

READY...SET...RETIRE!

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10TH ANNUAL COUNTY RETIREE HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

You and a guest are invited to our 10th Annual Holiday Buffet Luncheon for Lycoming County Retirees on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 11:30 a.m. at the Villa Restaurant, 2016 East Third Street, Williamsport. Cost: \$10 per person.

- Instead of grab bag gifts, we ask that you bring a CASH donation for a local food bank pantry.
- Please mail your check and the completed reservation form (below) by: **Tuesday, December 1st**



County Retiree Holiday Celebration - 12/8/15

**Mail to: Lycoming County Human Resources - Retiree Holiday Party
48 West Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701**

Your Name _____

Guest's Name _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ **(\$10 per person)**

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Lycoming County Retirees

Congratulations New Retirees



Eveleen Parker
Domestic Relations
retired on 10/16/15



Dennis R. Berfield
Information Services
retired on 10/30/15



Roger Rinehart
Prison
retired on 10/31/15



Ellen Montis
Resource Management
Services
will retire on 12/18/15



Shirley Watson
DMJ Lepley
will retire on 12/30/15
after 42 years at the
county

**If you are interested in becoming a member of the Lycoming County Retirees Group, please see the last page of the newsletter for information on submitting your dues for 2016. As a member you will receive postcard notices regarding retiree luncheons held every other month as well as special events held by the committee! This is a great way to network with fellow county retirees & enjoy an afternoon out!*

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING-PICNIC

AUGUST 11, 2015

LYCOMING COUNTY RETIREES MEETING: PICNIC

Officers present: Alice Bair - Chair
 Jean Stump - Vice Chair
 Esther Crawford Cohick - Secretary



There were 35 members and guests present at the Lycoming County Retirees Picnic held again this year by invitation at Russ & Marie Reitz's "Gracious Meadows" farm on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 11:30AM. Russ Reitz gave the invocation.

The weather was a mix of sun and rain and there were a few cancellations. We were protected at the pavilion with a "new roof" which was recently finished.

No meeting was held but a good time was had by all. There was a delicious meal of London Broil, Corn-on-the-cob, baked potatoes, salads (with Marie's special dressing), beverages and desserts.

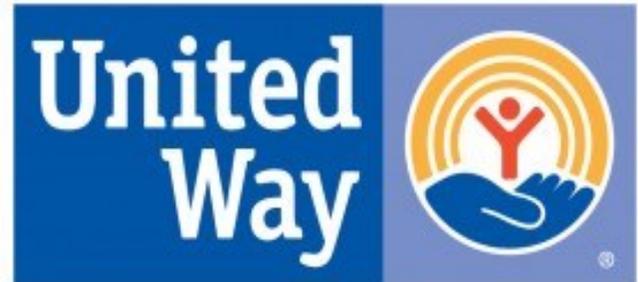
A special THANK YOU to Russ and Marie Reitz for an enjoyable time. As we were finishing up, the rain began to fall.

Esther Crawford Cohick
Secretary

The 2015-2016 Lycoming County United Way Campaign

If you are interested in donating, but are not sure how to go about doing so, please contact Tim Mahoney at 570-326-0385 or email mahoneyt2@comcast.net for information & pledge forms!

LIVE UNITED



Lycoming County United Way supports human service programs in five identified critical needs areas:

- ♦ Nurturing our Children
- ♦ Serving those with special needs
- ♦ Caring for people in crisis
- ♦ Supporting our seniors
- ♦ Strengthening our families

Any pledge made can be specifically designated for one of the need areas listed above or they can all benefit by simply contributing to the Lycoming County community fund.

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN WE LIVE UNITED!

MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING-PERKINS

OCTOBER 8, 2015

Officers Present: Alice Bair—Chair
Jean Stump—Vice Chair
Barb Thomas—Treasurer

There were 34 members present at the meeting held on October 8th at Perkins Restaurant. Jim Reed sends his thanks for all of the cards he received. He has been given an excellent report from his doctors!

The treasurers report shows a balance of \$1,155.86 currently in the checkbook. Jerry Walls motioned to file for an audit.

The Christmas party will be December 8, 2015 at the Villa Restaurant. Cost for each person will be \$10.00, as in the past with the treasury picking up the balance (L. Danley, R. Wehler).

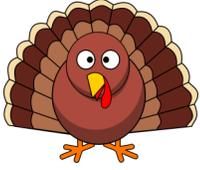
There was a vote to make a Christmas contribution to American Cancer Society (R. Wehler, S. Hall). The Collection will be taken at this years Christmas party. A donation will be made of \$500.00, with treasury making up the balance after donations (L. Danley, S. Thomas). Barb will coordinate details with the local office.

There was a discussion on another contribution since the retirees fund has money. It was voted to send \$300.00 to the American Red Cross to be designated for South Carolina disaster relief (J. Walls, R. Lukens).

Jerry Walls expressed the groups thanks to Alice for all her efforts with the retirees. This led to Alice suggesting that we have an election of officers at the February meeting! All should be thinking about who would be willing to be officers. We have not had an election of officers for many years.

Alice also suggested that people try to mail their dues in to Barb even before the Christmas party.





Thanksgiving

Holiday Fun Facts

Did you know...

(Information provided by AllParenting.com)

- **The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621** and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians and lasted three days. Many historians believe that only five women were present at that first Thanksgiving, as many women settlers didn't survive that difficult first year in the U.S.
- **Thanksgiving didn't become a national holiday until over 200 years later!** Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who actually wrote the classic song “Mary Had a Little Lamb,” convinced President Lincoln in 1863 to make Thanksgiving a national holiday, after writing letters for 17 years campaigning for this to happen.
- **No turkey on the menu at the first Thanksgiving:** Historians say that no turkey was served at the first Thanksgiving! What was on the menu? Deer or venison, ducks, geese, oysters, lobster, eel and fish. They probably ate pumpkins, but no pumpkin pies. They also didn't eat mashed potatoes or cranberry relish, but they probably ate cranberries. And no, Turduckens (a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken) were nowhere to be found during that first Thanksgiving.
- **No forks at the first Thanksgiving!** The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons and knives — but no forks! That's right, forks weren't even introduced to the Pilgrims until 10 years later and weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.
- **Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners!** In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes — and the first TV dinner was born!

- **Thanksgiving was almost a fast — not a feast!** The early settlers gave thanks by praying and abstaining from food, which is what they planned on doing to celebrate their first harvest, that is, until the Wampanoag Indians joined them and (lucky for us!) turned their fast into a three-day feast!
- **Why is Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November?** President Abe Lincoln said Thanksgiving would be the fourth Thursday in November, but in 1939 President Roosevelt moved it up a week hoping it would help the shopping season during the Depression era. It never caught on and it was changed back two years later.
- **The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924** with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. No large balloons were at this parade, as it featured only live animals from Central Park Zoo.
- **Turkey isn't responsible for drowsiness or the dreaded "food coma."** So what is? Scientists say that extra glass of wine, the high-calorie meal or relaxing after a busy work schedule is what makes you drowsy!
- **How did the tradition of watching football on Thanksgiving start?** The NFL started the Thanksgiving Classic games in 1920 and since then the Detroit Lions and the Dallas Cowboys have hosted games on Turkey Day. In 2006, a third game was added with different teams hosting.
- **Wild turkeys can run 20 miles per hour when they are scared, but domesticated turkeys that are bred are heavier and can't run quite that fast.**



HOLIDAY RECIPE

Pretzel Hugs

Submitted by: Lauren Bower

Ingredients:

2 bags of Hershey's Hugs
1 "Pounder" bag of Pretzel Snaps
Big baking sheet
Waxed paper - for easy removal.



Directions:

- Preheat oven to 300 Degrees
- Line baking sheet with waxed paper—if you don't have any, use parchment.
- Lay one pretzel down and top with a Hershey hug
- Pop in the oven for 2 minutes, just until they get glossy & soft
- Remove from oven & let sit for 1 more minute
- Top each hug with another pretzel & press gently.
- Place baking sheet in the fridge for 20-30 minutes for them to cool off & ENJOY!

Have anything you would like to submit to the newsletter? An article, recipe, photos, announcements? Don't forget to send it my way! Call or e-mail me with your ideas & entries to showcase in an upcoming retiree newsletter!



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Winter Cryptogram

Decode the words by finding each substitute letter!

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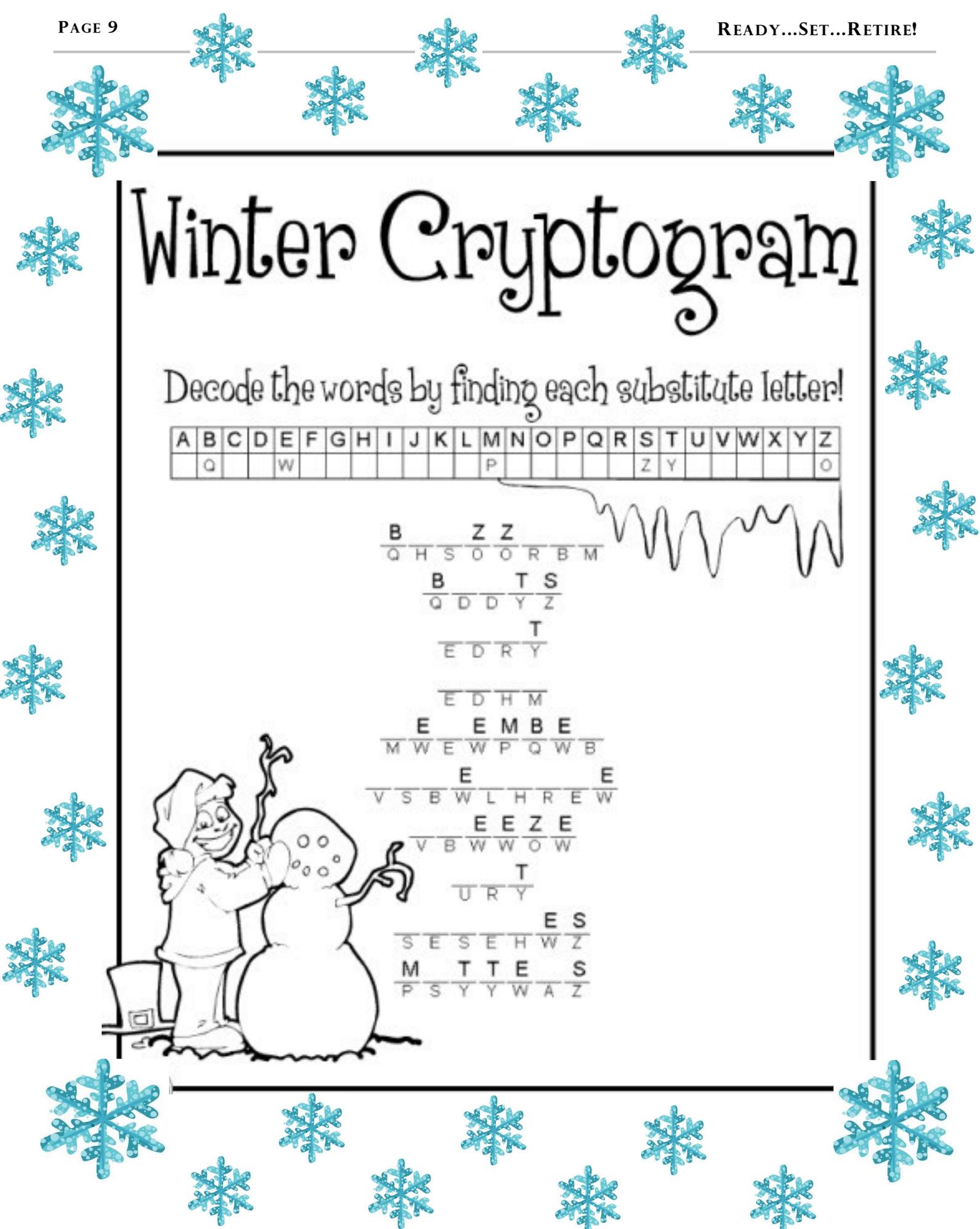
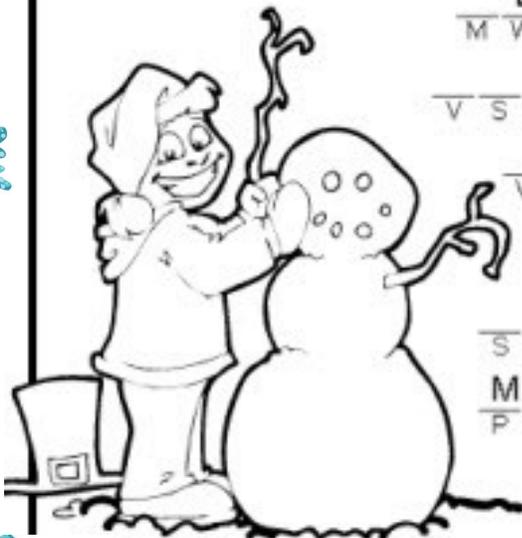
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**LYCOMING
COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**
TONY R. MUSSARE
ERNEST P. LARSON
JEFF W. RAUFF



Retiree Group Officers

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CO-CHAIR—Jean Stump
570 220-8389

SECRETARY—Esther Cohick
570 323-6405

TREASURER—Barb Thomas
570 322-6460

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go to: www.lyco.org
and click the link for
“Human Resources”

At the bottom of the page,
you will find the link to the
Retiree Page & Newsletters

Upcoming Meetings & Events:
Tuesday, December 8th, 11:30 a.m.
HOLIDAY PARTY
\$10 per person

Please RSVP (see front page of newsletter) by
December 1st.

MEMBER DUES FOR 2016 : \$10

Make check payable to “Lycoming County
Retirees” – Mail directly to:

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