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## Nuisance at the Speed of Sound

### NOISE POLLUTION COMES IN MANY FORMS

Independence Day always brings great celebration for the anniversary of a wonderful concept: Government of the people, by the people and for the people. With that celebration comes the sound of Chinese-made fireworks sold by roadside pop-up dealers. We the people now have the freedom to buy small explosives and ignite them to display our pride in the grand experiment that is America. But just as an empty potato chip bag litters the street, the sounds of everyday life and the extraordinary sounds of celebrations litter our sense of hearing. If you live outside city boundaries, you may have to deal with a hundred decibels of crickets and frogs, but in the city, there are a variety of noises that assault the senses and prohibit a peaceful, easy feeling.

We're reminded of noise pollution long before Independence Day, sometime in early to mid-June. Prior to sunset, those who have pyrotechnics begin the barrage of lighting up the sky with the spectacle of burning chemicals to the delight of on-lookers, myself included. I enjoy the sight of fireworks, and the sound of them can certainly add to the experience. A professional fireworks display is

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# Nuisance...

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awesome. But when multiple neighborhoods have to endure the sounds of fireworks every night for about a month, the novelty wears off. That's the big picture. There's more to it than fireworks.

Noise doesn't have to be loud to be pollution. Fireworks may be the tire in the creek, but the empty potato chip bag is just as much a problem. In much the same way, the blaring of car horns, or the other sounds that cars make, such as beeping when the car is locked or unlocked, may be as disturbing as the pop of a bottle rocket. My car beeps five times if I get out of it while it's running and I have the fob in my pocket. It annoys me, and I feel like I'm disturbing my neighbor when it happens. There's no way I can turn it off. I guess I'll just have to live with the guilt.

Sometimes noise pollution is welcome by some and unwelcome by others. One example would be when your neighbor is cranking up his stereo with a rockin' tune you haven't heard in awhile. You're enjoying it, but the neighbor two doors down was trying to take a nap. If it happens at 3am, chances are nobody will enjoy it, and there's a slightly smaller chance the police will be called.


Sometimes noise pollution is the result of good intentions, such as an audible crosswalk signal for blind people. It's a wonderful service to people who have limited sight, but it might be a real pain to the person who lives in the apartment right above it, hearing it beep every time the light changes.

There must be millions of wind-chimes, both large and small, hanging from hooks on porches all across America, using Mother Nature herself as the engine of possibly the largest creator of noise pollution ever. Wind-caused banging together of tubes made from various materials may be a novel way to decorate your outdoor space and display your connection to nature, but the people who live around you may not appreciate the random sounds that are neither music nor "soothing." The sound of the ice cream truck may be welcome by the kid who has the

money to buy one, but an annoyance to the person on their couch watching an intense movie.

The point is, we all create noise pollution, so there's something we all can do about it. Just as we're encouraged to not throw trash on the ground, we can all try to cut down on the noise pollution we create. We all want to live in peace, right? Nothing goes better with peace than quiet! Sure, people are vocal by nature. We love to talk and laugh and even scream. Noise is a vital part of our lives and an important way of communication. The sounds of man and beast and the rest of nature are part of our being. And yes, the sound a truck makes while backing up may save a life. We may not be able to see noise pollution, but it certainly has an effect on the quality of our lives. Just like with other types of pollution, we should be conscious of how much we contribute to the problem, and do what we can to limit the amount of noise pollution we create.

~ Bob Woodley



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Full Name ..... Burt Ware Jr.  
Birthdate ..... June 20, 1943  
Birthplace..... South Williamsport  
Resident of Newberry.. Since 1959  
Married ..... To Ruby, Since 1963  
Barbershop Location ... 611 Arch Street  
Family Connection..... His son Burt is also a barber at the shop.

One step into Burt's Barbershop, and you know it's been there awhile. From the floor to the furniture, the place has an old style to it that is seldom seen today. Even the products on the shelf below the mirror create a sense of nostalgia. You



*Burt the Barber in his shop on Arch Street*

can hear WBZD playing on the radio, and you can also buy some local produce and eggs, canned hot peppers and peanuts. But this is first and foremost a barber shop. Burt's been cutting hair there since he was a teenager. His father was also a barber at the same location. One day, he told his dad that he believed he, too, could cut hair, so his dad set him up with the tools to train, and soon enough, Burt Jr. was a barber in his own right.

I was able to chat with Burt between customers on a recent Saturday, and was able to confirm some of what I already learned while sitting in the chair. Burt's a smart man with strong convictions and a keen sense of awareness. He learned the value of a dollar at an early age and found ways to earn money before most of his friends. Along the way, he's dabbled in the stock market and real estate, but he likes being a barber the most. "My customers treat me like a king," he says, and despite being on dialysis for the last three years,

he says he can't wait to get to work. His doctors, on the other hand, just shake their heads in disbelief. "They (doctors) can't believe I go to dialysis, and then go to work," he says proudly. Dialysis treatments have, unfortunately, limited his opportunities to enjoy hunting and fishing.

Perhaps the only thing he loves more than his work is his wife, Ruby. In the early years, he says, he was always busy working, and she was always busy being a mom. Now, they get to spend more time together, and he's grateful. "She takes very good care of me," he says, "I don't know what I'd do without her."

Just for fun, I asked Burt if he's every charged two bits for a shave and a haircut. No. Did you ever *pay* two bits for a shave and a haircut? No. Burt says he remembers the cheapest prices for those services were four bits for a shave, and six bits and a dime for a haircut. A haircut at Burt's today is less than ten bucks. Having a dad for a barber, I was curious if he's ever in his life paid for a haircut. "Yes, I did. In South Williamsport. But not often." Now bald, it's hard for me to imagine Burt with hair, so I asked him if he ever had long hair. To my surprise, he described his hair as naturally curly. He said he wore it in a DA for awhile, but eventually went with a flat-top.

There was only one question that Burt had to stop and think about. I asked him to show me the oldest tool in the shop. After a brief pause, he walked over to a drawer and pulled out a manual clipper that his dad used back in the day. It certainly was an odd-looking piece of equipment, and as a customer, I'm glad the electric ones eventually came along!

Burt's Barbershop is open every day but Sunday and Wednesday. When Burt's not there, his son is. It's best to park out back.

~ Bob Woodley



*The oldest tool in the shop*

# Mental Health Support Group

The Williamsport Area Christian Mental Health Support Group meets at the West End Community Christian Center the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. This Christ centered group welcomes anyone who struggles with mental or emotional wellness. Family members are also welcome to attend. Meetings are confidential. The following topics will be discussed at the July, August and September meetings:


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# NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## A NEW GROWTH BLOSSOMS IN NEWBERRY DAYCARE SERVICES

**The New Growth Learning Company** ([newgrowthlc.org](http://newgrowthlc.org)) opened its doors on April 29, providing childcare and pre-K education to local tots 5 and under. An entity of Urban Mennonite Ministries (UMM), New Growth was founded and is run according to the core values of community and whole child education. Director Conrad Shank, who has a Masters degree in Education and nine years of teaching in a mix of public, private and therapeutic schools, says that “one of our goals is to prepare these kids to do well when they get to Jackson [elementary school], to lay a solid foundation for their education.”

Shank’s area of study is alternative educational systems, and he is passionate about “educating the whole child” so that they are “socially, physically, emotionally, academically, and spiritually ready” to be personal successes and solid members of their community. “Community” is an important term to Shank and to his religious tradition. He sees his role as coordinating his staff and each child’s parents to form a team that can meet each child’s needs. Communities are built up through these kinds of relationships, one family at a time.

“As I was telling one mother yesterday, it is in these relationships, where we get to serve people practically and serve the community, that we show Jesus to people,” Shank says.

New Growth does operate on a business model, but like many daycare centers, it partners with STEP and Pennsylvania’s Child Care Works Program to serve low-income families as well (CCIS funding). Its rates range from \$150/week for older children to \$180/week for infants, a category that starts at six weeks old. The children in the older age range have “circle time” in the morning, when they are taught pre-K concepts, and they follow that up with art projects.

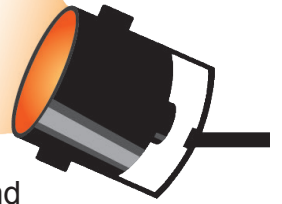
Afternoons bring teacher-directed play time, indoors or out, but as Shank says, “We want the kids to explore their own interests and growing abilities even in their play time.” The children are

fed breakfast, lunch, and two snacks over the course of the day.

As COVID restrictions are lifting and more parents are going back to work, Shank anticipates an increasing demand for childcare in the Williamsport area, and he is adding staffing to meet that demand. He has just hired another teacher to join Darla Weaver and Lanae Yoder, and more will be added soon. Besides having their full slate of clearances, all New Growth staff are 20 or older and come from the organization’s community-focused religious tradition.

As an educator at heart, Shank hopes at some point to add elementary grades to the pre-K daycare, but he says that such a move is several years in the future, after the daycare has been firmly established. New Growth is now accepting enrollments and inquiries. Consult their sponsorship ad below for contact information.

~ Submitted by Joshua Hill



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# A Word From the WECCC

Well the snow shovels are away and the sunscreen is out. Summer is here and as the song goes the living is easy. I want to share with you all just what is happening here at the WECCC because a lot is.

First an update on what happened on March 10th. We started what we call our FOCUSED program. Feeding Our Children United Serving Each with Dignity provides school age children with nutritious packets of food each Friday to help supplement their meal choices over the weekend. Since the inception, we have been able to help feed 2,400 children and that is just at one school. In the fall we will be taking on the entire Williamsport School District!

The Shoe Express is back up and running as normal. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office. Our Community Cupboard has been busy as well by being available to over 120 people since its kickoff. Lastly, the SK Café continues to return to normal as people begin to feel comfortable coming out and dining with us, but we do continue to offer takeout meals from the kitchen.

Now the new exciting news we are going to be having "Dog Days of Summer at the WECCC" where we will be outside grilling hotdogs in our Diamond Street parking area and offering them free to anyone who might like one. Each of our programs will provide volunteers to prepare and serve dogs. They will be there to answer any questions about what we have available and how you might be able to fit into our amazing team, but if you just would like a dog and some water

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not see what I was doing but now I spend nearly all of my time looking to see what God is doing. We find what we are looking for so if we are looking to see God then we will find God. I am blessed to be able to do this each and every day at the WECCC and am incredibly grateful for it.

I would like to leave you with a quote that has served to inspire me this spring. "It is not that the battles become easier it is that you grow stronger" so no matter what you are facing God is bigger and will grow you to the challenge.

~ Submitted by Calvin Phillips, Executive Director



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# Original League Calls for Resurgence of Volunteers

As the Original League season is coming to an end, the sound of balls hitting bats and gloves, kids running the bases, and families rooting the players on will also become quiet. This 82nd year of Original League little league baseball is always worth it for the kids, but it has also been a trying time for our organization, like so many organizations that rely on volunteers.

COVID is still on everyone's mind, of course, but the slide in investment in our kids was happening before 2020. Volunteerism is at an all-time low. Many parents are not getting involved with their kids' sports. What was a year-round "what can I do to help" from people in the community in my long experience with Original League is heard infrequently now. However, Original League relies so much on volunteerism to keep its fields and the historical site in shape that without the community, we cannot survive. We do benefit from county-run programs like adult probation community services, and we are thankful for their labor, but that cannot replace the care that comes from a community of volunteers.

That said, I have wondered if people in the community are not aware of the need. Not everyone can stand at the Original League field like me and see not only how it is now, which is run-down and under-staffed, but also how beautiful it was in the years when we had more help. The contrast between what it was and what it is motivates me to sound the call again for volunteers. Even if you have no kids or grandkids at home plate or in the outfield, consider coming out to help in the concession stand, or to coach, to

ump, or to join us Saturdays for field clean up. We won't turn away financial donations, of course, but what makes this effort worth it all is how it brings people together for the kids, showing the kids what a community looks like.

Check out our website and our Facebook page (@theoriginalleague) for times and contact information if you would like to talk to me or one of the other volunteers about how to help.

We have a rich history at Original League, which is "the birthplace of little league baseball," and part of that rich history is that little league baseball started with volunteers, continues with volunteers, and serves as a continuing example of the value of volunteerism in communities across America.

~ Submitted by James Mckinney

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# Newberry Invited to Consider Area Economic Development

Though Hutchison Realty Development did not end up bringing a Dollar General into Newberry, the meetings with the local development group stirred up discussion about what businesses would fit our community. That discussion started in our Newberry Community Partnership meetings, but readers of *insideNewberry* are invited to join the conversation.

This article will explain some of the main elements of the question about how to develop Newberry's business sector, invite feedback that may be put into a follow-up story, and point out resources for local entrepreneurs.

As you can read in the October issue of *insideNewberry*, there was some disagreement in NCP meetings about whether to welcome a Dollar General, and the opposition brought up two different objections. One objection was about what type of businesses we should welcome here; the other objection came from a desire to promote and start local businesses rather than national chains. First, though many chains like Dollar General have been wildly successful nationwide over the past decade, we should ask whether that type of business will nudge Newberry in a good direction. One new business won't change the culture of a neighborhood, but if a neighborhood collects certain kinds of businesses over time, that can change the very character of the neighborhood. This can trend downward, as in businesses that both serve and prey on low income residents, or it can trend upward, as in businesses that are known

for their quality, fairness, and cleanliness.

People can disagree over where Dollar General falls on that line, but the point is that we as a community need to consider what kinds of businesses we want as the public face of Newberry. Another important part of that question is what products and services do we feel we really need here in Newberry?

Second, though there are plenty of national chains that might benefit Newberry (Chick-Fil-A was mentioned in our meeting), how much should we emphasize local entrepreneurs so that we can support our neighbors when we go out looking for a service or product? Newberry is proud of its many local businesses, many of whom sponsor *insideNewberry*, and some of our local enterprises are destination spots for the larger Williamsport area (such as our sub shops, Triple A Motors, and Diamond Square Market). Operating a small business successfully is still an impressive feat, and the pandemic has made supporting local businesses all the more important. Instead of calling in national chains with headquarters several states away, should we find and support the people in our own community who have a dream of getting a business up and running?

Those two questions – what type of businesses do we want and how focused should we be on local entrepreneurs? – are the conversation, which we invite you to join. Email your thoughts to [insidenewberry@yahoo.com](mailto:insidenewberry@yahoo.com) or mail them to Joshua Hill, c/c **Newberry Community**

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But what if you are one of those entrepreneurs who are interested in starting something in Newberry? Careful planning will be important, as will getting advice and support from the many networks around you. The Newberry Community Partnership is one place where you could get some feedback; check our Facebook page @ ncpcommunity for meeting times. The basic resources for starting and running a business in Pennsylvania can be found at the PA Business One-Stop Shop (**business.pa.gov**). Help for running small and mid-sized manufacturing businesses can be found through the Innovative Manufacturers' Center (**imcpa.com**), and local companies can get help with economic development through SEDA-COG (**seda-cog.org**). Penn State also offers significant help to small and start up business in Lycoming County through its Small Business Development Center, providing business consulting and key business training (**sbdc.psu.edu**). Even more locally, the Covation Center in downtown Williamsport provides working space, networking, and business consulting (**covationcenter.org**).

We invite you to contact us with your ideas: how would you like to see Newberry grow in its economic development? When you look down 4th Street or Arch Street, what storefronts would you like to see? These are the questions that we can explore together as a community. ~ Submitted by Joshua Hill

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# Crime Is In Decline

## NEWBERRY SAFER OVER THE PAST YEAR

Crime statistics for the Newberry area of Williamsport were distributed to the Newberry Community Partnership by the Assistant Chief of Police, Jason Bolt. Overall, crime is down in Newberry, with the exception of a few categories. The most common incidents, which include General Disturbances/Fights/Harassment/Domestic dropped slightly from 387 between June 29, 2019 and June 27, 2020 to 349 between June 28, 2020 and June 27, 2021. Alcohol related incidents during the same time period fell from 19 to 14, while Drug Offenses dropped from 33 to 24 and DUI's dropped from 22 to 18. Among other categories that saw a decline during the prescribed time periods were Suspicious Activity events, which fell from 199 to 132, and Theft and Shoplifting, which went from 71 incidents to 55. Only four categories saw a statistically significant increase: Child Abuse rose from 2 to 13 reports, Criminal Mischief saw the same increase, Sex Offenses rose from 8 reports to 13 and Simple Assault rose from 22 incidents to 27. Burglary, Death Investigations, Homicide and Shooting & Stabbings & Assaults all remained stable and low. Burglaries, both residential and non-residential, rose slightly from 5 to 7. Certainly, the Covid-19 Pandemic had a significant effect on crime. In some ways negative, and in some ways positive. Comparing the first six months of 2020 to 2021, Bicycle thefts dropped from four to zero, as did reports of Shoplifting. During the same period, Vandalism dropped from 18 incidents to 10. Another effect of the lockdown was complaints about loud music, which nearly tripled in the first six month of 2021 compared to a year earlier, increasing from nine complaints to 21. Custody disputes and complaints about parties both increased slightly during the same time periods, although neither is a significant statistic.



Overall, Newberry seems to be a safe place to live. People often utilize Phil Park and walk their dogs around the streets of Newberry without fear. As long as we, the residents of Newberry, continue to follow the law, watch out for our neighbors, and be vigilant of our own neighborhoods, we can keep Newberry relatively free of crime. With the support of the Williamsport Bureau of Police, which we certainly appreciate, people will feel comfortable living and working and playing in the Newberry section of Williamsport.

Police Chief Justin Snyder would like to direct the community to an information portal that enhances that communication goal:

**crimewatchpa.com** (direct link:

**<https://lycoming.crimewatchpa.com/>**

**williamsportpd**). At this site, community

members can submit tips, help identify suspects, and learn about current issues in Williamsport law enforcement. Chief Snyder would especially welcome community members to register their residential or business security cameras so that if an incident happens in their area, police know where to go to request access to video footage. Registration is voluntary and providing access to footage is voluntary, but the more “eyes” the police have potential access to, the easier it is to investigate incidents.

This is especially important since the police department is budgeted right now for only 47 officers, down from 52 just a few years ago. Chiefs Snyder and Bolt have been going through the bureau systems to find ways to get the job done well, even with fewer police. Creating more opportunities for cooperation between the bureau and the community is one of those strategies that supports both the budget and safety. ~ *Bob Woodley and Joshua Hill*



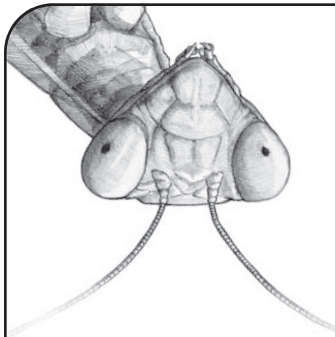


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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JULY 2021

**SUNDAY, JULY 4 – Independence Day**

**MONDAY, JULY 5 – Independence Day  
(Observed - Banks Closed)**

**TUESDAY, JULY 27 – National Korean War  
Veterans Armistice Day**

## AUGUST 2021

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 – Coast Guard  
Birthday**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 – Purple Heart Day**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 – Senior Citizens  
Day**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 – Women's  
Equality Day**

## SEPTEMBER 2021

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – Labor Day**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – National  
Grandparents Day**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – Constitution Day  
and Citizenship Day**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – Air Force  
Birthday**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – Equinox**

## OCTOBER 2021

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 – Columbus Day  
(Observed - Banks Closed)**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 – White Cane Safety  
Day**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 – Halloween**