

READY...SET...RETIRE!

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APRIL 2008

Bus Trip to QVC and Longwood Gardens

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Cost: \$50 per person

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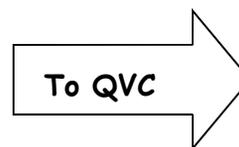
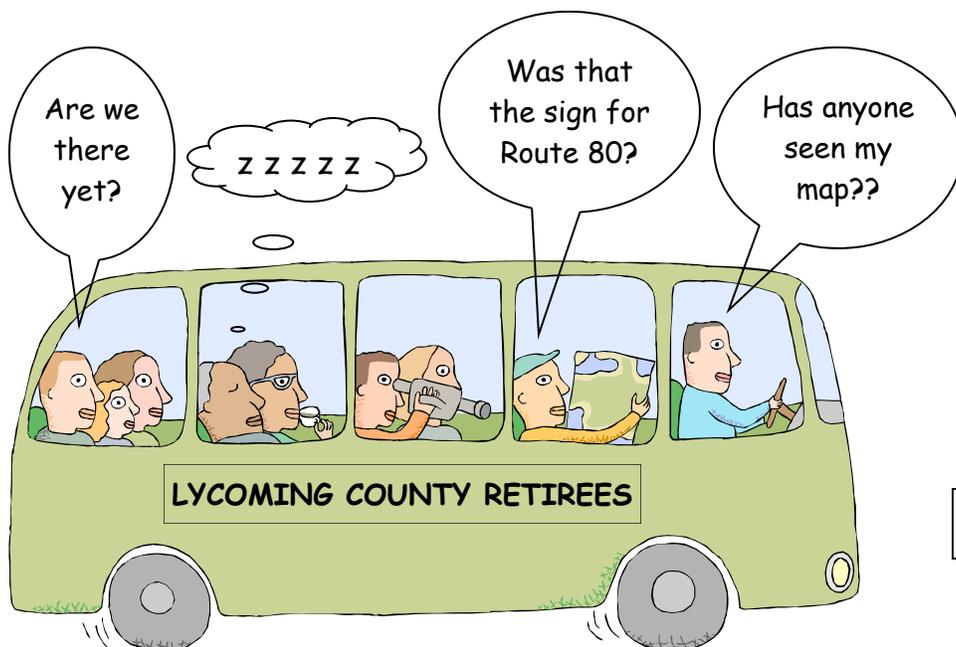
- bus fare
- admission and tour of QVC
- admission to Longwood Gardens

COME JOIN IN ON THE FUN!!!

We are saving a seat JUST FOR YOU!!!

Contact Alice Bair *TODAY* to make reservations: 322-6052 or email her at: arbair@chilitech.net. (Deadline is April 10th)

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ABBHEY TALES

In 1999 the AKC established an award called the American Kennel Club Awards of Canine Excellence (ACE) in recognition of dogs in the service of mankind. The first ACE award was given in 2000. The award is “in appreciation for the innumerable ways in which dogs meaningfully contribute to our lives”.

One award is given in each of the five categories: Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Therapy, Service, and Exemplary Companion Dog.

To qualify, the dog is required to be AKC registered or qualified to be registered, and have performed some exemplary act, whether large or small, that has significantly benefited a community or individual.

Last year Abbey was nominated for the award in the therapy dog category. Her picture is on the AKC web site as a nominee. Although, she did not win the award she was given a Certificate of Honor for “immeasurably contributing to the lives of individuals and communities”.



Abbey

Photo courtesy of www.akc.org



In December, Abbey participated in Stevens Elementary School’s “Puppy Pals” event. It is a program where kindergarteners and first graders read to the dogs in puppy circles. Abbey really enjoys the children reading to her (they have asked me if she knows what they are reading to her) and she rewards them for reading to her with a kiss! Abbey’s picture (left) was in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette with one of her reading friends.

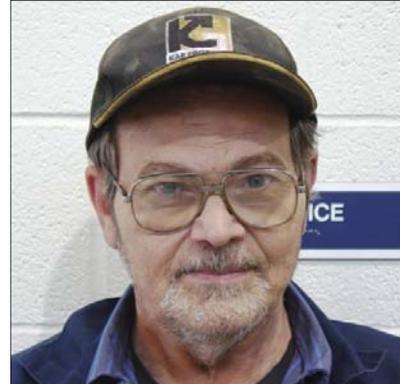
~ Submitted by Nancy Stugart

Congratulations to our Two New Retirees



Susan Cipriani

Susan retired from her Executive Secretary position on February 1 after 28 years of service to the county. During the past ten years, Susan worked with Judge Nancy Butts.



Daniel Pellacore

Daniel retired from his position as a mechanic at Resource Management Services on February 15 after almost 21 years of service to the county.



Congratulations!

...to retiree Karen Stotz Myers on receiving the Meritorious Public Service Award at the County Government Awards Banquet that took place on March 15th. Karen's award is in recognition for her 24 years of dedication and service to the county.

Spring Safety Tips

With warmer weather and longer days, nature is undergoing a fresh start and so are homeowners who are ready to clean up the debris that has been accumulating in basements, storage sheds, and garages over the winter. While a good "spring cleaning" can be beneficial, it can also involve a variety of health and safety hazards. The following tips to help you to avoid some of the dangers:

1. Household and pool chemicals, paints, and poisons should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach. Dispose of any that are leaking, expired, or that look bad.

2. When cleaning up hazardous chemicals wear rubber gloves and follow the safety directions on the packaging. Never mix chemicals in the same container. If you don't know how to dispose of them, seek outside advice. Most chemicals will have a number to call for disposal information printed on the label.



3. Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage.

4. Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, auto parts, or floors.

5. Clean up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches, or other work items away from children's reach.

6. Check your barbecue grill for leaks and cracks, and be sure to store any propane tanks away from your house and garage.

7. Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers, and magazines. Pay special attention to the spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters, and clothes dryer, as well as under the stairs.

These are just a few of the safety precautions to consider during your spring cleaning activities. It's also a great time to replace your smoke detector batteries, make sure your fire extinguishers are placed in proper locations and ensure you have a working flashlight and battery powered radio for spring storms. By taking the right precautions, you and those around you can enjoy a safer spring season.

WE WISH A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE CELEBRATING IN APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE:

April 2	Diana Bower
April 7	Gail Kilgus
April 8	Howard Ebner
April 8	Helen Goodbrod
April 8	Nancy Storms
April 10	Charles Prince
April 14	Tom Kline
April 15	Mary Thomas
April 17	John Lamoreaux
April 19	Cynthia Hartzel
April 28	Carolyn Ault
April 29	Vera O'Brien
April 29	Donna Runnels



May 1	Sherry Neenan
May 2	Marie Jacoby
May 3	Connie Dewald
May 3	Patty Fawber
May 6	Phyllis Feese/Guyette
May 12	Thelma Breidinger
May 14	Barb Hall
May 17	Alvena Tupper
May 21	Brett Feese
May 25	John Scott Thomas
May 29	Mary Wyles
May 31	Eunice Stover

June 1	Doris Hursh
June 4	Tom Corbett
June 7	John Monahan
June 8	Susan Cipriani
June 9	Stephen Schlesing
June 17	Susan Morris
June 18	Josephine Coleman
June 18	Lois Wertman
June 18	Cheryl Stiber
June 20	Charlene Koletar
June 20	Pauline Montgomery
June 22	Jerry Walls
June 22	Carolyn Wither
June 27	Marge Thompson
June 28	Harry Bryson

**LYCOMING COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

REBECCA A. BURKE
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JEFF C. WHEELAND



2008 CALENDAR

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 10, 2008, 11:30 a.m.
at Hoss's Steak & Sea House
1954 East Third Street, Williamsport

Retiree Group Officers

CHAIR Alice Bair
322-6052

CO-CHAIR Ralph Lukens
323-4006

SECRETARY Nancy Stugart
435-0923

TREASURER Ann Kilburn
435-2769

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, June 10, 2008 ~ 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 14, 2008 ~ 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 ~ 11:30 a.m.

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Please make your check out to *Lycoming County Retirees*.

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