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Food Bank Dedicates New Flag Pole in Ceremony

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank dedicated a new flag pole outside their facility on Wahoo Drive in the Newberry section of Williamsport. The ceremony took place on November 8th. Highlighting the ceremony were members of the Korean War Veterans Honor Guard, who raised old glory on the new pole for the first time, and the guest speaker, retired Air Force Colonel Dave Hall.

While a large group of attendees looked on, the Korean War Veterans Honor Guard hoisted the flag to the music of our National Anthem following opening remarks by Executive Director of the Food Bank, Joe Arthur.



Air Force Col. Dave Hall (ret.) speaking at flag ceremony.



"We are honored to welcome Colonel Dave Hall to speak at our ceremony today as we raise our flag for the very first time at our Williamsport Healthy Food Hub. His immense service to our country inspires us in our work to help our veterans that have given so much but find themselves struggling now," said Arthur. "We started our Military Share program 4 years ago, and already it has grown into one of the largest privately-funded food assistance programs for veterans in our entire country. And while we are proud of our work, we know there are many more veterans in need."

For the convenience and privacy of the individuals and families served, MilitaryShare distributions take place on-site at armories, VFW and AMVET locations. Last year, the Food Bank served 20,000 families through MilitaryShare.

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Korean War Veterans Honor Guard raises flag.

Food Bank Dedicates...

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"When I was the commander of an aircraft maintenance squadron in northern Maine, roughly a third of my active-duty airmen were eligible for some type of assistance program," Colonel Hall said in his remarks, "so I know first-hand of the value, tremendous support, and the commitment and dedication of organizations like the Food Bank. They make a difference in our communities, and we thank them."

The colonel went on to praise military veterans, and ask that we honor their service. "We come together today to honor our military citizens, but I am concerned that as a society, we do not." he said. "In this country we call for debate, but too frequently we want only our own voice to be recognized, and opposing views are shouted down. By doing so we do not honor the men and women who served so we might be heard." He added, "We are a country evenly and often bitterly divided on many issues. Those with opposing views are treated with contempt. But without respect for each other, we do not honor the men and women who served."

Colonel Hall issued a challenge to veterans to set a good example for younger generations. "As veterans, we still have a duty to this country that did not change with our discharge, separation or retirement. Those of us who served must not judge too harshly the generations that follow, and we must continue to recognize them for their own greatness. We must become the mentors and teachers. We must explain our history; talk about our experiences; and share our hopes, our dreams, and our fears. We must teach our values so those who follow may better understand their own, and must recognize that they, too, are a national treasure."

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to reduce hunger in 27 counties across Pennsylvania. By working with more than 1,000 local agencies and partner programs, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank serves nearly 140,000 people in need every month.~ Bob Woodley



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Folks mingle inside the Brodart building after the tree lighting ceremony.

Annual Newberry Christmas Tree Lighting

The Newberry Christmas tree was lighted during a well-attended ceremony on December 5th. At the corner of Third and Arch Streets, the Newberry Christmas tree lighting is now a nine-year tradition of the Newberry Community Partnership. Master of Ceremonies Bob Woodley welcomed the choir from the West Branch School, under the direction of Steve Hulslander, and they sang Christmas carols to bring along the holiday spirit. Also in attendance were the Newberry Community Partnership board members, city council members as well as Mayor Campana. The mayor led the countdown to the official lighting of the tree. The Newberry Christmas tree is displayed each year with the cooperation of the Newberry Community Partership, the City of Williamsport, Brodart, Tebbs Tree Farm, Lamar Advertising, and Smith Radio. Santa was also present, and spent time with children after the ceremony. Brodart and the Harvest Moon plaza served coffee, hot chocolate and cookies in the lobby of the Brodart building.



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Keeping **Newberry** Clean

Although there may be snow on the ground, unfortunately beneath the beauty of the snow litter still exists. Twice a year the Newberry Community Partnership's Safe, Clean, and Green Committee sponsors litter clean ups. One occurs in September



and the other in April coinciding with Earth Day and The Great Pennsylvania Clean Up. The upcoming clean up will be Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. We will meet at The West End Christian Community Center (at the corner of Fourth and Diamond Streets). Gloves, bags, vests, snacks, and pizza at the end will be provided.

HOWEVER, this year not only Newberry residents, but everyone is encouraged to join in during the week of Monday, April 22 (Earth Day) through Sunday, April 28, 2019 for a city wide clean up. What is envisioned are many different groups and individuals taking initiative for various areas of the city. Scouts, student groups, churches, businesses, neighborhoods, and caring individuals are encouraged to start thinking of how they can be involved.

Details will be available closer to the event, but it is not too early to mark your calendars. Remember: "Reduce, reuse, recycle." "Don't be a litterbug!!" "Keep Williamsport clean." "Pick up trash." Please contact Julie Hulslander for more details at ihulslander@yahoo. com or by phone at 570-322-6828. ~ Submitted by Julie Hulslander



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Community Cooperation: A Note from Corporal Derr

Hello. I'm Corporal Eric Derr, a member of the Williamsport Police Department and native of Williamsport. I recently had the opportunity to meet with several members of the Newberry Safe, Clean and Green group, a subset of the Newberry Community Partnership (NCP), to discuss public safety and how, from a police perspective, that pertains to them and the Newberry community.

Specifically, several questions were asked of me in regards to what the residents can do to help with safety in their community and how they can help the police. They felt my answers would be valuable to the citizens of Newberry and asked that I put them in writing. I would like to share with you, therefore, a few key things that would greatly aid the police in combating crime specifically, and public safety in general.

The first thing that comes to mind is cooperation. As simple and fundamental as that sounds, cooperation in full from witnesses and victims of a conflict situation is one of the largest factors in whether or not the situation gets resolved, whether it is a crime or not. What officers and courts are legally able to do depends entirely on the amount and quality of information we can furnish for the case.

So if you make a call for service to our police department, make yourself available to aid your officers. Be willing to take contact from a police officer, at the very least by phone. Having cooperation from a victim or

a good witness is very often
the sole deciding factor as to
whether or not an arrest can be
made. Unfortunately, often people who
call in don't want to get involved and would prefer that
the police didn't contact them. This ties our hands
and becomes frustrating at times, as we would like to
solve the problem just as much as you would like see it

solved.

The second thing I would recommend would be that you try to be a good, detailed witness. It's proven that people get what is commonly referred to as "Tunnel Vision" when witnessing crime or any event that demands their attention. Make a conscious effort to gather important details about what you're witnessing: a description of the actor(s), involved vehicles, license plates, locations, and so on. If at all possible, take pictures and videos. We in the department have been able to make good decisions and, at times, make good, effective arrests due to the cooperation and effort of citizens like you.

All of that being said, I would like to thank the members of Newberry Safe, Clean and Green committee for the opportunity to meet with them and for their desire to make things better and safer in Newberry. I look forward to meeting you all at some point, if we haven't met already, and I'm glad we are members of the same team. ~ Submitted by Joshua Hill





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Updates from Newberry's Schools

West Branch School

MULTI-AGE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT WEST BRANCH SCHOOL

A long-held belief at West Branch School is the importance of multi-age learning and



collaboration among students and adults. At West Branch School, teachers intentionally provide opportunities for students of different ages to work together. One example is buddy reading. At the beginning of the school year, each downstairs student (grades K-2) receives a buddy (also called an "adopted") from the upstairs (grades 3-6). Every Friday during buddy reading, the younger students read aloud to their buddies, receiving help from their older adopteds as needed. Ten-year-old Natalie Morris shared her thoughts on buddy reading: "I like to help my adopteds learn to get better at reading and having the chance to read with them." Her younger sister, Abigail, age 7, said, "I like to read to Lila and Rowan." The benefits of the buddy reading arrangement are multi-dimensional. Older students learn how to be role models, both academically and socially. Younger readers are able to practice their reading skills with a more experienced reader in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. Buddy reading is one way that teachers at WBS help students to build strong relationships with one another, despite age differences.



Rylan Isenberg (left) reads to Lydia Gehron during Buddy Reading at West Branch School.

Students, teachers, and parents also collaborate during the annual upstairs play. Students are able to witness firsthand how people of all ages can join together as a team to accomplish a common goal. The play is performed at the Community Theater League in downtown Williamsport. In the past, students have performed a variety of Greek epics and Shakespearean plays. Most recently, they have performed *The Tempest*, Macbeth, and Where the Mountain Meets the Moon. The collaboration between students, teachers, and parents during play season excites and engages students while teaching them important life skills. This year, the play will take place at the CTL on Friday. March 8 at 10:30am, Saturday, March 9 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, March 10 at 2:00pm. The play is open to the public. ~ Submitted by Katie Brass

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Well, we have just ended one of the busiest seasons we have here at the WECCC. It seems from the time school starts until Christmas Day we are extremely busy. A lot is

going on. The change-over in the Clothes Closet from summer to fall/winter fashions, mum sales, sub sales, candy sales, Trunk or Treat at Saint John's-Newberry, Election Day, the jewelry sale, Thanksgiving dinner, the toy sale, Christmas dinner. Whew! I guess a lot has been going on here. Add to that the routine of our Clothes Closet, Thrift Shop, Soup Kitchen, Shoe Express, Foodbank, and Optical Clinic doing what they do regularly, and yes, this fall was busy. But, you know what? All of these activities are what makes us a Community Center. We are thankful to be able to do everything we do.

The bills keep coming in the mail, but through the fundraisers and donations by those who want us to keep doing what we're doing, we're able to pay them. The 18 programs and services operating from under our roof reach out to many people with different needs in the community. Some need food or clothing, diapers, or glasses. Some want to know more about Jesus. Some want to ask questions. Some just want to sit and talk. Everyone is welcome to take part. To know more about each program go to our website, http://westend.christiancenter.susumc.org and click on programs.

I wish you warmth this winter. ~ *Todd Penman, Executive Director*



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Dog Licenses Available

Dog owners who need to purchase 2019 dog licenses may do so at the Lycoming County Treasurer's office at 33 West Third Street, Williamsport.

"Licensing your dog is a quick and easy process and assures a safe return if your dog should become lost" says Connie Rupert, Lycoming County Treasurer.

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by January 1st of each year as required by state law. Owners who do not license their dogs or have a current rabies vaccination can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300.00 per dog along with assessed court costs.

The fee for an annual dog license is \$8.50. If the dog is spayed or neutered, it is \$6.50. Senior citizens (65 or older) and people with disabilities (proof required) may purchase an annual license for \$6.50. The fee is \$4.50 if the dog is spayed or neutered.

Licenses are also available at www.lyco.org by clicking on the "Top 10 Links" on the left, then "Buy a Dog License". You may also print an application from the website and mail with payment to: Lycoming County Treasurer, 48 West Third St., Williamsport, PA 17701. The Lycoming County SPCA, 2805 Reach Road, Williamsport, will also have 2019 licenses available beginning January 2019. For more info, call the Lycoming County Treasurer's office at 570-327-2248. ~ Submitted by Penny Cummings

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This year's LCUW campaign launched as part of September's First Friday activities with a goal to impact 55,000 lives in Lycoming, Sullivan, and Tioga Counties.

To date, the campaign is down about \$100,000 from what it was at this time last year.

LCUW's President Ron Frick says it has just been a rough year for the community; major donors have been stretched thin and local companies cannot get their workplace campaigns to where they have been in previous years.

"We introduced a more efficient way to distribute information to donors which took some time and we are facing pressure in our workplace campaigns from increasing employment costs, competing charitable giving opportunities and natural disasters," said Frick. "This community is very generous and we hope that they understand that the needs we are helping to meet are close to home and very real. Our partners rely on our funding to support the great work they do. We cannot let them down."

Frick stated that a failure to raise needed funds will have an



impact on the allocation of resources in the spring. In order to live out our mission of mobilizing resources for those in our community and to continue changing lives through partner programs, we need your help.

For information on this year's campaign, or to contribute, contact the LCUW office at 570-323-9448, text LIVEUNITED to 50155 or visit their website at www.lcuw.org/give.

Lycoming County United Way is a charitable non-profit organization that builds partnerships to solve community problems and raises funds for human service programs. We fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. Working with program partners, we mobilize resources to improve the lives of people in Lycoming, Sullivan, and Tioga counties. This is done by assessing the needs of each community, raising funds, investing in programs, and measuring results. For more information, visit http://lcuw.org/. ~ Submitted by Becca Slocum, Director of Marketing & Communications | Lycoming County United Way

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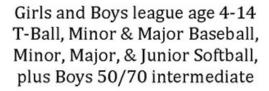
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WASD Aims to 'Stop The Bleed'

In partnership with UPMC Susquehanna, the Williamsport Area School District continues to train all district employees in the national Stop the Bleed initiative this year.

On December 10th, 16 Stop the Bleed kits, each containing eight individual kits, were delivered to the district for installation at each of its school buildings for public accessibility. An additional eight kits also were donated to the schools by natural gas companies.

Launched in 2015, Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action. It's intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

"This training empowers staff to be able to assist and save lives in an emergency situation where someone may have been severely injured," said Dr. Richard Poole, director of student services and district safety coordinator. "By having the kits available in all buildings, it means an injured person can be treated

and a life saved before professional help arrives on the scene "

Each of the kits contain gloves, compressed gauze and trauma dressing, shears, a pad, tape and a tourniquet.

Poole said implementing the Stop the Bleed initiative expands and builds on the number of safety programs in which district employees have already been trained, such as the Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) model in suicide prevention and ALICE, an active shooter response training.

Training for employees will continue through the winter and spring, conducted by UPMC Susquehanna.

The district's Incident Command Team meets monthly to discuss school safety and security. The Incident Command team is made up of local police, emergency service providers, UPMC Susquehanna and district administrators. The team is tasked with providing measures to ensure the district's students and staff are safe in school. ~ Submitted by Greg Hayes



Left to Right: Mark Trueman, manager of prehospital operations at UPMC Susquehanna; Kelly Coppadge, community relations specialist at Alta Resources; Mark Barbier, staff HSE representative at Alta Resource; Dr. Richard Poole, director of student services and district safety coordinator; Dr. Timothy S. Bowers, superintendent; Craig Konkle of the Lycoming County Department of Safety; and Tony Bixby, director of prehospital operations at UPMC Susquehanna.



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The Traveling Shotgun

Hunting season often conjures up memories for many in our area, and I'm no exception. I remember the one time I went hunting for deer with a bow and arrow, the one time I went hunting for small game, and the four decades that went by before I fired the only firearm I've ever owned. I've never killed anything with a weapon, unless you count fishing or a car. I like to fish, but I'm not good at it. If I had to live on what I caught, I'd be gone long ago. As for the car, it took me years to get over the rabbit I ran over when I was 16, then about a year ago, as I was beginning to feel good about myself again, a deer hit me. Well, it hit my car. Ran right into it while I was casually driving by, minding my own business. We can argue the semantics, but that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

The same year I killed the rabbit, my dad came home one day and told me that a guy at work was selling a shotgun, and if I wanted it, he'd go halfers with me on it. All I had to do was some extra chores to earn my have of the cost. I said yes.

My dad and I didn't have a lot in common. We weren't even related. He married my mom when I was 9, and adopted my sister and me when I was 10. He was a Vietnam Veteran who'd been shot during battle, and kept to himself a lot. But he loved the outdoors, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. I figured that if I had a shotgun, we'd have something in common that we could do together. A couple days after he told me about the offer and I accepted, he came home from work with a shotgun.

It's a Springfield 12-gauge single shot, hammer action shotgun, and it even came with three shells. I couldn't wait to try it, and looked forward to when my dad and I would take it out the mountain somewhere near Coal Township and use it to blow some bottles or cans to bits. In the meantime, my dad had a nice gun cabinet, and my shotgun would now be proudly displayed with the others in the family collection.

Two years later, I graduated from high school, and moved away. My dad and I hadn't yet found the time to go shooting together. A year after that, I joined the Air Force. While in Basic Training, we were given the opportunity to earn a Small Arms Expert ribbon by demonstrating a knowledge of the M-16 and the ability to achieve a qualifying score on the firing range. I failed the firing range part, so I didn't get the ribbon. I wondered if I'd have been better at it if my dad had taken me out to shoot my shotgun. I guess it bothered me, because I tried to get it again three years later

while stationed in Berlin, Germany. I knew a couple of Air Force cops who hung out at the same bar as me, and they mentioned there was a shooting range at Templehof Central Airport, which was the headquarters of the U.S. Air Force there. I asked if I could take the test again, and passed both parts, finally earning my Small Arms Expert ribbon. Other than that, the only weapon I handled in the Air Force was a microphone. In the meantime, my dad had a nice gun cabinet, and my shotgun would be proudly displayed with the others in the family collection.

In 1986, after my stint in the Air Force, I returned to my domicile of record, and became a civilian again. I also took sole ownership of my 12-gauge shotgun. After a short stay back home, in January of 1987, I moved to Southern California, and my shotgun came with me. So did the three shells that came with it. Everything I could take with me was packed in a U-haul trailer attached to my 1978 Ford LTD. I took the southern route through Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. Crossing the border between Arizona and California, I was stopped at the border. The border agent wanted me to open the U-haul trailer. I didn't know why, and wouldn't find out for a few years why she needed to look in the trailer. All I could think of was that I had a shotgun in there, and I don't know what the laws are in other states. I was afraid I could be in trouble. I opened the trailer, and after more than 2,000 miles of traveling, it was a bit of a mess in there. The agent looked at me and asked, "Is there any lawn furniture in there?"

"No," I said, "but I got a snow shovel you can have." She sent me on my way.

So I became a resident of California, and my shotgun did, too. It ended up in a storage bin for a little bit, until I got my bearings and a semi-permanent place to live. As it turns out, California people love the outdoors as much as anyone, but you don't find too many places to fire a shotgun in Los Angeles. It's been nearly ten years, and I still haven't fired that shotgun. I still have the three shells that came with it.

I finally settled down in Ventura County, and the shotgun came with me. Somewhere around 1993, I got it cleaned. A guy I worked with at the Oxnard Press-Courier who was a weapon aficionado volunteered to do it as long as I did his job while he was cleaning my shotgun. Seemed like a fair trade.

The Traveling... (Continued from page 10)

I left California in 1995 after the Press-Courier closed, and moved to Kansas. I got a job offer at the Leavenworth Times, and knew my shotgun and I would be welcome there. It was Kansas, after all. It was easy to make friends there, and I also worked as a bartender at the Leavenworth VFW. I met plenty of guys who were into firearms. It was while I lived in Leavenworth that my dad passed away. We never got to fire that shotgun together. Lived there for almost a year, but still haven't fired my shotgun, and still have the three shells that came with it.

After Kansas, it was a move to Las Vegas, Nevada. Kept the shotgun and the three shells that came with it in the closet, just in case of an emergency, but never needed it. Twenty years after my dad and I went halfers on a shotgun, I would move back to Pennsylvania. Finally. I was back in the state that has more hunters per capita than any other. Back in my hometown. I joined the Fairview Gun Club. I'm a legacy there. My grandfather was a founding member. Just one problem: My shotgun was in a storage compartment in Las Vegas. It stayed there for four years. Until one day, my dad (not the dad who went halfers with me on the shotgun, but my biological dad) called me and said, "Let's go to Vegas and get your stuff." We took a flight to Las Vegas, rented a U-haul, and drove it back to Coal Township. I was now again in possession of my shotgun, the three shells that came with it, as well as my television.

In late 2000, I spent about a year living in Lewistown, working at the Sentinel. and in 2001, came to Williamsport. I rented a house on Scott Street, where I kept my shotgun and the three shells that came with it. Then in 2010, more than thirty years after I got that shotgun, my new wife Tracey and I moved to Newberry. As I was cleaning out the house on Scott Street, I packed up the shotgun. Then I thought about how long I'd had it, and the three shells that came with it. I wondered if the three shells that came with it were still usable, or even stable. I decided to take the three shells to the Williamsport Police station and ask them to dispose of them properly. If they took them out and shot them, fine.

My shotgun and I were moving to Poplar Street. Seven years go by, and my father-in-law, who is an avid hunter, sees my shotgun leaning in the corner of a room. He asks me about it, and volunteers to clean it up for me. It had been quite awhile since it got any TLC, so I was happy to let him have it for a week or so. When he brought it back, it was as good as new, and he even

built a rack for it that I could hang on the wall. So now I have my shotgun on display in my own home, decades after it was taken from the original family collection. But I still haven't fired it, and I no longer have the three shells that came with it.

Now, in order to finish this story correctly, I have to back up a bit. Remember when I said I was stationed in Berlin? Well, I met a nice girl when I was there. Our son, Bryan, was born in 1986, four months after I got out of the Air Force. I didn't meet him until 2017, when he came to the U.S. to visit me. While he was here, we went to R&J Welch firearms in Muncy. Randy, the owner, and I get along well, and I thought Bryan would like to see how weapons are displayed in the states. While there, Randy offered to take my son and I shooting the next time he came to visit. He came to visit again the following May.

So in May of 2018, a full 40 years after my late step-dad and I split the cost of a used 12-gauge Springfield that neither of us ever fired, my son Bryan and I, thanks to Randy and his staff, wound up on a firing range outside Muncy, PA in a light drizzle, and took turns doing what my dad and I never did. We fired that shotgun. ~ Bob Woodley

Dogs Wanted!

The Lycoming County SPCA is hosting its next Paws Run this spring! Last year, 118 dogs and 318 humans participated in the event, and a good time was had by both two-legged and four-legged walkers and runners. The event is a 2.5 or 5-mile walk or run. All



ages of canines and homosapiens are welcome to take part in the event, which will happen on Saturday, April 13th and begin at the South Williamsport Community Park.

Registration is open now, and will remain that way until April 10th. Simply go to www.pawsrun.com to get started. There you'll find all the information you'll need, including the registration fee and a course map. You can also register in person the morning of the event. Registration starts at 7:30 and the race starts at 9:00. Winners will get prizes. Sponsorships are available as well.



2131 West 4th Street Williamsport, PA Phone Number: 570-567-7322

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00AM-6:00PM Saturday - 8:00AM - 4:00PM

Breakfast served: 8AM-11AM Monday-Friday

and all day on Saturday.

Lunch Menu Served: 10AM-6PM Monday - Friday

Breakfast Menu Includes:

Breakfast Sandwiches, Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit & Yogurt Parfaits, Smoothies, Coffee, Hot Tea, & Cappuccino.

Lunch Menu Includes:

Wraps, Paninis, Soup, Soft Pretzels, Pretzel Dogs, Pizza Logs Soft-serve Ice Cream, Coffee Shakes, Milk Shakes

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Meats and Cheeses Sliced Fresh

Baked Goods, Produce, Garden Salads, Dairy Products, Raw Honey, Natural Pork Products, Bulk Foods and More!

Grab and Go Meals to enjoy in the comfort of your own home.

LINCOLN SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

STEP Building (Old Lincoln School - Lower Level)
2138 Lincoln Street • Newberry

Let's Do Lunch at Noon!

Monday thru Friday • Call 327-5483 by 10:30 AM Day Before to Order a Hot Meal

Computer Use & Treadmill Available Morning Coffee Klatch with Friends

CALENDER OF EVENTS

SETBACK TOURNAMENTFirst Thursday of the Month

Pre-registration

BINGO......Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 12:30 PM

HEALTHY STEPS IN MOTION EXERCISE

FOR MATURE ADULTSTuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am Bible Study w/Local ClergyWednesdays 12:15 PM

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2019

Lycoming Presbyterian Church (LPC)

- Christian Martial Arts/Warriors for Christ Mondays & Wednesdays,
 5:00 PM 9:00 PM, Contact Steve Hunter 570-651-9688
- Lycoming Nursery School Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays,
 9:00 AM to Noon, September through May, Contact Amber Kastner,
 570-772-4508 or Sarah Killian, 570-506-3274

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 – New Year's Day

MONDAY, JANUARY 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FEBRUARY 2019

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – LPC Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

- 4:30 PM 6:30 PM Adults \$9.00, Children (4-10 Years) \$4.00, Children 3 & Under Free, Take-outs available at 4:00 PM
- Pork, Hot Dogs & Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Rolls & Beverage, Homemade Dessert

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – Groundhog Day

SUNDAY, FEBURARY 3 - Super Bowl

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – Chinese New Year

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Valentine's day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - President's Day

MARCH 2019

FRIDAY, MARCH 1 – Employee Appreciation Day

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 - Mardi Graw

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 - Ash Wednesday

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – Daylight Savings Starts, Set Your Clocks Ahead One Hour

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – St. Patrick's Day

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 - LPC Spaghetti Dinner

- 4:30 PM 6:30 PM Adults \$9.00, children (\$-10 Years) \$4.00, children 3 & Under, Free, Take-outs available at 4:00 PM
- Spaghetti, Sauce & 2 large Meatballs, Salad, Rolls & Beverage, Homemade Dessert

APRΠ, 2019

MONDAY, APRIL 1 – April Fool's Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 – Paws Run (See page 11)

MONDAY, APRIL 15 – Tax Day

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 - Good Friday

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - Easter Sunday

MONDAY, APRIL 22 - Earth Day

SATURDAY, April 27 – Clean Up Day (See Page 3)