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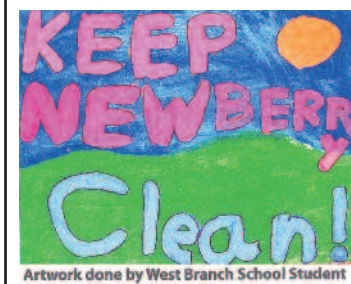
NEWBERRY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP URGES ALL NEWBERRY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO BE NEWBERRY PROUD!

Turnout for Our Annual Spring Litter Clean-Up!

Imagine the time when Newberry is litter free. Difficult? Perhaps for now. However, colorful artwork is appearing as a powerful reminder and incentive for all of us to do our part to "KEEP NEWBERRY CLEAN". Sponsored by the Newberry Community Partnership and the Safe, Clean, and Green committee of said partnership, West Branch School students have been combining their compassion for the natural world and their commitment to anti-littering by making colorful and meaningful posters. Two will be used on the banners announcing the Newberry Clean-Ups held each April and September. Some will be hung in local business windows, one will be duplicated for the city buses, and some will be free standing in yards. Many thanks to River Valley Transit for their participation and West Branch School. As one student expressed, "My school and I are on a mission to help clean up Newberry. You can help. Don't litter! If you see trash, pick it up." Another poster recognizes how a community such as Newberry can work together: "It may seem small but it will take a lot of people to clean up. So, help clean up Newberry today."

Long past the upcoming April 23 Clean-Up, let's remember the messages from the posters and incorporate them into our daily lives: "Litter pollutes habitats and plants." "Don't be a litterbug!" and "Keep Newberry clean."

~ Submitted by: Julia F. Hulslander, Co-Chair of NCP's Litter Clean-Up Event



Artwork done by West Branch School Student

MEET AT 9:30 am SATURDAY, APR 23

**West End Christian Community Center
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**Be sure to join us for the April 23rd Clean-Up!
 All participants will be rewarded with knowing they helped a great cause...and they'll receive FREE Pizza!**

NEWBERRY QUIET ZONE UPDATE

Locomotives Going Quiet

In case you were wondering or missed the articles in the Sun Gazette earlier this year, the proposed Newberry Quiet Zone, where engineers would not have to blow their horns as locomotives go by three street crossings, continues to get closer to a reality.

The Quiet Zone would provide four gates at the crossings at Arch and Howard streets and would close off Depot Street to traffic. According to Jeff Stover, Executive Director SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority, The completion of the Newberry grade crossing safety upgrades and closure of the Depot Street crossing is set for this fall. The project will be completed by spring 2017.



NEWBERRY: CLEANER, SAFER, MORE BIKE FRIENDLY

Spring Clean-Up Planned

The Safe, Clean and Green Committee of the Newberry Community Partnership is preparing for the spring, community-wide effort to pick up litter and debris and work in multiple ways to make our section of Williamsport more attractive. Beyond the obvious benefit of sprucing up our neighborhoods, it's an opportunity to show that we care about where we live. It's also a chance to work with and get to know other Newberrians, our neighbors. Please join us on **Saturday April 23rd, 9:30—12:00, at the West End Christian Community Center, corner of Diamond and West Fourth Streets.**



Safe Clean and Green (S,C&G) has multiple irons in the fire. We are preparing to send a letter to Newberry tenants and property owners encouraging them to join with us in enhancing the visual appeal of their neighborhood by attending to necessary repairs and where ever possible, general property maintenance. Not only are well maintained neighborhoods more pleasant to live in, it has been statistically documented that they have lower crime rates.

And speaking of crime, S,C&G has been a proponent of Community Policing and has been working with Lt. Brian Womer to learn how we can develop more active communication between Newberry and the Police. Our committee feels a community policing partnership would be an effective component of the effort to keep crime under control.

Finally, S,C&G has also developed a relationship with the Williamsport Bike Committee and supports their very active agenda to make Williamsport, including of course Newberry, a "bike friendly city". This will include carefully planned and clearly designated bike routes through the city. One of those routes that is now part of the official plan, is the bikeway/walkway running from Arch Street along the abandoned railroad bed that leads to the bridge across Lycoming Creek and connects with the existing bike path.

Safe, Clean and Green meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Kast Hotel, 5:30. We welcome visitors and new members.

~ Robbie Cross

Safe Clean & Green Committee

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NEWBERRY LITTLE LEAGUE 1946 TO 2016

70 Years of the Boys (and Girls) of Summer

It was 1946 when the boys of summer first came to Newberry. Nearby at Original Little League, the boys had been playing organized ball for over 7 years.

The Newberry Little League originally started out as the Lincoln Little League. Games and practices were held at the old Lincoln School. They played as Lincoln Little League for two years before moving to their current Schultz Field location and changing their name to Newberry Little League. The names of Armour Leather, Bernsteins Pharmacy, Sweet Steel and Keystone Glue are no longer heard, but the boys of summer remember them well. They were the sponsors that gave them the chance to dream. To dream of being a big leaguer, wooden bat in hand, and ready to stand tall against any foe. But more on that later...

This year marks the 70th Anniversary of Newberry Little League. Over time the league evolved to incorporate a Minor, Softball and T-ball program. Our league had many successes over the years, appearing in two Little League World Series Tournaments, several State championships, Section 3 championships and District 12 championships. Throughout all the years the coaches were instilling humility, pride, sportsmanship and leadership to thousands of our area youth.

Opening Day Festivities

We would like to welcome fans and well-wishers to our opening day, Saturday, April 30th, 2016. Activities begin at 9:00 AM. Boomer from the Crosscutters will make an appearance at 10:00 AM and Scoop, SweetFrog's mascot will also make an appearance. The Parade of Teams will kick off at noon. Included in the festivities will be a ceremony honoring the teams that competed at the state level in 2015. Several dignitaries and some of our friends from the Williamsport Fire Dept. will be on hand.

D.J. Shoe's music will keep us entertained throughout the day and we hope you will lend support for our league by participating in our basket and other raffles while at the park. Of course, the day would not be complete without stopping by our concession stand where we feature great home cooked food and traditional ball park fare.

***In remembrance of Ray Daugherty,
"The Voice of Newberry Little League"
for over 20 years.***

To be Continued in July issue....

The NBLL History 1946-1969

~ Submitted by Mike Stahl

WEST END CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

A Word from the WECCC

Spring is here!
Did winter ever
really come?
I know our
heating bill
is very
thankful
for the mild



winter. It's fun to see so many people out and about with the nicer weather. Newberry is not a go home and close your door type of place. Many people are out walking their dogs or jogging or just walking from place to place. Almost everyone on the street looks me in the eye and says "hello". I try to be that kind of person myself.

I am also so pleased to be working in Newberry. Ninety nine percent of the people who come into the WECCC display a pleasant and caring attitude. Most are very grateful for the services we provide here. Our volunteers genuinely feel a calling to serve the Lord through serving the community. Many of our volunteers are our customers too. You know, on any given day we have between 100 and 200 people through these doors taking advantage of our Soup Kitchen, Clothes Closet, or Foodbank, or one of the other services provided here at the WECCC.

At the end of February we showed the movie **The War Room**. It was very entertaining and inspirational. We had about 80 people show up. If you haven't seen it, please do. We would like to show more movies like this, but the cost for a site license is pretty expensive for each movie. We'll see... one more thing to pray about.

As Spring continues to unfold, warm up and pop out, I look forward to seeing you, here, or outside on the lawns and sidewalks of Newberry.

Until next time,

~ Todd Penman,
Executive Director

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FRESH EXPRESS

Food Giveaway Scheduled

The Newberry Church of Christ wants to reach out to those in need by providing supplemental food. Through the Fresh Express Program, food will be distributed twice a month to those in need. The only requirement is that you fill out a brief form and bring your own shopping bag or container.

4:00 to 6:00 PM

April 7 & 21 • May 5 & 19

June 2 & 16 • July 7 & 21

Food will be distributed, while supplies last, at the Newberry Christian Center, 2100 Linn Street. For information call 570-326-0731.

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



Jackson Primary student Trevor Estes (center) with his family and teacher Mrs. Chilson

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 Kaylee Smith and Trevor Estes. These students were selected based on their academics and citizenship.

~ Kirk C. Felix, Principal



Jackson Primary School

Outstanding Student Named at Jackson Primary School



The Outstanding Student for the school year 2015-2016 is Sky Mazza Wright, a third grade student from Mr. Duvall's classroom. Sky was selected by the faculty and staff based on academics and leadership qualities. She was presented to the School Board of Directors on March 17. Congratulations to Sky and her family for this honor.

What's Happening at WBS?

The start of 2016 was a busy time for students, teachers and parents at West Branch School (WBS). Every spring the students at WBS put on a play. In March the 3rd-6th grade (upstairs) students gave four performances of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, at the Community Theater League. Parents and teachers worked together to help the students rehearse their roles and to assist with everything that goes into staging a professional production.

West Branch School held their annual Science Fair on February 10th. All upstairs and downstairs students demonstrated their hard work and enthusiastically shared what they learned with parents and community members. Each of the downstairs students spent many hours researching, learning, and writing about an animal of their choice. All thirteen students built dioramas of the habitats of the animals and used clay to sculpt a figurine to include in the diorama.

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Jackson Primary student Kaylee Smith pictured with Board Member Jane Penman



Scenes from the West Branch School Science Fair

INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS...

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Many animals were chosen by the students including the harp seal, Indian peacock, and pygmy marmoset.

The K -2nd grade (downstairs) students will perform a play April 13th on a slightly smaller scale. Don't let the smaller scale fool you though: the play will be complete with costumes, make up and plenty of determination. Preschool students in the Williamsport area are invited every year to be in the audience.

This year's sixteen upstairs students completed an inquiry-based science fair project that provided an opportunity for them to understand and employ the scientific method. Some of the questions students investigated included how to increase lung capacity, the effects of *pyrocystis fusiformis* (light emitting alga) and light emissions, and which heat sources are most effective in lifting a miniature hot air balloon. The students' studies in physical science continued for the remainder of the school year as they explored the world of sound and light, the chemistry of carbon, and energy for the future.

With play rehearsals and Science Fair projects behind them, students are now gearing up for WBS spring open houses. Open houses are scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th from 10 am-2 pm and Friday, May 20th from 9 am-2 pm.

The 44th Annual West Branch School Fair and Music Festival will be held Saturday, May 7th! From noon until seven, you can enjoy delicious foods like smoked shad, gourmet salads, strawberries and cream, or try gourmet desserts! There will be live music all day, plus a wide variety of kids activities, local artisan vendors on site.

Please stop in, tour the school and find out what sets West Branch School apart from the rest!



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WXPI's Spring Music Fest at the Pajama Factory on March 9 featured singer-songwriters and bands including Stephen Kerns (pictured here), Brian Desrosiers, Indigo & Heath, Richard and Alison Rupert, The Dirty Mojo Blues Band, O'Neil Peart, and 7 Casey.

WXPI FEATURES LOCAL MUSICIANS

Williamsport Community Radio Playing Music of Local Musicians

Williamsport Community Radio has been playing the work of local musicians since it first went on the air nearly five years ago, and musicians from across the region have supported the station's fundraising campaigns. Local music is currently featured on shows like:

- Billtown Live (Blues, Mon-Thurs 8-10 pm)
- Bullfrog Jazz Workshop (Jazz, Sat 2-4pm)
- Pulse of the 'Port (Indy, Mon-Fri 1-3 pm)
- Roots (American Roots, World Music, Sat 6-10pm)
- The Wire (hip-hop, Fri 10pm-midnight, Sat 10pm-2am, Sun midnight-2am)

Listeners can hear these shows, as well as local news and talk shows and much more, on the Internet at www.wxpiradio.org and on the TuneIn Radio app, as well as on 88.5 FM.

WXPI is currently looking for hosts for an interview show with local musicians. For more information, contact the station at 570-505-1396 or wxpiradio@gmail.com.

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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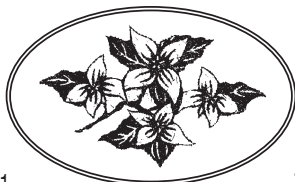
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WALKWAY-BIKEWAY ETIQUETTE

One of the first days of warmer weather late in winter my husband and I decided to go for a walk. We chose the River Walk, starting at the Faxon entrance. It was in the 60s with a little bit of a wind coming down river; a great day to get out. Everyone else seemed to have the same idea. We parked in one of the last parking spaces in the lot. Crossing Commerce Park Drive, we chose to walk west along the walkway.

When we started there were still slushy spots of snow on the walk way melting into puddles. This is a bikeway/walkway and this day it lived up to its name. Walking around the second curve going west there is only one sign reminding bike riders to ride on the right. There were no other signs about sharing this "road". In our walk down to the one mile sign and back, we were passed by many bikers, however only two used the courtesy of saying "on your left" as they approached from behind and passed us. There may have been some that rang a bell as they approached. The traffic that day consisted of families; grandparents with grand children riding small bikes, on scooters, in strollers, parents with children, joggers with ear buds in, groups of young people spread across the path, as well as bike riders. We all were out to enjoy some time in the open air. But it seemed to us that many didn't understand how to safely share this space. There are rules for traveling on a walkway-bikeway. They just are not posted. Common sense should play a part in any community outing. So we suggest that you follow these simple rules for sharing the River Walk (bikeway/walkway):

- Bike riders should ride single file, on the right side of the path. (Just like riding in traffic.)
- Yield the right of way to any person walking.
- Give an audible signal (bell or shout "on your left") before overtaking and passing walkers in a manner that is safe for pedestrians.
- Children 12 (twelve) years and under are required to wear a helmet when riding a bike. (Adults should set a good example and also wear a helmet when riding a bike.)
- Do not ride a bike where it is prohibited by official traffic control devices or local ordinances.
- Use hand signals when turning.



~ Submitted by Newberry residents, Margaret & Eric
(Margaret is also co-chair of NCP's Litter Pick up Event)



A Look Inside Step at 50

Founded in 1966, STEP is turning 50 in 2016. From two programs and one staff member, STEP has grown to over 30 programs and 300+ staff. STEP's programs are organized into five Pathways.

In the **Early Learning Pathway**, STEP Head Start and Early Head Start, Pre-K Counts, and home visitation programs serve pregnant women and children. They prepare children for a successful transition into school and beyond. Parent engagement is key, whether through classroom activities, special events, or on the Head Start Policy Council.

Customers seeking to rehabilitate their home, address high utility bills, or begin utility service at a new address can find help in the **Housing Options Pathway**. Housing and Building Initiatives increase the safety and value of a residence. STEP's Weatherization program seeks to make homes more energy efficient, leading to lower energy costs, increased home values, and improved health for the residents. STEP's Utilities Assistance programs can help prevent unpaid bills and provide budgeting skills.

Removing barriers to employment is the goal of the **Workforce Development Pathway**. Child Care Information Services connects parents/caregivers with local child care providers. Welfare-to-Work helps individuals with reliable transportation to and from work. The Work Ready program assists customers in preparing for and completing training and certifications.

A customer contacting STEP will have access to all of STEP's programs, plus the ability to be referred to other community resources. This is thanks to STEP's **Community Collaboration Pathway**, which hosts the Service Navigation program. Additionally, STEP AmeriCorps connects local nonprofits with volunteers. STEP AmeriCorps service members strengthen dozens of local nonprofit organizations.

The **Independent Living Pathway** helps customers continue to be part of the larger community. Transportation Services allows riders to attend medical appointments and provides

transportation to other destinations. Office of Aging provides a wide range of programs, helping older adults maintain their dignity and independence. STEP's centers for healthy aging offer socialization and wellness activities, from congregate meals to craft groups, plus cooking and exercise classes.

If you are interested in learning more about STEP's services, volunteering, or making a donation, please stop by the main office at 2138 Lincoln Street, call 570.326.0587, find us on Facebook, or visit stepcorp.org.



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North Central Sight Services, Inc. Launches Device and Data Storage Destruction

North Central Sight Services, Inc. launched a new device and data storage destruction service for local businesses and residents. The service will provide the customers a secure method to dispose of devices and provide jobs for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

Many devices that store information can leave a digital footprint even if the information was deleted. That is why recycling and other disposal methods may make you vulnerable to identity theft. Shredding the device is the most secure method to ensure your information cannot be retrieved and accessed.

North Central Sight Services, Inc., can shred hard drives, laptops, e-readers, cell phones, tablets, GPS systems, cameras, and game consoles. They also accept electronic media including CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassettes, film, and data storage tapes.

“It only made sense to add this great service to our line of information security solutions,” said Jamie Snyder, Vice President of Operations. Other services the agency provides are document shredding, document scanning, and storage. “This service gives customers the opportunity to not only protect themselves against identity theft, but to help the blind and visually impaired in their own backyard.”

The service is fast and affordable and the contents of each item will be recycled to reduce the amount of electronic waste in area landfills. For additional information about this new service, please call 570-323-9401, ext. 138 or visit www.ncsight.org.

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SPRING SAFETY TIPS

The days are getting longer and heavy coats are quickly becoming a thing of the past. After a long winter, many of us can't wait for the thought of outdoor gatherings with friends and family. Sitting around an outdoor fire pit can be a fun and relaxing way to enjoy an evening, but did you know that there are steps you must take to not only be safe, but legal too?

Outdoor burning of trash is illegal within the city limits, but fire pits for cooking and recreational purposes are legal given a few guidelines:

- Fire pits must be at least 15 feet from any structure, this includes commercially made fire pits, fire bowls or chimineas
- Homemade fire pits must be inspected by the fire department prior to use and have a fire pit permit issued

- A water source in the form of a hose or bucket of water should be kept close by
- Only clean, dry, unpainted, untreated wood should be burnt in the fire pit
- Use a spark arrestor whenever possible
- Burning trash is not only illegal, it could result in a fine


According to the International Fire Code:

*Recreational fires and use of portable outdoor fireplaces shall be **constantly attended** until the fire is extinguished. Safeguards must be in place and fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel / bucket, or garden hose, shall be available for **immediate** utilization.*

By following the above tips, you can be sure you are safe and legal. Be aware however, even if your fire pit is perfectly legal, the fire department may still require you to extinguish it in certain situations.

If you have any questions, or would like to schedule a fire pit inspection, please contact the Williamsport Bureau of Fire at 570-329-3821.

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2016 Summer Events Calendar

HOMEMADE DAYS – Brandon Park

Saturday, June 25, 11 am-7 pm – Loose Cannon

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Sunday, June 26, 9 am- 4pm

SOAP BOX DERBY - Market Street Hill

June 11, 9 am

FLAG DAY MARCH

June 13, 6:30pm, Park Home Parade Line up

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*Pool dates and hours subject to change.

Daily Rates and Season Pass available.

The Recreation Department brochure with more detailed info is being distributed city-wide. Summer Camp registration forms are also available online at recreation@cityofwilliamsport.org or Recreation office, 245 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, Pa 17701, Phone: 570-327-7510

ELM STREET FAÇADE PROGRAM UPDATE



Don't Miss Your Chance to Improve Your Property **elm street**

Mary Rucinski, from the City Development office, who is handling our Elm Street Façade Program, reported that the façade program update in our January issue generated a considerable amount of interest and subsequent applications from property owners.

Currently four properties are under contract. Work is slated to begin on the Lycoming Presbyterian Church, 825 Arch Street, is one of the oldest churches in Lycoming County. The brick church was built in stages between 1817 and 1890 and is on the list of Architecturally Important properties in the City of Williamsport. All the trim will be painted including the window trim on the tower and cupola.

The Newberry Elm Street Façade Improvement Program, created with the support of the City of Williamsport and the Newberry Community Partnership, was introduced a few years ago.

The good news: Some funds are still available. The not so good news: The window of opportunity is now very small. The program must close late spring, so if you own a property on Arch Street between Newberry Street and West Third Street or on West Fourth Street from Arch Street to Poplar Street, contact the City Hall Community Development office at 570-327-7513 NOW.

There may be assistance available to help you improve the exterior of your property and maybe nudge you neighbor to start repairing his.



Lycoming Presbyterian Church, 825 Arch Street, is under contract with the Elm Street Façade Program.

If you've missed an issue of **insideNewberry**, back issues are available. Send your request with a small donation to cover cost of mailing to **insideNewberry** 913 Diamond Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

LYCOMING COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWS

Spring Has Sprung! Get Digging in the Dirt with Lycoming County Master Gardeners Workshops!

The Penn State Master Gardeners of Lycoming County are offering gardening classes to help you have the best growing season yet! Classes will be held at County Lysock View Complex, 542 County Farm Rd., Montoursville PA unless otherwise stated. Seating is limited, registration is required. Register online at <http://extension.psu.edu/lycoming/events> or call the Extension office at 570-433-3040.

- April 9** Landscape Shrub Pruning Techniques 9:00 to 10:30 AM
- April 9** What's Growing on in the Garden? 10:00 to 11:00 AM – *See what pests, practices, and produce are in the gardens, and tips and tricks to get the most from your garden*
- April 9** Creating an Herb Garden 11:00 to 12:00 PM – *Best practices for planting, growing, and harvesting herbs in your yard, plus the health benefits of herbs in our cuisine.*
- April 16** Planting Ornamentals 9:00 to 10:00 AM – *A look at advantages and disadvantages of bare-root, balled and burlapped, and container-grown nursery stock*
- April 16** Outdoor Grower's Market 8:00 to 1:00 PM – *Stop by our table, corners of Hepburn and Little League Boulevard*
- April 23** Gardening for Planet Earth: 10 Ways You Can Make A Difference 9:00 to 10:30 AM
- May 2** Compost Teas – What is it and how to make it! 6:00 to 7:30 PM
- May 6** The Master Gardeners Perennial Plant Sale *Hundreds of different plants for sale! Don't be late, plants go fast! Reasonably priced! Noon to when all plants are sold. Bruce E. Henry Park, Miller Ave., (Behind St. Ann's Church), Williamsport, in Picnic Pavilion*
- May 7** The Dirt on making great compost! 10:00 to 11:30 AM
- May 14** What's Growing on in the Garden – 10:00 to 11:00 AM. *Pests, practices, and produce; tips & tricks to get the most from gardens. Bring a sample of mystery weeds, bugs or disease from your gardens to share! Rain or shine, dress accordingly!*
- May 21** Outdoor Grower's Market 8:00 to 1:00 PM
- June 11** What's Growing on in the Garden – 10:00 to 11:00 AM in the Gardens.
- June 11** Beneficial Insects – Bio control. Not all insects are bad! 11:00 to 12:30 PM
- June 16** Native and Invasive Plants – The Good and Bad! 6:30 to 8:00 PM



June 18 Outdoor Grower's Market 8:00 to 1:00 PM

June 25 National Pollinator Week – Bee Pollinator Friendly! Build a bee house, honey tasting, more! 10:00 to 12:00 noon (or later!)

First Fridays - May 6, June 3, July 1 – Stop by the Master Gardener's table downtown Williamsport from 5:00 pm to dark.

Additional programs and events are planned. Check our events website regularly, pick up a brochure, or visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/LycomingCountyMasterGardeners>

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, contact Jean Hammond at 570-320-4429 prior to your participation or visit.

CITY-WIDE SPRING YARD DEBRIS CLEAN-UP

Begins Monday, April 18, 2016

The City of Williamsport's Spring Cleanup of yard debris will begin on Monday, April 18 and end on Friday, May 6. Residents may begin to place yard debris out for collection Saturday, April 16 through Friday, May 6 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** collected
- Main Street Pickup Only – No alley pickup due to equipment limitations
- **DO NOT** place yard debris out after May 6, 2016.
- **REMINDER: City of Williamsport Ordinance, Article 737.04 that placing yard waste and tree limbs along roadways is PERMITTED ONLY during designated 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 3 WEEKS TO COMPLETE.**

NEWBERRY LIONS SET DATE FOR ANNUAL FAIR

June 14 thru 18

Save the dates of June 14th through 18th to enjoy the Lions fair. The parade will be held Wednesday the 15th. No additional details were available as we go to press.

On a sad note:

We acknowledge the passing of Newberry Lion, Merrill V. "Moe" Johnston.



Merrill V. "Moe" Johnston
Sept. 22, 1930 – March 8, 2016

As a member of Lions International and the Newberry Lions Club he served the organization for over a half century in many capacities: Moe served as president and vice president, but was most well-known for his many years of service as the club's treasurer, which was a natural fit

given that his career path in banking and finance happened to begin at the Bank of Newberry.

Moe's participation with Journey for Sight earned him the Gift of Sight Award. He was a recipient of the Joseph L. Wroblewski Award, a Melvin Jones Fellow, and was passionate about the Lions work at both Camp Victory and Beacon Lodge.

A man of many interests, one of Moe's greatest hobbies began with the PA Lions Pin Traders Club. He and his wife, Rita, enjoyed attending pin trader conventions, where he grew his collection to nearly 20,000 pins. He also enjoyed playing cards, gardening, watching baseball, collecting Hess trucks, and rooting for Penn State Football.

For a complete obituary and to leave condolences go to <http://www.sandersmortuary.com/obits>
We will always be grateful for Moe's contribution to the Newberry community.

BICYCLE IS JUST ANOTHER WORD FOR FREEDOM

Bicycles are synonymous with spring and warm weather. Riding a bike is freedom itself, like having your own pair of wings.

My love of bicycles began with my first two wheeler, a shiny red 20-incher with chrome fenders and handle bars complete with training wheels (at first) which I pedaled up and down the back walk of our Poplar Street home. At the alley end of our walk was a slight incline. How I delighted in whooshing down that slope, gaining speed that propelled me all the way to the back porch. That excitement I felt would eventually lead to trouble.

When I was in the 7th grade I received my favorite bicycle of my youth, a silver blue sting ray with ape hanger handlebars, and a banana seat. This bike exemplified cool. Most of my friends had one and we rode them everywhere.

Coasting down hills continued to be a great pleasure and Newberry was full of potential. One Sunday at the end of April, my friend Tina and I were cruising the neighborhood and decided that the hill on Grimesville Road behind Jackson Elementary School was well suited for the purpose. We took turns so that one of us could be a look-out for oncoming cars. Oh what a wonderful, thrilling afternoon! Flying down the hill over and over!

Until during one of my trips I thought Tina had signaled the all clear and I started down the hill only to have a yellow Volkswagen Beetle right on my tail. Veering off the pavement onto the gravel-filled brim I hoped the "punch bug" would pass me. Why didn't it pass? My bicycle began to shimmy out of control on the rough stone. I braced my arms trying to hold steady when suddenly as we reached the Fox Hollow intersection I was hurled over the handlebars face first into the rock strewn pavement.

My forehead and left knee stung with pain as I pulled myself up. Inspecting the damage on the bike, the handlebars and front wheel were twisted and slightly bent but could be fixed. Much to my relief the driver of the Volkswagen stopped to help. The bike and I were certainly not fit for the ride home. Traces of the gravel are still embedded in both my knee and forehead. All these years later though the joy of gliding down a hill has endured.



Wilma Swope Reeder in 7th Grade

~ Wilma L. Reeder

NEWBERRY LIONS CLUB
Seeking New Members!
"We serve"
PO Box 4051
Williamsport, PA 17701
Contact Ron Savits (570-220-1697), Jack Coleman (570-326-0759), John Confer (570-326-3075) or any Lions member to learn more about Newberry Lions or to become a member.



Ron Savits, President; Jack Coleman, Secretary; John Confer, Treasurer



WILLIAMSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Join us at for a great evening of fun and the chance to meet **YOUR** police department.

There will be vehicles on display from a variety of agencies.

Several less lethal Demonstrations will be done each hour.

There will be department tours and additional information on our SRT team, Narcotic investigations as well as a meet and greet with Chief David Young.

Refreshments will be provided by our Police Wives support group.

Friday, May 6, 2016 • 5:00 pm-8:00 pm
Williamsport Bureau of Police
245 West Fourth Street



Additional agencies participating would include the District Attorney's Office, FBI, State Parole, Sheriff's Department, Penn College PD, Old Lycoming PD, WBF, Station 18, 911 Center, Coroner's office, Representative Jeff Wheeland, Camp Cadet, Firetree Place, Wise Options, US Marshall's Office and PA National Guard.

For additional information go to our FACEBOOK PAGE at
<https://www.facebook.com/Williamsport-Bureau-of-Police-115866195205647/>



★ ★ ★ **SPECIAL VOTER SECTION** ★ ★ ★
2016 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION • Tuesday, April 26, 2016
 The NCP and *insideNewberry* does not endorse any political party or candidate.



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

FEDERAL OFFICES ON THE BALLOT:

- President of the United States**
- United States Senator**
- Representative in Congress (10th District)**

STATE OFFICES ON THE BALLOT:

- Attorney General**
- Auditor General**
- State Treasurer**
- Senator in the General Assembly (23rd District)**
- Representative in the General Assembly (83rd and 84th Districts)**

PARTY OFFICES ON THE BALLOT:

- Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the National Convention**

In addition to the above offices, two statewide referendums will appear on the ballot. These referendums, if approved, would amend the text of the state constitution. The first question would raise the mandatory retirement age for judges from 70 to 75; the second would abolish the Philadelphia Traffic Court. All voters are eligible to vote on these referendums regardless of party affiliation.

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
 Use Funston Avenue Entrance

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 is the last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot before the November 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 ballot. If an emergency occurs after the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot, contact the Office of Voter Services immediately for the procedure to follow to apply for an emergency absentee ballot.

If you are uncertain of where to vote on Election Day, contact the Office of Voter Services. You may register to vote and/or apply for an absentee ballot by the following methods:

Register to vote online at
<http://register.votespa.com>
 Download an application to print, complete, and submit to the Office of Voter Services from our website at
www.lyco.org/Departments/VoterServices.aspx

Visit the Office of Voter Services,
 1st Floor of Third Street Plaza,
 33 West 3rd Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

Call the Office of Voter Services
 to request that an application be mailed to you.

Call our office at (570) 327-2267 with any questions. We are open 8:30-5:00 M-F, and we are open for all of Election Day.

*~ Forrest K. Lehman,
 Director of Elections and Registration*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2016

Friday, April 1 – April Fool's Day

Saturday, April 16 – Ufficiale Bersaglieri Sons & Daughters of Italy Lodge 138 BINGO! Vera Bradley, Household Helpers & More!

- Doors open at 11:30 AM, Early Bird Bingo Game at 12:45 PM, Bingo starts at 1:00 PM, Duboistown Fire Hall, Euclid Avenue
- Tickets: \$20.00 for 20 Games, ONLY 275 tickets will be sold, contact Camille Salvatori (570-326-9222) or Rose Mumbauer (570-660-9349), Door tickets based on availability
- Door prizes, chinese auction, 50/50 drawings, rip-off tickets
- Lunch, snacks and beverages available

Tuesday, April 18 – Tax Day

Saturday, April 23 – NCP Spring Litter Clean-Up

- See pages 1 and 2

Tuesday, April 26 – REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Tuesday, April 26 – Election Day Bake Sale

- AM, Lycoming Presbyterian Church, 825 Arch Street

Saturday, April 30 – Spaghetti Dinner

- 4:30-6:30 PM, Lycoming Presbyterian Church, 825 Arch Street Handicapped Accessible (Take-Outs available at 4:00 PM)
- Cost: Adults: \$9.00, Children, \$4.00
- Spaghetti, Sauce, 2 Large Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Beverage & Homemade Desserts

Saturday, April 30 – Newberry Little League Opening Day

- Activities begin at 9:00 AM, See page 3 for more details

Friday, April 22 – Earth Day

MAY 2016

Thursday, May 5 – Cinco de Mayo

Friday, May 6 – Williamsport Police 2nd Annual Open House

- See page 14

Friday, May 6 – Master Gardner's Plan Sale

- See page 12

Saturday, May 7 – 44th Annual WBS Fair & Music Festival

- See page 6

Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

Saturday, May 21 – Rummage Sale with Food Available

- 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Lycoming Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 825 Arch Street, Handicapped Accessible

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day

JUNE 2016

Sunday, June 5 – Early Church Begins, Summer Hours

- 9:30 AM, Lycoming Presbyterian Church, 825 Arch Street Handicapped Accessible
- Coffee Hour to follow the worship service
- Join us for a time of Christian fellowship! Everyone welcome!

Saturday, June 11 – Soap Box Derby

- See page 11

Tuesday, June 13 – Flag March

- See page 11

Wednesday, June 14 – Saturday, June 18 – Newberry Lions Fair

- Newberry Park – Newberry Lions Parade on Friday, June 15

Sunday, June 19 – Father's Day

Sunday, June 21 – First Day of Summer

Saturday, June 25-Sunday, June 26 – Homemade Days

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