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WECCC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RETIRES

A Fond Farewell

As I prepare for retirement I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who embraced the WECCC and made it your "second" home. As an outreach program of the Saint John's-Newberry United Methodist Church, it is our mission to embrace and unify all communities with God's love by responding to the spiritual, physical, emotional, and social needs of all we serve. God has richly blessed the center and it is our desire to share those blessings with you.

I personally have been blessed to have met and become friends with many of you who live in the community-at-large and am



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COMMUNITY INVITED TO JOIN IN TO HELP PICK UP NEWBERRY

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 25th 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 2015. 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, 570-322-6828 or Alannah, 570-601-0298.**



SPOTLIGHT ON NEWBERRY BUSINESSES

PRO RECON & DETAIL Offering a Much Needed Service in the West End

With spring officially here, we're all thinking about "Spring Cleaning" our homes, but let's remember to include our vehicles that have endured the ravages of winter. Why not check out Pro Recon & Detail?

We're a small, local business that specializes in car detailing. Pro Recon & Detail (PRD), located at 706 Arnold Street in Newberry, across from Lycoming Beverage, is owned and operated by Todd Paulhamus.

Pro Recon & Detail offers many different services, depending on the customer's needs. We specialize in interiors, exteriors, quick washes, buffing, waxing and much more because everyone's vehicle has different needs. PRD is situated in a nice neighborhood and operates in a heated and fully insured garage. We offer pick-up and drop-off service for those who need it. All senior citizens receive a 10 % discount off of their total bill. Gift certificates are available upon request. Forms of payment accepted are cash, check, and credit cards. PRD is open Monday thru Friday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. They also schedule appointments as needed.

If you're thinking about detailing your car, feel free to stop in and see Todd at PRD for a free estimate. Phone calls and e-mails are always welcome. Call 570-666-3481. Pro Recon & Detail is listed on Google Maps and you can find us on Facebook.



*Todd Paulhamus,
owner of PRD*



APRIL SHOWERS!

Once when I was in the first grade at Andrew Jackson Elementary School we had an all-day April rain. One of those rains that come down hard for a long period of time, flooding the streets, creating puddles and mud everywhere. Most days I walked home with my older brother, Mike. However on a rainy day all the parents, including my mother came to the school to pick up us kids. Cars lined up around the block to wait.

When the last bell rang, I ran out the front doors and looked for my mom's station wagon. At the bottom of the hill in the middle of the block of Newberry Street I spotted it. Well the shortest distance between any two points is a straight line so instead of using the sidewalks on Wayne Avenue and Newberry Street I decided to go over the hill and across the front field to our car. After the first three steps I knew I had chosen wrong. I was stuck!

I had on red rubber boots – the kind that slip on over your shoes and they were sucked down into the mud. I could not move. At all! I tried with all my might to pull my left boot loose and take a step but all that happened was my foot came out of my shoe. Now I was balancing on one leg and I was sinking deeper into the muck.

I saw my mother get out of the car. She was coming to rescue me! But wait! She was taking the long way using the sidewalks. Oh no! Even though she was running I didn't think she would make it. Suddenly without warning I was down, sitting in the thick brown goo in my favorite winter coat, the tan one with the fur collar. Finally mom reached me, and pulled me up but I was already covered with gunk so I began to cry. My coat was ruined.

As I trudged to the car (on the sidewalks) behind my mother still sniveling about my misfortune I remember thinking that April showers didn't just bring May flowers but also brought muddy swamps.



*Wilma L. Reeder
in the first grade at
Andrew Jackson
Elementary School,
1963-64*

The logo for 'The Newberry Laundry Basket' features the text 'The NEWBERRY Laundry Basket' in a stylized font. 'The' is small, 'NEWBERRY' is large and bold, and 'Laundry Basket' is in a smaller font below it. In the center is an illustration of a laundry basket filled with clothes.

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“HLAA-Lycoming Chapter is to enhance and encourage open communication through advocacy, educational resources, information, and support individuals with hearing loss, their families, and the community to sustain a better quality of life.”

The Hearing Loss Association of America/HLAA is a national organization with over 200 chapters serving the hearing loss population in the United States. Founder, Rocky Stone, a former CIA agent established the organization from his home after he was diagnosed with a hearing loss. The purpose of the organization is to help individuals with various types of hearing loss to maintain and sustain a better quality of life. Since the 1970s, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 were passed to ensure the rights of those with disabilities. The organization advocates for legislative changes on the state and federal level.

The Hearing Loss Association of America-Lycoming Chapter (HLAA-LC) was organized in August, 2011 after Williamsport resident, Kay Tyberg and three other hearing loss adults realized there was a significant number of deaf and hard-of-hearing people in our community

who needed solid resources and a support group like any other major illness (Diabetes, Alzheimer’s, etc.).

Did you know that hearing loss is the third major health issue behind heart disease and arthritis? We address ways for individuals to accept, cope and adjust to hearing loss. An important component is the social dynamics and communication barriers that come with hearing loss. To quote Helen Keller, *“Blindness cuts us off from things, but deafness cuts us off from people.”* We also discuss financing hearing aids, hearing loss and mental illness, assistive technology devices, coping skills, and much more.

Our meetings are held quarterly on the last Saturday of that month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the West End Christian Community Center, 901 Diamond Street, Williamsport.

You can e-mail us at hlalyco@gmail.com or send a text message to Kay Tyberg at 570-494-6419 or Andrea Campbell at 570-560-7569. We will be happy to send you our chapter meeting reminder flyer upon request. Our mailing address is Hearing Loss Association of America-Lycoming Chapter, PO Box 3212, Williamsport, PA 17701. Upcoming meetings are:

Saturday, April 25, 2015 Noon to 3:00 pm
(Special event community wide)

Saturday, August 29, 2015 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Saturday, November 21, 2015 2:00 to 4:00 pm

~ Submitted by Kay Tyberg,
President, HLAA-Lycoming Chapter

FRESH EXPRESS

Food Giveaway Scheduled

The Newberry Christian Center at 2100 Linn Street has scheduled seven Food Give Away’s from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on the following days:

April 16 • May 7 & 21
June 4 & 18 • July 2 & 16

The only requirement is that you fill out a brief form and bring your own shopping bag or container.

The food is given out first come first served. Free clothing will also be available. If you have any questions please call 570-326-0731.



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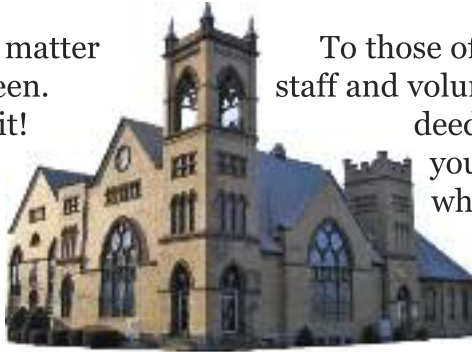
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thankful for everyone I have met no matter what the circumstances may have been. Life is a journey – go out and enjoy it! Think of it as an opportunity to share your God-given talents with others. Dare to dream. Ten years ago the community center was just that – a dream. You and I have made that dream a reality. We worked together and along the way we became friends. Thank you for sharing my journey these past ten years. A journey I am proud of. Many changes have been made at the center, both inside and out. This old building has so much character and she has much, much more to give to Newberry.



To those of you who have been helped by the staff and volunteers here, please pay that kind deed forward. As we have aided you in your journey of life, do so to another whom God will put in your path one day. Instruct them to “pay it forward”, too. If we all do an act of random kindness daily, what a better world we would live in. Love one another!

So as I close this chapter of my journey in life, I want you to know I shall remember all of you with fond memories. My prayer is that God will watch over you and bless you with his grace. And with that I bid you a “fond farewell”.

*~ Marge Thompson,
Former Executive Director*

Tributes to Marge Thompson

Marge Thompson is truly one of Gods Angels on earth. Her spiritual commitment to helping those in need is her life's work; she has been the driving force of the outreach mission of the WECCC. Those who have benefited from the WECCC have felt God's presence through Marge... there will never be another Marge Thompson. ~ Dave Bower, WECCC Board Member

“Marge has been an asset to Saint John’s – Newberry United Methodist Church, to the West End Christian Community Center and to Newberry and the surrounding communities! She has been the face of the WECC Center for 10 years. Her passion for ministry and her compassion for people, especially those in need, have been her driving force in ministry. We have been blessed by her ministry among us!” ~ Pastor Jay E. Jones, Saint John’s – Newberry UMC

“Unsinkable” is as synonymous to Molly Brown as “Unforgettable” is to Marge Thompson. To us at West End Food Bank Marge will be remembered as the person who gave us new life. Our Ministry outreach has been blessed and will always be indebted to her, and we know her next venture in life will do the same for others. ~ Pastor John & Joy Aderhold

I have watched and marveled over the changes and expansion of the many programs and improvements Marge has implemented during her tenure. The Newberry Community Partnership is grateful for the support and cooperation she has shown for the NCP’s activities through the years. ~ Alannah Gabriel

“It has been an honor and pleasure to have served the WECCC alongside Marge for the past nine-plus years. I have continually witnessed her compassion for the hundreds of Newberry neighborhood residents who visited the WECCC. She has grown the Center from its humble beginning to a thriving set of 14 ministries today. I depended heavily on her dedication, commitment and leadership to guide the WECCC forward. She has created a legacy of caring that is simply inspirational.” ~ Bill Kelly, Former Board Member & Past President

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

Jackson Primary School

Outstanding Student Named



The Outstanding Student for the school year 2014-2015 is Jack Heller, a third grade student from Mrs. Chilson's classroom. Jack was selected by the faculty and staff based on academics and leadership qualities. He was presented to the School Board of Directors on March 17. Congratulations to Jack and his family for this honor.

Two Students were also selected to present books to school board members in recognition of School Board Appreciation month in January. The two students selected to represent Jackson Primary were Jacob Mullis and Abigail Mahon. These students were selected based on their academics and citizenship.

~ By Kirk C. Felix, Principal

Jackson students Abigail Mahon (above) and Jacob Mullis (below) present books to school board members in January.



West Branch School Students Give Back!

Happy Spring, neighbors!

West Branch School, affectionately known to locals as the "Little Red Schoolhouse," not only operates within its own parent-student-teacher community, but also takes a vested interest in our surrounding communities. On a student level, service-learning takes many forms at WBS, with activities ranging from food collection for those in need to litter pickup right here in Newberry. Each of our groups of students also has their own projects they have undertaken to help the community beyond the walls of the school.

The "Downstairs" program (grades K-2) at West Branch School includes our students visiting residents at the local Presbyterian Home. The program consists of biweekly visits by small groups of students. The residents and students participate in a variety of activities that are planned alternately by the home and the Downstairs teachers. The goal of the program is to broaden the lives of everyone involved and to demonstrate that kindness makes an impact. The students read to the residents, play games and make crafts together. It's a heartwarming experience for students and residents alike.

The "Upstairs" students (grades 3-6) have formed an afterschool volunteer program to give back to the community called AOK, also known as Acts of Kindness. This is a child-lead group, where ideas regarding positive ways to give back to the Williamsport area are formed and agreed upon by young philanthropists. These ideas and activities include visiting preschoolers to read them books, assisting the ASPCA, raising funds to adopt wildlife animals, helping elderly citizens, and wherever and to whomever our kindness leads us. The students are excited for this new opportunity and the intrinsic rewards it has already begun to provide.

In addition to offering a local and affordable alternative to public schooling, WBS also offers

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WBS AOK volunteer reads to a younger student.

Summer Branches, a summer camp program. This year, our program is refreshed! We'll be offering morning and afternoon classes to further continue the educational gap that happens in the summertime with students. We'll keep you posted next edition on how they went. Summer Branches will run June 15 to July 17. With Spring finally here, we are very excited! For information call 570-323-5498.

West Branch School Fair

Our Fair and Music Festival is Saturday, May 9th, 2015 from noon to 7 pm. There will be all the traditional foods including the smoked shad and the gourmet dessert bistro, plus this year we will not only have live music inside and outside, but also Bingo will be going on inside at 2 different scheduled times. Our raffle includes 6 great prizes, including a grand prize of \$500 cash.

People/vendors interested can call the school anytime, 570-323-5498.

Websites of Interest

WILLIAMSPORT BUREAU OF POLICE
www.williamSPORTpd.org

Economic News, Public Safety Announcements
and Police Department Information

CONNECT WILLIAMSPORT

www.connectwilliamSPORT.com

An online calendar for Williamsport Area events.
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NEWBERRY LIONS FAIR

June 2 thru June 6

This year's Lions Fair is slated for Tuesday, June 2nd through Saturday, June 6th, two weeks earlier than their traditional mid-June date. You can look forward to more rides, games, their popular French Fries and other fair treats. Watch for flyers and local media for information about the parade and other Lion's activities.



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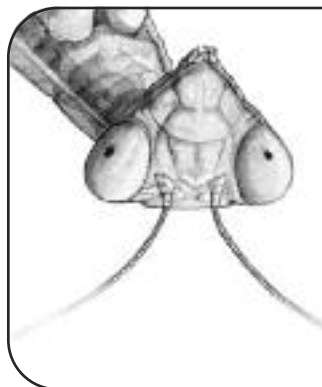
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LYCOMING COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWS

What's 'Growing' On in the Garden? New Monthly Walk and Talk

Do you ever wonder what that insect chewing on your tomato plant is? Or, why your lettuce leaves are curling and turning brown? Do other gardeners face the same problems? Wonder no longer! Join the Lycoming County Master Gardeners for an informal walk and talk on what's growing – or not – in the gardens and how to handle problems.

There will be Master Gardeners every second Saturday April through October from 10 to 11 AM at the Demonstration gardens at Lysock Complex, 542 County Farm Rd., Montoursville, PA 17754. Come see what pests, practices, and produce are in the garden and learn tips and tricks to get the most from your gardens. Bring a sample of mystery weeds, bugs or disease in your gardens to share! Come and go anytime during the hour with your questions, hear what other gardeners in the community are facing, or see what's new in the Master Gardeners' garden beds.

The gardens are open to the public, but dates when you can be sure there will be a Master Gardener there are April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12 and October 10. The Walk and Talks are free of charge, and no registration is required. Meet in the gardens, rain or shine, so please dress accordingly!

The Master Gardeners have lined up numerous programs and events throughout the summer. Here's just a few. To learn more, please call the Cooperative Extension Office at 570-433-3040. Pre-registration for many programs are required.

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| April 11 | Garden Journals - 10 to 11 AM
<i>Learn how to keep a garden journal</i> |
| April 18 | Attracting Butterflies and other Pollinators to Your Gardens - 10 to 11:30 AM |
| May 8 | Perennial Plant Sale – Noon to when all plants sold! |
| May 23 | The Joy of Rain Gardens – 10 to 11:30 AM |
| June 13 | Composting & Vermicomposting – 10 to 12 Noon |
| June 20 | Hypertufa – 10 to 12 Noon |
| June 27 | Home Food Preservation – 9 to 12 Noon |
| August 15 | Garden Fest – 10 to 2 PM |
| October 3 | Extend Your Garden Season – A Look at Cold Frames, Tunnels, and More! 10 to 11:30 AM |
| November 7 | Gifts from the Garden – 10 to 12 Noon |

Penn State encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing special accommodations or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Carol Loveland at 570-320-4429 prior to your participation or visit.

Ask the Lawyer



Answers are provided by Newberry resident, Christian Frey of Lepley, Engelman and Yaw. Attorney Frey has been practicing law in Pennsylvania since 2003.

Question: I would like to file a complaint against a business. Should I go to Magisterial District Court?

Answer: Lawsuits brought in the Magisterial District Court are typically less expensive and faster than filing in Common Pleas Court. You may file a claim in District Court if you are seeking to recover twelve thousand dollars or less.

First you must determine which District Court has authority to handle your claim and, if you are not hiring an attorney to represent you, then you should complete a standard complaint form that can be found on the internet. Once completed, bring your complaint to Magisterial District Court and pay the filing fees and service fees (if you are successful with your claim, you will be allowed to recover the filing costs at the conclusion of the case). A hearing date will be scheduled by the court and the other party will be notified of your claim.

At the hearing the District Judge will explain the procedure to you and administer an oath to both parties and any witnesses. Both parties will be allowed to testify and are permitted to submit evidence such as testimony, receipts, estimates or photographs. The District Judge will make a decision within five days of the hearing.

After the hearing, either party has thirty days within which to appeal the District Judge's decision by filing a Notice of Appeal; within ten days of filing the appeal, a Proof of Service must be filed. If appealed, the appeal will be filed in, and the case will be heard in, Common Pleas Court. If no appeal is filed and thirty days has passed then you may ask the District Judge to issue an Order of Execution, which permits a Sheriff to levy on property (property of the debtor may be sold to satisfy the judgment).

Although you are not required to be represented by an attorney, even small claims can sometimes be complex, and, depending on the circumstances, it may be wise to hire a lawyer to assist.

*The "Answer" above is for general information only. Small variations in individual fact patterns often change the legal outcome or an attorney's conclusion. You should **not** solely rely on the information above. For complete and accurate legal advice you must seek and retain an attorney to represent you.*

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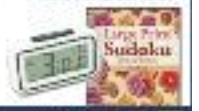
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NEWBERRY POLL LOCATIONS

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Lycoming Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
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Monday, April 20, 2015 at 5:00 PM is the last day to register or make changes to your registration before the primary.

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 Sample Ballots will be available upon request in the Voter Services office or on the Lycoming County website **www.lyco.org**.

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 5:00 PM is the last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot before the Election. If you will be out of your municipality during the hours the polling places are open on Election Day, or if you have an illness or physical disability that prohibits you from going to your polling place, then you may vote by absentee. If an emergency occurs after the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot, contact the Voter Services office immediately for the procedure to follow to apply for an emergency absentee ballot.

If you are uncertain of where to vote, contact the Office of Voter Services.

If you need a voter registration application or an absentee ballot application you can:

Download an application to send to the Voter Services office on the Lycoming County website **www.lyco.org** and click on "Voter Services"

Stop in Lycoming County Voter Services 1st Floor of Third Street Plaza, 33 West 3rd Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, Next to Julie's Café.

Contact Voter Services at 327-2267.



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Most detectors take one (1) 9-volt battery. Once you have changed the battery push and hold the red button until the detectors starts to chirp. If this happens your detectors are working properly. Now do this for all others throughout the entire property.

Recreational Fires & Fire pits – This time of year the desire to shake the effects of cabin fever is here.



There’s nothing like sitting out back with friends and family, relaxing around a small (recreational) fire. But this beautiful weather also increases the chances of that small recreational fire evolving into an out-of-control grass fire, or worse, a structure fire.

It is legal to have a recreational fire in your back yard. However, there are rules that **MUST BE FOLLOWED!** For clarity, a “fire pit” includes belowground pits, freestanding fireplaces, and portable devices intended to contain and control outdoor fires.

- A recreational fire must be at least 25 feet from a structure
- All belowground fire pits shall be at least four inches in depth and shall be surrounded on the outside, aboveground, by a non-combustible material such as steel, brick, or masonry. The fire pit cannot exceed three feet in diameter, nor may the fire pile exceed two feet in height. “Home-made” fire pits must be inspected by the Fire Inspector before use.
- Below ground fire pits must be located a minimum of 25 feet away from any structure or combustible material.
- *Approved* portable outdoor fire pits should be used according to the manufacturer’s instructions and must not be used within 15 feet of a structure or combustible materials.
- Only natural firewood/commercial logs may be burned.
- Burning of pressure-treated wood, tree trimmings, leaves, yard waste, paper, cardboard, garbage and similar items is not permitted.
- The fire must be constantly **attended** and **supervised** until the fire has been completely extinguished.
- A portable fire extinguisher or other approved extinguishing equipment, such as a garden hose, must be readily available.

Finally, remember that if a complaint is made, and the Fire Department responds and the firefighters deem the fire to be a threat to public safety, the fire will be extinguished. If the smoke from your fire creates a nuisance to your neighbor, you may be required to extinguish the fire. If you have any questions concerning these requirements, please call Fire Headquarters at 327-1602. Thank you for your attention to these requirements.

STEP Transportation Announces Fare Adjustment

STEP Inc. announces that effective April 1, 2015, it is implementing a mileage driven, zone-based fare structure for its Shared-Ride Transportation program. This fare structure adjustment is projected to result in no increase and in some cases a reduction in per trip costs for approximately 80% of the current ridership, while a small percentage of riders may experience a slight increase in costs for a particular trip.

The fare adjustment is being made in conjunction with a new Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requirement that Shared-Ride programs move toward utilization of a transportation management system called Ecolane, which requires service providers to use a mileage-driven, zone-based fare structure. The modifications are needed to balance the cost associated with providing transportation services while continuing to provide the highest level of service possible.

STEP Transportation provides door-to-door, Shared-Ride services Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in response to the needs of residents and visitors of Lycoming and Clinton counties. More than 101,000 one-way rides were provided last year.

STEP, Inc. is one of 1,100 Community Action Agencies nationwide, and a member of the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania. Formally known as the Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action (STEP), Inc., the agency is celebrating its 49th year of service to the community. The mission of STEP, Inc. is to engage diverse individuals, families, and communities in the pursuit of social and economic success. STEP, Inc.'s mission is accomplished through five Pathways to Success: Early Learning, Housing Options, Workforce Development, Community Collaboration, and Independent Living. STEP Transportation is part of the Independent Living Pathway.

For more information on STEP and STEP Transportation services, visit www.stepcorp.org or call (800) 222-2468 in Lycoming County or (800) 206-3006 in Clinton County.



STEP's Head Start Program Celebrates Dr. Seuss Week

STEP Head Start children and teachers recently celebrated Dr. Seuss Week as a tribute to the popular children's author. Miss Amanda's Head Start classroom at Saint John's United Methodist Church on Newberry Street held daily Seuss activities including making and eating green eggs and ham and dressing in whacky Seuss attire. Here, the class shows off their "Cat in the Hat" hats and the different Dr. Seuss books they read during the week. STEP Head Start programs give children from birth through age five, pregnant women, and their families the tools they need to succeed in school and in life at no cost to participants. For more information or to enroll in Head Start, contact STEP at 570-326-0587.

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REMEMBERING OUR BOYHOOD DAYS

Memories of the Lincoln School Neighborhood

From the early 1940's to the early 1960's the Williamsport YMCA offered a program known as the Grey Y Boys Club. (GYBC) The program furnished an extensive range of sports equipment to Williamsport's eleven grade schools. Mr. Clement G. Ladd, the YMCA Boys Director until he retired in 1963, appointed Mr. Dewey Knecht as volunteer supervisor for Lincoln School GYBC. What follows is a tribute to the club and the impact Dewey Knecht and his wife Ruth made in the lives of the boys who grew up in the neighborhood.

Recently, I enjoyed reminiscing with my boyhood friends about the time when we lived in the Lincoln School neighborhood. I often recall those old days; they really were the best of times. Because I lived on Lincoln St. across from the school, I was often found playing there. There was something going on all year, even a summer playground program.

I recall Mr. Dewey Knecht. He was such a key person in many of the activities there, especially with the GYBC. Alphonse Stanzone recalled Dewey was there to play marbles, box hockey and baseball with us after he returned home from work at Armour Leather tannery. In the fall there were football games between the other grade school clubs in the city. We played the games at Sweets Steel Field, now the home of Newberry Little League, located on the corner Mosser Ave. and Arch Street. Dewey was our coach and showed us all the basics of the game including the Statue of Liberty pass play.

In fall and early winter there was basketball on the school court. My friends and I along with some of the older guys spent many hours there. It seems the only basketball available was held by Mr. Knecht. We had to knock on his door to obtain it and sometimes it was dark before we returned it. As a result of the availability of the court, several of the boys made names for themselves on our junior high and high school teams.

In the winter, Mr. Knecht drove us to the YMCA so we could participate in their swimming program. Fred Agnoni said "We had great fun learning to swim. After the swim, we took in a movie in town. The ticket cost 10-12 cents for a double feature at the Karlton Theater on Pine Street."

In spring and summer there was Little League. Dewey was among the men who established the field at Mosser Avenue and Arch Street. I believe he was also involved in managing one of the teams. Lincoln Little League participated in the first Little League World Series in 1947 even though the only teams in the series

were from Pennsylvania. I played in that tournament and we came in third.

During the school year the school's basement was open Friday nights for all kinds of activities such as ping pong, wrestling, tumbling, boxing and other games. Joyce (Moday)

Derr and her friends recall watching the boys playing in the basement from the school windows.

Dewey was very helpful to us. He taught us the basics of many sports and taught us sportsmanship and fair play. The GYBC programs provided us with an outlet for our energies and Mr. Knecht helped us gain skills and self-confidence. Ron Perry said, "I remember Mr. Knecht having Elwood Hauser and Dorey Schimer, Jr. put on a boxing exhibition. And let's not forget Mrs. Knecht, she was great. The Knecht's were like a mother and father to all the kids. They kept a lot of kids out of trouble by keeping them all in sports."

Jim Coleman remembers Dewey quite well as he only lived a block away. "He was a wonderful man and great with the young boys from our Newberry area. I would compare him to the late Carl Stotz. I always looked up to him."

We all agree that growing up in the Lincoln School neighborhood was a great experience, thanks to a great man, Mr. Dewey Knecht.

~ By Don Moday

Note: Don Moday would like to thank Fred Agnoni, Jr., Charles Fredericks, Jim & Edith Coleman, Phillip "Peanut" Staccone, Joe Mnick, Alphonse Stanzone, Herb Cohick, Becky Lundy, Joyce Moday Derr, Ron Perry and Willie & Marie Knecht who shared their memories for this article.



Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Knecht in their 60th wedding anniversary photo

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Spring's Coming! Time to Ride Your Bike!

At Williamsport Bicycle Recycle, our volunteers have been working all winter learning new repair skills, fixing up kids' bikes to donate to needy families, restoring donated bicycles, and improving the shop layout. We're ready for spring! Come in and we'll help you be ready to enjoy biking in good weather.

- Bring your bike into our shop and we'll teach you repair techniques. You can use our tools and our recycled parts. One stop is free. Membership is \$40/year.
- Take one of our maintenance courses and learn the how-to of simple repairs. The cost is \$15.
- Investigate our supply of used bikes and parts. You may even find a gem of a bike frame that we have rescued. For volunteering at least five times, you can build an entirely new bike.
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- Buy a bike that has been restored by volunteers.
- Join us on a group bike ride.



Josiah Kilby, 10, of Montoursville works with his father Kevin on reassembling one of our recycled bicycles.

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1960-1970: BEST PERFORMANCE BY A GROUP – NEWBERRY NEIGHBORHOOD MOMS

Looking Back at the Newberry Neighborhood Moms

Our mom, Sophia Ross, passed away on November 26, 2014. Her obituary listed her as a member of several church, civic, and school organizations. There was one group missing: The Newberry Neighborhood Moms. In our neighborhood, during the 1960's, this group included our mom, Mrs. Hostrander, Mrs. Esposit, and Mrs. Ceres. And we always addressed them as “Mrs.”.

Newberry Neighborhood Moms (NNM from here on) always knew where their children were, who they were with, and what they were doing. The children of NNM did not go outside until homework was finished and chores were completed. And if one of us did something wrong, believe me, that mother would know before her child got home (usually from Mary Mileto, the most-feared NNM from one block up on Dove Street!). NNM made certain their children were in church on Sundays and Holy Days, and that they were properly dressed. For the boys, this meant long dress pants (never jeans!), and a dress shirt; for girls, dresses and either hats or lace mantillas. Mom had a collection of at least 50 mantillas in every shade imaginable. After church, there was



1962 Birthday Party, left to right: Ann Ross, Diane Pawlak, Mrs. Charles Leman, Dr. Charles Lehman, Bushie Paucke, Christine Ross, Betsy Ross. In front of trays: Mike Ross, Jessica Vannucci.

Sunday School - another obligation. I can still quote from the Baltimore Catechism, as can the progeny of other NNM.

NNM attended school PTA meetings, and more often than not, were members of the executive board. They went to all the school concerts, recitals, and plays. They worked at school festivals and Baked Bean Suppers (who remembers those?) at Roosevelt Junior High School.

NNM proudly wore fried marble jewelry made at Old Jackson Playground arts and crafts sessions. They hung Popsicle stick ornaments front and center on their Christmas trees. They displayed glittery pine cone trees on knick-knack shelves. And I believe I can say of all NNM, they SAVED these treasures. Unpacking mom's Christmas boxes every year was like a step back in time: those pine cone trees, a plaster of Paris snowman (made by Steve), and several ornaments coated in birdseed. And while choosing her jewelry for her visitation/funeral, I found three pair of fried marble earrings. Her green pair is now in MY jewelry box.

NNM, with their families, attended each other's Baptisms, First Communions, and birthdays. And a word on those birthday parties. They were held at the home of the birthday child. We did not have “venue” parties. There were no clowns, ponies,



The Ross homestead on West Fourth Street, circa 1961.

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1965, left to right: Mike, Betsy, Tom, Christine, Steve, Frank Ross. Mom looks on from the window.

magicians, or petting zoos. We did not have “theme” parties. There were games for the children, and cake and ice cream for refreshments. And we had FUN! If the weather was nice, the kids played outside while the grown-ups socialized. We did not have many funerals, but when a family member passed away, NNM would take up a monetary collection in the neighborhood, and would also take food to the home of the family. I remember when my Grandfather Paucke died; Mrs. Hostrander sent a platter of Pizza Burgers, and Mrs. McGlocklin from down the street, sent a pistachio Jell-O salad.

Another means of socializing was the “House Party”. Mom was hostess for quite a few of these including hats, Tupperware, Sarah Coventry Jewelry, Home Decorator, Princess House, and Creative Crafts. Her parties were usually on Saturday afternoons. The ladies would play a few “get acquainted” games. Then the product representative would talk about her wares and give a demonstration. Orders would be taken, and refreshments served. Mom always served finger

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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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2nd & 4th Tuesday • 6:30 PM
Lions Building
Newberry Park

ORIGINAL SONS OF ITALY – LODGE 138.....

..... 570-326-9222
2nd Monday • 7:00 PM

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sandwiches that Cathy and I helped to make, and a gelatin dessert made from Jell-O, Cool Whip, and some type of fruit. Cookbooks in the 1960's had entire chapters devoted to gelatin salads and desserts! And, children of NNM, I know I am not the only one who has something from one - or all - of these parties!

NNM had a very strong belief in the value of family and friends. A belief that they instilled in their children. Many of us still share the bonds of friendship, even though some of us have left the neighborhood. And as the families grew, so too did the boundaries of the NNM to include more mothers including Mrs. Hunter (Fredericks), Mrs. Mazzante, Mrs. Butters, and Mrs. Rolley. But that is a story of another era.

~ by Betsy Ross McCoy



Easter 1967, back row, left to right: Mom, Steve, Cathy, Betsy. Front row, left to right: Mike, Frank, Tom.

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APRIL 2015

Wednesday, April 15 – Tax Day

Friday, April 24 – Arbor Day

Saturday, April 25 – Spaghetti Dinner

- 4:30-6:30 PM, Lycoming Presbyterian Church, 825 Arch Street, Handicapped Accessible
- Adults – \$8.00, Children 10 to 4 – \$4.00 (Under 4 years, absolutely free)
- Spaghetti, Sauce, 2 Large Meatballs, Salad, Rolls & Beverage, Homemade Desserts
- Take-Outs available at 4:00 PM

Saturday, April 25 – NCP Annual Spring Litter Clean-Up

- See page 1 for details

MAY 2015

Saturday, May 2 – Longaberger Basket and Vera Bradley Bingo Presented by Ufficiale Bersaglieri Williamsport's Original Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge #138

- See page 12 for details

Monday, May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

Friday, May 8 – Master Gardeners Perennial Sale

- See page 7 for details

Saturday, May 9 – West Branch School Fair

- See page 5 for details

Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day

Saturday, May 16 – Armed Forces Day

Tuesday, May 19 – Municipal Primary Election

- See page 9 for details

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

JUNE 2015

June 7 through August 30 – Lycoming Presbyterian Church Summer Hours

- Worship Service begins at 9:30 a.m.

June 2 through June 6 – Newberry Lions Fair

- See page 6 for details

Saturday, June 6 – Soap Box Derby

Sunday, June 14 – Flag Day March

Sunday, June 21 – Father's Day & First Day of Summer

Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27 – Homemade Days in Brandon Park

JULY 2015

Friday, July 4 – Independence Day