



BEFORE

1926/1928 West Fourth Street shows a marked improvement after make-over



AFTER



## THE NEWBERRY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ELM STREET FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

### Another Make-Over Completed

If you cross the West Fourth Street Bridge into Newberry and glance to your right, you can't miss the most recent façade improvement at 1926/1928. The transformation was made possible by a grant of \$4574.00 from the NCP Elm Street Improvement Program\* that was matched by property owner Frank McMahon who selected contractor Elijah, LLC through a bidding process.

The scope of work included a new porch deck, porch balustrade; porch posts, lattice, steps, 9 vinyl replacement windows and painting. Frank said, "The grant opportunity inspired me to invest in re-siding the entire house. I want to set an example for property owners to invest in our community." The NCP is applying for additional funds to continue the facade improvement program. The grant guidelines are as follows:

#### GRANT GUIDELINES

For an owner occupied home, an Elm Street Façade Grant provides up to 50% of a project cost, up to \$5,000 per property. A private match of 50% is required if your household income is above 115% of our area median income. Only a 10% private match is required if your household income is at or below 115% of the area median income. In cases of extreme hardship, property owners may perform volunteer or community service work to meet the 10% of the project cost requirement. A relative, community group, or church may perform volunteer work on behalf of the property owner if the property owner is unable to perform work due to health concerns or physical limitations. Owners of commercial properties must pay 50% of the total project cost. Façade grants are available to property owners, so if you are a tenant in a rental property, please contact your landlord about this opportunity. For more information or application call 570-601-0298.



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# THE PARTNERSHIP TAKES TO THE RAILS

## *NCP Safe, Clean & Green Committee Takes Tour in a Caboose*

Most Newberrians are aware that a network of tracks, together with few buildings railroad cars, and the occasional engine, exists toward the center of our west end community. Yet few of us understand the present day dynamics of these “yards” as a component of SEDACOG’s eight county Joint Rail Authority (JRA) and their importance to the greater Williamsport Area.\*

On Friday, November 30th, members of the Newberry Partnership’s Safe, Clean and Green Committee (SC&G), accompanied by several NCP board members climbed aboard a caboose, affectionately known to yard workers as “the cheese box”, and received a fully annotated tour of this industrial complex.

Initially, the SC&G Committee contacted Jerry Walls, Board Chairman of the JRA, over concern that frack sand, which is transported to and distributed from the Newberry Yards, might pose a health hazard. A sub-set of frack sand known as silica dust is invisible and respirable and a known carcinogen. Acknowledging our concern, Mr. Walls suggested that it might be valuable for members of the Partnership to get a first-hand view of what takes place in the yards – an excursion was planned.

As the caboose, pulled by a small engine, rolled slowly along the tracks on this chilly November morning, Partnership members joined Jeff Stover, Executive Director of the JRT who was on the rear deck of the caboose offering commentary and answering questions. He was accompanied by Garry Shields, President of the Lycoming Valley Railroad along with Todd Hunter, Director of Marketing and Tom Avery Director of Operations. The Lycoming Valley Railroad is one of the six Central Pennsylvania railroads that



*Members of Newberry Partnership’s Safe, Clean and Green Committee enjoying the view from inside “The Cheese Box”.*

essentially leases the right to operate on land owned by JRA, a mutually supportive relationship and one that continues to grow.

In short order it became clear to those of us on the deck of the cheese box that this was a hub of considerable activity, servicing a wide variety of commercial enterprises from Lonza and Palmer Industrial Coatings, to Bulkmatic and High Steel Structures, to name just a few. From the deck we saw a 100 car coal train preparing to leave the yards and we passed extensive storage lots of communication poles – the largest in the country. Many of them would be headed for New Jersey to replace poles destroyed by Sandy.

And what about our initial concern over frack sand? We saw many rail cars transporting the sand to a variety of distribution points owned by several different companies. A distribution operation owned by Unimin, a large Belgian owned company provided closed system silos that release their sand directly into trucks – a state of the art system. Other operations were less sophisticated, some of the rail cars were not originally designed to handle the fine particles of frack sand and we did see sand on the tracks, (the Lycoming Valley Railroad has purchased a rail borne giant vacuum to remove the sand). After talking to staff on the tour and reviewing available information, the bottom line would appear to be that a health risk from frack sand might occur from intense or prolonged exposure, a concern for those working with it regularly. It should, we believe, represent little concern for Newberrians living in the vicinity.

*~ Submitted by Robbie Cross,  
Chairman, Safe, Clean and Green committee*



*Members of Newberry Partnership’s Safe, Clean and Green Committee took a ride in “The Cheese Box”.*

*\*The October/December 2012 issue of **Inside Newberry**, offered an informative article called **Newberry Rail Yard – Past and Present** by Jeff Stover*

# SHIRLEY DIEFFENBACH TO CELEBRATE 93<sup>RD</sup> BIRTHDAY

## *Oldest Living Williamsport School District Art Teacher*

When *insideNewberry* learned that long time Newberry resident Shirley Dieffenbach was going to celebrate her 93rd birthday on January 8th we arranged an interview. We are pleased to share some of her story with you.

Originally from Reading, PA, Shirley Lengel's Williamsport roots were planted in 1945 when she accepted an invitation from the Williamsport School District to teach art at Roosevelt Jr. High School- now Jackson Elementary on Newberry Street. Before her move she was employed as an art teacher at Lower Paxton Jr. High School, her first position after graduating from Kutztown State College (now Kutztown University) in 1941.

Clarence "Red" Groover, Roosevelt's principal, introduced Shirley to Fred Dieffenbach in January 1946. Fred, who just returned from service in the U.S. Navy, grew up in Newberry; The Dieffenbach family ties to Newberry go back to the 1870's. Fred and Shirley were engaged in May and married August 3rd that same year. Before starting her family she attended Grad School at Penn State.

In 1950, Shirley gave birth to daughter Linda and son George followed in 1953. She remained a stay-at-home mom until 1956 when, at the behest of Dr. Clyde H. Wurster, Superintendent of Schools, she returned to work in the art department at the old Williamsport High School.

In addition to class work, she was an advisor to *Cherry & White*, the school's magazine; supervised prom decorations and held art contests and exhibitions. When the new high school was built, she was instrumental in setting up the art department. Through the years, Shirley saw many changes in the way art was offered to students; art courses became



*Shirley surrounded by her artwork*

elective and there was a broader focus to include design, fiber art and jewelry.

Because she taught by example and always tried to be positive and encouraging, art became part of the life-style of many of her students, many as hobbyists and some as professionals. Several are quite well known in the area such as Peter Koch, the stained glass artist, whose work can be seen at the J.V Brown Library and Rick Mahonski, designer of fine jewelry, who was greatly influenced by Shirley. "You could tell she loved teaching, she was so soft and loving and really communicated well; she made you feel successful," said Rick. An art teacher for 30 years at Hughesville, Rick modeled his teaching style after Shirley's. Students Max Ameigh and Shirley's daughter Linda (Dieffenbach) Lundy became art teachers and taught locally. Through the years Shirley has also designed jewelry, painted rocks and made quilts. Her hand made Christmas cards are collected and coveted by fortunate recipients. **On behalf of all your former students, friends and neighbors we wish you, Shirley, the happiest of birthdays!!!**



*Roosevelt Jr. High School Faculty photo from The Roosevelt Review, June 1946. Shirley (Lengel) Dieffenbach is in the front row, first one on left. Fred Dieffenbach is the second one from left in the last row.*

# WEST END CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

## Accessibility Ramp

Progress is continuing on our new and improved look at the front entrance of the Community Center. The cement ramp and steps have been poured and the railing has been installed.

All that remains to complete this project is the installation of a new wider front door to accommodate wheelchairs and a canopy that will extend out from the building approximately 12 feet, making your visit to the center more inviting by protecting you from the weather.

We are sorry for the inconvenience of having to use either of our other two entrances – but progress and change improves our lives. We are excited as our project moves toward completion.

## Soup Kitchen

On November 20, 2012 the WECCC Soup Kitchen served a free turkey luncheon the public; three hundred-fifty-three people dined on roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green beans, collard greens, macaroni and cheese, bread, dessert, and a beverage. Christmas music filled the air and a beautifully decorated room welcomed all who came. We sincerely hope you enjoyed your meal with us and that you will join us again. Meals are served on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. We invite everyone to come, sit, eat, and be a part of our family at WECCC.



## Weight Watchers

We are proud to announce that Weight Watchers has joined us at the Community Center. Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in our library. This is the time of year when we become more cognizant of our weight (since many of us over indulged during the holidays) and how it affects our health in general. Debbie and Georgia will be happy to assist you with your weight loss program and start you on a plan to a healthier, slimmer you. For questions or more information call 323-6297.

## Optical Clinic

The Northwestern PA Optical Clinic continues to serve low income individuals and families by making glasses very affordable. If your income meets the guidelines, you may purchase your vision wear for as little as \$36. For more information, call Darlene or Hattie at 601-3399

## Chocolate Easter Egg Spring Fundraiser

Easter comes early this year (March 31st) and the WECCC will once again be making delicious homemade peanut butter and coconut cream eggs - packaged 6 per box. The price was not determined in time for publication. Watch for our banner and/or sign announcing the sale or call the office 323-6297.

~ Submitted by Marge Thompson, Director



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

## Jackson Elementary School

### *Mysterious Mitten Lady of Jackson Elementary*

Jackson Elementary School prides itself in ensuring that students come first. Above all, their physical and emotional needs must be met and then we can teach them. When students need to be warm and dry, we do our best to help with this. Many times teachers send students to the nurse's office for an extra pair of socks, shoes, pants or mittens. Jackson seems to have an incredible supply of the latter.

For the past 14 years, the Mysterious Mitten Lady has been sending her beautiful hand-made mittens to Jackson Elementary. She is a good friend of one of Jackson's retired teachers, who has been the delivery person of this wonderful gift. On cold wintry mornings, when the school nurse sees little ones with no mittens waiting outside for the bell to ring, she takes the students inside with her, lets them choose a pair of mittens and then helps them to write a thank you note to the Mitten Lady. With 30-35 new pairs of mittens to choose from each year, it is never hard for the students to find a pair that they love. Jackson Elementary students say "Thank you dear Mitten Lady, and we wish you the happiest new year ever."

~ *By Lois Grieco (school nurse) and John J. Killian, principal*



engaging atmosphere. Hearts of the school's current students have certainly been warmed by these generous gifts, as many of them expressed how happy they are that this money will help children attend their school. "It means a lot to me that now more kids can come to West Branch. I love making new friends!" an Upstairs student exclaimed while making a thank you card to a contributor. The school's EITC representative, Natali Prindle "think[s] it's wonderful how many local businesses responded to the EITC program this year. Our school can help families join our educational community and the contributors are able to direct their taxes back into that same local community. It's a win-win situation for all involved, and a heart-warming one at that!"

WBS is also gearing up for open houses beginning in January! A team of parents and staff has decided to host 6 days between January and April where interested parents and caregivers can come get a glimpse of the West Branch experience. "We're very excited to invite people in this year to see what all we can offer students," stated a current parent on the admissions committee. Stacie Lakatos, Downstairs teacher said, "we want people to be aware of our constant drive to challenge our students and what better way than invite them in to see?" You can check out West Branch School for yourself on any of the following days:

January 24th 9 – 12 pm, 26th 10 – 2 pm

February 8th 9 – 12 pm

March 19th 9 – 12 pm

April 13th 10 – 2 pm, 17th 9 – 12 pm

## West Branch School

### *School Benefits from Tax Credit Program*

West Branch School is thrilled to announce they have received five contributions totaling \$22,000 from local businesses through the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. The EITC program offers a state tax credit to businesses that choose to contribute to program-approved organizations.

In WBS's case, these funds are for tuition assistance to help families who have a current financial hardship. Among West Branch's contributors are The Animal Hospital on the Golden Strip, Comfort Keepers, Healthy Touch Day Spa & Salon, Waste Management, and Northwest Savings Bank.

As many of our Newberry family already know, West Branch offers an exceptional education with guaranteed low student-teacher ratios in a challenging,



*As Northwest Savings Bank awarded WBS with \$5,000, the students of West Branch School were eager to join the excitement*

## STEP Hosts Annual Meeting Highlights Year In Review



Flood Disaster Recovery Program — Corporate contributors provided over \$309,000, allowing STEP to assist 22 families with getting back into their homes.

Program operations and financial management provide for the long-term sustainability of transportation.



\$5.5 million resulted in the creation of a 30,000 sq. ft. community center providing Clinton County with a one-stop location for all services available under STEP's corporate umbrella.



The evening's program for STEP's Annual Meeting, held at Haywoods on the Water on October 18, 2012, highlighted the *Year In Review*. It focused on three major projects STEP undertook in the 2011-12 fiscal year: the opening of the Clinton County Community Center; STEP Transportation enhancements and changes that provide for the service's long-term sustainability; and the Flood Recovery Program,

which helped 22 families return to their rehabilitated homes following the devastation of the September 2011 Floods.

A record-breaking crowd of over 250 individuals, representing the organization's partners, corporate and individual contributors, board of directors, advisory committees, and employees, attended.

## THE LIGHTS MUST GO ON AT NEWBERRY LITTLE LEAGUE

### Let's Not Leave Our Kids in the Dark

The Newberry Little League is launching a capital campaign to raise \$35,000 for a new lighting system for their major baseball field at the complex located at the corner of Mosser Avenue and Arch Street across from Your Building Center.

On July 7, 2012, one of the light poles was damaged in a storm. Unfortunately, they cannot replace just one pole because new regulations require installing an entirely new lighting system.

The Newberry Little League, a 501(C3) non-profit organization, is 100% run by volunteers, from the board of directors to the coaching staff. "We take great pride in providing the children of portions of Williamsport and DuBoistown an opportunity to learn TEAMWORK, DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP SKILLS, SPORTSMANSHIP and THE JOY OF ATHLETICS in a fun and competitive environment," said Bill Breen, League President.

To learn more about making a donation for the new lighting system e-mail: [nlckrc@comcast.net](mailto:nlckrc@comcast.net) or call at 570-419-4921. Make your donation payable to Newberry Little League and mail to Kristin Caringi at 109 West Hills Drive, Williamsport, PA 17701.

### Registration Schedule for 2013 Season

Newberry Little League will hold registration for the 2013 LL Baseball/Softball Season:

- January 11 – 6 to 8 PM
- January 12 – Noon to 2 PM
- January 18 – 6 to 8 PM
- January 19 – Noon to 2 PM

The cost is \$40 for one child, \$70 for two, \$80 for three or more. Fundraising Buyout is \$35.00. Ages include T-Ball: 4-6 yrs. | Minor: 6-10 yrs. | Majors: 9-12 yrs. All parents must bring proof of birth certificate and 3 proofs of residency.

# WELCOME ANGELO'S!

## New Business Joins Neighborhood

“Great Italian subs”, that’s is what we like being known for, says Robert Oeler, owner of Angelo's Subs in Newberry. “We're happy to be here and happy to serve the people of Newberry and surrounding area. I've always wanted to have a place where I could share the foods that I grew up with. Many Sundays growing up we would go to my grandparents and sit for hours sharing conversation and great food. That is why I decided to name the restaurant Angelo's, after my great-grandfather Angelo Pennella. He had a great love for life and family”.

Angelo's is quickly becoming a common name in Newberry featuring Italian dinners, subs, salads, pizza, and gourmet sandwiches. Every day through the week from 2 pm till 4 pm, they celebrate “Golden Days” where seniors can enjoy 20% off of their check and every Saturday all day is the “buy one cold half sub, get one free” special. Some favorites are the Big Max, Bobby's Big Fish, Coca-Cola Brisket of Beef, the Italian Porketta, Coney Island Dogs, free-topping Pizzas, and the infamous “Munchie Burger”, half-pound angus burger with marshmallow fluff, pickels, peppers, and onions to name a few. Robert operates Angelo's with his wife Dreeste, and their two children, Bobby and Max, (pictured),

whose favorite dish is the pulled pork “Tommy D”, named after Dreeste's father Tom Davison. Dreeste works the front of the house, taking care of the guests and sharing her wonderful; desserts and Robert is in the back taking care of the kitchen. Robert's mother Joanne, “*desserts and baskets... by Grammy Jo*”, always stops by to share her baked goods and visit with the guests.



A wonderful family business located at 2316 Central Avenue in Newberry. We welcome them to our neighborhood and wish them the very best!

## 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](mailto:insideNewberry@yahoo.com).

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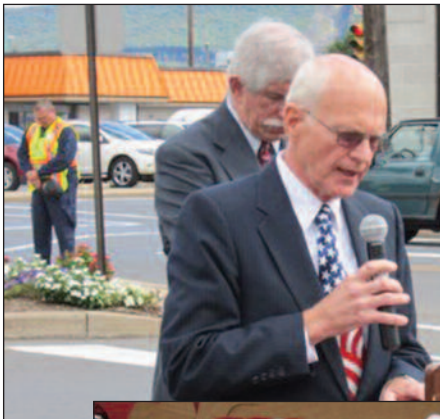
# SIGHTS AND SCENES FROM THE LIGHT OF LIBERTY COMMEMORATION, REDEDICATION & 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

## *A Salute to the Light of Liberty Statue*



When I heard that Newberry was observing the 90th anniversary of the Light of Liberty statue that stands at the intersection of Arch and 4th Streets I knew I wanted to be there. Although it has been 20 years since I have lived in the west end of the city, I still call Newberry my home. Imagine how pleased I was when I learned that my son-in-law, Jeremiah Johnson, an adjunct art professor at Lycoming College had been asked to speak at the ceremonies. My daughter, grand-daughter and mother would then also attend.

On a clear and breezy Sunday in September 2012, we joined about 200 Newberry residents, dignitaries and descendants of the WWI soldiers named on the monument to honor this special landmark which was decorated in red, white and blue ribbons for the occasion. From the speakers I learned that the statue was first dedicated in 1922 and that the artist was Giuseppe Moretti. Color guards gave tribute with a 15 gun salute followed by the solemn sound of the bugle playing Taps. At the close of the ceremony, the celebration continued across the street in the Lycoming Presbyterian Church yard with birthday cake and memorabilia on display from "The Great War".



*~Wilma L. Reeder*

*Budd Bell offers  
Invocation*

*One of three  
birthday cakes  
for the Light of  
Liberty!*



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*Jerry Young presents memorial wreath; a gift from the Elwood Stinson Young family to the Newberry Community in honor of their hero.*

*Marine Corps League Color Guard*



*Bugler  
Wayne  
Peer  
plays  
Taps*



*Artist and Lycoming College  
Adjunct Professor Jeremiah  
Johnson, told us about artist  
Giuseppe Moretti creator of the  
Light of Liberty and the role  
public art plays in building  
community.*

PHOTOS COURTESY OF  
WILMA REEDER

*Some of the WW I memorabilia  
that was on display*



*Marge &  
Steve  
Thompson  
get in the  
spirit and  
step back  
in time to  
help  
celebrate  
the Light  
of Liberty*



# ICE SKATING AT OLD JACKSON

## *Newberry Neighbor Shares Memories*

When I was young, winter meant one thing, ice-skating at Old Jackson Playground. I could hardly wait for it to get cold enough for the blacktop to be flooded and turned into a frozen sheet of glass. When my best friend, Sue Slee and I saw the men from the recreation commission with the large fire hoses, we made plans to be the first on the new ice. We both lived close to the playground; I was just down the alley and she was only catty-cornered across the street so we had a distinct advantage.

The next morning I'd dress in layers, put on my skates in the warmth of my kitchen and use the snow in the alley to make my way to meet Sue at the playground. Oh what joy to glide on the pristine icy plane! Our skates were like wings, no ruts or small pits to catch and make us fall.

Gradually others joined us and games of "steal the hat" would begin. Girls wore long stocking caps, some with tassels and some without that could be grabbed from behind easily. When someone, usually a boy "stole" a cap, the victim and her friends chased him around the rink until caught and the prize cap was returned to the rightful owner. Of course sometimes the other boys helped the mischief-maker in keeping the cap and the sport could go on for quite some time. If it was really cold, the hatless one's ears were in danger of frostbite. At those rare times, a playground supervisor, if present, intervened.

As day turned into night, the flood lights came on so we could keep skating after dark. When we got cold, we warmed ourselves with hot chocolate that parents provided at the pavilion or huddled around the fire in the burn barrel that the supervisor had built. Eventually the lateness of the hour and hunger called each of us to our own homes for supper. As I came through the kitchen door, my cheeks rosy and burning, I breathlessly announced what a great time I had and how I couldn't wait to go back tomorrow.

*~ Submitted by Wilma L. Reeder*



*These boys take to the ice at the Old Jackson Playground in the west end of Williamsport in January 1954. (Photo reprinted from NorthcentralPA.com's facebook site).*

*Lifelong Williamsport native & Newberry resident*

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## The Encores Perform at Albright LIFE

"The Encores", formed by members of the New Horizons Band from Robert M. Sides, recently entertained the participants at Albright LIFE (Living Independently For Elders) with their first Christmas Concert of the Season. Under the direction of conductors Al Nacinovich, Lucy Henry and Judy Shellenberger, the band played many holiday tunes including popular hymns, Chanukah selections, and a Muppet Medley. Their final selection, a merger of "The Stars and Stripes" and "Jingle Bells" put everybody in the Holiday Spirit!



Albright LIFE participant Jerry Mulberger and his mother Juanita Mulberger, a drummer in the New Horizons Band.



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If there is a sidewalk fronting your property on any street, lane or alley (including corner crosswalk), snow must be removed from the full width of your sidewalk within six (6) hours after ceasing to fall. This applies to vacant lot owners as well. Please do not pile removed snow on the street, or block any fire hydrant or sewer opening. If you usually park on the street, please consider moving your car to another location to avoid being plowed in. Please do not park on the sidewalk and block pedestrians. On behalf of your neighbors, Thank You.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVITIES

### *Thank You from NCP*

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# WHERE WE CAME FROM! – WHERE ARE WE GOING?

## *Where we came from! – Where are we going?*

~ By Dick Hostrander founder of *insideNewberry*

Have you ever given much thought to where we as a Newberry Community came from?

Have you ever given much thought to where we as a Newberry Community are going?

**Where we came from?** These questions often cross the recesses of my mind. Where we came from, the founding fathers of our Newberry community evidently were very keen and responsible individuals, who must have given much thought process outlining the boundaries, the streets, the laying out of lots for homes, the do's, the don'ts and all of the necessary issues that had to take place in order to propagate this fine community we call home. Of course all these necessary processes did not happen at once but must have taken over the course of many years to develop a very determined people that knew their recently made accomplishments would eventually bring about a place for all of us to be proud of. But someone must have had a plan because eventually, even though Newberry is one year older than Williamsport, there had to be access to the surrounding area so we as a people could develop into mutual sharing communities, i.e., businesses, manufacturing, organizations and government. Can you just imagine doing this in an age without the aid of the technology we have at our finger tips today? What must have that been like without the aid of the automobile, the transit system, the phone systems, the construction and computer technologies? **And probably the most important part of all had to be their awareness of calling each other neighbor and the ability to work together in order for this process to even have a chance of succeeding.** Yes our forefathers here in Newberry were without a doubt a people that had a plan, a sharing of ideas, to then come together, in an age where it had to have taken years to implement all of their opinions, concepts and knowledge. And yes, we people of Newberry and Jaysburg can be extremely proud and pleased with what they have given us and then to those that came after them to keep the dream alive and to further the development of what we have today.

**Where are we going?** This is the most difficult question! It is very easy to research the question, where we came from? Because our history is recorded and there for all to learn and research if needed, however where we are going poses many different opinions and questions. First, because we are no longer just Newberry or Jaysburg whether we like it or not. We are now are part of a much wider and diverse community, we are a part of the Williamsport

community and the other communities that surround us that are just minutes away given the intricate lanes of roads and highways, and the aid of all the technological systems that are in place today. The technological advancements that we know today will take care of themselves because we do not have control or know what might be coming. The age in which we live is moving so rapidly, that we need to take a time out, to be able to reflect on our neighbors, relatives, and yes our families and not lose sight of these necessary standards. Many of us hurry through life going from one place to the next, focused on conquering the next mountain, making the next deal, running the next errand, and believing we will never have enough time to do all the things we need to get done. The Newberry Community events such as the latest 90th anniversary of the World War I Memorial in Monument Square, the Newberry/Jaysburg 2012 Tree Lighting event held at the corner of Arch and West Third Streets and the annual Festival and Flea Market in Newberry Park and Inside Newberry get together are good hometown events that bring neighbors, families and community together at one setting for all to enjoy.

So when we take time to reflect **where we are going** don't get caught up in the euphoric standards of today that have a way of controlling our lives but become in tune with what's going on within us, our Newberry community and especially our families. Then and only then will we be able to determine where we are going!

**A very famous professor gave this to his philosophy class to ponder:** He stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large empty pickle jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls.

He then asked his students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two glasses of chocolate milk from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand.

# WHERE WE CAME FROM!

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The students laughed.

**The Moral of the Story** - The professor waited for the laughter to subside....

“Now,” said the professor, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the **important things...your family, your children, your health, your friends, your favorite passions.** Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.”

“The pebbles are the **other things that matter** like your **job, your home, your car.**”

“The sand is **everything else...The small stuff.** If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. **If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are critical to your happiness.**”

“Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house or fix the disposal.”

**“Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities, the rest is just sand.”**

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# DOLLARS FOR DIAMOND STREET EVENT HELD

## *Habitat Partners with Lycoming College Business Class*

Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity thanked Dr. Neil Boyd and the Lycoming College Business 244 students for helping expand their Pork and Sauerkraut dinner this year into the Dollars for Diamond Street Community Carnival event and Pork and Sauerkraut dinner. The event took place on October 27th at Newberry Church of Christ as part of a service learning project that was coordinated with Ana White, Home Development Coordinator for Greater Lycoming



Habitat for Humanity. Proceeds from the event will support Habitat's next home build in the 700 block of Diamond Street in the Newberry neighborhood.

Habitat homes are rehabilitated or built primarily with volunteers using money contributed by supporters. The

families Habitat partners with have to go through a selection process that includes income verification, seeing if they are credit worthy and financially



*The Lycoming College students pictured in front of the Habitat offices and ReStore at 540 Lycoming Street.*

responsible. Families who qualify for Habitat homes pay their mortgage back over a 30-year period with no interest. They are also required to work 250 hours for each adult in the household as sweat equity, with 100 hours working on their own home. These hard-working families work with volunteers not only to build homes, but to build strong relationships and give back to the community they live in.

## **Ana White Named New Home Development Coordinator**

Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity announced the recent appointment of Ana White as the organization's Home Development Coordinator. White previously served as the Client Care Coordinator for Comfort Keepers.

In her new position, Ana will organize fundraising for construction activities, oversee build grants, serve as the liaison on various committees, work with and develop ongoing volunteer activities, maintain all construction administration, assist with the annual campaign and continue to foster relationships within the community.

"I am excited to take this position with Habitat to work in any way I can to help serve a base of families in our community in need of housing and continue Habitat for Humanity's home-building goals." White stated.

White, who resides in Williamsport with her husband, Peter, and four sons, has served in volunteer capacities for the American Cancer Society, served on the Alumni Board at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania and is a member of her vestry at Christ Episcopal Church.

Bob Hickox, Executive Director said, "As a non-profit, Habitat operates with a small staff which calls for tireless work on their part and committed volunteers are an important piece and are vitally important. Habitat relies on significant and continuing support from the community to meet the mission of eliminating substandard housing in the community. We are happy to welcome Ana White to our team."

To learn more or to participate in Habitat's home-building program or to volunteer, you can visit online at [lycominghabitat.org](http://lycominghabitat.org)





Members of the Jackson Art Club in front of their most recent mural, "Newberry Field of Dreams"

## JACKSON ART CLUB MURAL UNVEILED

### *Another Beautiful Addition to Jaysburg/Newberry*

The latest mural by the Jackson Art Club, "Newberry Field of Dreams" was unveiled Wednesday, December 19th to a packed house of parents, friends and dignitaries. This sixth mural celebrates Little League and depicts a group of players from Newberry's 2012 District 12 Champions.

Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Kelly said that at a time when most school districts are looking to cut art programs, she was proud to be a part of one that brings art to so many students. Quahme Powell, a member of the art club said it was nice that so many people of the community showed support for the club and what it was doing.

The mural will be displayed on the back of a dugout at the Newberry Little League field on Arch Street. A public celebration of the mural's installation will take place on opening day of the Little League season. (Date to be Announced).

*Funding was made possible through the City of Williamsport Cultural Grant Program and administered by the Newberry Community Partnership.*

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## UNDER CONSTRUCTION

### *A New Minit Mart*

In case you are wondering what all that heavy equipment and trucks are doing on the north-west corner of West Fourth Street, Nittany Oil Company is constructing a new Minit Mart. The 3000 square foot store will feature Touch Screen ordering for food and inside seating and umbrella covered outside seating; Public Restrooms and 18 parking stalls; a four pump canopy with 8 positions for gas and 4 to get on road diesel fuel. Home heating oil will also be offered. The store is expected to open early March.

*The Nittany Minit Mart is coming down...to make room for a brand new building, gas pumps and even an outdoor seating area.*



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## UPCOMING NEWBERRY-RELATED EVENTS

### JANUARY 2013

#### Newberry Little League Sign-Up

- Friday, January 11 – 6 to 8 PM
- Saturday, January 12 – Noon to 2 PM
- Friday, January 18 – 6 to 8 PM
- Saturday, January 19 – Noon to 2 PM
- See page 9 for further details

**Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

### FEBRUARY 2013

**Sunday, February 10 – Chinese New Year**

**Thursday, February 14 – Valentine's Day**

**Monday, February 18 – President's Day**

- Most government offices closed

#### **Saturday, February 23 – Lycoming Presbyterian Church Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner**

- 4:30 to 6:30 PM, 825 Arch Street in Newberry
- Pork, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Applesauce, Roll, Beverage and Homemade Dessert
- \$8.00 Adults, \$3.50 Children 10-3 Years, Children Under 3, Absolutely Free

### MARCH 2013

**Sunday, March 10 – Daylight Savings Begins**

- Set your clocks AHEAD one hour

**Sunday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day**

**Wednesday, March 20 – First Day of Spring**

#### **Thursday, March 28 – Lycoming Presbyterian Church Maundy Thursday Service**

- 7:00 PM, St. John's-Newberry UM Church Chapel

**Friday, March 29 – Good Friday**

#### **Friday, March 29 – Lycoming Presbyterian Church Good Friday Service**

- Noon to 3 PM, St. John's-Newberry UM Church Chapel

#### **Saturday, March 29 – Lycoming Presbyterian Church Spaghetti Dinner**

- 4:30 to 6:30 PM, 825 Arch Street in Newberry
- Spaghetti, Sauce, 2 Large Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Beverage and Homemade Dessert
- \$8.00 Adults, \$3.50 Children 10-3 Years, Children Under 3, Absolutely Free

**Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday**

#### **Sunday, March 31 – Lycoming Presbyterian Church Easter Services**

- Easter Sunrise Service – 7:30 AM, Colonial Park (weather permitting, otherwise in the Chapel); Continental Breakfast to follow; ALL ARE WELCOME
- Easter Worship Service – 10:45 AM

### APRIL 2013

#### **Saturday, April 20 – Original Sons of Italy Lodge 138 Ladies Night Out**

- 7:00 to 11:00 PM, Duboistown Fire Hall, Euclid Avenue
- Tickets \$20.00 – Only 275 tickets will be sold!
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