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## A New Beginning

### A Changing of the Guard

It's been 10 years since a proper and petite woman took on the Herculean task of managing and editing the publication you are currently reading.

**insideNewberry**, in its current form, has been published four times a year thanks to Alannah Gabriel and her determination,

organization and sincere belief that Newberry is a great place to live and work. Alannah's leadership on the Newberry Community Partnership, the publisher of **insideNewberry**, made it possible for the Partnership to accomplish many things, the least of which is its continuing to meet, plan and execute ideas that benefit all who call Newberry home. While it will be impossible to replace her in all of her capacities, I'm going to try to fill her shoes in one respect: Managing Editor of **insideNewberry**.

My wife Tracey and I bought our Newberry home in 2010, and shortly thereafter I became a member of the Newberry Community Partnership. It was later that I learned that the partnership is the publisher of **insideNewberry**. When Alannah expressed a desire to pass on the reigns, I realized that, being in the media business my whole life, this was an opportunity to put my experience to work for my community.

So as this New Year begins, so is the new **insideNewberry** beginning to take shape. There will be some changes to our beloved publication. Nothing drastic or overwhelming, but subtle and with forethought, with the intention of maintaining the formula that our readers appreciate, while exploring new avenues of what **insideNewberry** can do to benefit the residents and businesses that make Newberry home. As the reader, I hope you've enjoyed **insideNewberry** these past ten years, and I hope that you'll continue to follow our progress, patronize our sponsors, and do your part to make Newberry a great place to live and work. As the new Managing Editor, I'll do my best to bring you information and entertainment that will, in some small way, enrich your lives and make you proud to live and work in Newberry.

~ Bob Woodley



Alannah Gabriel will be passing the insideNewberry managing editor torch to fellow Newberrian Bob Woodley.

# The Passing of a Fellow Newberrian

**JAMES A. "JIM" SAUERS SR.**

**November 30, 1933 – November 12, 2016**

We mark the passing of a beloved Newberrian and founder of Tiremasters, which opened in 1985, and continues to be owned and operated by second and third generation family members. Jim's passion for working on cars, stock car racing, NASCAR and baseball began in his youth and never diminished. He played on the Original Little League field under Carl Stotz from 1943 to 1946.



*Photo courtesy of J & C Forever Photographer*

He followed every playoff and championship game of Little League throughout his life. Jim played softball in the Lower East Lycoming Softball League with his sons and sons-in-law and also took great pleasure in coaching and managing.

Even after his playing days were over, his love of the sport continued by sponsoring Little League and softball teams in the Williamsport area.

If asked what he cherished most in life, he would tell you: God, family and music, in that order. In 1952 Jim met the love of his life, Mary Ann Kohler and they married Oct. 10, 1953. Together they raised eight children. Their unbreakable bond lasted for 63 years.

Jim was a member of the Buchanan Baptist Church. He felt it wasn't about the "religion" but a "relationship" with the Lord. As self-taught guitar and harmonica player, he shared his passion of the Gospel through his music. Over time his children learned different instruments and joined him to sing along. Sing-a-longs became practices and the Sauers Family Singers came into being. Through the decades they performed in many venues in the area. For Jim, singing and playing with his daughters was a highlight of his life.

His unconditional love, respect and forgiveness, which he practiced daily throughout his life, is his legacy to his family and an inspiration to everyone fortunate to have met him during his time with us.

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**Note: Please visit [www.sandersmortuary.com](http://www.sandersmortuary.com) for a more detailed and inspiring tribute to Jim.**

# Lycoming County SPCA Celebrates 125th Anniversary

June 13, 1892 the Lycoming County SPCA's charter was recorded and so began our journey to protect domestic animals throughout the county.

Today we are a full-service, open admission shelter servicing thousands of animals of all species each year. In addition to helping to rehome animals we are the only agency in the county besides the police with the authority to investigate and prosecute animal cruelty cases.

If you haven't been to the shelter recently we invite you to stop by to visit. We opened a three room addition in 2013 and exercise a number of policies and practices that have reduced euthanasia dramatically as well as a number of new programs including a summer camp for school age children. Many of the activities may be found in the SPCA's 125th Anniversary Pawtraits Calendar or on-line at [www.lycomingspca.org](http://www.lycomingspca.org).



*~ Mindee Lyon*

*Director of Development  
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more about Newberry Lions  
or to become a member.

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## Greetings!

### GOOD NEWS FOR NEWBERRY!



The Williamsport  
Bicycle Club is working  
through the steps to have our bike route map approved  
by the City. So far committee members have reacted  
positively. A \$75K state grant was recently approved for  
the design phase of the extension from Maynard St. to  
Susquehanna State Park.

### ENJOY WINTER – AND THINK SPRING!

Unless it's heavy snow, high winds, or winter mix, it's  
okay for biking. So put on the hat, scarf, gloves, and  
heavy socks. Remember the helmet and the light – it  
gets dark early. If you need a "get around town bike,"  
check us on Craig's list for what's available or go to  
[www.facebook.com/williamsportbicyclerecycle](http://www.facebook.com/williamsportbicyclerecycle).  
Better yet, stop in and see what's in the ready-for-sale  
department. You might see something that reminds you  
of spring in the Valley.

### WINTER ACTIVITIES AT THE SHOP

After some time off over the holidays, we'll be open  
our usual Mon. and Wed. 6-9 starting January 9, 2017.  
If the weather's really bad, check our Facebook page for  
announcements.

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# Updates from Newberry's Schools

## Jackson Primary School

### A TIME OF REFLECTION

The midway point of the year is near making this a perfect time to reflect and plan ahead. It is also a time to be thankful and look for opportunities to celebrate and give back.

This past fall and winter we organized supplies collected to support troops, collected more than 1000 cans for the Salvation Army's food drive and made a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.



school. Students will be able to practice their math facts each time they climb the stairs in the building. The goal of the project is to build math fact fluency with automatic recall of basic math facts by making them visually available, benefitting all students in the school.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP AND KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AT JACKSON

#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS LINK:

<http://tinyurl.com/JACKSONCALENDAROFEVENTS>.

#### FACEBOOK LINK:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonWASD/>

~ By Kirk C. Felix, Principal



Grimace poses with Jackson Primary School students who raised the most funds for the Ronald McDonald House.

### JACKSON IS AWARDED GRANT TO INSTALL MATH STAIRS

Diane Franzen applied for a grant from Williamsport Area School District's Education Foundation and the school was awarded \$1497 to mount basic math fact plates to the riser of each of the steps throughout the

## Lycoming Nursery School

### HALF WAY OVER!

As our school year is half way over we begin to make plans for the coming year. Starting in March, we will be accepting applications for the 2017-2018 session.

Lycoming Nursery School is a non-profit preschool certified by the PA Department of Education. Our goals are to teach and develop the basic readiness skills and concepts needed to master the subject matter taught in succeeding school years. We develop these skills through art, music, creative play, physical activities and social interaction. Ages encouraged are 3,4 &5. Preschool provides a place where your child can gain a sense of self, explore, play with his/her peers, and build confidence.

To find out more, please like us on Facebook, visit our website [www.lycomingnurseryschool.com](http://www.lycomingnurseryschool.com) or call the registrar, Amber, at 570-772-4508.



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Lycoming Nursery School students

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## West Branch School

### SEASONAL TRADITIONS AT WEST BRANCH SCHOOL

Traditions are a very important part of West Branch School's culture. Two fun and meaningful traditions occur each November and December. On the day before Thanksgiving, the WBS community participates in Feast Day. In the morning of Feast Day, students have the opportunity to go to the homes of classmates to create a food item they later share at the lunchtime "feast." Parent volunteers are an integral part of this tradition, as they graciously invite small groups of students into their homes to bake or cook together. At noon, students are joined by parents, extended family, the teachers, and WBS alumni to share the Thanksgiving feast. The students also provide decorations and hand-made placemats for the event. Feast Day is a wonderful



The West Branch School community gathers together to celebrate Feast Day 2016

tradition that brings the West Branch School community together to celebrate a spirit of thankfulness.

A second tradition occurs in late December when West Branch School honors the diversity of its community by "celebrating the season" with a Solstice Party. Early in the month, each student selects the name of another student and is asked to create a homemade gift for that person. This heartfelt tradition places the focus on the creativity and uniqueness of each student and helps to foster a spirit of giving and generosity. As the students sit together in a circle and take turns opening their gifts in front of everyone, there is a noticeable sense of appreciation for both the giver and recipient. The Solstice Party also includes a carol sing-a-long, which all of the students enjoy.

Look for more details about one of our most notable traditions, the West Branch School Fair that takes place in the spring. For more information about West Branch School, visit our website: [www.westbranchschool.org](http://www.westbranchschool.org).



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### SPRING LITTER CLEAN-UP DATE ANNOUNCED

Celebrate Earth Day 2017 with NCP's Safe, Clean & Green Team. The Spring Litter Pick-Up Event will be held Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 9:30 AM to Noon. Look for more details in the April issue of *insideNewberry*.

Volunteers at our fall Let's Pick Up Newberry event picked up 90 pounds of trash and 45 pounds of recyclable material along our roadways and side streets.





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## NCSS to Host First Annual Camp Vision

North Central Sight Services, Inc. hosted its inaugural Camp Vision this past September at Camp Victory, a special camp for special kids, located in Millville, Pa. Camp Vision is a unique camp for visually impaired children and their families. This first group of youngsters enjoyed a weekend packed full of adventures, no matter what the weather had in store.

In attendance was NCSS super ambassador Mason Chapman, with his mom Megan Rogers and younger brother Christopher. "We had an amazing weekend full of priceless moments and new first experiences, such as rock climbing, zip lining, archery, paddle boating, arts and crafts, faith trail hikes, music, and great company," said Megan Rogers. "We are grateful for this amazing organization that helps reinforce the fact that there are no limits to what our children can do!"

Creating an experience unlike any other for these children was exactly what NCSS Program and Services Director, Tracy Haas, had in mind. "Our time at Camp Victory was a phenomenal experience," says Tracy Haas. "They were truly prepared to help children of every ability and stood right alongside the NCSS staff cheering the children on during activities."

At Camp Victory they are proud to say that the kids

are special and the camp is special. From hosting their first residential campers during the summer of 1994 to more than twenty years later and over 30,000 overnight campers and counselors, Camp Victory knows how to create a memorable experience. Haas states, "We are so thankful to Camp Victory and their staff for helping us to feel completely at home while giving these families once in a lifetime experiences and memories."

Camp Vision allows NCSS to touch the lives of so many blind and visually impaired children. Plans are in the works for Camp Vision 2017, with more adventures and memories just waiting to be made. To learn more, go to [campvictory.org/](http://campvictory.org/)



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# West Branch School to Perform Macbeth at the Community Theatre League

**JOIN US MARCH 10TH, 11TH & 12TH!**

Fourteen students sit huddled in a circle, scripts in hand. Three students cry out in unison, "Double, double, toil and trouble...fire burn and cauldron bubble." Another student responds, bent over like a frail woman: "Fillet of a fenny snake, in the cauldron boil and bake..." The students, acting as three witches, continue to cackle and banter back and forth.



At West Branch School, students aren't afraid to tackle the dialogues of one of the greatest playwrights in history: William Shakespeare. Over the course of several months, students will not only act out the story of Macbeth, but learn the vocabulary of the play, wrestle with deep themes, analyze characters, and study its history. Students emerge at the end of studying a Shakespearean play with a broadened understanding of people, language, history, and themselves. As they rehearse their lines and study the story, they grow exponentially in confidence. Students become teachers as they take the stage, acting out characters that illuminate themes we see across cultures, across time, across generations.

Come out to see this growth for yourself and support our local students! West Branch School will be performing Shakespeare's Macbeth at the Community Theatre League on March 10th at 10:30 AM, 11th at 7:30 PM, and 12th at 2:00 PM. Please call 570-323-5495 for more details and to buy your tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Newberry commercial property owners should take note that the Williamsport Commercial Facade



Program is back. The program offers low interest loans for repairs and improvements to the exterior of commercial property (think coffee bar, barber shop, auto repair, retail store, etc.). The City Hall Community Development Office is taking applications now for work to be done next spring. This is the time to think about getting a new roof, windows or doors. What about a business sign, handicapped accessibility improvements or a new paint job? The City will help you get bids for the work too. The CD Office explained that new construction is not eligible, they can only work on commercial sections of a building and that any hazardous conditions have to be addressed before making cosmetic improvements.

You can apply for a 3% interest loan of up to \$10,000. Monthly repayment is required. So if you have a commercial site located in Newberry (or anywhere else in the City of Williamsport) call the Community Development Office at 570-327-7513 and make repairs and improvements to your business. You can get an application or just get more information. As always, funds are limited, so act now.

*~ Mary M. Rucinski, Assistant Director  
Community Development*

# Newberry RR Corridor Quiet Zone Update

The completion of the Newberry grade crossing safety upgrades and closure of the Depot Street crossing is set for this spring, according to Jeff Stover, Executive Director SEDA COG Joint Rail Authority.

"Our signal contractor informs us that he plans on doing the grade crossing upgrades at the beginning of March (weather dependent)," Jeff said. That means that work will be done on Howard and Arch Streets to upgrade protection at both crossings to four-quadrant gates. The closing of Depot Street is part of this corridor project. An exact date for that closure has not been set, but should be done shortly after the crossing upgrades. The closure needs to be closely coordinated with the City of Williamsport and the Lycoming Valley Railroad.

# Newberry Little League History Part III

## FROM 1952 TO THE PRESENT

In 1952, the League had changed their name from Lincoln Boys League to Newberry Little League. League President Dave Kramer would guide the League through many successes for all but one of 23 years. At this time Little League did not have a minor, t-ball, softball or any other of the many Leagues they have now. At the beginning you played morning ball and if you were good enough then you played evening ball, which was the "major" boys. If you made the evening league as a 9 year old you had to be one "heckuva player".

It was during this time that the locals would get to know the name of Frank Rizzo, one of the founding members and longtime Little League Umpire. From 1947 to 1988, Mr. Rizzo officiated in 41 Little League World Series.

Of the many men who donated decades of their lives to carry on the Newberry Little League tradition several stand out in my mind. Fred Heaps coached for many years and led the last local team to the World Series in 1969 and in 1973 his team brought home the Eastern Regional Championship and State Championship. Mr. John Gioshinski also devoted 24 years of service to Newberry Little League.

During these years we had the somber moment when the first Little League member, Victor Staccone, a graduate of the 1946 team lost his life in service to his country during the Korean conflict in 1951!

As the years went by local leaders and coaches groomed the young players and won several local championships but always fell short at higher levels of competition.

In 1967 and 1968 Newberry Little League lost in the State round to Latrobe to return home as section champs.

Then magic struck in 1969. These boys of summer went undefeated until they made it back home for the World Series.

### 1969 NEWBERRY LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

Fred Heaps – Manager  
Jim Hamilton – Coach

Pitchers – Steve Carney, Don Cohick  
Catcher – Mike Prowant  
First Base Steve Kramer  
Second Base – Joe Saboski  
Third Base – Rusty Sechler  
Right Field – Allen Reed  
Centerfield – Randy Vaughn  
Left Field – Doug Cline  
Reserves – Tom Green, Jim Hamilton, Brian Nasdeo, Scott Peterson, Steve Salvatore

Newberry's first game was rained out. In the then single elimination tournament they faced the team from Santa Clara, CA. They lost a well fought game 2-0 against future major leaguer Carney Lansford, who went 0 and 2 against a great Don Cohick. In the two remaining games Newberry defeated Weisbaden, Germany 4-0 and defeated Puerto Rico 2-1 to place number 5 in the world.



The Newberry Little League is still alive and well. Its leaders are committed to someday creating a team to make it to the World Series. The recent success of the Endwell, NY team and the Newberry 1969 team tells us that even small communities can produce world-class teams. Plus, exposing our youth to the sportsmanship, teamwork and little league morals will benefit the entire community. Get involved and volunteer for in the Newberry Little League. Just a few hours will make a difference.

~ Submitted by Mike Stahl, Vice President,  
Newberry Little League



### NEWBERRY LITTLE LEAGUE 2017 PLAYER REGISTRATION

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017 – 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017 – 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017 – 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017 – 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Newberry Little League Complex**

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States die every year from accidental nonfire-related CO poisoning associated with consumer products, including generators. Other products include faulty, improperly used or incorrectly vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fireplaces.

Learn what you can do to protect your family from the dangers of CO:

- Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of CO.
- Install CO alarms in a central location outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of your home.
- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows and vents.
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of debris.

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Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, including:

- Mental confusion
- Vomiting
- Loss of muscular coordination
- Loss of consciousness
- Ultimately death

If you are in need of a CO alarm, or to schedule a home fire safety check contact the Williamsport Bureau of Fire at 570-327-1602.

# Master Gardeners

## Classes to Get Through the Winter Blues



The Penn State Master Gardeners of Lycoming County classes to get you thinking of garden preparation. All classes will be held at the County Lysock View Complex, 542 County Farm Rd., Montoursville PA. Seating is limited, registration for the programs is required. Registration may be done online for each specific event <http://extension.psu.edu/lycoming/events> or by calling the Extension office at 570-433-3040.

### January 28 GARDEN JOURNALING

**10:00-11:30 AM** – Want to start the new year off right by keeping better gardening plans, projects, and data? This is the class for you!

### February 11 PREPARING THE GARDEN: SOIL TESTING KNOW-HOW 10:00-11:30 AM

– Plans of abundant produce, flowers and lawn start with testing the soil.

**February 18 PRUNING TREES** – Find out where to make the correct cuts, when is the best time, and how to properly prune.

**March 11 LASAGNA GARDENING AND RAISED BEDS 9:00-10:30 AM** – Plan and be prepared for spring!

### March 18 PRUNING LANDSCAPE ORNAMENTALS AND SHRUBS 9:00-10:30 AM

– Learn proper management practices in the home landscape.

### March 25 RAIN BARRELS

– Learn about the importance of home owner's storm water management, how rain barrels help you be good water stewards, and go home with a rain barrel! Fee for program.



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## **PennDOT Update for Newberry Area**

### ***West Fourth Street Improvements to Restart***

Preparation for PennDOT's West Fourth Street reconstruction project in Newberry will continue in the spring of 2017 with the completion of upgrades to the project detour route.

This work, which includes roadway and railroad crossing upgrades and water line work on Trenton Avenue, widening and paving on McMinn Avenue and minor work at the intersection of Poplar Street, is expected to be completed by November 2017. A temporary signal also will be installed at the intersection of Route 15 and West Third Street and an additional turn lane will be constructed on the Route 15 northbound off ramp. These upgrades must be made before any roadway reconstruction work can begin on West Fourth Street.

The reconstruction of West Fourth Street won't begin until 2018 though there is the potential for utility relocations and maintenance and repairs to the roadway surface in 2017. The reconstruction project limits are from Hillside Drive to the west and the US 15 ramps to the east. Work includes full depth reconstruction of the street, new curbs and sidewalks, ADA curb ramp upgrades, driveway and street tie-ins, storm sewer upgrades and the replacement of antiquated traffic signals. West Fourth Street also will be milled and resurfaced from Moore Avenue to the bridge spanning Lycoming Creek as part of this project.

Contractors will close only the section of West Fourth Street on which they are actively working, not the entire roadway at once. Traffic will have access to all portions of West Fourth Street except where work is being performed. Side street access also will be available.

The pavement on West Fourth Street currently is severely deteriorated. The brick and concrete subbase was constructed in the 1920s and can no longer support the pavement. Simply paving over the deteriorated base is no longer efficient or economical.

Local residents and business owners will see a significant, long-term improvement in the condition of West Fourth Street once the project is completed.

## **NCP Thank You's**

### ***7th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting***

In spite of the inclement weather on Tuesday, December 6th, Santa and his elf Bernard made it to the corner of West Third and Arch Street to be on hand for the Newberry Community Partnership's 7th Annual Christmas tree lighting and found intrepid Newberrians there to greet him. Although the gathering was smaller than in past years, the ceremony proceeded as planned. Steve Hulslander, sans guitar, led the caroling and Master of Ceremony, Bob Woodley, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Newberry Community Partnership and acknowledged those who made the event possible:

Rick Dill, Karen Hostrander and the Brodart staff for hosting Santa & Bernard and treating us to hot chocolate

Joe & Trina Rinker of Harvest Moon Plaza for cookies and coffee

Sherry & Craig Strayer & Newberry Sub Shop for a beautiful Christmas Tree

Lamar Advertising for furnishing electric to light the tree

And last but not least, Mayor Campana and the great guys from the Streets and Parks Department for setting up and decorating the tree and hanging the lighted Christmas wreaths on West Fourth Street and Arch Street.

### ***NCP Fund Raising Events***

Newberry Community Partnership's fundraising events were made successful through the leadership and effort of Laura "Dolli" Lambert who worked tirelessly to organize and secure prizes for a 2-hour Hiawatha Concert Cruise with Miz Ida 'n the All Nightas and a Basket Raffle. Thank you to the individuals and businesses that donated prizes:

Faxon Bowling Lanes, Equinox Ltd., Clyde Peeling's Reptileland, Bastress Mountain Winery, Helminak's GreenHouse & Nursery, Kast Hotel, Mileto's Sub Shop, Newberry Sub Shop, Shop Vac, and Woodlands Bank.

The bands who donated their time to entertain us at the first Newberry Community Fair: Mums the Word, Ic-a-Nikki, and Leo Wheeland and the Wheelin' & Dealin' Band.

# A Word from the West End Christian Community Center (WECCC)

Nothing is constant but change. But with everything changing some things still remain. Winter still comes. Indeed it is here. But, spring is sure to follow. Christmas came blessedly, but yes, went also. Thank you to all who made our toy sale such a success. Many children received quality, clean, gently used toys and were happy on Christmas morning. Our Soup Kitchen had a wonderfully successful "Christmas" dinner on December 19th. Thanks to all who helped as well. Because of donations and help we are still able to serve all who come through our doors with a hot meal 4 times per week. Our Shoe Express was able to give about 200 more pairs of brand new sneakers to children who needed them than they had in 2015, thanks to many of your donations. This allowed our volunteers to purchase what they needed at bargain prices and give around 700 pairs of shoes away.

One constant is aging, as most of us know too well. So, we must say good-bye to our beautiful old Maple tree that graced Diamond Street for many years. Alas, it just had too much dead in it and was a hazard to cars parking, and people walking, under it.

## Fresh Express Food & Clothing Giveaway Scheduled

Newberry Christian Center, 2100 Linn Street will be offering Food & Clothing Giveaway's Thursdays, 4:00 to 6:00 PM on these dates: **January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 2 & 16**. The only requirement is that you fill out a brief form and bring your own shopping bag or container. The food is given out first come first served. Free clothing will also be available. Questions? Call 570-326-0731.

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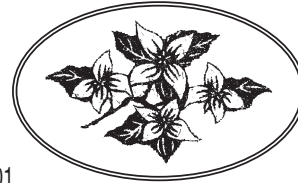


As the winter days trudge on, please continue to come see what we have going on in the Clothes Closet and Thrift Shop, or enjoy the fare coming from our Soup Kitchen. Getting out and about is good for us all on winter days, as long of course as it isn't too icy. So be safe. Be kind. And, until we meet again, God bless you.

~ Todd Penman, Executive Director

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 – New Year's Day

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 – New Year's Day  
Observed (Federal Holiday)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 – Orthodox Christmas

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 – Martin Luther King Day

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 – Chinese New Year

## FEBRUARY 2017

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – Groundhog Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Valentine's Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – President's Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – Lycoming Presbyterian  
Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

- 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Take-outs available at 4:00 PM
- \$9.00 - Adults, \$4.00 - Children
- Handicap Accessible
- Parking off Funston Avenue (behind the church)
- Join us Sunday mornings...Sunday School 9:30 AM, Worship 10:45 AM, followed by a time of fellowship. You are always welcome to join us!

## MARCH 2017

MARCH 10, 11, 12 – West Branch School Performs  
Macbeth

- See page 7 for more details

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 – Ash Wednesday

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 – Daylight Savings Time  
Starts – Set Clocks Ahead One Hour

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 – St. Patrick's Day

MONDAY, MARCH 20 – Spring Equinox

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 – Lycoming Presbyterian  
Spaghetti Dinner

- \$9.00 - Adults, \$4.00 - Children
- Take-outs available at 4:00 PM
- Handicap Accessible
- Parking off Funston Avenue (behind the church)

## APRIL 2017

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – Palm Sunday

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 – Good Friday

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – Easter Sunday

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 – Tax Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017 – Celebrate Earth Day

- Spring Litter Pick-Up, 9:30 AM to Noon
- More details in the April issue of *insideNewberry*