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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILDS HOME

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On a beautiful fall day in November, Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity (GLHFH) had the privilege of dedicating its 45th house to a well qualified and deserving family.

After completing over 250 sweat equity hours, family budgeting and homeownership classes as well as a completing a down payment and Habitat mortgage closing, Angela Shannon and her 4 children were handed the keys to their new home located at 2107 West 3rd Street with over 75 friends, family and community leaders present.

One of the leading financial sponsors of this build was Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thrivent Financial has sponsored the construction of 2 homes locally as well as over 2,000 across the United States.

With tears flowing from many attendees and a fresh beginning for Angela and her family, the day was filled with many new stories and examples of the positive effect Habitat for Humanity has on so many lives.

As GLHFH continues its mission on its next project within the city of Williamsport, GLHFH continually seeks volunteer and financial partners allowing community impact to be even more effective.

If you are interested in volunteering, discussing sponsorship levels and most importantly being an active participate in community revitalization, contact GLHFH at www.lycominghabitat.org or by calling 570-322-2515.

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Todd J. Fox Executive Director Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity



Faith and Family Footprint Walk - Spring 2010



Team Building Day with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. – Summer 2010



Completed home - Dedication November 2010



Homeowner- Angela Shannon and her 4 children



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To honor the past...inform the present...envision the future, insideNewberry is published quarterly by Newberry Community Partnership (NCP) as a service to the neighborhood to promote community pride and facilitate communication between residents, schools, civic organizations and businesses. NCP is a non-profit community based organization established in 2006.

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NEWBERRY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

2010 In Review

Happy New Year Everyone! As we begin the second decade of the 21st century we can't help but ponder what the next 10 years will bring our community. With the increased activity generated by the natural gas industry, it's definite that Newberry/Jaysburg will not remain the quiet neighborhood it once was. We will endeavor to keep the neighborhood/ hometown feeling we are known for and continue the momentum generated by The Newberry Community Partnership(NCP) through *insideNewberry*, annual block party, litter pick ups, business showcase, community yard sale, Elm Street Program and other events and programs that we plan to introduce in the coming year. Your support and participation is vital to our efforts. Please plan to attend the open meeting, Thursday, January 27 from 7 to 9 PM at the West End Christian Community Center. This is your opportunity to comment on the good and the bad, express your opinions and maybe hear some solutions.

The NCP's Elm Street Program ended 2010 with a ribbon cutting celebration on December 8th to mark the completed streetscape improvements in the first two blocks of West 4th St. The gateway is very welcoming with street trees, new sidewalks, curbing with brick accents, brick crosswalks and vintage street lights. The City of Williamsport's Dept. of Streets & Parks made the entrance even more festive by decorating the lights with wreaths trimmed in red bows and wrapping the poles with miniature white lights. An intrepid crowd of Newberrians and friends braved the cold night weather to gather in front of Hunter & Lomison to mark the occasion.

After the ribbon cutting, Steve Hulslander and West Branch School Students led the caroling as the crowd walked in procession from W. 4th and Arch Street to Brodart's property where the first Jaysburg/Newberry Christmas Tree was waiting to be lit. Two members of the City's Mounted Police Unit were on hand to provide safe passage across the busy intersections.

Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted everyone as they assembled around the tree. Mayor Campana asked the children to lead the countdown to light the tree. After the lighting, Brodart invited everyone inside to warm up and enjoy hot cocoa, coffee and cookies compliments of Brodart and Harvest Moon Restaurant.

If you noticed and liked the improvements around Diamond Square this fall, thank NCP's Safe, Clean & Green Team and the thirty five volunteers from the neighborhood and members of the Pine Street Methodist Youth Group. They set





out in teams - some weeded, planted and mulched the flower beds on the square while others picked up litter and mulched trees in Newberry Park and the Federal/Trenton Avenue green space. They walked West 4th Street from Moore Ave to Roosevelt School, Arch Street & side streets picking up trash and sorting plastic bottles and cans for recycling. They gave two hours of their time on a beautiful sunny Saturday to remind us all how to care for our community.

A special thank you to Mayor Campana, his staff and especially the Dept. of Streets & Parks for supporting our events; Helminiaks Greenhouse for the beautiful Mum plants for Diamond Square and Christmas Tree; Dunkin Donuts for providing our volunteers with hot coffee & donuts.

When you visit our sponsors be sure to thank them for supporting *insideNewberry* and...*Remember to be Newberry Proud*!

You are invited...

NEWBERRY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

Thursday, January 27, 2011 7:00 to 9:00 PM

West End Christian Community Center
901 Diamond Street • Williamsport, PA 17701

Agenda items will include:

- · Review of NCP Activities of 2010
- Financial Report
- · Elm Street Program Update
- NCP Plans for 2010
- · Introduction of Block Steward Program

If you have ideas or concerns you would like to place on the agenda in advance, please call 570-601-0298 or just come...there will be ample time to share with your neighbors.

For more information call 601- 0298

We look forward to seeing you!

ANGEL FOOD NEWS

Neighborhood Drop-Off Point

The Newberry Church of Christ (NCC) has become the drop-off point for the entire Angel Food Ministry in our area. Churches from surrounding areas as far away as Ralston, Trout

Run, and Wellsboro converge at NCC on Distribution Day to pick up their food orders for the month. Mark Maddy of Modern Handling Equipment Co. provides an employee and fork lift free of charge every month to help unload the large refrigerated truck. The Faith Wesleyan Church donated a

pallet jack, skids, and tarps. Four or five

men volunteer their time to help unload and organize the boxes. The NCC wishes to thank Mark Maddy and the Faith Wesleyan Church for their help in this ministry, as well as all our volunteers. Their gift of love makes possible this ministry to our community. The dates for placing Angel Food orders at the Newberry Church of Christ are as follows. Please note the change in days and times for the New Year.

Upcoming order dates and times:

January 13 (Thursday) 4:30-6:00 PM

January 14 (Friday) Noon-2 PM & 5-6:30 PM

February 10 (Thursday) 4:30-6:00 PM

February 11 (Friday) Noon-2 PM & 5-6:30 PM

March 10 (Thursday) 4:30-6:00 PM

March 11 (Friday) Noon-2 PM & 5-6:30 PM

April 7 (Thursday) 4:30-6:00 PM

April 8 (Friday) Noon-2 PM & 5-6:30 PM

The church is located at 822 Diamond Street (directly across the street from Sanders Mortuary).



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Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) Training

WHEN: January 19, 2011 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm January 20, 2011 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

January 26, 2011 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm January 27, 2011 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

(14 hr course)

Registration deadline January 14, 2011

WHERE:

Williamsport City Hall 245 W. Fourth Street 2nd floor (Sechler Room) Williamsport, PA 17701

What is VIPS?

The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program is a national program which provides support and resources for law enforcement agencies interested in developing or enhancing a volunteer program and for community members who wish to volunteer their time and skills with a community law enforcement agency. Local VIPS programs offer direct volunteer opportunities and conduct their own screening, recruitment, and placement.

All applicants for this class will have a free background check completed by the Williamsport Bureau of Police.

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The Homeownership Counseling Department at STEP, Inc. is offering two FREE workshops to members of the community interested in the basics of home

ownership. The class consists of 2 sessions of 2 hours each (one in January and one in February) and will include the following topics:

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



January 25 & 26, 2011 Tuesday & Wednesday When:

from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

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Start Building)

2140 Boyd Street, Williamsport, PA

behind main STEP Bldg

When: February 22 & 23, Tuesday & Wednesday

from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Head Start Building Conference Rm #1

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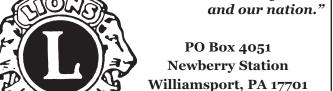
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about Newberry Lions or to become a member.



NEW NEWBERRY BUSINESS

Newberry, It's Dales Arch Street Eatery!

A new business just opened up in Newberry. Dales Arch Street Eatery, located at 623 Arch Street, on the corner of Arch St. and Trenton Avenue. Dale Lannen owned Dale's Eatery in the Basin Street Plaza for 8 years and loved every moment of it so he sought another location when he lost his lease. The new quaint Arch Street Eatery reminds one of a small diner.

While talking with Mr. Lannen, several customers came through the door. With lighten faces they exclaimed, "Dale", and sat down at the booths like they've known him for years- and they have. They were regulars at Dale's for years and followed him to his new location.

One gentleman stated, "I always eat breakfast here every time I come. I like the prices. They're reasonable and the portions are good". A couple sitting across from him remarked, "We like the chicken and waffles, he loads up the plates. Alice, the waitress, is nice and the service is good".

I decided to try one of Dale's specials since it would behoove me to experience the food and service I'm writing about. I ordered a Meal Deal; it was a cheeseburger and fries for \$2.99 and a can soda for less than 70¢. When the burger was served - this was no fast food burger! It was meaty, well done, juicy, and had great flavor. The sandwich was well worth the price and pleased my pallet. The fries were fresh cut potatoes, lightly salted and not greasy.

A visit to Dale's Arch Street Eatery is well worth your time and money. Dale has a passion for food and the customers he serves – and it shows. Dale's Eatery is open to serve you Monday to Saturday from 7AM to 8PM. Eat In and Carryout is available. I'll be back for another burger.

~ Submitted by Viola Brown

Editors Note: *insideNewberry* would like to say a heartfelt good by and best wishes to Rhonda Koch, owner of K9 Kuts & Spaw, the previous occupant of 623 Arch Street who did so well she outgrew the space and had to relocate to 100 Eck Circle, Suite #4 behind McDonald's on the Golden Strip. Rhonda supported the newsletter and many NCP events. She can be reached at 570-327-6170 or kokutsandspaw@comcast.net.

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

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Second Wednesdays 10:30 to Noon with Susquehanna Home Care and Third Thursday 9:30 to 11:30 with Comfort Keepers Nurse

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Bible Study w/Local Clergy Wednesdays 12:15 PM

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HOME BUYER ASSISTANCE GAP FINANCING AVAILABLE

Help for Newberry Area Home Buyers

The West End Terrace/Pennsy Heights Homebuyer Assistance Gap Financing program for new units in Newberry, West End Terrace and Pennsy Height communities has been approved by the City of Williamsport. Funds are available to assist new buyers purchase a new home in this area. City funds can provide second mortgage "**G A P**" financing. A financing gap occurs when the home you want to buy costs more than your bank or credit union lender is able to commit to you. City funds can help you fill the gap.

The program offers second mortgage financing to eligible buyers. You, the new home owner, must obtain reasonable first mortgage financing to participate. The City funding is offered as a 0% interest, 30 year deferred repayment loan and there is 50% forgiveness after 20 years. The remaining 50% is due at the end of the thirty-year term. You receive forgiveness only if you meet all the requirements.

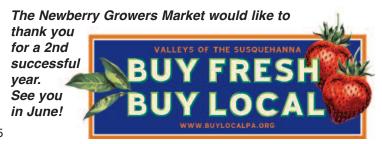
Basic guidelines and requirements:

The program is limited to newly constructed homes in West End Terrace and Pennsy Heights. The program's household income limits are set by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME ELIGIBILITY 2010 LEVELS						
Household Size	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	
Max Income	\$30,350	\$34,650	\$39,000	\$43,350	\$46,800	

- The maximum per unit City of Williamsport assistance is \$55,000. You must obtain the maximum private financing possible before HOME funds are awarded. The least amount of City funding needed must be used. Standard credit and income requirements apply.
- All applicants must make a Minimum Contribution of \$2,500 from their own private funds. You need to save at least this amount.
- All buyers must attend a Credit Counseling or a Homebuyer Training Workshop from a trainer acceptable to the city, before closing is held. This class will help you learn about buying a home and being a homeowner.
- You must continue to occupy the unit as your primary residence until city loan is satisfied. The City loan must be repaid any time the home is no longer your primary residence or at the end of 30 years. The City mortgage is not assumable by a new buyer.

Contact the Community Development Office at City Hall, 245 West Fourth Street 570-327-7511 for more information.



WEST END CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Families Helped

The economy is bad and uncertain – on that we can all agree. Jobs are scarce and money is tight no matter where you come from. However, this Thanksgiving the Community Center was privileged to provide five needy families with a complete meal that included a turkey, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetables, cranberry sauce, fruit, pumpkin pie and rolls.

At Christmas time six families received a complete turkey dinner and gifts for their children in an effort to

help make the most wonderful time of the year happier for the families. The West End Christian Community Center has been truly blessed by god and we wanted to share our blessings with our wonderful and supportive community.

Clothes Closet/Thrift Shop Extended Hours

We are happy to announce that beginning January we'll be extending our shopping hours for the Clothes Closet/Thrift Shop again. At the request of our customers, we will be open at the following times:

Monday 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM Tuesday 9:00 AM – Noon

Wednesday 9:00 AM - Noon & 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM Saturday 8:30 – Noon

On Mondays and Thursdays why not enjoy lunch at the Soup Kitchen and shop, too? Everything is reasonably priced and you never know what you might find. Whether it's clothing for the family or gently used items for your home, there is no better place to shop. Come see for yourself and enjoy the hospitality at the Community Center.

Ballroom Dancing

If you see activity at the Center on Tuesday evenings, it's because couples are coming to learn Ballroom Dancing. Instructors Frank and Sandy Hartzel offer ballroom dancing with a new twist. All the moves are called by the instructor for easier dancing enjoyment. For more info call the Hartzels at 326-7681.

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Girl Scout Recruiting

The **Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA** is looking for young ladies interested in starting a new troop at the WECCC. The meetings will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30

PM. If your daughter is interested in joining a newly formed troop, please contact Christine Merryman at 1-800-692-7816 ext. 1705.

Soup Kitchen

We were blessed in March of 2010 to open our soup kitchen to serve all who came to eat. Since that time the kitchen has gone

from serving "several" to serving "many". In an average month the ladies in the kitchen are preparing meals for

average month the ladies in the kitchen are preparing meals for approximately 500 – 600 individuals. The holiday meals were extra busy with 240 Thanksgiving meals served and 355 Christmas meals served.

WECCC would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come join us for lunch on Mondays and Thursdays between the hours of 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM. There will always be a seat for you at our tables.

Volunteers Needed

With the extension of our Clothes Closet/Thrift Shop hours, we are looking for individuals willing to donate a few hours of their time once a week. The work is easy and the socialization is terrific. Come join us and have fun at the same time. Call Marge at 323-6297.

~ Articles submitted by Marge Thompson, Executive Director/WECCC

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ELM STREET GOES TO LYCOMING COLLEGE

Addressing Neighborhood Safety

Dr. Kerry Richmond invited Elm Street Manager, Alannah Gabriel, to speak to her Criminal Justice Class about the challenges that neighborhoods face in trying to build community. Alannah gave an overview of the Elm Street approach to neighborhood safety and discussed some of the changes that Williamsport has gone through over the years.



Viola Brown, a Marketing Business graduate and freelancer, who assists Alannah with a variety of projects arranged a presentation to Dr. Joanne Hostrander's Integrated Marketing Communications and International Marketing classes. Alannah introduced the students to the Elm Street Program's model for neighborhood revitalization. Viola gave an overview of the Annual Elm Street Survey, because data and demographics are of particular interest to marketing students. They asked many questions about how the survey was developed and its usefulness as a tool to document the efficacy of the program. The West 4th Street Façade and Street Scape project and volunteer opportunities available through the NCP were also discussed. The students offered many ideas for activities that would be of great interest to the children and youth of the community.

Every year students are required to use their marketing skills to assist local businesses and non-profit organizations. The NCP looks forward to working with Lycoming College students who are interested in using their skills and education for the benefit of the community.

~ Submitted by Viola Brown

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A MUSICAL WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Newberry Resident Performs



Cheryl Miller

It was a night to remember.
FLIPSIDE BAND is a harmony band, playing music of Crosby, Stills & Nash; Elton John and The Eagles, along with a variety of other music from the 60's and 70's. We all took a walk down memory lane that night.

Cheryl Miller of MIZ IDA & THE ALL NIGHTAS, a well known Newberrian, graced everyone with a tune during the recent holidays when FLIPSIDE entertained at the Kast Hotel.

It was a reunion of 60's and 70's musicians and all playing at one time with FLIPSIDE. Among the members were Chad Fenstemaker, Skip Kreitz and Mike Ranck, all three were members of THE CONDUCTORS in the 60's. Other musicians present, Mark Ranck, Eddie Fry of THE JESTERS. Sitting in was BROTHERS & OTHERS' Joe Mauro. FLIPSIDE band includes Shane Whitman, son of Mark Ranck, Rocky Anello of THE JESTERS, Lauren Johns, Ben McMurtrie, and Jimmie Finn.



other music from the 6o's and 7o's. The Conductors (left to right): Larry Borgess, Chad Fenstemaker, Skip Kreitz, Regan Meyer, We all took a walk down memory lane that night.

The Conductors (left to right): Larry Borgess, Chad Fenstemaker, Skip Kreitz, Regan Meyer, Barry Hirsh, Danny Brungard. Mike Ranck replaced Larry Borgess when Larry went to play with Fathers Angels, now Prince Charles and the Royaltones.



Chad and the Flipside

NOTE: MIZ IDA & THE ALL-NIGHTAS were selected to compete in the 2011 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN. They are holding a fundraiser to offset the band's travel costs, January 21st at 8:00 PM at the Valley Inn, so mark your calendar and plan to boogie to support our local talent.

OUR READERS WRITE...

October 5, 2010

Dear Editor,

Another great edition of **insideNewberry**! The article on Abram Howard touched my very soul – and prompted me to give my son an extra hug.

I have received several phone calls regarding my article on Jackson School Class of 1963-64. I am hoping one of my former class mates will be able to identify the "unknown" class members.

Sincerely, Betsy Ross McCoy

LONG OVERDUE THANK YOU

This is long overdue, but I want to thank Alannah Gabriel and all who helped put together the article in the **insideNewberry** newsletter, October-December 2010 about my nephew, Lt. Cpl. Abram Howard. They captured the words and feelings of the public toward our fallen hero and the love his uncle and godfather, Joe Dincher, has for Abe by printing his eulogy.

It didn't end there, though. As I continued to read this tribute to Abe my eyes came to the picture of my uncle Samuel C. Howard. Uncle Sunny as he was and still is known throughout our family was the first Marine in our family. When he was killed in action during WW II on the island of Okinawa in May 1945, the family was unable to have his body brought back to Williamsport. He is buried in Hawaii. The outpouring of patriotism is not only a tribute to Abe, but also to Uncle Sunny and to all our veterans. Those who gave all and those who were willing to give all.

As I said at the beginning, this thank you is long overdue or is it? We just celebrated Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. Maybe the timing is perfect to say "thank you."

I'm not from Newberry, but I always enjoy reading about this unique community in the **insideNewberry**.

Dawn Guerrisky, South Williamsport

Editor's Note: This Sunshine appeared in the Sun-Gazette, November 30, 2010.

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REMEMBERING SLED RIDING

Sled riding – Oh the Fun!

With all the snow we had. I can't help but think of days gone by and how the kids of today are missing out - the fun and thrills we had going down the blocked streets. If you lived in Newberry there was Poplar, Glynn and Wayne that were shut down for the kids to enjoy.

We started up on Hillside Avenue down under the barricade avoiding the hanging kerosene lantern and flew down Wayne only stopping on the cinders just above West 4th Street with sparks flying from our runners. What a thrill. We'd get off laughing and start to pull the sled back up to do it again. Those were the "Good Old Days". Today there are too many cars and the lanterns and sleds would be stolen/broken – how sad.

I feel fortunate to have good memories of my youth with all the neighbors taking part in my growing up.

We had the big wooden bobsled my father made: it held at least eight and the parents would all hop on for the ride. It would rumble and all of us would be screaming. I know there's the Sugar Bowl and my kids have been there and also the hill behind Roosevelt School, but to ride three or four blocks is the big thrill.

Marie Vannucci, Williamsport

Editor's Note: *Marie would like to know if anyone remembers the following:*

- Ice skating on Groover Pond or McMurray's Run
- Walking down the underground drain pipe from Hillside Avenue to Dove Street
- Who remembers when Newberry Hill burned?

insideNewberry would like to know too...Call 570-601-0298 or send recollections to insideNewberry@yahoo.com or mail to 913 Diamond Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.



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

Jackson Elementary School

Jackson Elementary School Stays Connected To the Community

Andrew Jackson Elementary School, the oldest school in Williamsport, is a cornerstone of Newberry community. Over 500 families support the nearly 600 Jackson Eagles who attend the school.



At Jackson we strive to reach out to the community and teach our students to do the same. Our concept of community is changing- it is no longer just the west end of town – it is spread out. Although some children still live in close proximity, many reside in other neighborhoods in the city. We recognize this and work to stay connected and teach our students that "community" can mean many different environments — a neighborhood, city, nation and the world.

Locally, Jackson School stays connected through our Unified Arts Programs and other activities throughout the year. Frequently, Ms. Todd, Physical Education Teacher, conducts "Read, Skate and Calculate" where students and family members gather to participate in activities such as skating or scooter races, reading time, and math games. Our musical program offers public concerts that showcase student's vocal and instrumental talents.

During our Art Department's Family Art Night, students and their families were taught origami, the Japanese folk art of folding paper into shapes representing flowers, birds and other objects. Mrs. Sandra Corson and the Jackson Art Club are currently working on the fourth in a

Food drive for local

soup kitchen



3rd mural Mapping the Course for Our Newberry Neighborhood series of murals honoring Newberry's past and the student's

vision for the future. You can see the first two murals displayed on the Arch Street side of Woodlands Bank and the West 4th Street side of Mark Sales & Leasing at the corner of Diamond Street. The 3rd mural

> will soon be mounted on the Wavne Avenue side of Turners Market. Recently, Jackson students surpassed

a PTO fundraising goal by selling over \$22,000 in candy. Over the holidays they conducted a food drive to support a local soup kitchen.

Connecting globally, our fourth graders adopted a military platoon in Afghanistan. They collected personal supplies and sent letters of appreciation to the soldiers.

By celebrating the anniversary of Mexican Independence, Mrs. Fronk's fifth grade class learned the need to understand the cultural heritage of their classmates and traditions throughout the world.



year families are invited to sit with teachers and discuss their children's academic progress at parent/teacher conferences;

97% of our families attended the Fall conference. Monthly, dedicated parents

of Jackson's P.T.O. meet to support their children's education.

Jackson Elementary School intends to continue to play a significant role in the life of the community. We are committed to remain connected and teach our students the importance of



One of the 4th grade classes that supported our military troops in Afghistan



Recognition of Mexican Independence Day

community - in our neighborhood and the world.

~ Submitted by John J. Killian, Principal

Saint John's School of The Arts Warm Up Your Winter at SOTA

The Saint John's School of the Arts has made its home at 2101 Newberry Street for almost 15 years and offers year round instruction in art, ballet and modern dance, ballroom dance, brass and woodwind instruments, handbells, piano, and voice. Our students are varied in age, ability, and interest. Our faculty and facilities are outstanding.

One of our most popular classes is ballroom dance. Dancing is a great way to get in shape, work off those extra holiday pounds, socialize, and have fun with your partner! From January through mid-March, we are offering two new ballroom dance classes:



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winter blahs! This class takes the student from beginner to intermediate level in both Jitterbug and East Coast Swing. Experienced swing dancers are welcome – we'll have new patterns for you as well!

MERENGUE: Thursdays 7:30-8:30 PM. Merengue is a Latin dance from the Dominican Republic. Although the tempo of the music may be frantic, the upper body is kept majestic and turns are slow, typically four beats/ steps per complete turn. Ideally suited to the small, crowded dance floor, it is a dance that is easy to learn and essentially a "fun" dance. This class takes the student from beginner to intermediate level.

Call the SOTA office at 570-327-5575 or visit our website www.saintjumc.org/schoolofthearts for more information on any of our programs.

West Branch School WBS Students Bring Book to Life

"Put me back in water. I am Paddle to the Sea." These words are the start of a great adventure written by Holling Clancy Holling in the classic tale, *Paddle-to-the-Sea*.

In *Paddle-to-the-Sea*, a young Native American boy carves a small wooden canoe complete with a paddler. On the bottom are engraved the words, "Put me back in water. I am Paddle to the Sea." The boy, who lives in Canada north of Lake Superior, sets the canoe free on a journey to the sea through the Great Lakes, up the St. Lawrence River to the St. Lawrence Gulf, and on to the Atlantic Ocean. This Paddle-to-the-Sea, as he is named, undergoes great adventures on his journey which lasts four years.

The second grade students in Stacie Lakatos' Read-Aloud class at West Branch School know how to bring a book to life. While reading Holling's story, the students in Lakatos' class decided they would like to craft a small wooden canoe like the character in the book.

"My students wanted to create their own Paddle to set out on a journey to the sea. They were thrilled to learn that the Susquehanna River leads right to the Chesapeake Bay. We researched the river, tracing its path on maps. We learned about the various dams in the river and its entry into the Bay," stated Lakatos.

"One of the students' fathers created the small wooden boat for us. The students painted and varnished it. We had a plaque engraved with our school name and contact information, and dated it 2010. I created an email account for our







Paddle-to-the-Sea and included that email address on the plaque. If anyone discovers Paddle, we hope they will email us and notify us of Paddle's location. We also hope they return him to water to continue his journey."

"When our research was complete and Paddle was ready to go, the second grade students traveled to the Greevy Boat Launch in Loyalsock and released him. The students stood on the shore waving and watched Paddle float out of sight on his journey to the sea."

Holling's story provides a rich literary experience with the author's language, syntax, and vocabulary, as well as his extensive use of simile, metaphor, and symbolism. The book also provides opportunities for learning in other areas, as well. "We refer to a map constantly throughout the story to identify Paddle's location and to learn the geography of the area," Lakatos said. "We also keep at laptop on hand to access the internet to extend our learning while we read. This story is engaging and exciting in its own right. We extend the learning by using other resources."

"Making learning meaningful is what we are all about", said Lakatos, "bringing a book to life makes reading even more meaningful and memorable. Children love to learn!"





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Sam Aungst, Cubmaster • Every Wednesday • 7:00 PM St. John's-Newberry UMC • 2101 Newberry Street Open to boys in Grades 1-5 or ages 7-11

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) & ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)......323-6297

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Wednesdays & Saturdays at 7:00 PM • WECCC

If attending a meeting, use side entrance off gravel parking lot.

These support groups welcome new members.

For additional information, call the

WECCC office at the number listed above

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PARTNERSHIP329-4141 or 601-0298

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

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UPCOMING NEWBERRY-RELATED EVENTS

JANUARY 2011

Monday, January 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Thursday, January 27 - NCP Open Board Meeting

• 7 to 9 PM – All are welcome (see page 2 for details)

FEBRUARY 2011

February 2011 - West End Babe Ruth Sign-UP

- Friday, February 18 6 to 8 PM
- Saturday, February 19 1 to 3 PM
- Old Lycoming Township Building, call 220-2570 for more info

Thursday, February 3 - Happy Chinese New Year!

Monday, February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!

Monday, February 21 - President's Day

MARCH 2011

March 2011 - Lycoming Nursery School Open House (TBA)

Sunday, March 13 – Daylight Savings Time begins – Set your clocks ahead one hour

Thursday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 20 - First Day of Spring

Saturday, March 19 – Lycoming Nursery School Annual 52-Family Yard Sale

APRIL 2011

April 2011 – NCP Annual Block Party (TBA)

April 2011 - WECCC Easter Flower Sale

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

Saturday, April 2 - Original Sons of Italy Ladies Night Out

- 7 to 11 PM, Duboistown Fire Hall, Euclid Avenue
- For tickets call Camille Salvatori, 326-9222
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Sunday, April 17 - Palm Sunday

Friday, April 22 - Good Friday

Sunday, April 24 - Easter Sunday

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