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Community Garden Sprouts Up in Heart of Newberry

Newberrians who have driven by the intersection of Funston and Linn may have noticed the bright mural early this summer, and then some garden rows popping up, and then a little stand bright with tomatoes, peppers, and other vegetables. Just like one of its plants, this Newberry Church of Christ community garden has been steadily growing from a seed: the desire to love God and their neighbors through tangible service.

The idea of the community garden started through prayer and church members' want and willingness to do something for the community. Several of them had been thinking about the concept for a year or two, and it jumped from idea to action during a leadership meeting. Soon afterwards, they added the mural and the veggie stand to their ambitious task list to make the garden look more inviting and make the produce more accessible. The children's Sunday School classes got involved, too, and it is their handprints in the mural that create some of the flowers and critters (one can guess how much of the paint got on the kids themselves!).

"All in all, the Lord brought it all together," said Linda Wagner,

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who has been part of the organizing and administrating team for the garden project. "It was a God thing."

This first year of the community garden, church members have put in most of the labor. Several men prepped and tilled the ground for planting, the children from Sunday School and Junior Church started the seeds and monitored their growth before transferring them to the garden itself, and multiple members took care of planting, weeding, and harvesting. As other Newberrians noticed the garden, some started to join the effort. A neighbor donated some tomato plants, and several have stopped by to ask how they can get involved.

The goal of the church team is not only to provide the community with some free delicious nutrition and another space where the community can work together, side by side, but also to let them know that The Lord provides for their physical and spiritual needs. "We pray that the community can feel a sense of community and belonging through this outreach," Wagner emphasized.

What can community members do, now or when the garden starts back up next year? "Throughout the summer we could use help with weeding and watering," Jason Wagner said, "but help is always appreciated during any phase." As long as there are veggies to harvest, picking and stacking in the veggie stand is needed. As the weather turns, putting the garden to bed for the winter would be the last big task of the season. Of course, when Spring comes, the more hands that can help in getting the garden going, the merrier. Anyone wanting to help can contact the church office for more information at 570-326-0731.

The Newberry Church team that got the project going has been encouraged by how well the garden produce seems to be distributed. Within hours after a round of picking and stacking in the veggie stand, the stand is empty again. This is all the more cheering considering that several members in the congregation also bring fruit and

vegetables from their home gardens to put in the stand for the Newberry community. In even its first year, the garden seems to have moved beyond just a "good effort" to its goal of a "good impact."

This was the Newberry Church of Christ's first attempt at a community garden, and they report that they plan to keep it going next year. "We certainly learned many things along the way, but it went well, and it was pretty exciting," Linda Wagner said. "We want the community to know that the church is not just located here, but is here for them." She quotes one of the other church members that the Newberry Church of Christ is "a church in the heart of Newberry with Newberry in its heart."

Newberry Church of Christ is located at 2101 Linn Street and they provide church services every Sunday at 8 am and again at 10:30 am. ~
Submitted by Joshua Hill with Linda Wagner

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Avoiding a Cat-astrophy: Infertile Felines Prefurred

The best thing about living in Newberry is our sense of community. That's why when I came home from work one day and found a helpless kitten in the plants on my porch, I went outside and talked to my neighbors about her. We couldn't find her a home, so my dog just had to get used to a new kitten in the house and today they are best friends.

As a new owner of a kitten, I began to notice all of the stray cats outside. They were getting run over by cars, freezing in the winter, and desperately searching for water in the summer. My experience in trying to find this kitten a home brought to my attention that there are cats wandering through the streets and yards, flooding the local shelters to capacity, and our social media feeds are constantly saturated with pleas for help. I thought it was a hopeless situation that I was powerless to change, until one of my neighbors told me about the trap, neuter, return (TNR) initiatives that are being implemented as a humane way to control the cat population.

Locally, we have resources that can help. Once you are able to trap a cat, The Beckoning Cat Project (beckoningcatproject.org) will (at a very

low cost) examine, spay/neuter, and provide a rabies vaccine. The cat is then ear tipped so that it is easily identifiable as a spayed/neutered animal and is then returned to you to release back into the outside. Additionally, the Lycoming County SPCA

provides financial assistance for low to moderate income residents so that they can get cats spayed or neutered at almost no cost.

When I found out about this, I knew I had to give TNR a try. It proved to be a greater challenge than I had imagined. Stray cats are not easily caught, and they are generally very scared of humans. Nonetheless, I have been able to catch and spay/neuter four cats in the last year. I didn't think that it made that much of a difference. However, according to thenest.com, a female can give birth to up to five litters per year. And according to Pet MD, "In seven years, a single female cat and their kittens can produce 420,000 more cats." By utilizing the TNR approach, our community can prevent the birth of millions of homeless kittens. ~

Submitted by Jeana Longo



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Enjoy the Outdoors a Stone's Throw from Newberry

As a member of an informal hiking group that gets out into the wonderful Pennsylvania wilds regularly, I would like to share with my neighbors a nearby treasure. If you are new to hiking, this nearby trail would be a great first step.

We Newberrians are a short distance from these remarkable woodland trails located in the Williamsport Municipal Water Authority – trails ideal for hiking, cross country skiing, and, on some parts, mountain biking. These paths offer a variety of outdoor experiences for the casual as well as the more ambitious outdoor enthusiast. And it's just 10 minutes from Newberry!

In addition to providing the opportunity for physical activity, sometimes vigorous, as well as the delight that comes from traveling through magnificent terrain, several locations on the trail provide information offering insights into the varied history of this unique area. It is also a great place to see some of the local wildlife and birds, and a good variety of Pennsylvania foliage.

At the parking lot a metal container has maps available and a sheet to sign in for whatever adventure is being planned. There are a few restrictions established to keep the watershed pristine – as it does represent the source for Williamsport's water. So, no dogs are allowed, nor motor vehicles, and this is not a trail for camping or fishing. As with most trails, whatever you pack in, you should pack out. And the Authority welcomes your thoughts on how to improve the experience.

Hiking is fun, free, family-friendly, and full of health benefits. At the Water Authority, the



Photo Credit Richard Karp.

Bluebird trail is a good starting loop of 2.4 miles, but hikers looking for more adventure or exercise can try the Pocowanache Loop or the Racoon Mountain Trail, both of which cover more than 6 miles. Though hiking is fairly safe, there are a few considerations for basic safety. One is to hike with a friend, or at least let someone know where you will be and when you expect to return. Accidents do happen, and not all cell phones get reception in the Water Authority. Also, despite the area's name, you should bring your own water. Depending on the season, you may want to take layers of clothing.

For those not familiar with the Water Authority, it's easy to find, starting with a trip across the Arch Street Bridge into Duboistown. Turn left at the intersection with 654, then in just a few hundred yards, turn right on Valley Street. Follow this for about a mile, then bear left on Mosquito Valley Rd which comes to an end two miles further (and across a one-lane bridge) at the trailhead parking area. ~ *Submitted by Robbie Cross*



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Jackson Primary School Receives \$6,500 Grant From Choose Kindness Foundation

WILLIAMSPORT, PA (AUGUST 20, 2021) — Jackson Primary School was awarded a \$6,500 grant from the Choose Kindness Foundation to begin a year-long, building-wide effort to promote and celebrate a welcoming, inclusive and caring school environment.

The grant was awarded based on the kindergarten to third-grade school having already demonstrated results in its ability to cultivate and nurture pro-social behaviors for at least three years.

Funding will be integrated into the building's School-wide Positive Behavior Program (SWPB) to further foster "kindness so that it remains a steadfast character trait within all of our students," said Lynne Piotrowski, a Title 1 reading specialist and SWPB building coach at the school.

The grant will be used to help support special kindness-related assemblies and events throughout the year; a Kindness Literacy Corner in the school library, which will feature books about showing appreciation, offering help, being friendly and reaching out; Creative Kindness journals for students; signs and promotional materials for the building; and other supplies for items like special "shout-outs" and "thank-yous."

According to the Choose Kindness Foundation, it works with "recipient schools to engage all students in a consistent effort to learn and practice kind behaviors that are shown to increase academic, social, emotional and behavioral competence."

"Students across the nation lost more than just academic learning this past year," the nonprofit states. "For many, school closure meant the loss of their social world and their mental health suffered."

"We will enter the new school year stronger and grateful for the opportunities to enable our school family to restore, build and maintain social and emotional health," Piotrowski said. "Collectively, we look forward to embarking on the next year with a renewed sense of spirit and purpose in truly

making kindness the bottom line at Jackson." "The Jackson (SWPB) team did a fabulous job writing this grant," said Principal Theresa Montgomery. "The planning and volunteer time they put forth to enable implementation of the grant is incredible. The activities planned are very engaging, age appropriate and fit well with the school-wide positive atmosphere that is already established here at Jackson."

Montgomery added that she and Assistant Principal Erin Brouse are excited to begin working with the faculty, staff, students and families on the initiative as the new principals of the building. "We are so proud to be a Millionaire from Jackson Primary," Montgomery said.

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We have kicked off our F.O.C.U.S.E.D program for the 2021-2022 school year. The Feeding Our Children United Serving Each with Dignity provides food to those children in the Williamsport School District that choose to participate. Each student that does participate is provided each week with a bag containing breakfast and lunch foods thus ensuring a minimum of two meals for the student. This has been a very large undertaking but when approached with this opportunity we jumped at the chance to help the children in our community. As with all of our programs we are always searching for people that would like to join the WECCC family and serve the community.

We have made the switch from summer clothing to our winter clothes in the Clothes Closet. We have made a change behind the scenes that may not be visible to our patrons but we have combined our Thrift Shop and the Clothes Closet so that we can maximize our volunteer team's skills in making inventory available. You will see that there will be a faster turnover and we hope that you come back frequently to see if there is something that you just cannot live without.

Our "Community Cupboard" is well stocked and is prepared to assist with immediate emergency food items. Even if it is not an emergency that you

find yourself in but you may run out of money before you run out of month please stop in and we can come beside you to help you through challenging times. We try to provide enough food for two weeks but if you need it more frequently we are here to help.

The Shoe Express is up and running the 1st and

3rd Saturdays of each month from 10:00am until 12 noon. Shoes are provided to all children between

the ages of newborn and seventeen years old. Each is provided with a new pair of socks and a brand new pair of shoes. We also have plenty of age appropriate books that are available for each child.

Each of our programs have eliminated any and all qualifiers. This means that you do not have to bring any documentation or proof of income to participate in a WECCC program. The Thursday Food Pantry is housed at the WECCC but is run by another group. They have State and Federal guidelines regarding income and residence which have had to remain in place. If you have not worked with them in the past you can receive food the first time you come and they will inform you of what is needed to be brought with you on your assigned Thursday.

A friend sent me a scripture that has really affected me and I want to share that with you. In the book of Zephaniah 3:17 we are told "God will take delight in you with gladness...He will rejoice over you with joyful songs." I have no problem delighting in God and I can even come to terms with the fact that He loves me but to think that He delights with gladness in me to the point I make him sing joyful songs – well, this is a real stretch. I mean there are times when I can barely stand myself let alone accept that I delight God but He does. He sees you and I through eyes filtered through Jesus and therefore he can only see the beauty that is His creation. What an awesome thought! Well until I get to see you may God bless you and know you have family here at the WECCC. ~ Submitted by Calvin Phillips, Executive Director



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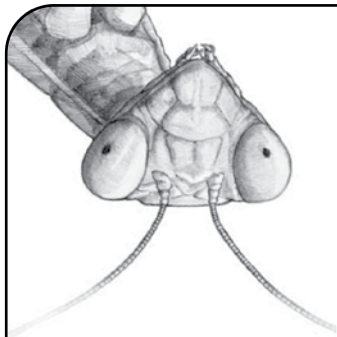
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Three New Members Join the WASD Education Foundation Board of Directors

WILLIAMSPORT, PA (AUGUST 6, 2021) — The Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation (WASDEF) is pleased to announce this year's recent appointment of three new members to its board of directors.

Joining the board are Loriann Rose, Marwin Reeves, and Jon Mackey.

A community volunteer, active parent and WASD advocate, Rose, a former teacher in the Danville Area School District, brings extensive educational and volunteer experience to the board.

She currently works as a substitute teacher in the district while also serving on the Curtin Intermediate School PTO. She's previously been a member of the Cochran Primary School PTO, and the American Cancer Association's Relay for Life Pancreatic Awareness and Pediatric Cancer Research committees. She also has served as a board member for her family's scholarship fund, The Angeli Memorial Scholarship, since 1998, as well as a number of other committees for athletic and religious events.

"I believe that my experience as an educator, past and present, will provide great insight into the educational and communal needs of the district ... (that will) aid in making decisions that are best for the Williamsport education foundation," Rose said.

Reeves, who retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, is the Pastor and CEO of Christ Community Worship Center and L.I.F.E. Child Care Learning Center.

In the community, he also serves on the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania Board of Directors, Human Services Advisory Board and is a member of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ).

A parent of two Williamsport Area High School grads, Reeves said he believes serving on the education foundation board "will allow me to apply

my skills, abilities and talents to a team of persons involved in the work of helping kids achieve their educational goals."



Loriann Rose



Marwin Reeves



Jon Mackey

Mackey is the owner of JM Quizzo Productions and, before returning to Williamsport, was a Philadelphia police officer.

Currently serving on City Council, he's previously been the president of Cochran Primary School's PTO and most recently was a member of the Williamsport Business Association.

"As a parent of two in (the district), I feel it is important to take an active role in making sure that not only my own children, but every child, has the best experience possible," Mackey said of his decision to serve on the board.

"We are pleased to welcome these three individuals to the board," said President Dr. Brooke Beiter. "Their varied skills and expertise will help to further develop and grow the education foundation. We look forward to working with them."

The 2021-2022 Board of Directors are: President Dr. Brooke Beiter; Vice President Rose-Marie Gross; Ed Barone; Michael Beucler; Superintendent Dr. Timothy S. Bowers; Stan Cary; Susan Dinsmore; Wanda Erb (Treasurer); Dr. Sue Kelley; Jennifer Lake; Mike Lundy; Jon Mackey; Audra Mazzante; Lynne Piotrowski (Secretary); Stephanie

Radulski; Marwin Reeves; Loriann Rose; Allison Staiman; Mallory Weymer; and Patti Wylie.

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~ Submitted by Greg Hayes

Newberry Couple Goes “Over the Edge”

A local fundraiser prompted a Newberry couple, Bob and Tracey Woodley, to rappel down the front of the Genetti Hotel on September 25th. Over the Edge is a joint fundraising event that benefits three local non-profits: River Valley Regional YMCA, YWCA, and the Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation. To participate, you raise funds for any (or all three) of the non-profits, then you get the pleasure of rappelling down the front of the 11-floor, 192-foot tall building. Of course, they don't just let you go up on the roof without some training and instruction. The first step after signing in and emptying your pockets (you aren't allowed to carry anything that might fall) is suiting up for the adventure. Very helpful people from Over the Edge, as well as volunteers from the US Army, help you gear up with a harness, helmet, walkie-talkie, gloves, and all the attachments to your harness that will allow you to safely slide down a rope to the street below. Once you and the rest of your group are properly dressed for the occasion, you head up to the roof for training.

On the roof is set up a tripod just like the ones you'll use for the actual descent. Each participant gets hooked up to the apparatus, is given instruction on how to employ the equipment, and then practices allowing the line to lower your body to the surface of the roof. While up there, you can also see how secure the two main tripods are, being attached to the roof in a way that will make you feel safe and confident about what you're going to be doing next. When it's your turn, you climb the stairs to the platform just beneath the Genetti Hotel sign. There, Army guys and rappelling experts give you the once-over, making sure your equipment is being worn properly, that it's correctly adjusted and equipped, and all of the safety precautions are checked.

Then comes the hard part (or the fun part). Once everything is checked and double-checked, you get hooked up to the ropes that will guide you to the sidewalk below. There are two ropes, or lines. One is a safety line. The safety line is only there in case you begin to rappel too quickly. You



Bob and Tracey Woodley



Bob Woodley getting last minute instructions

Newberry Couple... *Continued from page 10*

have control over the speed of your descent, but the safety line will grab on if need be. If it stops you, you then have to reset it (which is covered in the training) before you can proceed. The other line is the one you control. It's an easy process, simply giving the equipment slack with your lower hand, and controlling the drag of the line with a lever on the equipment with your upper hand. It's practically impossible to fall at a pace that might lead to injury. The descent itself is easy, albeit a little nerve-wracking if you've never done it before. On the other hand, Tracey could be heard yelling, "I want to do this for a living!" She really enjoyed the experience, and like a favorite roller coaster, she wanted to get right back in line and do it again! Bob, on the other hand, was content to have done it once.

Once you get near the bottom, there are soldiers there to assist you with your landing. You basically land on your butt, then they help you stand up and release you from the line. From there, you head



Bob and Tracey Woodley with US Army volunteers

back into the hotel to turn in your gear and get your stuff back, like your wallet, keys and phone that you had to remove from your pockets. All in all, a great activity for kids of all ages (there was a grandmother in our group who was there the second time!), and a great way to raise funds for some local non-profits.

Bob and Tracey were able to participate thanks to Backyard Broadcasting, a sponsor of the event and Bob's employer.



Williamsport Streets Department upgraded some sidewalks in Newberry this summer to add ramps. This is the corner of Boyd and Depot Streets.

Parenting in the Screen Age

Living near Preziosi Park in Newberry, we love the sound of the kids out there playing some version of football or volleyball, or just running back and forth on the equipment, laughing. That has always been a sound of joy and hope.

But half of the time, the kids are sitting on the equipment looking at their phones. In fact, according to a study by Common Sense Media, more than half of children under age 11 have their own smartphone, and the tween-teen age range spends 5-7 hours per day on their screens.

I have two main jobs. One is studying and teaching communication at Penn College. The other is parenting my five kids. These days, bringing those two things together is more important than ever, but I have discovered that many parents feel unsure about how to navigate their kids' screen use.

A few years ago, I was telling some other parents at the soccer field about the problems kids experience on social media. They admitted that their sons were on their smartphones all the time, and they asked, "How do you deal with that problem with your son?" My answer was simple: I don't give my kids cell phones. The look on their faces was revealing. They had never thought of that.

Because telling others how to parent their children is always asking for trouble, I don't do that. But here are some things to keep in mind if you are trying to navigate parenting and technology in your household.

First, our children are sponges for learning language their first 8-10 years, but how well they learn it depends on how much authentic face-to-face interaction they have with people who care about them. You may say, "Wait a minute! My kid learned language pretty well by 2 years old!" Yes, by 2-3 years old, kids can generally make known what they want, but mastery of the language is a long process. Your five-year-old needs you to listen to (most of) her story that never ends. She needs you to look her in the face and ask questions that show you are interested. Your eight-year-old needs you to sit and read books with him and talk about what you are reading. These interactions teach empathy, different word meanings, how to hold eye contact, and how language works in a close relationship.

When smartphones and tablets become the main face kids see and the main voice kids hear, they slip behind in their language development. In schools, this has become known as the "empathy crisis" because kids no longer have practice reading the emotion in the faces or voices of other people.

Second, constant use of the internet, even for "educational purposes," shortens our attention spans significantly. It does this to us adults, but most of us have a history before easy access to the internet, so we know what it's like to focus on a task for a long time. Kids, however, are being trained in "continual partial attention" from the time they are in the cradle, spending hours daily on tablets or smartphones. Their brains are being wired for a "normal" that will make their future work-life difficult.

Third, social interaction with other people – especially when conflict is involved – works best face to face. Picture a smile on your son's or daughter's face; now picture a smiling emoji – which of the two sends a richer message? Face to face, people are more polite, more willing to discuss issues, and, basically, less mean. Kids who spend time with friends face to face get to practice how to deal with conflict in a more respectful way. Those who spend time with friends through the mediums of the phone and the social media app do not get that practice. As we adults know, what we practice on a regular basis is what we end up doing. Data indicates that the younger generation either avoids conflict (often "ghosting" people) or engages conflict aggressively (often "flaming"). Practicing bad conflict online then leads to bad conflict practices face to face.

These things that I know from reading the research may be helpful to you. In any case, this is why none of my kids has a cell phone, and only the oldest (19-year-old) has free reign on the internet, though I taught him these internet lessons before letting him go. This is also why we put down our own phones and spend time talking to our kids and reading to them. As all parents know, parenting is investing in the future of the world, and we affect what kind of future it will be. ~ Submitted by

New RVT Bus Designs

The employees at River Valley Transit decided they wanted to show support to those in our community. Three new buses have been designed to reflect how service members, cancer survivors and those with autism have all touched the lives of those that work in and around the city of Williamsport. "Letting people know they matter is important and we could showcase that on our buses", said Adam Winder, River Valley Transit General Manager.

Public Transit is important to many people that rely on bus service to get to doctors' appointments, work and shopping. River Valley Transit supports the community in both serving the public and also caring about riders and the general public. Employees submitted their visions for the bus wraps to come up with issues that impact many people. The visuals provide hopeful and supportive messages as part of their design.

The 3 vehicles are the newest in the fleet of River Valley Transit buses and can be seen on routes across the Williamsport area. The buses are themed as "Hometown Heroes", "Breast Cancer Awareness" and "Autism Awareness."

More information on Public Transit **visit www.rideRVT.com** or call 570-326-2500. ~ Submitted by Adam Winder



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All 81 precincts will be open for in-person voting on Election Day from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm. Judicial, county, School Director, city, borough, township, Constable, and poll worker offices will appear on the ballot. In addition, four judicial retention questions will appear on the ballot.

The statewide judicial offices that will appear on the ballot are Justice of the Supreme Court (1 seat); Judge of the Superior Court (1 seat); and Judge of the Commonwealth Court (2 seats).

The local judicial offices that will appear on the ballot are Magisterial District Judges 29-1-01, 29-3-01, and 29-3-04.

The county office that will appear on the ballot is Sheriff.

The city office that will appear on the ballot is City Council (3 seats).

School Director offices will appear on the ballot in every school district in the county. The offices and terms will vary by school district. In Williamsport Area School District, five School Directors are to be elected to 4-year terms.

Borough, township constable, and poll worker offices (Mayor, Council, Supervisor, Auditor, Tax Collector, Constable, Judge of Elections, Inspector of Elections) will appear on the ballot across the county.

In addition to the above contests, four judicial retention questions will appear on the ballot:

Shall John T. Bender be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Shall Mary Jane Bowes be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Shall Anne Covey be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Shall Renee Cohn Jubelirer be retained for an additional term as Judge of the Commonwealth Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?

Friday, October 2 sample ballots for all precincts available upon request at the Office of Voter Services or at our website, www.lyco.org/vote.

Monday, October 18 last day to register to vote or make changes to your registration before election.

Tuesday, October 26 is the last day to apply to vote by mail. Applications must be received by Voter Services before 5:00pm. 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 for an absentee ballot but still wish to vote by mail must apply for a mail-in ballot.

Tuesday, November 2 at 8:00 pm is the deadline for Voter Services to receive voted mail ballots. Ballots received after 8:00pm cannot be counted.

A voter receiving 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 voter surrenders official ballot and official ballot return envelope to Judge of Elections at polling place to be spoiled in order to vote a regular ballot.

Voters who experience an emergency after 5:00 pm on Tuesday, MAY 11 may be eligible to apply for an emergency absentee ballot.

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OCTOBER 2021

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11 – Columbus Day
(Federal Holiday - Banks Closed)
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15 – White Cane Safety Day
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20 – Newberry
Community Partnership Meeting, 5:30 PM
at WECCC
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31 – Halloween

NOVEMBER 2021

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – Election Day
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – Daylight Savings
Time Ends (Set Clocks BACK One Hour)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – Veteran's Day
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – Thanksgiving
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – Black Friday
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 – First Day of
Advent
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – Cyber Monday
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 – Hanukkah

DECEMBER 2021

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 – Last Day of
Hanukkah
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 – Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Christmas
Day (Federal Holiday - Banks Closed)
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 – New Year's Eve



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