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## The Newberry Liberty Monument Celebrates 100 Years

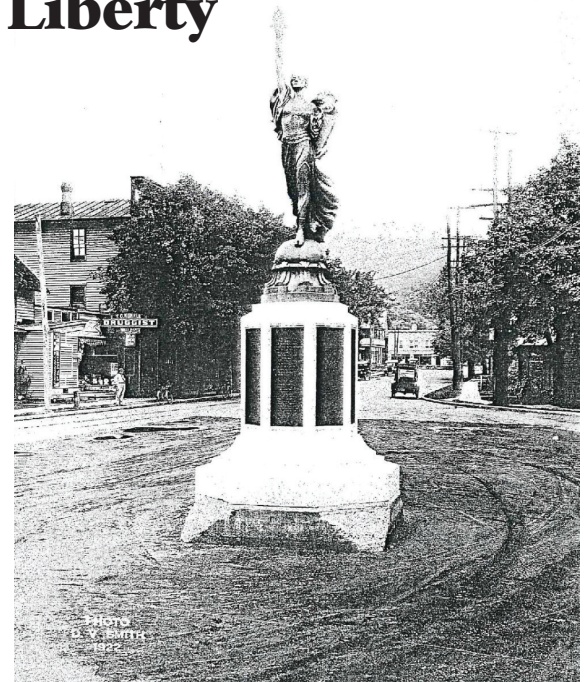
She can be considered the longest resident of any person in the Newberry area. She has stood on her pedestal and served as a sentinel for people crossing Fourth Street and traveling on Arch. Make a quick stop for coffee or a visit to Hill's Garage and you can't miss her. This special lady is celebrating her 100th anniversary watching over Newberry and keeping the flame lit for those who served in the Armed Forces, specifically of World War I.

She is Newberry's own World War I Liberty Monument, and she cannot be missed. It was installed in 1922 and, according to the placards, was "erected by the citizens of the Seventh and the Eleventh Wards of the city of Williamsport and Woodward and Old Lycoming Townships" and dedicated to remember "the soldiers, sailors and nurses who served in the World War."

In the October 2003 issue of *insideNewberry* a writer asked, "Do you know why it is standing there?" Upon some research and digging this journalist found that a "group of women who belonged to the Andrew Jackson Parent-Teacher Association...assembled after church services shortly after the end" of World War I and asked, "Why not erect a memorial in memory of our dear ones who helped to save Democracy?"

A committee was formed in July of 1920 and work began to procure funds.

The Gazette and Bulletin (a forerunner to the Sun Gazette) reported in the Sept. 7th, 1920 issue that "officers and the members of the committee have faithfully labored on the duties pertaining to



A 1922 image of the World War I Liberty Monument. Image Credit: Thomas Taber Museum Library.

# The Newberry Liberty Monument Celebrates 100 Years

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their respective committees and have presented their ideas to the people of Newberry at two public mass meetings." These ideas "were met with hearty approval."

Cards with names and addresses "of all people of Newberry" requesting money were prepared and sent out." It was "believed that this undertaking is of such importance that it will appeal to the people of Newberry and that" they will give "to the utmost their financial ability."

According to the 2003 *insideNewberry* article, by January 1921 "over \$4,777 had been received." The committee commissioned famed sculptor Giuseppe Moretti to design the statue that would be atop the pedestal. Moretti's work had appeared all over Pittsburgh, and later in life, he resided in Birmingham, Alabama, where his work gained him more fame.

On Memorial Day in 1922, the monument was unveiled. A reporter for the Gazette and Bulletin reported that the ceremony began at 9:30 a.m. at Diamond Square and a parade formed and marched "over the principal streets to the memorial" on Arch Street and Fourth.

A reviewing stand had been built and "Gold star fathers and mothers, Red Cross nurses, and the officers and speakers were given places" of prominence. And next to it, a band played on. As

the program began, a local minister prayed, while a local post commander thanked the crowd for raising money for the memorial.

"The Pupils of the Roosevelt, Jackson and Lincoln township schools, under the direction of Miss Florence Wilson, sang inspiringly 'America the Beautiful' and 'Battle of Hymn of the Republic'," the Gazette writer said.

This was followed by remarks from Emerson Collins, a lawyer and member of the Pennsylvania Legislation who worked with the governor. He said the end of the Great War would bring a "new era" and a "brighter chapter" to the world. "When Mr. Collins had finished speaking, a tremendous wave of applause swept through the crowd, rising higher and higher as the thrilling words of the able speaker sank deeply into the hearts of each and every listener," the Gazette writer said.

The crowd then sang two more songs of patriotic honor and "it was then the moment came."

"The monument had been awaited for two years...the sacrifice and service of hundreds of earnest workers who had labored...that the deeds of heroism, the works of valor, and the days and weeks and months of sacrifice of our boys and girls on Flanders Field or in training camps at home should not go unrecognized, unhonored by those who loved them," was said in the Gazette.

The writer described the crowd as a "vast sea of humanity" conglomerated at Arch Street and Fourth Street. Each member of the group was said to have "hearts beating quick and fast and

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eyes strained and tearful, with bared heads and bated breath.”

“As the muslin cover fell from the memorial, the rays of the sun (were) striking the bronze shaft, (and) seemed to give it a heavenly glow, which it deserved,” the writer said. Each of the names were raised on the bronze plates around its granite base. The sun “made them stand out in greater contrast.” This glow “brought tears to the eyes and emotion into the heart of every true patriot.”

However, the center point was “the bronze statue of Liberty holding high the torch, clasping to her breast ‘Liberty 1918’.” The statue was then presented to Mayor Archibald Hoagland, who on “behalf of the city (of Williamsport), accepted it.”

The program was then closed out by the “vast audience” singing the “Star Spangled Banner.”

After a hundred years, it’s easy for Newberry’s unique memorial to become part of the landscape, but it helps from time to time to ask the questions that *insideNewberry* writer asked back in 2003. “Have you noticed our Lady Liberty War Memorial? Do you know why it is standing there?”

Have you ever taken the time to read the inscription that surrounds the Monument?”

Because it is hoped, as that same writer said, that “this monument will stand as a reminder for future generations” of the men and women “whose blood and spirit was written in the book of the ‘History of Liberty 1918’ which Lady Liberty holds at her side.” ~ Submitted by Don Everett Smith Jr.

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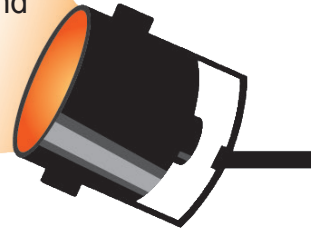
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Where once was Dale's Arch Street Eatery, there is now **Uptop Cuisine**! When looking for a location for a venture between two friends, Doug Fairfax and Dhuha Ali came across the building at the corner of Arch Street and Trenton Avenue this past July 11th. By July 15th, they bought the building and began the renovations. A lot of work needed to be done. The entire kitchen was gutted and re-done with brand-new equipment. What was the seating area is now more like a reception area, as there is no seating inside **Uptop Cuisine**.

**Uptop Cuisine** is a delivery and pick-up only restaurant. It's the result of a partnership between Dhu's Kitchen and Fairfax Catering, both of which operated out of the Pajama Factory. Both Doug and Dhu have extensive backgrounds in the food service arena. Doug began as a cook at the King's Inn in South Williamsport over three decades ago, becoming a corporate chef for Holiday Inn. Dhu began her cooking adventure to learn how to better prepare foods for diabetics, then attended culinary school. Their love of food brought them together, and now their love for each other has led to their engagement! The **Uptop Cuisine** motto is: "We translate food and flavor into love."

And you'll love the food! All the steaks are hand-cut. All the seafood is wild-caught. Kosher, vegetarian and vegan options are available, with Keto dishes in the works. **Uptop Cuisine** has daily specials, and Dhu is always making up new varieties of cheesecake, like sticky bun, banana pudding, hot chocolate, and seasonal flavors. You gotta try 'em! In addition to the cheesecake, Dhu

also makes cookies, cakes and cinnamon rolls. Otherwise, the menu is very tempting! You'll find Steak Burgers, Honey Hot Fried Chicken, salads, Entrees like Chicken and Waffles, Crab Cakes, and Grilled Ribeye. There are also the Daily Specials. You can find the full menu at [www.uptopcuisine.com](http://www.uptopcuisine.com), as well as the new operating hours. You can also follow **Uptop Cuisine** on social media. Uptop Cuisine will cater events from 2 to 2000. All major credit cards are accepted. ~ Bob Woodley



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# Dog Licenses for 2022 Are Available From Lycoming County Treasurer

Pennsylvania 2022 dog licenses went on sale December 1, 2021. Dog owners who need to purchase 2022 dog licenses may do so at the Lycoming County Treasurer's office located at 33 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

It's the law! State law requires all dogs three months and older to be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year.

The dog license application is simple and only requests owner contact information and details about the dog being licensed, including name, age, breed and color.

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

If you would like to obtain a **lifetime dog license**, you must have your dog permanently identified with a microchip and obtain a form signed by your veterinarian. Lifetime Dog License fee is \$51.50, \$31.50 for a dog that is spayed or neutered. Senior Lifetime Dog License (65 years or older) or Disabled with proof of disability: \$31.50 and if a dog is spayed or neutered \$21.50.

Licenses are also available online via the web at [www.lyco.org](http://www.lyco.org) by clicking "dog licenses" on the left of the home page. There is more information under "elected officials" and then "Treasurer". You may also print an application from the website and mail with payment to: Lycoming County Treasurer, 48 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

The Lycoming County SPCA, 2805 Reach Road, Williamsport, will also have 2022 licenses available.

For more information, call the Lycoming County Treasurer's office at 570-327-2248.

Cindy Newcomer, Treasurer, offered these reasons for dog licensing:

- **If a dog gets lost, a license is the best way to get him/her back.** A license helps reunite the dog quicker to their rightful owners.

- **The cost of a license is less than the penalty for being caught without one.** Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$300 for each unlicensed dog.
- **License fees support animal control.** The annual fee to license a dog helps keep shelters running and supports the work of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, which provides a number of vital services to protect dogs and the public. Last year, the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement enforced health and safety regulations in kennels by licensing 2,428 such operations and conducting more than 5,200 inspections.
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# UPDATES FROM NEWBERRY'S SCHOOLS

## WEST BRANCH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

During the nineteen sixties and seventies, in addition to all the civil rights demonstrations and significant political events, substantial educational research was expansively sought and new procedures put into action. Several local parents, along with many others across the nation, widely expressed a desire for having more teachers per student, a more integrated and project-oriented approach to learning, more field trips, more hands-on and problem-solving situations, more emphasis on social/emotional growth, and more parental involvement in everyday education. They also wanted to establish some new schools to employ these standards.



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and turning the building into the familiar little red schoolhouse "Where Children Love to Learn." The facility was ready by the fall of 1971 for school

to actually begin. The philosophies of the school were being honed as well. Members of the West Branch School Association were to include all members of the families of registered students as well as teachers, volunteers, contributors, alumni, and any other interested persons.

The basic West Branch School philosophies mean wonderful educational experiences for the students and their families.

Students receive a very personalized education in this reasonably-priced, nonprofit, non-sectarian (not church affiliated), non-discriminatory, independent, private school. The school is "non-graded." This means that each child is challenged at his/her/their highest ability in each subject matter, school project, endeavor, or activity and evaluated accordingly. The reason for this is simply because children do not develop evenly across subject areas, interests, or grade levels.

Students become excited to learn through discovery, project-oriented, and hands-on methods along with regular compartmentalized classes. Integrated academic experiences and social/emotional growth adventures are encouraged, also, through game playing, varieties of peer groupings, and leadership situations.

Working with a team of teachers (with a ratio never higher than one teacher to eight students) over the course of several years in a non-graded setting where creativity is fostered along with empowered decision-making and academic challenge makes for active, energy-filled days.

Parents and teachers share in West Branch School's management. Parents are encouraged to be part of governance, committees, fundraising, maintenance, curriculum, special events, and field trips. They are invited to share expertise in the overall working of the school as well the educational

Schools that were established toward these goals were usually small non-profit, private schools inclusively known as "alternative schools" because they were different in many ways. That term has changed in meaning over the years to refer to public schools that primarily focus on students having difficulties of various kinds in regular school formats. As a result, the formerly called "alternative schools" are often referred to as "non-traditional schools" today.

It is of great interest that Newberry has been the home of one such non-traditional school for the past fifty years, West Branch School. This is amazing because many of these schools have long since folded because of financial difficulties or because educational variations have substantially increased over the years with such schools as charter schools, Internet schools, and much more freedom in styles of home schooling.

The West Branch School building (a former Missionary Alliance Church on Moore Avenue) was purchased in 1970 by the local group of determined parents looking for a non-traditional "home" site that would enable their non-traditional goals.

That parent group immediately got to work on building teaching areas and stations, clearing a playground and making playground equipment,



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## WEST BRANCH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS *Continued from page 8*

process. Out-of-school endeavors, special events, environmental projects, and field trips are a very important part of the curriculum! Ideals of conflict resolution and consensus-oriented decision-making are taught and inherent within all student, parent, teacher, and member interactions.

Student interns, student teachers, volunteer teachers from other countries, and special teachers (like Dr. Joseph LeBlanc, a professor at Pennsylvania College of Technology, who volunteers to teach a special science class for a semester) have also been a valuable part of the West Branch School year.

The typical result of all these experiences for our students is that they graduate to other school settings and become socially adept academic high achievers. The peer and family influence means

that many of these students and families remain friends long term.

It is important to note that while these basic philosophies have remained in place over the fifty years, the school necessarily has experienced changes as the times, new teachers, new families, and new ideas bring their influences. Recent societal events and COVID have brought necessary changes to some of our more exploratory outings and visitations these past few years, but our teachers and parents continue to employ our philosophies through exceedingly creative means.

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*~ Submitted by Sandy Elion and Steve Hulslander*



*A small but enthusiastic group gathered on December 6th to light the Newberry Christmas Tree. Despite the cold and windy weather, Williamsport Mayor Derek Slaughter, a couple of members of City Council and Newberry Community Partnership volunteers lit the tree, sang carols, and posed for this photograph. Thanks to the city Street Department for installing the tree and lights, Brodart for use of the space, and Lamar Advertising for supplying the electricity for the lights.*



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# A Word From the WECCC

I cannot believe that we have come to the end of another year. We appreciate all the work our volunteers do and all the time they sacrifice from already overtaxed schedules. To recognize them and to celebrate Christmas we held an appreciation party where we were able to award our Youngest Volunteer of The Year to Calvin Phillips IV (yep that is my grandson but I was not the selector but since he is under 10 years old it was very appropriate); Amy Snyder was named as our New- Volunteer of The Year and David Fisher as our Volunteer of The Year. If you see any of these folks thank them for all they do.

Our F.O.C.U.S.E.D. program continues to grow and we are packing more bags each week than we ever have or thought possible. This is both a blessing and a curse because it is great that we can come beside families to help but a curse because the needs of the community continue to grow. We are in a profession that desires to work itself to extinction! We do not see that happening any day soon.

The heat is finally back on which makes it a lot more comfortable. There were some days when it was warmer outside than it was inside. C.S. Lewis wrote that with Christians it was not that you needed to make them do wrong you only needed to make them do nothing. If he thought the cold was going to slow us down he doesn't know the WECCC family.

When we encounter obstacles or adversaries in our lives we have two choices. We can choose to move forward sometimes at a run but other times at a crawl, just keep moving. Or we can just do nothing

and I assure you that you will never stumble or fail again because you are out of the game.



*Psalm 37:23-24 "The Lord directs the steps of the Godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand."* Now if that doesn't help to lift that self-doubt or counter any garbage the world wants to convict or accuse us of I don't know what will. Just knowing that God will not give up on me when I might trip up or backslide gives me the courage to get back up and keep going.

The WECCC family is here to come beside you and fight **with** you knowing that God will be with us "Though they stumble, they will never fall". So much is on the horizon for the WECCC in 2022 that we can only dream what journey God will take us on. Come and join us as we step into a brand new year I am looking forward to seeing you  
~ Submitted by Calvin Phillips, Executive Director

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JANUARY 2022

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 – New Year’s Day  
(Federal Holiday - Banks Closed)**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 17 – Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Day (Federal Holiday - Banks  
Closed)**

## FEBRUARY 2022

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – Groundhog  
Day**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – Super Bowl LVI**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Valentine’s Day**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – President’s Day  
(Federal Holiday - Banks Closed)**

## MARCH 2022

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 – Ash Wednesday  
(Christian Observance)**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4 – Employee Appreciation  
Day**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13 – Daylight Savings  
Begins (Set Clocks AHEAD One Hour)**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17 – St. Patrick’s Day**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20 – March Equinox  
(Spring)**

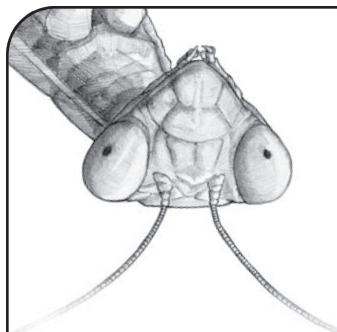


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