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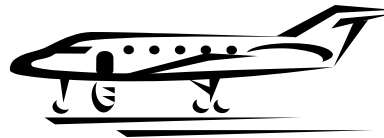


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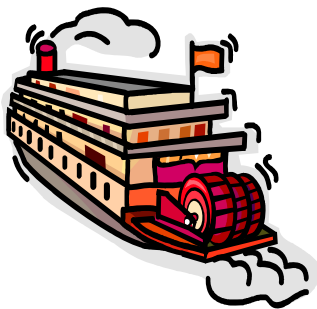
A Quarterly Newsletter for Lycoming County Retirees

What a Great Start!!!

Our first lunch meeting for the Retiree Group was held on **July 12th** at the Sky View Restaurant in Montoursville with more than



40 people in attendance! We caught up with old friends and met some new ones. We decided when to meet in August and thought that a bus trip to Inner Harbor in September sounded fun. We were off & running!



In **August**, we met aboard the Hiawatha Riverboat. About 35 of us enjoyed a pot-luck buffet and a perfect sun-filled day. We decided to meet every other month and set the date for our next meeting (see below). We are also planning a Holiday Get-together in December (You will receive a postcard in early November with all the details).

Early on Wednesday morning, the 6th of **September**, 44 hardy souls departed Williamsport for a fun-filled day of sightseeing and shopping at Inner Harbor in Baltimore, MD. Shortly after arriving in Baltimore around 11 AM, the group departed on a two-hour luncheon cruise around the harbor. Afterwards, they enjoyed a couple of hours strolling and shopping.



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NEXT LUNCH MEETING will be Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30 AM - Sky View Restaurant in Montoursville (feel free to order from the menu as soon as you arrive).

Local Senior Community Centers

Following is a list of the Senior Community Centers in Lycoming and Clinton counties. The Lycoming/Clinton Bi-County Office of Aging, located at 2138 Lincoln Street in Williamsport distributes a schedule of weekly and special monthly events for these centers. Contact your local center or you may contact Joan Blank at 320-8157 for a copy of this list.



Faxon-Kenmar Senior Community Center

HOURS: 8:30-4:00 ph.: 570-327-5490
1301 Clayton Ave./ P.O. Box 3156
Williamsport, PA 17701
Donna Jamison, Center Manager
Email: faxoncenter@stepcorp.org

George Meck Senior Community Center

HOURS: 8:30-4:00 ph.: 546-2542
1 South Main Street
Muncy, PA 17756
Lesley Tebbs, Center Manager
Email: meckcenter@stepcorp.org

Jersey Shore Senior Community Center

HOURS: 8:30-4:00 ph.: 570-398-4352
641 Cemetery Street – Box 52
Jersey Shore, PA 17740
Brenda McDermit, Center Manager
Email: jscenter@stepcorp.org

Carter Towers Senior Community Center

HOURS: 9:00-3:00 ph.: 570-748-9262
11 South Jones Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745
Marcella Hosley, Center Manager
Email: ctcenter@cubkcnnet.org

Lincoln Senior Community Center

HOURS: 8:30-4:00 ph: 570-327-5483
2138 Lincoln Street/ P.O. Box 3156
Williamsport, PA 17701
Marge Scott, Center Manager
Email: mmscott@stepcorp.org

Lock Haven Senior Community Center

HOURS: 8:30-4:00 ph.: 570-748-2906
352 East Water Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745
Dolly Confer, Center Manager
Email: drconfer@stepcorp.org

Maynard St. Senior Community Center

HOURS: 8:30-4:00 ph.: 570-327-5405
312 Maynard St./ P.O. Box 3156
Williamsport, PA 17701
Tammy Frye, Center Manager
Email: maynardcenter@stepcorp.org

Mill Hall Senior Community Center

HOURS: 8:30-4:00 ph.: 726-6378
9 Peale Avenue
Mill Hall, PA 17751
Linda Pallotto, Center Manager
Email: millhallcenter@stepcorp.org

Messiah Senior Community Center

HOURS: 8:30-4:00 ph.: 327-5489
324 Howard Street/P.O. Box 3156
South Williamsport, PA 17702
Jane Thompson, Center Manager
Email: messiahcenter@stepcorp.org

Renovo Senior Community Center

HOURS: 8:30-4:00 ph.: 923-2525
415 Fourth Street
South Renovo, PA 17764
Loretta Gavlock, Center Manager

ABBEY TALES

Submitted by Nancy Stugart
(retired from DJ Schriener's office)

I always said when I retired I would get a dog, so that is what I did! She is a yellow Labrador retriever and her name is Abbey.

Abbey is now a year and a half old and she has accomplished more than I ever expected. She has completed basic and advanced obedience training. She passed the American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Test and she passed the Therapy Dog Test.

As part of her advanced obedience class she has learned to obey her commands in English, German or by hand signals only. To pass the AKC CGC the handler must be of good character and the dog must be a minimum of one year old, healthy and the dog must complete all the test requirements successfully.

The test requirements are: (1) Accept a Friendly Stranger (the dog must show that it will allow a stranger to approach it and speak and it must not show any sign of resentment or shyness and must not break position), (2) Sit Politely for Petting (showing that it will allow a stranger to touch it while sitting or standing), (3) Appearance and Grooming (the dog must be clean and groomed and show that it will allow being groomed and examined and will permit a stranger to do so), (4) Out For a Walk (the handler must have the dog under control and the dog must walk, left turn, right turn and about turn without straining on the leash), (5) Walking Through a Crowd (the dog must move politely in pedestrian traffic and be under control), (6) Sit and Down on Command/Staying in Place (the dog must sit and down on command and stay in place as the handler walks forward 20 feet), (7) Coming when Called (the dog has to stay and the handler walks 10 feet and the dog must come on command), (8) Reaction to Another Dog (the dog must behave politely with other dogs), (9) Reaction to Distractions (the dog must show that it is confident when faced with common distracting situations and it should not panic, run away or show aggressiveness or bark),



(10) Supervised Separation (the handler has to be out of sight of the dog for 3 minutes and the dog must not whine, bark, pace unnecessarily or show agitation or nervousness), (11) Say Hello (the dog must be willing to visit a person and be accessible for petting).

Any dog that eliminates, growls, snaps, bites or attempts to attack a person or dog must be dismissed from the test.

To be a therapy dog the dog must pass the AKC CGC test and the dog must pass additional testing requirements: (1) Leave It (the dog is offered food and the dog must ignore the food), (2) Acclimation to Infirmities (the dog must demonstrate his confidence when exposed to wheelchairs, walkers, shuffling, coughing, etc.), (3) The dog must be tested on a plain buckle collar (no training collars or corrective devices are permitted).

She recently was in an obedience demonstration at the Pet Expo held at the Pickelner Arena.

She visits nursing centers and has been invited to participate in programs at the James V. Brown Library and the Konkle Library.



WORD SEARCH

Which township (in Lycoming County) do YOU live in...?

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 Cummings
 Gamble
 Lewis
 McHenry
 MillCreek
 Nippenose
 Pine
 Susquehanna
 Wolf

Armstrong
 Cascade
 Eldred
 Hepburn
 Limestone
 McIntyre
 Moreland
 OldLycoming
 PlunkettsCreek
 UpperFairfield
 Woodward

Bastress
 Clinton
 Fairfield
 Jackson
 Loyalsock
 McNett
 Muncy
 Penn
 Porter
 Washington

Brady
 CoganHouse
 Franklin
 Jordan
 Lycoming
 Mifflin
 MuncyCreek
 Piatt
 Shrewsbury
 Watson



A Note from Robin . . .

Robin Read is a practicing attorney with the local law firm McNerney, Page, Vanderlin and Hall and has been one of our County Solicitors since 1996. She will be offering legal advice in her column, "A Note from Robin...." If you have a topic that you would like her to discuss, please let us know.

FAIRNESS IN DEATH.

How is fairness relevant to death, you ask? I am not talking about fairness in the distribution of your assets. You all know you should have an updated Will wherein you designate your wishes for distribution of your assets, whatever they may be.

No, I am talking about fairness in being prepared to die. No one wants to think about his/her own death. But the old adage --there are no guarantees in life except death and taxes-- is true. And none of us know when we will die. Is it fair that your grieving loved ones will have to search your house, barn, garage, shed, office, and/or safety deposit box and to sort through your personal papers to determine all of your assets, debts and relevant documents necessary to administer your estate? We lawyers help with the administration of estates, and, to the best of our ability, help ease the difficult process. However, it is primarily your loved ones who will have to search for and compile the information and relevant documents necessary to administer your estate.

Is it fair that your loved ones will have to search the bottom drawer in the kitchen for the life insurance policies? Is it fair that your loved ones will have to search the old folder where you kept your appliance warranties for the titles

to your vehicles? Is it fair that your loved ones will have to search the old suitcases in the attic to find your Will? It always amazes me where people store or hide assets or important documents. Some people tuck them away into the most obscure places or disguise them to the point they are unrecognizable. I know a woman administering her father's estate who found little scraps of paper around her father's home with diagrams of trees and X's. She had



no idea what the scraps meant for almost a year after his death. Three weeks before the sale of her father's home she woke up in the middle of the night remembering an off-handed comment her uncle had made to her father ten years previous about "the money he had buried under all those trees." She started digging under the trees and, after piecing the scraps of paper containing the diagrams together, she found 143 old Mason Jars containing about \$14,000 in cash. Thank heavens for her revelation that night!



Although her story ended well, it should not have been that hard for her, the only heir, to identify and find her father's assets. Thus, fairness in death requires some preparation. Being prepared for death is not difficult. It can be as easy as making a list of all assets and debts and leaving it, together with any relevant documents (insurance policies, titles, deeds, pension documents, bank statements, loan account statements, etc) in a fireproof box, safe or fireproof file cabinet. It can be as extravagant as listing all assets, history of the purchase, estimated value and the best way to liquidate the asset. This is especially important if you have antiques or collectibles that have value which a loved one would not recognize.

You need to update your list every six months to ensure it is accurate. You also need to tell someone where the relevant documents can be found. Depending on your trust level, the "someone" to tell may be the Executor named in your Will, a trusted friend, or a family member.

As someone who has assisted grieving loved ones administer estates, and as a grieving loved one who has myself administered estates, I can tell you that it is important to be...

fair in death.

Recipes from the August Potluck Luncheon:

French Glace Blackberry Pie

~ Submitted by Carol Jones (wife of Harry Jones, retired from Juvenile Probation)

I have improvised slightly on a recipe in my old Betty Crocker Cookbook. The recipe called for a standard pie-crust, but my family likes graham cracker crust. *Also, I use more blackberries if I have them. It can be done in either a round pie pan, or for a large group, a 9 x 12 pan works well.

Ingredients:

- 1 Graham Cracker Crust
- 1 to 1 ½ large packages Cream Cheese
- 1 Quart or more Fresh Blackberries *
- 1 Cup Water – Divided 2/3 and 1/3
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 3 Tablespoons Cornstarch

Step 1: Bake and cool a graham cracker crust

Step 2: Spread cream cheese on the cooled crust (Important: make sure cream cheese is very, very soft as it will tear the crust if it isn't)

Step 3: Clean berries

Step 4: **Glaze:** Simmer 1 cup of berries and 2/3 cup water until berries are soft. Strain to remove the seeds. Return to saucepan. Mix remainder 1/3 cup water with sugar and cornstarch. Add to strained liquid and bring to boil for about 1 minute, stirring constantly. Cool the glaze mixture.

Step 5: Spread fresh berries on top of cream cheese. Finish by covering with glaze. Can add some choice berries to top, if desired. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. It's delicious as is, or can be served with ice cream, or whipped cream.

Zucchini Bars

~ Submitted by Gloria Gray (retired from the Prison kitchen)

Ingredients:

- 8 cups zucchini, peeled, seeded & chopped
- 2/3 cups lemon juice
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 teaspoon cinnamon—divided
- 4 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 sticks margarine or butter

Step 1: Cook zucchini in lemon juice for 20 minutes or until tender. Add 1 cup sugar, nutmeg & 1 teas. cinnamon & simmer 1 more minute. Add 1/2 cup crust mixture (see below) to thicken.

Step 2: Combine flour, 1 1/2 cups sugar and margarine; mix well.

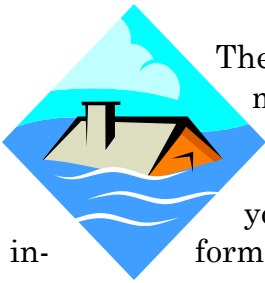
Step 3: Press half of the crust mixture into a 11x16 jelly roll pan or cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for about 10 minutes. Spread filling over baked crust. Add 1 teas. Cinnamon to remaining crust mixture & sprinkle over filling. Return to oven 30—40 minutes.

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR LID?



After the potluck lunch aboard the Hiawatha, a round crock-pot lid was found. Is it yours? If so, call Alice at 322-6052

Flood Warning Information on County Website



The Lycoming County Government website www.lyco.org provides information on current rainfall, stream and river levels and historical data of past flooding information. This is located under additional links, on the right side of the page, labeled **Flood Ready** and **Local Weather Information**. Also, if you are interested in helping your community in emergency incidents, review information under **Citizens Corp Council**.

Want to Rent a Winner?

Looking for a DVD or video movie rental that is a sure-fire winner? Then check out these recommendations from Scott Knyrim from the Register and Records Office:

Double Indemnity (1944) starring Barbra Stanwyck and Fred MacMurray. A Film Noir classic focusing on a man seduced by a married woman out to improve her lot in life, while her husband loses his. This is a Fred MacMurray many of you have never seen: a cold-blooded man who will do anything for a woman, no matter who gets hurt.

The Impostors (1998) starring Stanley Tucci, Oliver Platt and Lili Taylor. A comedy in the 40s slapstick genre with many surprise supporting actors including Steve Buscemi and Toni Shaloub. For the first ten minutes you will wonder, "Why am I watching this? It's not funny." After the bar fight, things move quickly. It has one of the best final punch lines ever.

Shadow of a Doubt (1943) starring Teresa Wright and Joseph Cotton. A Hitchcock classic dealing with a loving niece and her favorite Uncle who has a sinister past. An excellent film which will pull you in slowly but surely. Did Uncle Charlie really do what his niece thinks he did. If she does find out, what will he do?

Evelyn Kreger August Retiree

Evelyn (Ev) Kreger retired from the Domestic Relations Department on Friday August 4 after 21 years of service. Ev was an intake worker



in the DRO for most of her 21 years. Her duties included interviewing clients, preparing and filing child support petitions and handling intrastate and interstate support petitions.

When asked to describe Ev, you will hear only many praises from her coworkers such as dependable, reliable, hardworking, friendly and respectful. Ev is looking forward to spending time with her family and home projects.

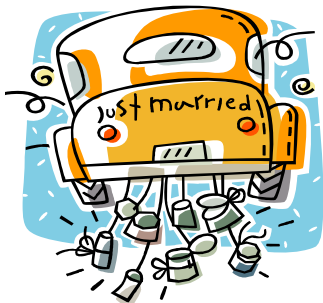
We wish a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our friends:

Oct. 2 Janet McManigal
Oct. 5 Barbara Koser
Oct. 7 Karen Wright
Oct. 8 Bernard Steinbacher
Oct. 9 Martha Cupp
Oct. 9 Richard Saylor
Oct. 13 Russell Reitz
Oct. 13 Tom Diehl
Oct. 13 Cherie Foust
Oct. 14 James Stopper
Oct. 16 Shirley Ferreri
Oct. 16 Doris Sanso
Oct. 18 Evelyn Snyder
Oct. 24 Jack Freezer
Oct. 27 Kathryn Bowman
Oct. 30 Patricia Winner

Nov. 1 Eva Miller
Nov. 3 Cynthia Moore
Nov. 7 Stephen Schopfer
Nov. 10 Robert Culver
Nov. 12 Kathryn Marquardt
Nov. 12 Sylvia Green
Nov. 15 Harold Olmstead
Nov. 17 Mary Henninger
Nov. 17 Robert Stack
Nov. 20 Betty Lauver
Nov. 28 Alice Bair



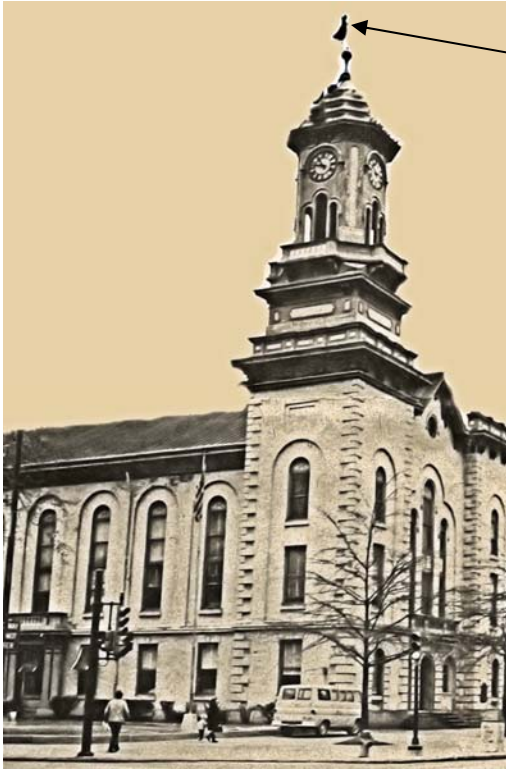
Dec. 3 Michael Cassidy
Dec. 4 Helen Baier
Dec. 4 Julia Manno
Dec. 5 Robert Shearer
Dec. 7 Paul Bloom
Dec. 7 Thelma Weaver
Dec. 8 Helen Harrington
Dec. 9 Mary Louise Goehrig
Dec. 9 Donna Mathews
Dec. 12 Raymond Walters
Dec. 21 Beverly Gottschall
Dec. 27 Florence Neuhard
Dec. 28 Judy Ohnmeiss
Dec. 30 Wilma Wilson
Dec. 30 Virginia Marchese
Dec. 31 Eleanor Westphal



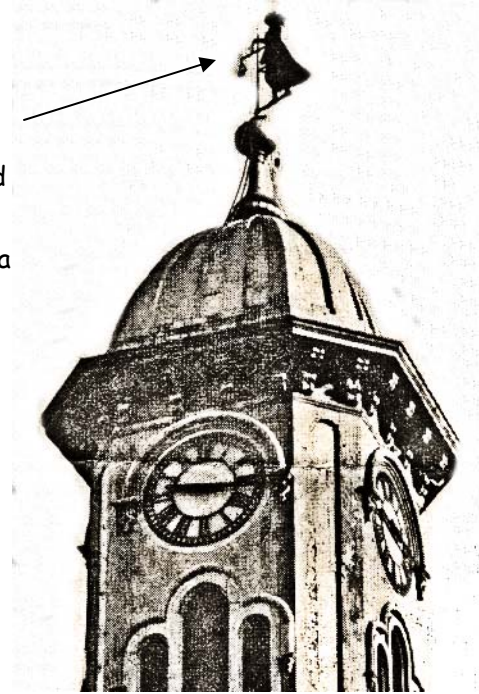
... and congratulations to:

Connie Kelchner was married to Omar Dewald on June 24, 2006. Best wishes to you both!

Do You Remember...



the weathervane
which is now located
on the west side of
the Courthouse plaza



... the
old County Courthouse?

Built circa 1860



Demolition was in 1969 to make way for the construction of the
current courthouse, which opened in 1971.



Mark your calendar!
Plan to attend the annual
Lycoming County Employee

HEALTH FAIR

Friday, Oct. 13th

~ look inside on page 7 for more information ~

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