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# Join Neighbors to Pick Up Litter April 22

"The grass is greener on the other side of the fence." We all are familiar with this common idiom. For me, the dream of living in an area where litter is non-existent can be a reality. The antidote to this ancient proverb is to foster gratitude for what we DO have and to work for the changes we want to see here in Newberry. So, how do we work towards litter free neighborhoods? Participate in the annual Newberry Community Partnership's Spring litter cleanup!



This year's event coincides with the international celebration of Earth Day. Founded in 1970, the April 22 Earth Day is designated worldwide as an environmental action day. This year it happens to be on a Saturday, thus conveniently the day of our cleanup.

Volunteers are URGENTLY needed to meet at 9:30 a.m. at the West End Christian Community Center, 901 Diamond Street. At that time, participants will be given safety vests, gloves, bags (both for trash and recyclables), and instructions. We will have maps there, and you can pick a route to walk and clean up.

Children are welcome with an adult. Adults are welcome with or without children. Scout troops, families, sports teams, faith groups, and other organizations are all welcome. The cleanup is registered with the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful program, and the Susquehanna Greenway Earth Week Cleanup is including our event in their publicity. What's more, the City of Williamsport's Recreation Department is actively coordinating the efforts of Lycoming College, Penn College, and the Newberry Community Partnership, all of whom are holding cleanups that day, thus fostering a city-wide campaign.

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Of course, another part of the solution to the litter problem that impacts our community is if every household was mindful throughout the year, not just around Earth Day, to keep the space around their dwelling place tidy and trash free. This too makes a positive difference. The encouraging thing about Newberry is that several people do this kind of informal and local "litter pickup" on a regular basis. Citizen volunteers regularly clean up the wrappers, glass, and bottles that mar the playground equipment at Preziosi Park, for example. The more of us who do this, though, the more beautiful the community will be that we all call home.

Symbolically, we all abide on this side of the fence, and our grass can be just as green and litter free as anyone else's. All it takes is a little neighborhood pride and care, and one opportunity to put that kind of care in action is coming up soon.

As an appreciation for the volunteers, pizza will be served at noon at the West End Christian Community Center. If you have any questions concerning the Newberry Cleanup, please call Julie Hulslander at 570-322-6828. We hope to see you there! ~ Julie Hulslander

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# Newberry Lions Club Fair Brings Fun, Food, Community Funding

It is once again time for the food, music, and fun of the annual Newberry Lions Club Fair. It doesn't get much better than the smell of funnel cakes and the laughter of kids twirling around in the Fireball ride on a warm early summer night. If you have been before, you can imagine it. If you haven't been, we invite you to come join the fun with your Newberry neighbors!

This year, the Fair will be held from May 2 through May 6, 2023, at Historic Bowman Field. The Fair hours will be Tuesday through Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. with food vendors closing at approximately 9 p.m. On Saturday, May 6, the hours will be 12 Noon to 10 p.m.

The Newberry Lions will be serving up their famous French fries, and several other food options will be available along with family-friendly games and rides provided by Penn Valley Shows. If your stomach no longer enjoys such rides, watching your friends or children laugh and scream their way through a ride is amusing in itself!

If your organization or business would like to participate in this annual event, or for future updates about the Newberry Lions Fair, please visit the Newberry Lions Facebook Page or contact Bill K. at (570) 220-4572 or Bill G. at (570) 279-6647 in order to make arrangements.

The Newberry Lions thank you in advance for your help in supporting our annual fair. If you would like to volunteer your time with the Newberry Lions Club or become a member, please give us a



call. We are most grateful for your support of this popular, longstanding Newberry tradition. Money raised through the fair is used for Lions Club service projects.

The Lions Club is

the largest service club organization in the world with over 1.4 million members worldwide and over 46,000 local clubs. Each club serves primarily its local community by funding vision medical services, youth projects and scholarships, and other community projects as needed.

Any donation towards the event is, as always, greatly appreciated, and donations are tax deductible. For donations, please make your check payable to Newberry Lions Club and mail it to P.O. Box 4051, Williamsport, PA 17701. ~ *Bill Keiser* 





# **Habitat Home Repair Program Open for Newberry Applicants**

Spring is the time for HOME REPAIRS! Greater Lycoming Habitat for Humanity (Habitat) has announced they are continuing their Home Preservation (Repair) Program, and their target area includes Newberry. Habitat is well known for building affordable, efficient housing for lower income home ownership, but, as Executive Director Duane Hershberger explained, Habitat recognizes that lower income people who already own their homes often need some help too.

This Home Preservation program provides repair help for homes owned and occupied by lower income households. All sorts of minor exterior home repairs are eligible. Typical projects include accessibility modifications (ramps, handrails, etc.), fence repair, porches, deck and stair work, and yard clean-up. These repairs and modifications not only make homes safer and more accessible for their residents but they also maintain or improve the property value of the home.

This is not an emergency repair program, so consider what repairs your home may need in the near



future – before they become emergencies. There is a waiting list. However, if your repair project qualifies, the sooner you apply, the sooner you may get help for your home.

Applicants should be aware that they must be the owner-occupant of the home, meet household income limits, and be currently paid up on property taxes and home insurance. There also may be some costs to participants, depending on household income. Participants may be required to repay a small percentage of the projects' material cost, such as the cost of lumber for the project.

If a participant's household income is below 30% of current guidelines, they repay nothing. If between 30% and 50%, they repay 10% of the

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Deck before Habitat's help.



Deck after Habitat's help.

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material cost. Households with incomes over 50% repay 25% of the material cost. Those who receive help through the program have up to two years to repay any required matching amount, and no interest is charged. The maximum project cost is \$5,000.

You can see income limits and all the eligibility requirements at https://www.lycominghabitat. org/hpp. Applications can be downloaded from



Yard before Habitat's help.





the **HOME REPAIR** web page or obtained from the Habitat ReStore at 335 Rose St., Williamsport. You may also email Habitat at **contact.us@ lycominghabitat.org**, or call 570-322-2515. Funds, of course, are limited, so don't wait: apply now! This is a great opportunity for Newberry homeowners, and because it can improve many Newberry homes, it is also a benefit for the Newberry community overall. ~ *Mary Rucinski* 



Yard Cleanup after Habitat's help.



# Local Network Hopes and Plans for Newberry Youth

A small group of concerned Newberry citizens met together in early March to share perspectives and ideas for how to help the youth of the Newberry community. After school and during breaks, Newberry young people have little to do and few resources available to them, and this informal "youth council" hopes to provide some of the guidance and resources needed.

The first meeting included Calvin Phillips of the West End Christian Community Center (WECCC), Ron Johnson of Diamond Street Christian Church, Conrad Shank of Newberry Christian Fellowship, and Joshua Hill of the Newberry Community Partnership. "At the very least, we needed to get these people together to meet one another and get in contact," said Hill, who organized the meeting. "Developing a network of shared concern is the first step."

Each member shared what had been done for youth in the past through their organization, what programs might be put together for the near future, and what kind of resources might be needed. Many of the youth activities of the past were "pre-pandemic," and the group hoped to rejuvenate some of those earlier efforts. Johnson reported that he had been part of a teens-vs-police basketball tournament at Memorial park, one that also involved food and music. The goal was to provide a fun activity but also to make a way for the youth to have a friendly connection to area police. Phillips said that the WECCC used to hold street fairs in their parking lot, and their building used to host a summer YMCA program. Johnson also described former "youth resource picnics" at Preziosi Park that featured games for kids while also connecting them with local opportunities and activities.

Also before the pandemic, Johnson spearheaded an after-school tutoring program at Newberry Estates whose volunteers always had young people there for homework help. "These kids, they just want to know if they can depend on you. They need to know that you'll be there for them," Johnson explained. Shank led a cooking class that was initially held at Newberry Christian Fellowship, but moved after that into his home. He reports that the kids involved chose a menu together, cooked the food together, and ate together. The activity provided an activity that is both social and skill-building, and the fact that it involved food didn't hurt its popularity!

The group discussed data from a survey done by Williamsport Area High School asking students what after school activities they would be interested in. Two that caught the group's attention were "culinary classes" and "exercise programs." The culinary interest confirms what Shank has seen in his own program, and Phillips had already been talking to contacts who teach culinary classes, plotting to bring them in for youth classes in the industrial kitchen at the WECCC.

Phillips was also interested in the exercise program idea. He has been working to clean out a garage space at the WECCC with the goal of putting in a free-weight gym and opening it to youth for exercise classes or gym hours. Phillips would like to connect veterans with the youth through the hands-on activity of weight lifting. Once set up, a free-weight gym could be another healthy social activity for Newberry youth.

In the future, Hill would like to see a youth community center that could be a central spot for academic help, games like pool and foosball, and guidance help for youth trying to navigate social, personal, and vocational difficulties. "Many of these guys I talk to," Johnson said, "don't believe they have a future." This group hopes to tell the youth they do have a future, but also to help get them there.

Shank's church fellowship will be holding occasional "pizza at the park" events with lawn games, as they have in previous summers, and Phillips also hopes to have a half-court basketball hoop up by the summer, possibly hosting some 2X2 tournaments. A sooner free event is the April 22 Youth Praise and Worship Night featuring 11

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different youth artist groups, such as the St. John Neuman Choir and the Jesus Sound Squad. Doors open at 5 p.m. at Clarke Chapel on the Lycoming College Campus.

These groups will try to cross-post different youth events; watch for announcements of events on FaceBook. If you have free-weight equipment to donate or expertise you think you could share with community youth, email **insidenewberry@** yahoo.com.



We welcome your tax deductible donations to support the continued efforts of the Newberry Community Partnership to bring quality of life improvements and community events to our neighborhood. Send contributions to Newberry Community Partnership (NCP) 913 Diamond Street • Williamsport, PA 17701 For information call 570-651-0634.

## **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. For additional information, call the WECCC office at the number listed above.

#### NEWBERRY COMMUNITY

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA Please contact us at lwvlyco@gmail.com to get current information on meeting times and locations, as these have changed. Meetings are normally held monthly.

# WILLIAMSPORT AREA CHRISTIAN MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP

Meets first Tuesday of Each Month • 7:00 PM WECCC • 607-432-4926 A Christ centered support for individuals and families struggling to maintain mental and emotional stability.

**NOTE:** 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.

# How to Plan Well for Death and Burial

About two out of three Americans believe planning ahead for their death and burial is important, but only one out of five actually do so, according to a study by the National Funeral Directors Association. People put off dealing with the question for many understandable reasons, not least of which is discomfort planning for their own death. However, another reason is that many people don't know what issues to consider or what options are available.

In Newberry, we have two funeral homes – Knight-Confer and Sanders – and Wildwood Cemetery close by. Professionals at these establishments can talk through some of the questions and options for end-of-life planning so that no one or their family must face the turmoil of those decisions at the last minute.

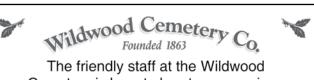
At Wildwood, we have seen how the turmoil of losing a loved one can become even more stressful to a family when the deceased's final affairs were left unsettled. The loved one may have had a preference about their final resting place, but they hadn't planned for that resting place financially or communicated their decision to all their family.

Unfortunately, many families struggle to handle these kinds of post-death processes on top of deciding on where and how their loved one will be interred, further compounding the stress and grief they experience. To alleviate that common problem, we recommend that everyone consider finding answers to the following questions when deciding on their end-of-life arrangements:

- Will my grave be easily accessible for visitors, and how many graves do I wish to purchase?
- Will my family be buried along with me or at another location later on?
- Will I want some sort of memorial placed at my grave site?
- How do I want my remains handled postdeath, such as cremation or full burial?

- With what funeral home do I want to make arrangements? What kinds of services do funeral homes and cemeteries offer?
- What sort of financial preparations do I want to make now so that my preferences can be carried out without that obstacle?
- Will I want a funeral and memorial service at the same time, or separate in time?
- To which of my family members do I need to communicate my plan, preferences, and contacts?

Many funeral directors and cemetery representatives can assist with these questions, giving you the information you need for your decisions and planning. Though death and taxes are said to be the two constants in life, death is the one that doesn't have a regular filing date each year. Some people have time to make these plans, and some do not, but everyone seems to need to deal with this issue in the end. Make sure you are ready. ~ *Fred Erikson and Caleb Hipple* 



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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, and township offices will appear on the Democratic and Republican primary ballots. A list of all candidates who have filed to run for local offices is posted on the Voter Services website at **www. Iyco.org/vote.** 

Voters who are registered with the Democratic or Republican parties are eligible to vote on their respective party primary ballots to select party nominees to appear on the November ballot.

Voters who are registered with all other political parties (Green, Independent, Libertarian, etc.) are not eligible to participate in the primary. They will be eligible to vote in the November election.

Monday, April 7 sample ballots for all precincts will be available at the Office of Voter Services and on the Voter Services website at www.lyco.org/ vote.

**Monday, May 1** is the last day to register to vote or make changes to your registration before the election.

**Tuesday, May 9** 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, May 16 at 8:00 pm** is the deadline for Voter Services to receive voted absentee and mail-in ballots. Ballots received after 8:00pm cannot be counted.

### Polls are open Election Day continuously 7 AM until 8 PM

A voter who receives an absentee 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 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, May 9 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.

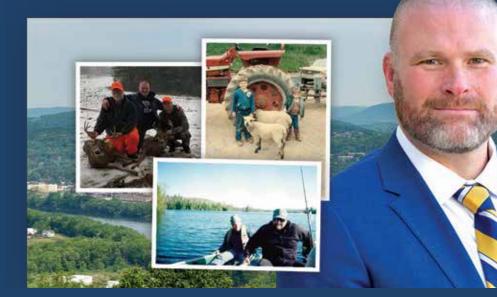
If you are uncertain of where to vote on Election Day, contact Voter Services.

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 to vote by mail at http://votespa.com.
- Download an application from the Voter Services website at www.lyco.org/vote.
- Visit Voter Services on the first floor of Third Street Plaza, 33 West 3rd St, Williamsport.
- Call Voter Services at 570-327-2267 to request that an application be mailed to you.

~ Submitted by Forrest K. Lehman, Director of Elections and Registration

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- ★ Almost 20 years of experience as a prosecutor and private practice attorney experienced in family law and criminal defense.
- ★ Former small business owner, TriGar Tire & Auto Service Center, LLC.
- Born and raised on a family farm in Montoursville in a conservative bluecollar household.
- ★ Avid sportsman who enjoys hunting, fishing and is a member of the NRA and the Dunwoody Big Bear Fish and Game Club.
- ★ Graduate of Montoursville Area High School, Lycoming College, and Temple University School of Law.
- ★ Ryan and his wife, Erica, reside in the Montoursville School District with their three children and three Labrador Retrievers.

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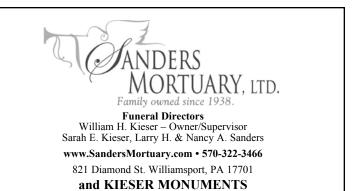


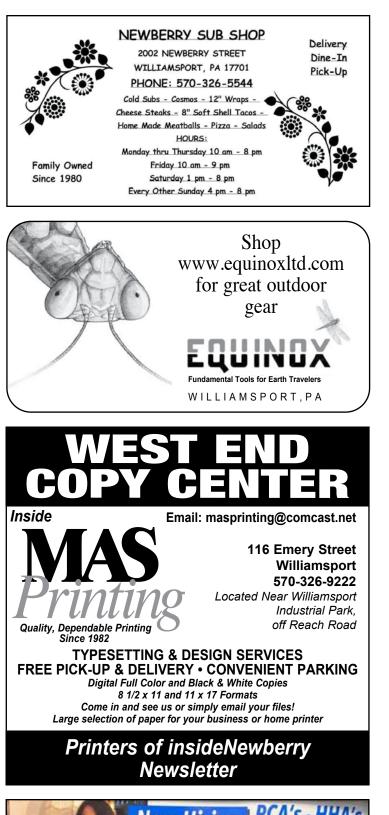
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# UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL 2023

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 – Palm Sunday (Christian)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6 –** Maundy Thursday (Christian), First Day of Passover (Jewish)

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 - Good Friday (Christian)

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - Holy Saturday (Christian)

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - Easter Sunday (Christian)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13 –** Last Day of Passover (Jewish)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 - Tax Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 – Community Litter Clean-Up (see page 1)

MONDAY, APRIL 24 – Arbor Day

## **MAY 2023**

TUESDAY, MAY 2 TO SATURDAY, MAY 6 – Newberry Club Lions Fair (see page 3)

FRIDAY, MAY 5 - Cinco de Mayo

SUNDAY, MAY 14 - Mother's Day

SATURDAY, MAY 20 - Armed Forces Day

MONDAY, MAY 29 – Memorial Day (Federal & State Holiday - Banks Closed)

# **JUNE 2023**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 – Flag Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 18 - Father's Day

MONDAY, JUNE 19 – Juneteenth (Federal & State Holiday - Banks Closed)

