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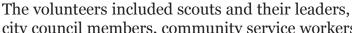
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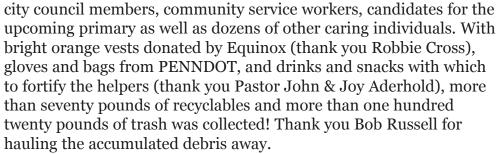
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THEY DID IT AGAIN!

NCP's Safe, Clean & Green Team Holds Successful Spring Litter Pick-Up

On April 27 under an inviting, sunny, spring sky, more than forty residents of the greater Williamsport area gathered at the WECCC to participate in the bi-annual CLEAN-UP NEWBERRY DAY.





The Newberry Community Partnership's Safe, Clean, and Green committee sponsored the event. The April clean-up coincides with international Earth Day activities and the KEEP PA. BEAUTIFUL program.

As the snows of winter melted, the eyesore of litter was extreme. Let us all ask ourselves: How do we raise awareness so that the

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THEY DID IT AGAIN!

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streets, parks, yards and alleyways stay litter free instead of quickly becoming trashed again?

Education of young people is a crucial step in solving this problem. Here are some ideas to incorporate at schools and in your households with young children:

- 1. Create a goofy looking "litterbug" out of paper, or trash, or any other medium and label it with a sign: DON'T BE A LITTERBUG!! Hang it on the fridge to remind everyone.
- 2. Learn some songs and make up new verses such as the following:

THE EARTH HELPERS SONG

(The tune is The Farmer in the Dell).

We're Earth helpers now.

We're Earth helpers now.

Hi, ho! We want to show we're Earth helpers now.

Verse 2:

We keep our playground clean.

We keep our playground clean.

Hi, ho! We want to show, we're Earth helpers now.

Verse 3:

We turn the water off.

We turn the water off.

Hi, ho! We want to show we're Earth helpers now.

Verse 4:

We don't waste paper towels.

We don't waste paper towels.

Hi, ho! We want to show we're Earth helpers now. (Cynthia Capetta from WEEKLY READER)

3. Have the parent gather assorted trash and play a game: CAN THIS BE RECYCLED OR IS IT TRASH? If it can be recycled put it in the proper recycling container.



- 4. Take walks and collect litter.
- 5. Make everyday EARTH DAY!!

Many thanks to everyone who takes the time to stop and pick up litter. Perhaps there will be a day when litter clean-ups are a thing of the past simply because people of all ages and all walks of life will take responsibility for their neighborhoods.

> ~ Submitted by Julia Hulslander, Litter Event Organizer

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 9:30 AM to Noon

Here's your chance to join in and Let's Pick-up Newberry!

Call 570-322-6828 or 601-0298 for information or to let us know the areas you think need special attention.

WILLIAMSPORT TRASH BASH

August 10, 9:00 AM August 11, Noon

We are a group of individuals who see the trash along our streets and want to do something about it! Although we are still in the planning stages,



we plan to make this a fun, annual event that starts in three areas of Williamsport, but eventually builds to include the entire city!

For more info, view our event page on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/events/86328 2803760701/) or what our video on YouTube (https://youtu.be/OqNOof5L9NE).



GOOD'S WHOLESALE & BAKERY, INC. SAYS GOOD-BYE

Local Business with Long History Closes Its Doors

For over a century and a half what began as Good's City Mills, located on the block of Webb and Howard Streets in the Newberry Section of Williamsport, and later became known as Good's Wholesale & Bakery Supplies, Inc. closed its doors on Friday, June 26, 2015.

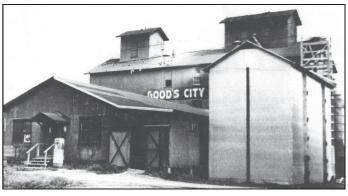
Founded in 1858 by Abram Good, the mill received deliveries of corn, oats, wheat and other grains to mill into flour via truck from farmers and direct railroad service.

In 1957, its new grain warehouse handled 70,000 bushels of wheat and turned out 2.9 million pounds of flour. In addition to wheat, the mill processed about 10,000 bushels of other grain annually until it was destroyed by fire on June 19, 1974. The mill was never rebuilt; however, the owners

turned their focus to serving the wholesale and retail bakery market by offering (in addition to flour), sugar, melting chocolates, canned goods and anything that goes into your favorite recipes.

Current owners, Kenny Frey and his sister Lori (Frey) Brooks, were employees of previous owners. In 1982 Lori was hired as secretary to then owner John Mook, who also hired Mark Brooks as a delivery salesman. Mark also sold Lori on the idea to become his wife.

Frank and Sally Forney purchased the company in 1983. Mark moved on to other employment and Kenny replaced him. In 1993 the Forney's sold out to Kenny and his uncle Dean R. Brooks and the company name was changed to Good's Wholesale & Bakery Supplies, Inc. and Lori came back on board after being a stay-at-home mom. Of course, she brought the children with her.



Good's City Mills (July 28, 1957)



Lori Brooks and Kenny Frey

Exactly one year later, to the day, the new owners faced a calamity. Their back warehouse collapsed during a major snow storm. Undaunted, they began reconstruction. The loss of business was minor as they were able to continue to serve their customers.

In March of 2000, their uncle Dean passed away and Lori stepped in and became Kenny's business partner. Because Kenny and Lori's relationship was always very close, many people tried to discourage them from working together, thinking that the business would mar their relationship. Instead, it brought them closer together. A perk of owning a family business is the opportunity to have your family around you as you work. During the summers, both Kenny and Lori brought

their children to work with them. Their customers loved watching them play and grow up together. It's not surprising that over time customers also became like family. As the word spread that the business was closing, many stopped by to express a fond, tearful farewell.

Kenny Frey and Lori Brooks want to thank all their customers and express appreciation for all their support over the years. "We sincerely apologize for being unable to say, "Good Bye" to each and every one personally. You will all be greatly missed. Please remember that you will always be in our hearts."

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: A clearance sale is planned for the near future. Please watch for date and time in local media.

WEST END CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

A Message from the New Executive Director

My Roots are in Newberry... Sort of.

I am so glad to be back in Newberry working as the new Executive Director of the West End Christian Community Center. I can't wait to meet, and re-meet the people of Newberry, and the West

End, both old and new. My last name might be a familiar one to some. I said back in Newberry, earlier, as I taught at the Roosevelt Middle School from 1996 to 2006 where, naturally, I got to know a lot of the younger population.

There may be some who remember my last name from earlier than that, however. My father, William, and his brother and sister, David, and Jane grew up on Dewey Ave. And if you've had the blessing of living a nice long life you may even remember my grandfather, David Penman, as your mailman working out of the Newberry Post Office.



New WECCC Executive Director Todd Penman

Websites of Interest

WILLIAMSPORT BUREAU OF POLICE www.williamsportpd.org

Economic News, Public Safety Announcements and Police Department Information

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An online calendar for Williamsport Area events.
A place to promote your event.

My parents moved back to town in 1972 and we rejoined Lycoming Presbyterian Church where I had been baptized and was then confirmed. I

currently live with my wife Jane and children, in Woodward Township.

Having just come to the close of a 27 year teaching career in the Williamsport School District, I'm looking forward to serving, still,

and sharing God's blessings through the programs at the WECCC, 901 Diamond St. in Newberry, the part of town that has been such a part of my history.

YMCA Summer Day Camp

The WECC Center is abuzz with the sound of children this summer. We are hosting the YMCA Summer Day Camp program in our Youth Room, as well as anticipating having a Kids Summer Feeding program in our Soup Kitchen area. After a career in education the sound of children downstairs when I enter the building is music to my ears.

Clothes Closet & Thrift Store

Our Clothes Closet and Thrift Store also have lots of traffic with people coming in to shop for summer clothes and items they need. It's nice to have a place in Newberry with yard sale prices and an in store atmosphere.

Until next time,

~ Todd Penman, Executive Director

FRESH EXPRESS

Food Giveaway Scheduled

The Newberry Christian Center at 2100 Linn Street has scheduled seven Food Give Away's from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on the following days:

July 16 • August 6 & 20 September 3 & 7

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. If you have any questions please call 570-326-0731.



OFF-SETTING THE COST OF HEARING AIDS

Once you learn you have a hearing loss and advised you need hearing aids, like any other medical condition, it is difficult to come to terms and accept the diagnosis.

The rude awakening comes when you learn how much hearing aids cost. The type and size of hearing aid and whether you need one or two hearing aids is a contributing factor. Hearing aids have come a long way in the last 60 years and now cost several thousand dollars, depending on the type and kind. People often assume their health insurance will cover the cost. Sadly, the majority of insurance companies and Medicare do not cover hearing aids.

What Can You Do?

The number one question I am asked by retired folks on a fixed income is, "How can I obtain an affordable hearing aid?" I have an extensive list of financial assistance resources. One such source is contacting hearing aid manufacturer's foundations; another is to consider a reconditioned hearing aid. Please contact me for additional sources.

If you are working full-time or part-time contact the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to see if you qualify for hearing aids or assistive technology devices in your workplace. If you do not qualify, consider a Health Savings Account (HAS) or Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA) if your employer has one of these benefits available; If you are a veteran, you can go to the VA for assistance.

Also, I would encourage you to check out IRS Publication 502 which refers to medical expense deductions.

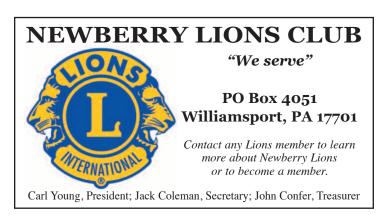
I strongly urge you to not give up. All too frequently many people are not bothering to get hearing aids. This further adds to their frustration and isolation from their family and friends. One critical and important message: If you know a relative that previously wore a hearing aid, **please do not** believe or think you can use that person's hearing aid. Because hearing loss is unique to each individual, please **see an audiologist**. Using another's hearing aid would be like trying to put truck brakes in an automobile.

How can the public address the high cost of hearing aids?

Write letters to your legislators to urge insurance companies to cover the cost of hearing aids. All of the organizations and specialized professionals in the hearing loss field are advocating for insurance companies to change their policy to cover the cost of hearing aids. Unless you speak up, nothing is going to get done. Hearing loss is one of the most common medical issues facing our ever increasing aging population. I see far too many people giving up and going home to sit in their rocking chairs, thinking there is nothing they can do. Our population is living longer and healthier which is wonderful. People deserve a good quality of life while on the face of this Earth.

You may contact me by writing to; HLAA-Lycoming County, ATTN: Kay Tyberg, PO Box 3212 Williamsport, PA 17701





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



Out-of-this-World Astronomy Fair Goes the Distance with Project-Based Learning

West Branch School has always had a very hands-on approach to learning. By definition, "Project Based Learning is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to a complex question, problem, or challenge." It engages students in learning through experience and their own research and findings.

Upstairs (3-6 grade-age) students recently engaged in an Astronomy Fair at WBS. Students were able to choose their topic within astronomy, a specific planet, for example, and were given the reigns to create a project around this topic. They were in charge of doing research, creating a representation of their topic, typing a report on their topic, and sharing their findings with an audience of visitors at the school. "The fair was fantastic!" says Natali Prindle, Operations Manager. "Astronomy is one of my favorite topics, so it was fascinating for these young students to teach me so many things I didn't know about what's outside of our own Earth. I learned so much from each student that day. It was obvious each child really focused on their topic and did their research. The projects they created were



WBS student Fatima explains her Mars display.



WBS student Gabriella in front of her solar system display.

really wonderful, also, and I can tell that through that hands-on creating, they really formed a better understanding of what it was they were researching. These kinds of connections in kids are amazing, and I see it in our students all the time!"

Other hands-on projects our students have done recently were a Monarch Fair in the fall, to coincide with the Monarch Watch, and their annual Science Fair in February.

WBS is going to stay in full swing as Summer Branches Camps are on their way! June 22 – July 17, there is a wide range of classes being offered. Call, e-mail, or check out the website for more information and an application today. Quick! Before spaces fill. Call us at 570-323-5394, visit www.westbranchschool.org or email us at office@westbranchschool.org.

Have a great summer, everyone!



WBS student Jett shows off his solar system.



LYCOMING COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWS

Annual Garden Fest

The Lycoming County Master Gardeners will be hosting their Annual Garden Fest again this year on August 15, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please join us for a fun filled, informative day at the Penn State Cooperative Extension (Lysock View) 542 County Farm Road, Montoursville, PA.

As in previous years there will be guest speakers. This year the topics will include Foraging, Orchids and Pollinator Gardens. We are making great progress on our new Sensory Garden and the changes we are making to our demonstration gardens are always for the better. Also planned for the Fest are displays on composting, rain barrels and vermicomposting (worms). Refreshments prepared by our talented gardeners/cooks/chefs will be available, many ingredients coming from our gardens. Plants will be available for purchase, all coming from our private collections. And, of course, the "Trash to Treasure" Sale just might have that one item you never knew you wanted but can't do without – at the right price.

Drawings for door prizes will be held each hour. Looking forward to seeing you, please bring a friend.

We welcome your tax deductable donations to support the continued efforts of the Newberry Community Partnership to bring quality of life improvements and community events to our neighborhood. Send contributions to NCP, 913 Diamond Street, Williamsport, PA 17701. For information call 570-601-0298

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BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
Performed by Penn College Student Nurses
2nd Wednesday of the Month – call for details.

TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS Level 1 – 5 PM Tuesdays & 10:30 AM Thursdays

> KNITTING GROUP Tuesdays 11 AM

ZUMBA GOLD Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30 PM

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SAND CASTLES IN THE PARK

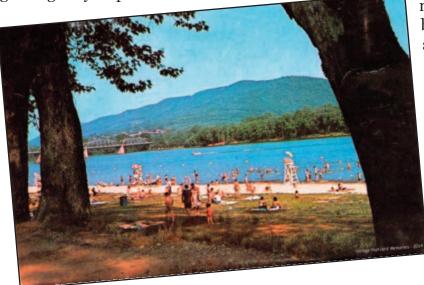
In the west end of Williamsport next to the river and near the newly named Lance Cpl. Abram L. Howard Memorial Bridge is a scenic recreational area, the Susquehanna State Park. Per the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Website this park opened to the public in 1961.

Nowadays it hosts the Hiawatha, a modern paddleboat which offers river tours during the summer months. But back in the 1960's when I was growing up there once was a beach where we could all go to picnic and swim.

Since my family lived in Newberry we spent many of our weekends at the park. We loaded the station wagon with charcoal and coolers filled with hotdogs, corn on the cob, and soft drinks. My mom always remembered the marshmallows. Once there we found an empty picnic table and set up our folding chairs and spread our beach towels nearby.

Then the fun began. My brother, Mike dashed to the water careful to stay near the lifeguard and within the roped buoys marking the safe area to swim. I loved to play on the sandy beach. With my pail, shovel and shaped molds I found a spot where I could build castles and forts usually with a new friend that shared my enthusiasm.

If I tired of the beach I headed to the adjacent gentle grassy slope and looked for





the little hoppers,

the tiny baby toads that populated the upper beach. They were so little and quick. I always wanted to catch them and take them home. Luckily for them my mom talked sense into me explaining they would probably die because we couldn't take care of them properly.

One weekend when I was only about three years old, my fondness for playing in the sand caused big trouble. Near each picnic table were these large concrete circles with wire grids over top that were used for the charcoal fire.

Someone at a table close to us had removed the grid after they were done cooking, letting the charcoal burn down. To my young eyes this was just a sandbox with the shiniest white sand in it.

The last thing I remember before the searing pain was reaching in with both hands. I must have left out an earsplitting scream because the next thing I knew my dad had scooped me up in his arms. He cooled my hands with ice as my mother hustled my brother around cleaning up our picnic site and off we rushed to the Williamsport Hospital Emergency Room. Happily for me I really do not remember much after that except the lesson I learned about looking (and be really cautious) before I leap. I also recommend that anyone that has little ones be really vigilant with them around picnic sites.

~ Wilma L. Reeder



North Central Sight Services to Offer Educational Activity for Children & Sunglasses Giveaway at Crosscutters Game on July 29th

Join North Central Sight Services, Inc. at the Williamsport Crosscutters game on Wednesday, July 29th for when the Cutters take on the Lowell Spinners. The agency will host a fun and educational activity for children in the concourse area about UV Rays and protecting your eyes from the sun. Each child that participates will receive a pair of UV400 sunglasses perfect for wearing at the game!

North Central Sight Services, Inc. will also continue its tradition of featuring one of its blind or visually impaired associates during the ceremonial first pitch. Each summer, an employee of North Central Sight Services is selected through a raffle to throw out the first pitch prior to the start of a Williamsport Crosscutters game. The associate is coached by an enthusiastic group of NCSS staff members and is also featured in game advertising. Past participants include President/C.E.O. Robert Garrett, Kenny Bower, and Melissa Sites. Support the Crosscutters and support the vision of your community! General admission gates open at 6:00 p.m.

North Central Sight Services E-Commerce Division

Label Supply Hut is a website hosted by North Central Sight Services that offers desktop office labels, CDs, and other office essentials as an additional source of support for its mission. The website contains popular Avery® and Maco®



address and shipping labels compatible with laser and inkjet printers. Items sold on LabelSupplyHut.com are packaged and shipped out by blind and visually impaired individuals employed through the industry program at North Central Sight Services. The website also features a Small Business Idea Center which focuses on utilizing labels for cost-effective marketing.



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STEP, Inc. Leadership Transition Now Final

A new leadership team at STEP, Inc. becomes official this month. The change was announced last August as part of a talent management and executive succession plan. The transition has been underway since then and becomes fully effective with the start of STEP's new fiscal year.

Jim Plankenhorn is the new STEP President & CEO. Plankenhorn has been part of the STEP team for 10 years and has transitioned to his new position after serving most recently as Chief Operations Officer.

Chief Planning Officer Rachelle Abbott formally takes over as Chief Operations Officer. Abbott has been with STEP since 2011.

Terry Roller had served as President & CEO and now becomes the organization's Chief Strategy Officer. Roller, who has been with STEP for 35 years, led the succession planning process, saying the



Jim Plankenhorn



Rachel Abbott



Terry Roller

changes will assure long-term strategic leadership for STEP.

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Dawn M. Flexer Manager "I am very humbled and honored to be taking over at a time when our organization is pointed in the right direction," said Plankenhorn. "Terry Roller and the administrative team have worked extremely hard over the past four years to assure STEP's sound fiscal and operational health. My job is easy: as best I can I will support the staff who are truly the ones helping our customers, continue to strive for strong community relations and partnerships, and continue to team closely with both agency administration and board of directors, furthering the positive impacts STEP has on the individuals, families, and communities we serve."

STEP, Inc. is one of 1,100 Community Action Agencies nationwide, and a member of the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania. Formally known as the Lycoming-Clinton **Counties Commission for Community Action** (STEP), Inc., the agency is celebrating its 49th year of service to the community. The mission of STEP, Inc. is to engage diverse individuals, families, and communities in the pursuit of social and economic success. STEP, Inc.'s mission is accomplished through five Pathways to Success: Early Learning, Housing Options, Workforce Development, Community Collaboration, and Independent Living. For more information on STEP, visit www.stepcorp.org or www.facebook.com/STEPpathways.

STEP, United Way Communicate Results of Community Needs Assessment

A powerful tool that local representatives are hoping will serve as a road map for making positive community change is now available. STEP, Inc. and the Lycoming County United Way

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have collaborated on a comprehensive needs assessment within Lycoming County.

The 2015 Community Needs Assessment (CNA) was supported by the Center for the Study of Community and the Economy at Lycoming College. It was conducted over several months and included written and electronic surveys of staff members from local social service agencies and their customers, random telephone surveys, focus group sessions, and data from state and federal sources.

Seven key areas were identified through the CNA, including children and youth, education and employment, emergency services, health and nutrition, housing and homelessness, support services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities, and substance abuse.

Overall, the assessment showed that respondents' view of key issues currently is focused on community problems. The top response to an open-ended question asking what people felt was the most important problem facing Lycoming County was drugs and alcohol. Survey leaders emphasize a holistic approach that also addresses other issues an individual or family may be facing — which could include housing, employment, and education — is needed to make positive change.

The full CNA report is available on STEP's website at **www.stepcorp.org/CNA_2015**.

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Dr. Jonathan Williamson of Lycoming College's Center for the Study of Community and the Economy (standing), discusses the results of the Lycoming County Community Needs Assessment during a joint meeting of the STEP and Lycoming County United Way boards of directors.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 2015

Friday, July 24 - Movie Night in the Park

• Big Hero Six – Brandon Park Bandshell, Begins at Dark

AUGUST 2015

Tuesday, August 4 - National Night Out

· Watch local media for details

Saturday, August 8 - Kids Day in Brandon Park

- 10 AM to 2 PM
- Vendors wanted Call 570-322-5544

Friday, August 14 - Movie Night in the Park

Annie – Brandon Park Bandshell, Begins at Dark

Thursday, August 13 - Joel Garrison Day

- Memorial Park 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Annual free event offered for children age 15 and under with free lunch served. Entertainment provided – fun and games for all

Wednesday, August 19 – Grand Slam Parade

Downtown Williamsport

Friday, August 28 - Williamsport Welcomes the World

- Downtown Williamsport 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- Come and enjoy fun filled activities, great food and entertainment as we welcome the world for the Little League World Series. To be part of this great event, contact the Recreation Department.

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday, September 6 - Lycoming Presbyterian Church

- 825 Arch Street, in the Newberry Section of Williamsport
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Regular Worship Hour, with Coffee Hour following worship
- Everyone Welcome

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day

Saturday, September 26 - Let's Pick Up Newberry

• 9:30 AM to Noon, See Page 2 for details

Saturday, September 26 – Lycoming Presbyterian Church Spaghetti Dinner

- 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM (Take-Outs at 4:00 PM)
- Spaghetti Sauce, 2 Large Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Beverage and Homemade Dessert
- \$8.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children 4 to 10 Years, Children 3 and Under Absolutely Free