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Rendering of the proposed Dollar General Store

Dollar General Proposes Newberry Location

There's a plan in the works by Hutchinson Companies LLC to build a brand-new Dollar General store on West Fourth Street in Newberry. The Newberry Community Partnership was asked by Hutchinson to attend a meeting about the proposal, which took place at the West End Christian Community Center on September 24th, and followed by another meeting on October 6th. At the first meeting, representatives from Hutchinson, including Gabe Hutchinson, Angela Williams, and Cody Swartz, presented a plan to put a Dollar General on the corner of 4th and Clark Streets. The parcel now includes an empty store-front and three homes. The entire plot on which the Dollar General store and parking lot is proposed to be placed will include the space between 4th and Grand Court, as well as half of the parcel on the north side of Grand Ct. The purpose of the meeting was to get

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The current buildings on the proposed Dollar General site

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input from the Newberry Community Partnership about the idea, and to address any concerns citizens may have about the project. There was some resistance.

Most of the concerns were with the aesthetics of Dollar General stores. Gabe Hutchinson was open to suggestions, and commissioned his artist to supply a new depiction of the what the store might look like after it was suggested the exterior reflect the heritage of Newberry, such as a railroad or steel mill motif. There was also some concern with the bumblebee-like black and yellow lettering of Dollar General's brand. In response to the concerns aired by those in attendance at the first meeting, the Hutchinson design team incorporated the following:

- A much nicer looking building that is not just the standard metal building
- Brick façade
- Additional accent windows
- Gooseneck style building lights
- Individual letters for company logo on front of building
- Trash bin(s)
- Bike rack
- Wood Corbel brackets to try and tie in a wood/train theme
- Canopy on front with standing seam metal
- Period dated lights along front and in parking lot to tie in with Newberrys existing street lighting
- Engineering to design lighting to not wash out on neighbors property
- LOTS of landscaping, trees and grass

Dollar General tasked Hutchinson with the project after a market study which showed the Newberry community could support the added location. However, one of the concerns raised was about the inventory of the store. Particularly where it comes to food items, the consensus was that the food in dollar stores is high in sugar and sodium, not exactly healthy options. While Hutchinson has no control over the products sold in the store, it was noted that consumers do. If nobody buys it, they won't order it. The argument was made for a Dollar General that carries a healthier selection of foods, including fresh fruits and vegetables. Some

cities are passing laws to stop the growth of dollar stores, as it's alleged they create "food deserts" and muscle out grocery stores for space in many low-income areas. That competition will continue, as Dollar General and Family Dollar plan to build 20,000 more stores across the country. There are already more dollar-type stores than McDonald's and Starbucks combined. In addition to the resistance based on the food selection, the issue of crime was also addressed. There are some articles published about the correlation between dollar-type stores and a rising crime rate. Although dollar stores are regarded as easy targets for robbery, the relationship between dollar stores and rising crime may be attributed to the sheer number of dollar stores popping up all over the place. For crime to occur, there needs to be opportunity. Without opportunity and a motivated criminal, there is no crime. The proliferation of dollar stores across the country has contributed to the number of opportunities available for a crime to be committed. Also, many dollar stores are built in low-income areas that have been abandoned by other retailers, making them the only available target. Hutchinson hopes to have addressed the crime concern with proper lighting around the property. Other security steps must be implemented by Dollar General.

So the plan is in place, and time marches on. Will this be a welcome addition to our Newberry community? Only we can decide. If it's built, which is the plan, then it will be up to the consumer what happens going forward. Each individual has the choice to shop there, to decide which products to buy, or to go elsewhere. The future of the project will be decided by the people of Newberry either prior to the store being built, or after it opens its doors. ~ *Bob Woodley*



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League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Lycoming County's goal is to increase informed voter participation. We are a small group but continue to add members because we fill an important need in the area. The League of Women Voters is a nationally recognized organization whose mission is **"Empowering voters. Defending democracy."**

What sets this organization apart from any other is its commitment to non-partisanship. The focus is to provide the facts about important issues and the candidates that aspire to serve the citizens of this country.

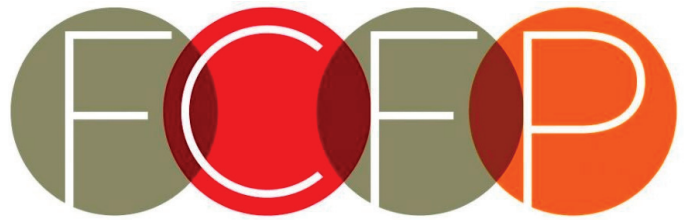
I believe that we have the capacity to work together to make positive changes both locally and nationally. Because of that, I am inviting you to join our group.

None of us is perfect but we care about this country and are willing to work on its behalf. In order to reach our goals, we need to help others have access to the facts and make an informed decision on who they want their leaders to be based on their shared values.

IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION:

Monday, October 19th is the deadline for all voter registrations regardless of how you choose to vote; mail-in, absentee, or in-person. Another important date that voters should be aware of is that all applications for mail-in or absentee ballots must be received, not postmarked, by 5:00 pm on October 27th. Due to current issues with the mail, please get your applications in early; it would be wise to do so by October 20th. Voters can request their applications now, online, or directly from the Elections Office. Don't delay because it is never too early to apply!! If you choose to take advantage of the mail-in or absentee vote option, you can track it online to be sure that it arrives at the appropriate place. The deadline for returning your ballot is 8:00pm on November 3rd. Please keep these important deadlines in mind and remind your friends and family to do the same. For additional information consult **Vote411.org** or **votespa.com**.

Please join the League of Women Voters of Lycoming County!! ~ *Submitted by Caroline Balliet, President*





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The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) reports to the President & CEO and has oversight of the financial, accounting and investment activities of the Foundation. In addition, the CFO is responsible for human resource management, benefits administration and risk management of the Foundation. The CFO provides supervision, direction and guidance in the area of fiscal operations, controls and accounting procedures. The CFO ensures compliance with relevant laws and tax obligations in coordination with an auditing firm. The CFO provides written and oral presentations to the Board and works closely with the Foundation's Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) to monitor investments. The CFO partners with Foundation staff to support development opportunities and grantmaking initiatives.

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Newberry Cleanup

As you may have guessed, the Newberry Cleanup for this fall has been cancelled. Over the years, the volunteers from Newberry and other areas of the city have gathered at the West End Christian Community Center on a Saturday morning and spread out around Newberry with orange vests, gloves, and big blue garbage bags to clean up the streets of our community. The residents of Newberry appreciate the effort, and our section of Williamsport looks much better following the semi-annual effort. Volunteers are then treated to pizza and drinks after the work is done. Many pounds of trash and recyclables have been removed from the streets of Newberry over the years, and our community benefits from it with pride in our community and a general feeling of satisfaction that we're helping the planet.

While we'll miss that collective feeling this Autumn, it's easy to keep the spirit of the Cleanup by simply keeping the front of where you live free of litter and debris.

Please take a moment to inspect and maintain the area where you live, and encourage others to refrain from littering. We'll all feel better about ourselves, our community, and our city if we keep it clean.

Thank you to the volunteers and sponsors of our Spring and Fall Cleanups in years past, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2021! ~ *Bob Woodley*



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 FOR MATURE ADULTS Tuesdays & 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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 Level 1 5 PM Tuesdays & 10:30 AM Thursdays

KNITTING GROUP Tuesdays 11 AM

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A Word from the WECCC

It seems like yesterday I put my first post in *insideNewberry*, but it was 5 years ago.



At that time I expressed that I had to be the closest thing to a Newberry boy without actually having lived in Newberry, due to my family, churches, and schools I'd been involved with. I remember that post well. Over the last 5 years I have very much been made to feel like Newberry is a place I belong.

I took over the position of Executive Director of the West End Christian Community Center from Marge Thompson, who held the post for 10 years. Pam Wollet was before her. I'm glad they, and the many volunteers over the years, put the WECCC where they did to make it ready for me to serve my 5 plus years here.

As any of you who have talked to me know, I have truly loved my job. I loved coming to work to serve God by serving the community with our 20 or so programs and services operating from our beautiful building here at 901 Diamond Street.

I have long been planning to retire in December of 2020 and now it is coming to fruition. As of this writing I don't know who will be replacing me, but I pray that God has been preparing them to take over as he did me.

Thank you Newberry and greater Williamsport, for your support and use of the West End Christian Community Center during my tenure as Executive Director.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. I hope to see you around. ~ Submitted by Todd Penman, Executive Director



PennDOT Invites Public to Participate in New Safety Citizens Program

SAFETY CITIZENS IS OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS TODAY

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) invites Pennsylvanians to participate in its new Safety Citizens program, which encourages community members to answer traffic safety questions in original and creative ways.

Bi-monthly traffic safety topics will be introduced, posing a question for the public to answer. Participants can answer by submitting a short video, a poem or an original piece of artwork. Selected submissions will be displayed on PennDOT's statewide social media platforms including Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Being a Safety Citizen is being a leader by inspiring your family, friends and community to practice safe behaviors on the road. Whether traveling by vehicle, motorcycle, bicycle or on foot, everyone has the opportunity to be safer on the road.

Individuals, classes, families, clubs, or other groups are encouraged to consider this new safety initiative as a program challenge.

Upcoming topics will include impaired driving, highway safety laws and distracted driving.

Additional information on the program, including the details and guidelines for participation, can be found online at www.PennDOT.gov/SafetyCitizens or questions can be emailed to SafetyCitizens@pa.gov. Interested participants are encouraged to check the website frequently for updates about future topics. ~ Submitted by Jennifer Kuntch



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www.insidenewberry.org

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Regular Meetings of Civic & Other Groups in Newberry

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA) 570-323-6297

Meets Wednesdays & Saturdays
7:00 PM • WECCC

If attending, use side entrance off gravel parking lot.

The support group welcomes new members.

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2nd Monday • 7:00 pm

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Please join us for the League of Women Voters of Lycoming County monthly meetings. They are held the second Thursday of each month @ 5:15pm: October 10, November 14, & December 12.

Where: Dining room A, lower level at Divine Providence Hospital. Take Elevator B in main lobby to lower level, bear right and first door on left. (You can see Dining Room A from the elevator).

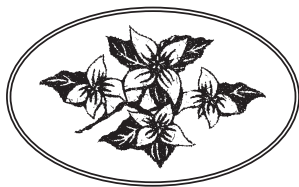
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These are active groups that welcome new members, let them know you'd like to attend. To be listed, contact the Editor, **insideNewberry**, 913 Diamond Street, Newberry, PA 17701 or **insideNewberry@yahoo.com**.

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Local United Way Remaining Active

LYCOMING COUNTY UNITED WAY LEVERAGES PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

The Lycoming County United Way has been mobilizing the collective resources of the community to strengthen families and improve the lives of Lycoming County residents since 1922. While the COVID-19 pandemic has certainly changed the way we operate and serve, we are grateful for our partnerships with our community partners who provided direct service in Lycoming, Sullivan and Tioga Counties over 75,000 times last year alone and for our corporate and individual investors who have supported our efforts.

With a staff of four operating mostly remotely, the United Way was blessed to partner with the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania (FCFP) and other regional United Ways to establish the COVID-19 United Community Funds which to date have distributed over \$300,000 to community programs.

We partnered with WBRE/WYOU Eyewitness News and 13 other United Ways across northeastern and northcentral Pennsylvania to bring awareness to our COVID-19 responses and distributed mask savers and PPE to local nursing homes and nonprofit partners.

Corporate partners like PPL Electric Utilities, UPMC Susquehanna, Truist Foundation (formerly BB&T), and Procter & Gamble supported us financially, with marketing support and in partnership to HelpTheHelpers.

United Way staff and Board leadership served on the City of Williamsport COVID Advisory Committee, participated in making grant recommendations for the COVID-19 United Community Funds, while actively supporting the United Way with their time, talent and financial support.

The Lycoming County United Way has been a member of our community for almost 100



Lycoming County United Way

years and has been there for residents who need us most. We are in the midst of challenging times and trust the community will continue to support our work as they have in the past. The Lycoming County United Way will continue to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. As we begin the most active time of our fundraising efforts, we are grateful for **insideNewberry** and our other media partners who support our outreach efforts.

About Lycoming County United Way (LCUW)
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 community partners, we mobilize the collective resources in our communities to strengthen families and change the lives of people in Lycoming, Sullivan, and Tioga counties. This is done by assessing the needs of each community, generating resources, investing in programs, and measuring results. For more information, visit <http://lcuw.org/>, or connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

~ Submitted by Melyssa McHale | Resource Development Manager

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News from the Polish Club

The Newberry Independent Club (Polish Club) board of directors, at the latest meeting, has decided to cancel all events for the rest of the year. The events effected are the Halloween Party, the Children's Christmas Party, and the New Years' Eve celebration. Additionally, the board has also extended all 2020 memberships through 2021. Any member who paid dues for the year 2020 will automatically be renewed for 2021 at no cost. All key cards will continue to be used until the end of 2021 once the club reopens. The board of directors thanks members for their patience during the closure, and looks forward to serving you again as soon as possible.



NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

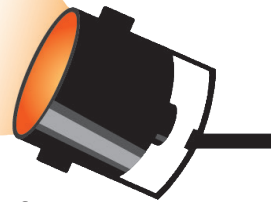
Erb's West End Market

Many in the Newberry and surrounding area are familiar with Erb's West End Family Market. Scott and Cara Erb started the establishment, and ran it successfully for a number of years.

It's now owned and operated by a newcomer to the market market (pun intended)! Jeff Hoyt, Junior of Williamsport bought the store at the end of July, and has since redesigned the interior of the store, added to the menu, and changed the operating hours.

"I always wanted to own a market." said Jeff. He'd been looking for the right opportunity, and Erb's West End Family Market was it. Although he's planning on investing in more markets going forward, Erb's is the focus right now. He kept the core of the staff already in place, including manager Janet Gill, but changed the motif from a Steelers palate to one of Penn State. He also added breakfast sandwiches (which can be ordered all day), mini-pizza's, and more fried-food options, including Funnel Cake Fries.

Erb's Market also has an ATM machine and skill games for entertainment. Erb's West End Family Market will also accept food stamps when approved, which Jeff says should be soon. Operating hours are Monday through Wednesday from 7 to 7, Thursday and Friday from 7am to 8pm, and Saturday from 10 to 6. Closed Sunday. You can call ahead for pick-up and delivery orders by calling 570-326-4411. For those not familiar with Erb's, it at 2424 West Fourth Street in Newberry. ~ Bob Woodley



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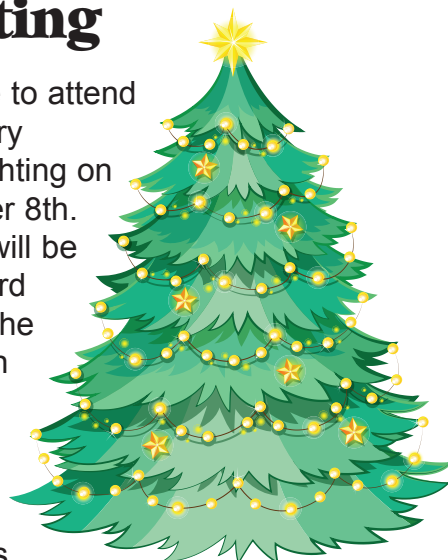
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It's a good opportunity for someone with advertising experience, or if you would like to learn a new skill.

Send your letter of interest to insidenewberry@yahoo.com or our office at 913 Diamond Street.

Newberry Christmas Tree Lighting

All are welcome to attend the annual Newberry Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 8th. As usual, the tree will be at the corner of Third and Arch streets. The ceremony will begin around 6pm, and we hope to have Santa there, as well as the singing of Christmas Carols and all of the other attractions we normally have!



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VOTER INFORMATION

The 2020 General Election is Tuesday, November 3. All 81 precincts will be open for in-person voting on Election Day from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Federal and state offices will appear on the ballot.

Extremely high voter turnout is anticipated. There may be lines to vote during peak periods. Voters who are in line to vote when the polls close at 8:00 pm are legally entitled to vote as long as they stay in line.

The federal offices on the ballot are Presidential Electors (i.e. President of the United States) and Representative in Congress (12th District).

The state offices on the ballot are Attorney General, Auditor General, State Treasurer, Senator in the General Assembly (23rd District), and Representative in the General Assembly (83rd and 84th Districts).

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6th & 7th Wards

West End Christian Community Center
Corner of Fourth and Diamond Streets

8th Ward

Lycoming Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
825 Arch Street, Use Funston Avenue Entrance



In addition to the above contests, a question will appear on the ballot in Cogan House Township:

Cogan House Township Liquor License Referendum

Do you favor the granting of liquor licenses for the sale of liquor in the Township of Cogan House?

Monday, October 5 sample ballots for all precincts will be available upon request at the Office of Voter Services or at our website, www.lyco.org/Departments/VoterServices.aspx.

Monday, October 19 is the last day to register to vote or make changes to your registration before the election.

Tuesday, October 27 is the last day to apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot. Applications must be received in Voter Services before 5:00 pm in order to be processed. Faxed or emailed applications cannot be accepted. Postmarks do not count. Voters who will be out of their municipality for work or school or have an illness or disability must apply for an absentee ballot. Voters who are not eligible

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for an absentee ballot but still wish to vote by mail must apply for a mail-in ballot.

Tuesday, November 3 at 8:00 pm is the deadline for Voter Services to receive voted absentee ballots and mail-in ballots. Ballots received after 8:00 pm cannot be counted.

A voter who receives an absentee ballot or mail-in ballot and appears at a polling place to vote in person on Election Day may only vote by provisional ballot, unless the voter surrenders the official ballot and official ballot return envelope to the Judge of Elections at the polling place to be spoiled in order to vote a regular ballot.

Voters who experience an emergency after 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 27 may be eligible to apply for an emergency absentee ballot. Contact Voter Services for more information.

Uniformed military and their dependents and overseas civilians apply for and submit absentee

ballots in accordance with different requirements and deadlines. Contact Voter Services for more information.

If you are uncertain of where to vote on Election Day, contact Voter Services.

You may register to vote or apply for an absentee or mail-in ballot by the following methods:

- Register to vote online or apply online for an absentee or mail-in ballot at <http://votespa.com>.
- Download an application from the Voter Services website at www.lyco.org.
- Visit Voter Services on the first floor of Third Street Plaza, 33 West Third Street, Williamsport.
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~ Submitted by Forrest K. Lehman, Director of Elections and Registration





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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 – Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 – Rummage Sale,
Lycoming Presbyterian Church, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, Please follow Covid-19 rules

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 – Halloween

NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – Daylight Savings Time
Ends - Set Your Clocks BACK One Hour

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – Election Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – Veterans Day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – Thanksgiving Day
(Federal Holiday)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 – Black Friday

DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 – Train Expo, Woodward
Fire Hall, 9A to 3 P

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 – Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service, Lycoming Presbyterian
Church, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall, Everyone
Welcome

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Christmas Day (Federal
Holiday)

JANUARY 2021

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 – New Year's Day (Federal
Holiday)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr.
Date (Federal Holiday)

FEBRUARY 2021

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – Groundhog Day

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – Super Bowl

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Valentine's Day

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 – President's Day