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We'd like to begin 2010 by thanking all the volunteers, organizations and sponsors that have contributed to all NCP events and the publication of *insideNewberry*. Four hundred-nine volunteer hours and \$5300 dollars in private donations made our annual block party, Community Yard Sale, Spring & Fall Clean up events and **Visit Inside Newberry Day** possible. Your commitment and dedication to reinvigorate our neighborhood inspires us to continue to build on the vision that was fostered in 2004/2005 when the City of Williamsport and SEDA-COG engaged Newberry citizens in the process of envisioning a brighter future while preserving the unique character, values and pride of our past. With your help, we plan to continue the annual events that bring us together.

The tangible signs of our Elm Street Program will begin to take form in the streetscape and façade improvements slated for the eastern gateway to Newberry. The plans were introduced in March of '09 at our Elm Street Kickoff. If you missed it, please attend the NCP Open Board Meeting, Thursday, January 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the WECCC. The plans will be available for your review and comment, along with other projects and events that are under consideration for the year ahead. Do come and bring your neighbors. For more information call (570) 601-0298.



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MARK SALES & LEASING

Happy to be in Newberry

Mark O'Neill owner of Mark Sales and Leasing and his staff are smiling because customers, old and new, have found their way to the corner of West 4th and Diamond Streets, keeping them all very busy. Mark said "It's good to be in Newberry. The support of the neighborhood has been gratifying and business is up significantly over last year." Mark's commitment to the neighborhood is also reflected in his staffing choices. Working with Manager Scott Barger are two Newberrians, Jeff Taylor and Trevor Cohick, both who live within a few minutes walking distance from the store.

When Mark took on the renovation of the neighborhood landmark to house his business, he restored the two 2nd floor apartments that were neglected and vacant for years – both are now occupied. Restoring the mixed use of an anchor building, employing neighborhood residents and hiring local contractors are essential elements that contribute to the vitality of a neighborhood. Thanks, Mark for playing a big part in our efforts to make Newberry a desirable place to live, work and play.

Be sure to check out the Mark Sales & Leasing ad on the back page!



Mark Sales & Leasing staff: (seated) Owner Mark O'Neill, (standing L to R) Jeff Taylor, Trevor Cohick & Scott Barger, Manager.

You are invited...

NEWBERRY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

**Thursday, January 28, 2010
7:00 to 9:00 PM**

**West End Christian Community Center
901 Diamond Street
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Agenda items will include:

- Review of NCP Activities of 2009
- Financial Report
- Elm Street
- NCP Plans for 2010

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David Derr of Fred Hamm Inc. Disposal Service and NCP volunteer Jeff Taylor help neighbors unload their "stuff".

PICKING UP & LOOKING BACK...NCP HAPPENINGS

October 2009 was an exceptionally busy month for the NCP. Early Saturday, October 3rd found the Safe Clean & Green team organizing volunteers and setting up for Let's Pick Up Newberry Day, which offered two ways for the neighborhood to participate. A \$5000 grant from the City, allowed us to "Clean Up That Junk". There was no fee to dispose of trash and junk from around our homes. All you had to do was bring it to the WECCC parking lot, where Fred Hamm, Inc. Disposal Service set up large dumpsters to receive trash, tires, and old appliances, etc. For residents who were physically unable to bring their trash to the site, arrangements were made to pick up at their homes.

Volunteers from United Way's Day of Caring joined Newberrians to "Let's Pick Up Newberry". Donning bright orange vests donated by Equinox, Ltd., work gloves donated by Lonza and trash bags and signage provided by Penn DOT, they spread out across the neighborhood to pick up litter while others focused on weeding flower beds around Diamond Square.



Thank you to Moonlight Graphics Studio for logo design and printing our safety vests; Pepsi Cola, Dunkin' Donuts, Lycoming Beverage and Turners Market for providing refreshments.

Two weeks later found the NCP hosting Visit Inside Newberry Day at the WECCC. The Lycoming County Genealogical Society brought so much research material and computers that they overflowed into the library, where the large chalk paintings from the Lincoln School were on display. (Their origin is still a mystery.) We'd also like to thank the intrepid public who came out in spite of the inclement weather to enjoy photographs and memorabilia displayed by Jack McDermott, Vern Messner, the Scott Peterson family, Emma Strunk-Waltz and the Leonard Federowicz family. A silent auction of gift baskets and sale of "Branching Out", a Ross family cookbook was held to raise funds to support the event. We thank all who attended and participated.



Betsy Ross McCoy and family cookbook.



Federowicz Display





Local vendor & Newberrians Michael Kilmer and Tara Proctor owners of Harmony Hill Organic Farm, 770 Spook Hollow Road, Cogan Station, PA were thrilled to be offering their produce to the neighborhood. Pictured is Michael at their stand. Photo courtesy of T.S. Meckley.

GROWER'S MARKET

First Year Back in Newberry

The return of a Grower's Market to Newberry was one of the highlights of Summer '09. We recall the color and vibrancy of just picked vegetables, fruit, flowers and freshly baked treats that were supplied by local farmers at our neighborhood location- the parking lot of the West End Christian Community Center on Diamond Street "See you next summer!" could be heard from customers and vendors as the market closed in the fall. We can't wait!!!



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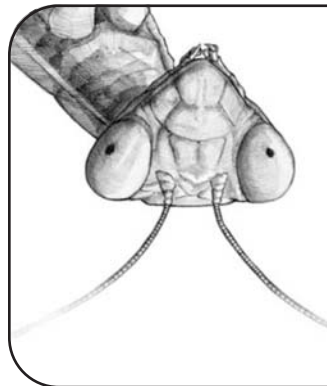
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TROUBLED WATERS

Lycoming Creek in Peril

Most of us who live or work in Newberry travel several times a day over the Third or Fourth Street bridges or the larger Route 220 span paying little attention to the waters flowing beneath us. But this remarkable stream that we pass over in our daily routine provides the back-up supply to the water we use every day and it represents the life blood of a sizable ecosystem which includes Newberry. Its future is now in question.

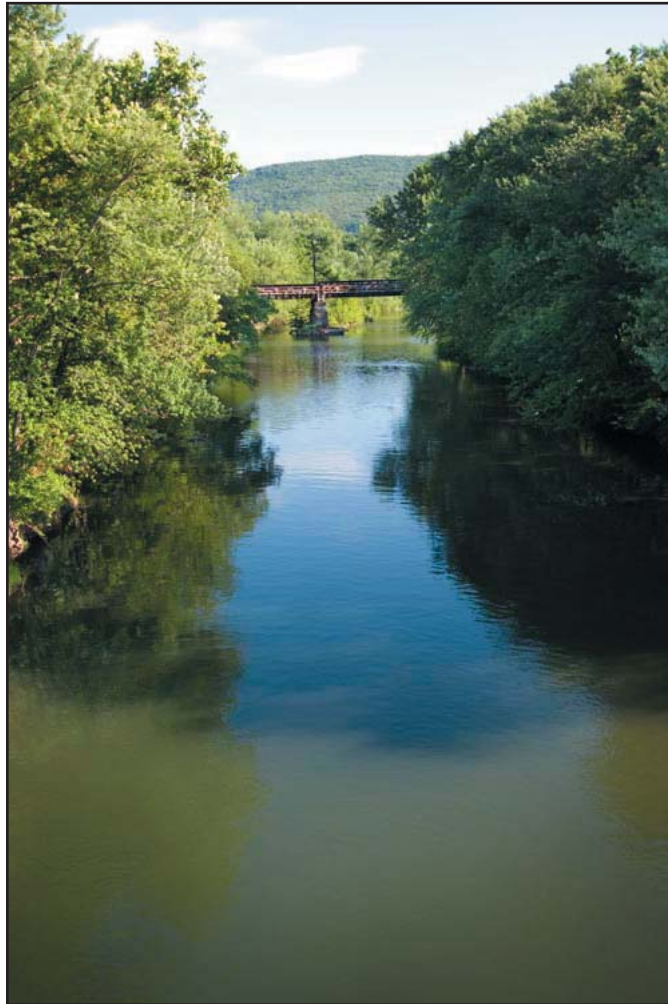
Lycoming Creek meanders gracefully for some 36 miles through the center of Lycoming County before its clear waters form the Eastern boundary of Newberry just as it reaches its confluence with the Susquehanna. The journey begins near McNett Township and along the way it is nourished by a number of significant tributaries including the powerful Roaring Branch, Trout Run, Pleasant Stream and the spectacular cascading Rock Run. Its drainage area includes more than 270 square miles, the vast majority of which is forested providing some of the best hunting in PA. According to the Lycoming Creek Watershed Association, (LCWA) there are 69 streams in this basin that support a wild trout population and these trout can utilize the habitats in the main stem which “provides an environment for exceptional fishing.¹ In the spring when the water is up, canoeing and kayaking are popular on “The Lycoming” and in warmer months, it’s not unusual to find people swimming and shooting the easier rapids in tubes.

The LCWA has filed a petition with the

Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board requesting the main body of the stream be reclassified to “High Quality” a status that would provide the benefit of special protection. This is clearly a phenomenal resource deserving of preservation for its importance as an ecosystem, for our enjoyment and that of generations to come. But the dangers threatening Lycoming Creek, as well as Pine Creek and the Loyalsock and others go beyond the protections these classifications will offer. The threat to these pristine bodies of water is the enterprise known as deep well natural gas drilling.

For those who are unacquainted with this relatively recent method of drilling for natural gas, gas I will offer a brief description. The Marcellus Shale is a huge deposit of rock that extends south from Southern New York State, curving through much of Northern Pennsylvania into sections of Ohio and West Virginia. Rich in natural gas, the shale is located deep within the earth, often a mile or more. Its extraction requires a

special technique called hydraulic fracturing or “fracing”. According to independent, nonprofit newsroom ProPublica, “fracing involves the injection of more than a million gallons of water, sand and chemicals at high pressure down and across into horizontally drilled wells as far as 10,000 feet below the surface.” Gas companies maintain that the process is completely safe, but environmental groups, referencing contaminated water supplies from Texas to Wyoming to Northern Pennsylvania have sounded an alarm suggesting



*Bridge looking south from Third Street.
Photo © Richard Karp 2009*

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that serious environmental harm may occur. Gas companies do admit that there will be mistakes, given that we're dealing with human beings and mechanical processes, but view them as rare and inconsequential.

I met with the president of the Lycoming Creek Watershed Association, Russ Cowles, to discuss the dangers he saw ahead for the Lycoming. "There are two types of impacts to the creek" Russ offered, in a matter of fact voice. "The first type we know will happen and it includes significant deforestation, which has already begun. This will allow quicker run off which will add silt to the creek. Deterioration of our roads, especially our dirt roads will also contribute to the silt problem and we also know that there will be surface

contamination most likely emanating from drill site runoff, possibly from leaking pipes, like the accident that occurred in McNett". These are problems that Russ thought will likely heal over time. "What we don't know, and this is the second category," Russ continued, "what I don't think anyone knows, is whether or not there will be contamination of an aquifer. I would describe this kind of impact as catastrophic."

Thinking about what the practical results of contamination would mean for our creek led me to contact Walt Nicholson, Director of Operations for the Williamsport Municipal Water authority. We talked about various aspects of the drilling as it relates to water quality issues, including the application by Southwestern Energy Co. to withdraw from four sites along the creek, a total

of six million gallons of water each day. Walt said the withdrawals represented a threat to both the quality and volume of Lycoming Creek for down stream users.

We discussed the dangers to the creek itself from the drilling activity and Walt followed up with an e-mail to me outlining his concerns. "There are serious questions concerning whether all of the wellpads and wells currently

permitted as well as the hundreds (or thousands) more which are expected to be proposed in the next several years can be safely developed in the Lycoming Creek watershed without incidents which would degrade the resource." He went on to describe potential causes of pollution which include: "spills and leaks around wellpads, impoundments and wastewater transfer pipelines,

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Lycoming Creek, looking south from the Third Street bridge. "This picture was taken the third week in June 2009. I used to swim there as a boy in the early and mid 1960's. I was touched when I saw people still swimming there," said Richard Karp, photographer. Photo © Richard Karp 2009.

Editor's note: Will we be able to to enjoy our creek 5 years from now?



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TRoubled Waters *(Continued from Page 6)*

including drilling process fluids, pit water, hydrofracturing process chemicals, flowback waste water from storage tanks, wastewater trucking operations," the list continued. A particular concern (my words) was "well casing and grouting failures which could contaminate shallower aquifers which eventually flow to streams and wells used by the public."

It would seem that there are enough legitimate concerns about the dangers to the environment from gas extraction to approach it carefully, with safeguards and adequate staffing for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP).

However, the opposite appears to be happening. In the October/November 2009 issue of *Fly Rod And Reel Magazine*, Ted Williams outlines the dangers to native trout (and by extension, the waters they swim in) posed by gas drilling in Mid-Atlantic States. "No one I consulted in the conservation community opposes exploiting this rich resource," Ted writes, "they'd just like it done right; they'd even settle for legally. Instead New York, West Virginia and especially Pennsylvania are in the process of suspending what the energy industry calls "impediments" to gas production and what the rest of the nation calls environmental laws". Ted goes on to describe the Bush-Cheney energy policy: "Extract as much gas as possible, at any cost to fish and wildlife and with enormous subsidies to industry at a time of record profits." And due to fiscal challenges facing the State, the PADEP, the agency that we've been counting on to protect us from environmental degradation, is facing the most significant cuts (26.7%) of any PA Government agency. According to a November 17, 2009 story on Philadelphia radio station

WHYY, the agency will lay off 138 staffers.

In future months and years as we cross the Newberry bridges will we reflect on the clear waters flowing beneath us, or will there be disturbing evidence that our creek has been contaminated. Still in its early stages, there remains an opportunity to bring the drilling and related activities under more stringent monitoring and regulation and place limits on where the drilling can occur. But we will need to act soon.

Writing earlier this year for *PA Trout*, Dr. Pete Ryan, President of Gods Country Chapter - Trout Unlimited, expressed strong reservations about the drilling. "I moved to Potter County more than 30 years ago, not because it was a great economic opportunity but because I wanted to live, raise my family and recreate in an area that one would consider pristine. I believe the "Marcellus Shale Play" as those in the industry call it, has the potential to be the worst environmental disaster of our generation."

*~ Submitted by Robbie Cross
Co-Chair, NCP Safe Clean & Green Committee*

1. Lycoming Creek Watershed Association Petition to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board, 2009

There are many opportunities to learn more about natural gas drilling in our area. Here are a few:

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WEST END CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

WECCC Receives Additional Grants

As 2009 drew to a close, The West End Christian Community Center (WECCC) received welcome news. Marge Thompson, Executive Director of the center, was presented a grant check from the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation in the amount of \$5,800 and a \$3,200 award from the Plankenhorn Foundation for the "Boiler Project". These funds along with grant money from the City of Williamsport will make it possible for the center to replace the old, outdated, oil fired boiler with a new energy efficient gas boiler. The current system is over 40 years old and is unreliable and inadequate by today's standards. The WECCC is host to more than 14 organizations and/or businesses that call the center "home".



WECCC Hosts Experience Works Training Sessions

Experience Works, an organization that helps individuals age 55 or older and with very limited income, receive training that will help them enter the work force. The Job Ready program provides valuable experience for the participants while providing community service at a non-profit host agency. The skills they develop will help them compete for good jobs with local community employers.

Finding a job is a challenging experience for anyone and can be even more difficult for those 55 or older. The Experience Works Job Club helps job seekers develop a job search plan, learn how to achieve the plan and develop a strong support network to help build the self-confidence needed to achieve job goals. To learn more about Experience Works call (570) 321-5811 and ask if you are eligible to receive the training experience, support services and information that could improve your life and gain the self-sufficiency that leads to permanent employment.

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Thursday	9:30	Healthy Steps in Motion Exercise
Friday	12:45	Penny Bingo

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CORRECTION FROM LAST ISSUE: The WECCC article stated incorrectly that the Newberry United Methodist Church was the second oldest church in Lycoming County. It is the second oldest church in the city. We thank our readers who called this to our attention.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 14 MARKS 92ND ANNIVERSARY

January 22, 2010 Anniversary Date

Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 14 of St. Johns-Newberry United Methodist Church will mark its 92nd Anniversary on January 22, 2010; the oldest continually chartered troop in the Susquehanna Council, with the same sponsor. Originally chartered as Troop 1 of Newberry on January 22, 1918, it became Troop 14 of Williamsport when the Williamsport Council BSA was established in November 1919.

The early achievements of Troop 14 stemmed largely from its outdoor activities. The troop attended Camp Kline every year, except two, since the camp's opening in 1920. That year also found the boys building a cook shack, with lumber donated by Mr. J.C. Newcomer, on an island owned by Scoutmaster John S. Stahlnecker. Known locally as Scout Island, it was formed by Lycoming Creek and the headwaters of the Mill Race that operated Lycoming Flour Mill just north of the city. A hand driven well was dug and the water tested. This enabled the boys to enjoy many weekend camp-outs in their pup tents.

Troop 14 has participated with outstanding success in all activities of the Council. In 1924 it won permanent possession of the Samuel Grossman Cup. The cup is awarded annually to the troop winning a series of outdoor competitive events held among all the troops of the city. Three consecutive wins are necessary for permanent possession. This Cup and individual Cups can be seen in the Scout Room at St. Johns-Newberry United Methodist Church.

Favorites for overnight camping in the 1930's and early 40's were Newberry Hill, behind Scoutmaster Walter Ames property and Miller's Hollow; in the early 50's at a cabin in Quiggleville owned by then Scoutmaster Don Mader and later purchased by Scoutmaster John Springman.

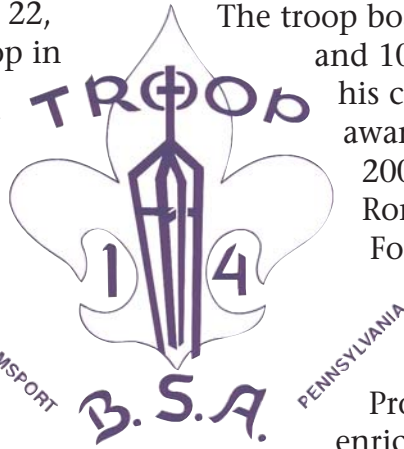
Over the years, many hunting clubs hosted the scouts and their leaders for weekend camping, among them Bobst Mountain Hunting Club and Four Mile Fish & Game Club. Slacks Run Hunting Club was used from 1956 to the 1970's. Presently the Troop camps at Scoutmaster and member Don Cohick's Easy Climb Hunting Club.

The scouting legacy of Troop 14 has passed from father to son for three or more generations. The troop boasts 113 Eagle Scouts. The 100th and 101st Eagle Scouts Ryan Weaver and his cousin Michael received their awards on the same night in June 2000 just as their fathers Robert and Ronald did as youths in 1972.

For nearly a century, the leaders of Troop 14 have strived to impart the knowledge, skills and ideals of the Scouting Program to hundreds of boys, enriching their lives and inspiring them to serve their community and fellow man and thus fulfill their Pledge of Allegiance to God and Country.

Troop 14 meets each Monday 7:30 PM at St. Johns-Newberry UMC. Boys age 11 or older are invited. Boys from 1st grade to 11 years old can take part in the Cub Scout Program at the same location. For more info call Don Cohick at 478-2702.

Editor's Note - The article was submitted by Scoutmaster Don Cohick, who joined Troop 14 at age 11 in 1967 and has been involved in scouting in some capacity ever since. Most of the information provided came from history written by Mitchell E. Younkin from his memories and records of the troop's 50th Anniversary in 1967.



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SPACE HEATER SAFETY TIPS FOR WINTER 2010

Keep Warm...And Safe...This Winter

As temperatures drop with seasons change, many families will rely on alternative heat sources, such as portable space heaters, to help warm their homes. Conditions with the local economy and unemployment have unfortunately led to utility services being shut-off for some families. This unfortunate situation has caused people to take risks with space heaters, candles, or stoves as supplemental heat sources to warm their homes and keep pipes from freezing. If used properly, space heaters can provide temporary relief during a cold spell, but they should not be considered a permanent solution for home heating due to the risk of home fires. **Note: Using a space heater as a primary source of heat is a codes violation.**

More than 25,000 residential fires every year are associated with the use of space or room heaters, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Space heaters accounted for one-third of the home heating fires and three-fourths of home heating fire deaths (NFPA). Space heaters placed too close to combustible materials, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses, or bedding, is the leading factor contributing to home heating fires and deaths.

Space Heater Safety Tips

- Ensure smoke detector is working as they double the chances of survival during a fire.
- Ensure a carbon monoxide detector is working before using a fueled space heater.
- Keep all combustible items at least three feet away from any heating device.
- Never use space heaters to dry clothing, towels or other combustibles.
- Never refill a fuel-burning space heater while it's on or inside.
- Space heaters should not be left on while you are asleep or leave the room.
- Space heaters should only be plugged into a three prong outlet.
- When not in use or unattended, space heaters should be unplugged.


- Do not connect a space heater to an outlet with an extension cord.
- Never use a space heater with a damaged cord, and never cover the cord with carpeting.
- Keep young children away from space heaters.



If you or someone you know is having difficulty with paying for the increasing cost of energy to heat a home, there are sources of help right here in Newberry. The West End Christian Community Center can assist by providing information on what help is available.

The Pennsylvania Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low income people pay their heating bills. For more information on LIHEAP, check LIHEAP website (www.dpw.state.pa.us/servicesprograms/liheap), contact the Lycoming County Assistance Office at (877) 867-4014.

*~ Submitted by Michael Shaffer
NCP Safe, Clean & Green Team*



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Jackson Elementary School

Jackson's First Achievement Assembly

On Wednesday, November 11th, 2009, Jackson students and staff gathered in the multi-purpose room for an achievement assembly to honor our outstanding Jackson students. Prior to coming to the assembly, each Jackson student received an eagle badge from the PTO. Then, during the assembly, students received recognition in the following areas:



Citizenship - All Fours in citizenship on the report card (grades 1-5) or the equivalent of all Threes (kindergarten)

Attendance – Missing 2 or fewer excused days with no unexcused “ tardies”.

Independent Reading – Grades K-2, must be current in their reading logs; Grades 3-5, must make his/her AR goal for the quarter

If students were recognized in any of these areas, their names were called and they came up to the stage and they received a symbolic star. Then, after the assembly, the classroom teachers put gold stars on the students' badges. The badges are now displayed in the classrooms.

We are VERY proud of our Jackson Eagles! We will have achievement assemblies at the end of each marking period.

Unveiling Newberry's 3rd Mural

“The mural that will be unveiled today is a great example of collaboration. The Newberry Community Partnership(NCP) and Jackson Elementary School worked together to continue the dream of bringing more art to Newberry,” said Kathy Eshelman, Jackson's Principal and NCP's Board Secretary , as she welcomed everyone to the unveiling of the third mural **Mapping the**

Course for Our Newberry Neighborhood on December 17th. She continued, “As most of you probably know, Newberry has a very rich heritage as Newberry was the first settled site of the City of Williamsport. Its residents have been and continue to be proud to say they live in Newberry. As the NCP, in concert with the City of Williamsport, develops the Elm Street Project, many wonderful plans are being made for our neighborhood. The Elm Street Project will allow for some streetscapes and façade improvements in Newberry. We do have a promising future as we map the course for our Newberry neighborhood!”

“A year ago, we unveiled our second mural, **Newberry: Honoring the Past, Planning for the Future**. It was officially dedicated at the NCP's block party this past spring and can now be seen

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Top photo: A portion of the third mural installment of “Mapping the Course for Our Newberry Neighborhood.” Bottom photo: Jackson Elementary School students and staff pose with complete mural.

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on the Arch Street side of the Newberry branch of Woodlands Bank. It looks beautiful! Our first mural *A Look at Our Corner of the City* is currently in storage and will re-appear on the Diamond Street side of Mark Sales and Leasing this coming spring."

Enthusiastic applause followed the introduction of all the Art Club members by advisor Mrs. Sandy Corson.

Two Fifth Grade members of the Jackson Art Club shared their reflections of working on the mural project. Ian McCann said, "I learned that you can work as a team on a big project. Like, if you work on putting on the gesso coat, one person can work on painting the edges; one will paint the left side and another will paint the right. Next, we drew out the streets - that was very hard; but with teamwork we got it done. Then we got to paint the mural which was the most fun. That is how we used teamwork to get this project done."

Elizabeth Culp commented, "While participating in the project, I learned that our community is actually very close and more helpful of each other than I ever thought before. If a group of children made the beautiful mural, it would be amazing to see what the whole community could do! The work we have already done together is a real work of art."

Special guests, Dr. Kathleen Kelley, School Board President and Mayor Dr. Gabriel Campana, assisted by artists Britni Morrison and Melanie Vogt had the honor of unveiling the mural.

Other guests included family and friends of the artists; Councilwoman Gerry Fausnaught and NCP Board members Linda DeSeau, Carmella Preziosi and Elm Street Manager, Alannah Gabriel. A friend of the arts, Mrs. Jackie Thomas and Assistant Principal, Mr. William Rathjen were also present.

After the ceremony, celebration and congratulations continued as everyone enjoyed refreshments.

The funds to create the mural are from a grant the Partnership obtained through the City of Williamsport Cultural Grant Program. The City of Williamsport Cultural Grant Program is an initiative between the City of Williamsport and



the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts, a state agency and is administered by the Lycoming Arts Council.

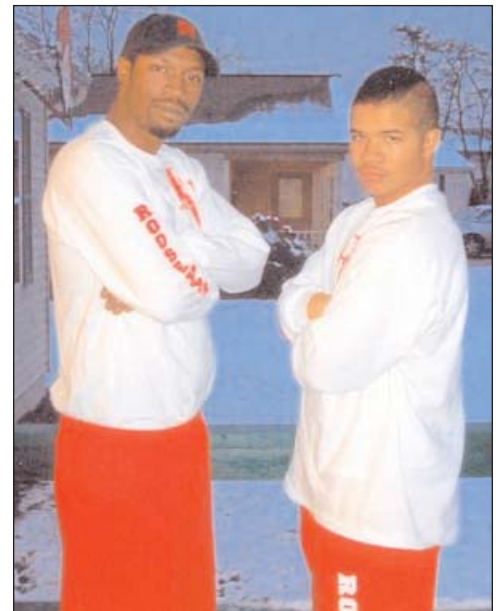
Roosevelt Middle School

Two Generations of Athletes



The Buxton name has become familiar to many in Newberry! The first mention of it was in the 80's, when Damone Buxton, Sr., was an adolescent here. Growing up on Federal Avenue, he was a faithful member of the Newberry Little League teams, helping those teams achieve winning records under the guidance of Coach Fred Heaps, whom Damone Sr. credits with keeping him in line. Damone Sr. was disappointed when, because of family situations, he had to move to the east side of Williamsport and therefore could not play Roosevelt sports. (There was no school choice at that time.)

Advance twenty years to the present. Damone Sr. and his wife Shannon, who reside on Prospect Lane, made sure that their two children would attend Roosevelt Middle School. Roosevelt has reaped the benefits of that move in



Longtime Newberry residents Damone Buxton, Sr. and Damone Buxton, Jr.

Damone, Jr. An eighth grader, Damone has been a standout on Roosevelt's football and track teams while maintaining honor roll status. Not satisfied with just academics and athletics, Damone Jr. also has a heart for charity. In fact, during the month of October, he could be seen sporting pink laces in his cleats and pink tape on his injured fingers to support the cause of breast cancer.

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The recent discussion of whether Roosevelt would close has been of concern to the Buxtons. Shannon has often sung the praises of Roosevelt to anyone who will listen, and she insists that even if the family did not live in Newberry, her children would definitely attend Roosevelt. Newberry and Roosevelt Middle School are dear to the hearts of the Damone Buxton family.

~ Submitted by Janice Saffel

Saint John's School of The Arts

School of the Arts Now Registering for the Winter/Spring 2010 Semester

Want to learn a new skill, perfect a current interest, meet new people, or just beat the winter blues? Then contact the Saint John's School of the Arts.



Registration is now underway for the Winter/Spring 2010 semester of the Saint John's School of the Arts. There are currently more than 200 students enrolled in the school and new students are being accepted in many areas. Students may enroll at any time during the semester.

The school, located at 2101 Newberry Street, offers a variety of music and fine arts programs for students of all ages and interests including basic art classes for ages elementary through adult (instructor is Jason Paulhamus) and a drama/theatre arts class for ages 9 to 18 years (instructor is Lea Frymire). Ballroom dancing is still popular, and we are offering a class in both Swing and Salsa for couples of all ages. Instructors are husband and wife John Stugrin and Mimi Troisi.

Ballet, modern dance, and pointe classes are also offered, but those classes are filled. Summer dance classes are always open to the general public, on a first come, first served basis.

Individual instruction is also available in voice, woodwind, brass, and piano/organ.

The school's 12 faculty members all have a proven record of success in teaching. Students are given opportunities to perform and showcase their talents, and they receive evaluations and certificates throughout the year.

For more info, the SOTA office at 327-5575.

West Branch School *Space Butterflies!*



What did second graders at West Branch School and the astronauts aboard the space shuttle Atlantis have in common? The students at West Branch participated in the Monarchs in Space program during late November and early December.



**MONARCHS
IN SPACE**

The program gave Monarch butterfly caterpillars to the second grade class to raise in conjunction with the same caterpillars that were put aboard the International Space Station. The students then tried to simulate the same environment as in space. We will let you know the results of this exciting program in the April issue. You can also follow the project on their blog www.wbsdownstairs.blogspot.com which highlights the day-to-day life in the Downstairs with photos, announcements and bits of joy.

November also saw a day trip to Pittsburgh for the older West Branch students and their parents. They visited the Carnegie Museum of Natural History and the Carnegie Museum of Art. The students, teachers and parents all expressed a desire to return to the museums as they found the galleries, displays, and tours very informative and relevant to the students' class work.



West Branch School students participating in the Monarchs in Space program.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Inside Newberry,

I can not tell you how much this little publication means to me. Every issue takes me back to my childhood and home.

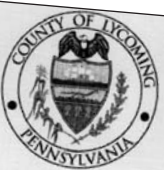
You have had articles on my family. Neighbors and friends. What a wonderful place to grow-up.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Best Wishes for 2010!

Sincerely,
Carol (Leidhecker) Berry

Carol Berry grew up at 2516 Dove Street in Newberry and attended St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

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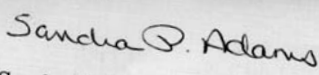
Ms. Alannah Gabriel, Managing Editor
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Dear Ms. Gabriel:

On behalf of Voter Services and the Lycoming County Commissioners, we would like to thank you and *Inside Newberry* for your "Special Voter Section" in the October - December 2009 edition. The special section on voting was well planned and very informative. The article notifying the residents of a vacancy on the Election Board for Williamsport 7 was very effective and saved the County several hundred dollars on advertising this vacant position. The day after the newspaper was circulated, a gentleman stopped in Voter Services to apply for the vacant position. He was a former Judge of Elections in another precinct in the City and moved to Williamsport 7.

The residents of Williamsport are very fortunate to have the dedicated staff from the "Inside Newberry" in their community.

Again, thank you so much. It is always a pleasure working with you. If we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Sandra P. Adams
Director of Elections and Registration

Cc: Rebecca A. Burke, Commissioner
Ernest P. Larson, Commissioner
Jeff C. Wheeland, Commissioner

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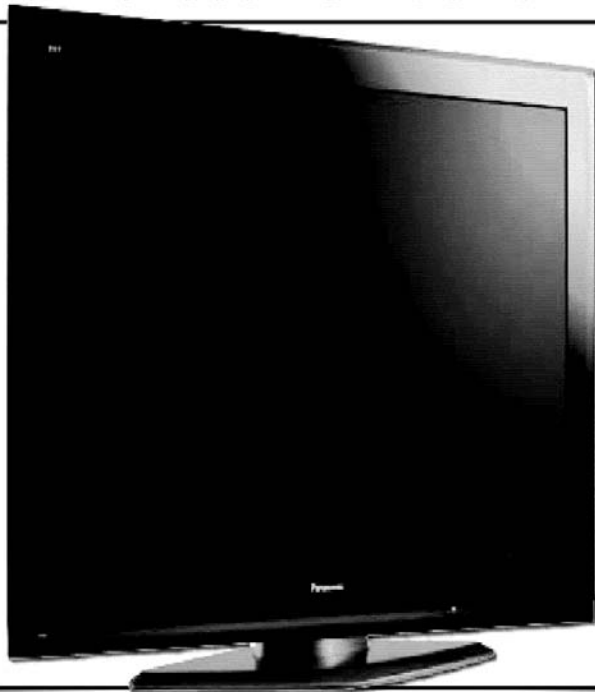


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JANUARY 2010

Friday, January 15 – Newberry Little League Sign-Up

- 1 PM to 3 PM, Call 326-7848 for more details

Friday, January 15 – West End Babe Ruth Sign-Up

- 6 PM to 8 PM, Call 322-2006 for more details

Saturday, January 16 – Newberry Little League Sign-Up

- Noon to 2 PM, Call 326-7848 for more details

Saturday, January 16 – West End Babe Ruth Sign-Up

- 1 PM to 3 PM, Call 322-2006 for more details

Monday, January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Thursday, January 28 – NCP Open Board Meeting

- 7 to 9 PM at WECC
- All are welcome

FEBRUARY 2010

Friday, February 19 – West End Babe Ruth Sign-Up

- 6 PM to 8 PM, Call 322-2006 for more details

Sunday, February 14 – Happy Valentine's Day!

Sunday, February 14 – Happy Chinese New Year!

Monday, February 15 – President's Day

Saturday, February 20 – West End Babe Ruth Sign-Up

- 1 PM to 3 PM, Call 322-2006 for more details

MARCH 2010

Sunday, March 14 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

- Set your clocks ahead one hour

Wednesday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

Saturday, March 20 – Newberry Business Showcase

- Call for 601-0298 for details

Saturday, March 20 – First Day of Spring

Friday, March 26 - WECC Easter Flower & Candy Sale

- 4 PM to 7 PM

Saturday, March 27 - WECC Easter Flower & Candy Sale

- 9 AM to 3 PM

Saturday, March 27 - Original Son of Italy Ladies Night Out

- 7 PM to 11 PM, Duboistown Fire Hall, Euclid Avenue
- For tickets call Camille Salvatori at 326-9222
- Only 275 tickets will be sold!

Sunday, March 28 - Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28 - WECC Easter Flower & Candy Sale

- Noon to 3 PM

APRIL 2010

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday

Friday, April 16 - NCP Block Party

- 5 PM to 7 PM, Corner of West Fourth & Diamond Streets