny into our family.

His memory will live in our hearts forever! I love you Danny Boy, Love, your second Mom!

★ ★ ★ **SPECIAL VOTER SECTION** ★ ★ ★

2013 PRIMARY MUNICIPAL ELECTION • Tuesday, May 21

The NCP and *insideNewberry* does not endorse any political party or candidate.

*Polls are open on Election Day
from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM*

Offices on the Ballot for Williamsport Precincts:

State Offices 1 Judge of the Superior Court

County Offices 1 Sheriff

School Directors Williamsport Area School District, (At Large), Hepburn, Lewis, Lycoming, Old Lycoming, Woodward Townships and City of Williamsport – 5 Directors

City Offices 3 City Council

All Election Districts (Poll Workers at Precincts)

1 Judge of Elections
2 Inspectors of Elections

- Deadline to register to vote: **Monday, April 22, 2013.**
- Sample ballots available on request at Voter Services office. Applications for Voter Registration or Absentee Ballot visit Voter Services Office at 330 Pine Street, Executive Plaza, 1st Floor, Room 101, Williamsport, PA or on web at www.lyco.org, click on voter services. Uncertain where to vote or have questions? Call the office at 327-2267.

NEWBERRY POLL LOCATIONS

6th & 7th Wards

St. Matthews Lutheran Church • 2233 Linn Street
Political signs on premises
ONLY at Linn and Pearl Street curbsides

8th Ward

Lycoming Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
825 Arch Street • Funston Avenue Entrance



**Re-Elect
Randall J. Allison**
Williamsport City Council

Proven ability to work with all council members and administration
Member of Finance and Public Safety Committees
Chair of Economic Revitalization Committee
Council Rep on STEP Board – Serving as Board Treasurer
Lifelong City Resident

Paid for by the committee to elect Randall J Allison

VOTE DEMOCRAT



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VOTE ON MAY 21!

Lycoming County Sheriff
Hugh McGee

Williamsport City Council
Kelly Anderson
Alison Hirsch
Liz Miele

And other Democratic
candidates



Deadline to register to vote in primary: April 22
For more information, call Voter Services at 327-2267
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SHERIFF

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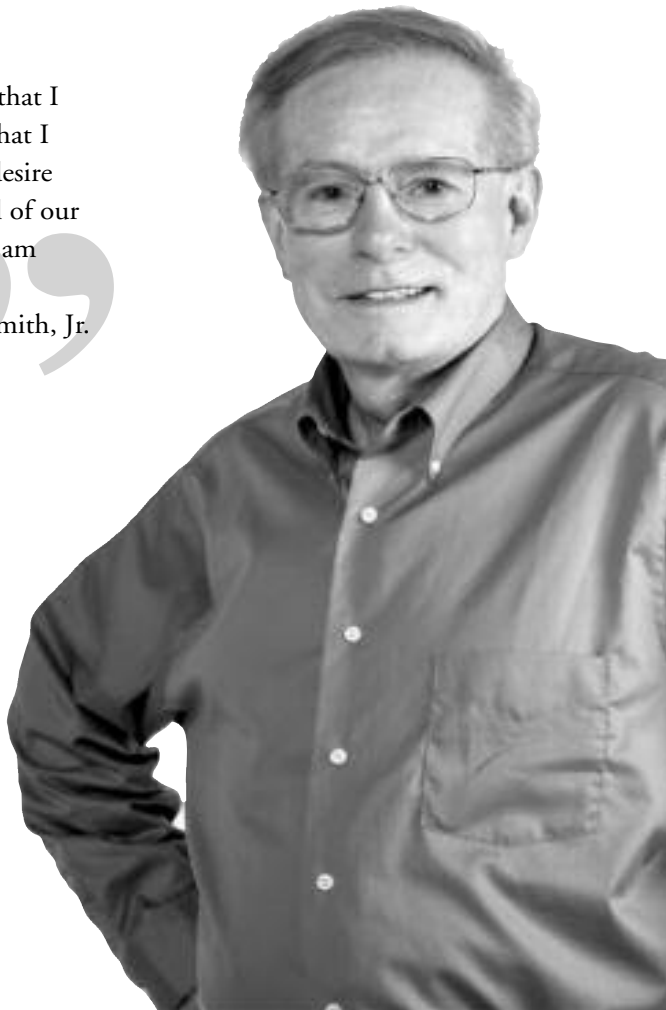
Vote **Liz Miele** City Council

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The Working Councilman

I have decided again to run for the position as I still believe that I have much work to complete as a council person. I believe that I have given service to my community and its residents, and desire to serve another term to continue with projects to benefit all of our residents. I thank you for your past support and hope that I am worthy of your future support.

— Sincerely, N. Clifford (Skip) Smith, Jr.



- ✓ Chair of the City Surveillance Camera Project and has given hundreds of hours of time to this project
- ✓ Provides consulting services on communication to both the Police Department and the Fire Department
- ✓ 40+ years experience and Masters License as a Communications and Electronics Specialist
- ✓ Chair of Public Works Committee
- ✓ Advised the Fire Department on upgrading the city's alert sirens
- ✓ Member of the Blighted Property Committee
- ✓ Chair of Public Safety Committee
- ✓ Previously Chaired the Housing Needs Committee

This May 21st
**VOTE FOR A
HARDWORKING
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VOTE
N. Clifford "Skip" ★
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WILLIAMSPORT BUREAU OF FIRE

PREVENTION ■ EDUCATION ■ INVESTIGATION

Too many times, the Williamsport Fire Department responds to structure fires that could have been caught in earlier stages, saving lives and property. Upon investigating these fires, smoke alarms have been found in cupboards, drawers, boxes, and sitting on dressers. Most were intentionally disconnected from mounting bracket and or had the battery removed.

To add insult to injury, these residents not only will suffer injury, lose property, and possibly life, but be fined and face jail time. Yes, you read that right! Article 1517.16 of Williamsport's Fire Prevention Code (Ord. 6202. Approved 12-8-2011.) refers to the International Fire Code Section 901.8 Removal of or tampering with equipment.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant, fire detection and alarm system, fire suppression system, or other fire appliance required by this code except for the purpose of extinguishing fire, training purposes, recharging or making necessary repairs, or when approved by the fire code official.

The penalty for this violation is defined in Williamsport FPC Article 1517.99

Whoever violates any provision of this article shall be fined not less than \$150 not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both.

Not only is this a criminal offense, but an offender could be found civilly liable also. Recently, it was determined through a thorough scientific investigation that a fire was caused by unattended cooking. The tenants denied they had accidentally turned on the wrong burner for reasons we can only assume was their fear of liability. What they failed to realize was

that they were not liable for an accident, but were in trouble for removing and disabling the smoke alarms in the home they rented.

As is often the case tenants of rental properties do not have insurance. They don't realize how inexpensive renter's insurance is. For example, a policy for coverage of \$20,000 to \$50,000 could cost between \$10 and \$35 a month. That averages out to between 33¢ and \$1.15 per day! That's less than a cup of coffee and saves a lot of headaches!

Smoke alarms and their batteries are the responsibility of the landlord to provide. However, notifying (IN WRITING) the landlord of a deficient detector is the responsibility of the tenant. Landlords should include in the lease, permission to enter the property at least every two or three months, to ensure good housekeeping is being maintained, safety features such as smoke alarms are in good working order, and to build a cordial rapport with their tenant.

The Williamsport Fire Department is available 24/7/365 to answer any questions or concerns any citizen may have. For assistance, call Assistant Chief Todd Heckman (329-3820), Inspector Sam Aungst (329-3821), or Fire Headquarters (327-5905).

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THE BILLTOWN FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR 4TH YEAR

April 28-30, 2013

The Fourth Annual Billtown Film Festival (BFF4) is scheduled to show 6 hours of independent films, over a 3-night event at the Community Arts Center in downtown Williamsport on April 28, 29 and 30, 2013. Stay tuned for show times.

In years past, the festival was organized around a central theme. BFF4 won't have one this year. Organizers hope to attract larger audiences by having an open selection of films that covers several important social topics. Critics of the festival were concerned that works of local filmmakers would be constrained to specific topics. To answer that criticism, Richard C. James, founder, and the BFF Executive Committee have decided to adopt a "No Theme" theme for the organization's fourth annual event. "We listen carefully to our sponsors, supporters, and filmmakers as we continue to grow and learn. We especially listen to our audiences." James said.

Last year, The Billtown Film Festival raised funds for the local YWCA and the Breast Cancer Fund by partnering with LUNAFEST, a traveling film festival. But unlike last year, **BFF4 WILL BE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THAT'S RIGHT NO ADMISSION CHARGE!**

The Billtown Film Festival is designed to bring independent films to Williamsport, and to encourage local filmmakers to create new and exciting works. This year BFF is pleased to announce that it will host the 25th Anniversary screening of Lise Yasui's Oscar nominated "A Family Gathering". Richard James explained, "The Yasui family is very important to Williamsport. Lise's father, Dr. Robert Yasui, served this community for many years. Sadly, he passed away last year. The film tells of the family's struggle against and ultimate victory over racism and prejudice during the World War II years. Although the film has been aired on PBS, it hasn't been seen for several years."

The Billtown Film Festival will also show the art scene in York, Pennsylvania. In 2008, Williamsport hosted the Governor's Arts Awards. The following year in 2009, the awards ceremony was held in York Pa. But budget cuts threatened to derail the event. It is interesting to see how other towns' creative community are dealing with funding shortfalls and budget crises. The film by Brian Plow "A Day in the Sun", is sure to inspire a little creative rivalry between Williamsport and York.

For info call Richard C. James, 570-971-0050 or visit www.billtownfilmfestival.com.



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A MAY DAY BASKET

Remembering May 1st

May First, also known as May Day, was celebrated in more special ways in years gone by. I remember being envious upon hearing stories about May Queen pageants, May Pole dances and spring festivals. When we were in fourth grade we learned about another tradition, the May Basket. With this custom a basket is filled with flowers, hung on the recipient's door and then the giver rings the bell and runs away. My best friend Sue and I thought this was a great idea.



Wilma Reeder, 4th grade

As a preacher's daughter, Sue knew of different shut-in parishioners that lived in the neighborhood. One lady in particular, Helen an elderly, blind woman who lived alone would really appreciate being remembered on May Day.

That year the lilacs in my back yard were in full bloom. Even though Helen would not be able to see the flowers she certainly would enjoy their sweet scent. Sue and I cut several of the fragrant blossoms and placed them in one of the baskets that we had made from construction paper at school. We walked the few blocks to King Street where Helen lived. Sue, being the braver of us two, did the honors of hanging the basket and ringing the bell. We then ran across the street, hid behind a bush and waited.

After a short bit, Helen appeared at the door. She seemed confused. No one was there. But then she must have noticed the perfume of the lilacs. She reached and found the crafted basket filled with May Day flowers. She smiled and exclaimed, "How lovely" followed by, "Thank you!"

Sue and I looked at each other and giggled. Sue then came out from behind the bush with me following. She called out, "It's me, Helen. Sue, from church with my friend, Billie." When we reached the porch Helen invited us in for cookies and milk. Sue and I decided it was the best May Day ever!

~ By Wilma Reeder

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The EZ Fare passes are simple to use and the most convenient way to ride the bus. Instead of using cash or tokens simply purchase the EZ Fare Youth Pass and use it like a prepaid credit card when boarding the bus. EZ Fare Youth Passes may be purchased at the Trade and Transit Centre building at the corner of Pine and West Third Streets or at the RVT Administrative Office at 1500 West Third Street. For more information contact RVT at 570-326-2500 or visit www.rideRVT.com.

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Dan Merk accepting on behalf of STEP, Inc.—Best Housing Counseling Agency Award



STEP Housing Counseling Program Receives 2 Awards

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) presented awards to Savonna Reagan, Best Housing Counseling Specialist and STEP, Inc. for Best Housing Counseling Agency in late 2012 in Harrisburg. STEP's Housing Counseling Program assists residents with homeownership education and resources to prevent foreclosure and become first-time homebuyers.

STEP's Housing Counseling Services includes group and individual instruction and support in foreclosure prevention, applications for the Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP), pre-purchase counseling, anti-predatory lending instruction and skill building in financial education. To learn more and enroll in the program, contact Savonna Reagan at 570-601-9676.



Savonna Reagan receiving the Best Housing Specialist Award

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CIVIC & OTHER GROUPS IN NEWBERRY

These active groups welcome new members, just call to let them know you'd like to attend. To be listed, contact Editor, *insideNewberry*, 913 Diamond Street, Newberry, PA 17701 or insideNewberry@yahoo.com.

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If you would like to present an idea or have a neighborhood concern, please call to be placed on the agenda.

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The Newberry Community Partnership (NCP) is looking forward to working with and supporting Greater Lycoming Habitat's efforts in our neighborhood to provide an opportunity for homeowners to participate in a new housing preservation initiative called **A Brush with Kindness**. The NCP will assist in neighborhood outreach and encourage volunteer participation.

A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS QUICK FACTS

- A *Brush with Kindness* is a nation-wide effort to serve low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes.
- A *Brush with Kindness* will focus on exterior home repair services such as minor exterior repairs, landscaping, and exterior clean-up. Groups of 10-20 volunteers work alongside the homeowner to revitalize a home's exterior. Team leaders make the experience of helping others a positive one.
- A *Brush with Kindness* is a partner to Habitat's core building program. It allows us to serve a different population than we currently serve, yet follows the same basic tenets for eligibility (need, ability to pay, willingness to partner). It is a direct fit with HFHI's strategic plan to exponentially increase the number of families served.
- A *Brush with Kindness* uses volunteers, donated materials and no interest loans to make repairs affordable, helping low-income homeowners continue to live independently and securely in their homes.
- A *Brush with Kindness* is part of Habitat's broader community development strategy called the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative. The Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative is designed to intentionally pursue our strategic imperative of helping to transform and strengthen communities. It

A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

is a holistic approach that revitalizes the appearance of the neighborhood, encourages connections within the community, and most importantly, helps preserve affordable housing stock.


- HFHI supports the affiliate with training, an on-line forum, the sharing of best practices and assistance in forming local partnerships.

BENEFITS TO HFH AFFILIATES

1. Increases the number of families living in safe, decent, affordable housing.
2. Increases the number of volunteer opportunities for current volunteers.
3. Expands the base of volunteers by providing a different type of opportunity.
4. Keeps current sponsors engaged with additional opportunities for smaller projects.
5. Increases the number of new sponsors by offering a different type of sponsorship opportunity.
6. Creates opportunities to develop cooperative relationships within the community (neighborhood churches, community organizations, city/county governments, local businesses, schools, etc.).

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:

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NEWBERRY ESTATES RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Receives 2012 Exemplary Family Development Award

Newberry Estates, has received the 2012 award in the *EXEMPLARY FAMILY DEVELOPMENT* category at the annual winter meeting of the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) held in March in Washington DC. Only four Communities of Quality® (COQ) categories and winners are awarded nationwide. The COQ award submissions are meant to draw attention to the high quality for which much affordable housing should be known," said Gianna Solari, President of NAHMA. "From the buildings and grounds to the individual apartments to the programs and services aimed at bettering the lives of residents, these winners exemplify the asset that affordable housing is for thousands of communities across the country." "It's quite an accomplishment to be named a National Community of Quality® Award winner," said NAHMA Executive Director Kris Cook. "The process is competitive and takes into account not just a property's structure and appearance, but the quality of its management and staff, finances, compliance scores, and other factors."

Newberry Estates, located at 2500 Federal Avenue in Williamsport's west end, is a 200-unit, garden-style apartment complex whose unofficial motto is "We Build Community." To do this, residents benefit from superb property maintenance; exceptional and professional management; expanded resident services; community outreach and an appreciation of every family who lives there. Its community center and Neighborhood Networks Center provide a hub for a number of programs, including financial literacy classes, tutoring, book clubs, scouting, social events, parenting instruction, family nights and more.

Especially positive and impactful is Newberry Estates' 1-2-3 Playgroup, which teaches young parents how to play and interact with their young children. Newberry Estates' staff is especially proud to have regularly had a NAHMA scholarship recipient among its residents. Among its unique programs is its annual Hometown Hero Luncheon, which honors local law enforcement and emergency services personnel. They



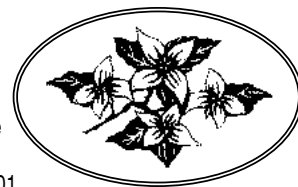
give Newberry Estates the opportunity to showcase both the site and its residents and break down often-negative stereotypes about affordable housing.

Local businesses support Newberry Estates by way of monetary donations as well as goods and services. In cooperation with management, Newberry Estates' residents volunteer to help organize programs and events, staff the library and provide tutoring to children. Such interaction leads to long-term retention rates as well as positive outcomes for residents.

Congratulations to the management, staff and residents for this achievement!

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Saturday, April 20 – Newberry Little League Opening Day Ceremony

• Noon – See page 1 for details

Saturday, April 20 – Spring Litter Pick-Up

• 9:30 AM to Noon – See page 3 for details

Tuesday, April 21 – Election Day Bake Sale

• Lycoming Presbyterian Church

Friday, April 26 – Lycoming Presbyterian Church Spaghetti Dinner

• 4:30 to 6:30 PM, 825 Arch Street in Newberry

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April 28-30 – Billtown Film Festival

• See page 11 for details

MAY 2013

Sunday, May 5 – Lions Journey for Sight Walk

• 1:00 PM Registration, Starts at 2:00 PM

• Meet at Old Lycoming Fire Wall, Dewey Avenue, Newberry

Saturday, May 11 – West Branch School Fair

• See page 6 for details

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day

JUNE 2013

Saturday, June 1 – Tour de Bill

• Watch local media outlets for details

Saturday, June 8 – Brodart Book Sale

• See left for details

Sunday, June 16 – Father's Day



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