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Ready...Set...*Retire!*

A Quarterly Newsletter for Lycoming County Retirees

Retirees Celebrate the Season

On Thursday, Dec. 7, over fifty of our retirees gathered for a holiday luncheon at the Valley Inn in Duboistown. Everyone had their picture taken with Santa (a.k.a. Gary Hutchinson) as they entered the festively decorated room and found their seats. At the tables, a gift from the County Commissioners and a sweet treat were waiting for the attendees. Lunch was served, birthday cake was distributed, and everyone was invited to choose a gift from under the tree (with Santa's help). A big 'thank you' goes out to all who made the luncheon an enjoyable event. If you would like a copy of your photo with Santa, please contact Joan at 320-8157. (For more photos, see next page.)



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More photos from the Holiday Luncheon



Festive tables set the scene...



**Commissioner Nassberg
clowns around with Santa.**



Commissioner Burke gives Santa her wish list.



Gifts wait under the tree.



Santa relaxes after a busy photo session.

ABBHEY TALES

Submitted by Nancy Stugart

It is hard to believe that Abbey has turned two years old. Time didn't go that fast when I was working!

Just as children have 'terrible twos' dogs also have 'terrible twos'. When they are around two they become more independent and have a greater curiosity. They become more adventure-filled and when you talk to them they sit there and look at you like you are crazy. Some dogs seem to think that since they are now two they are in charge of the household.



I think Abbey went thru her 'terrible twos' at an early age (when she was about 3 months old)! She heard "No Abbey" so many times I think she thought her name was No Abbey. She has not shown any signs of being possessed with the two year old 'terrible twos'.

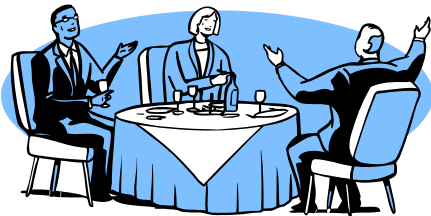


Labs do not mature mentally until they are between two and three years old. Abbey is calm and well behaved for a young Lab.

In addition to visiting nursing homes, the James V. Brown Library and the Konkle Library she is now a volunteer at the Williamsport Hospital.



She was given her own name badge to wear on her visits to the Williamsport Hospital. The patients, visitors and staff all look forward to her visits.



NEXT LUNCH MEETING

will be Tuesday, February 6th at 12:00 PM

Sky View Restaurant in Montoursville
Feel free to order from the menu as soon
as you arrive. See you there!
Dues (\$10/year) may be paid at the meeting.

...from the County Veterans Affairs Office:

Announcing our NEW WEB SITE on www.lyco.org

Please visit our new Web site at:

www.lyco.org/VA

for a rundown of the services we provide for all county veterans, valuable resource information and the latest news and updates on benefits offered at the county, state, and federal levels.

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

New Retiree—Barb Thomas

“In the bullpen . . .”

This year, there have been five new retirees from the county: Doris Sanso, Joanne Ackerman, Linda Swailes, Bob Coolidge and Ev Kreger. For the last few months, Barb Thomas has been “in the bullpen,” getting ready to retire from her position as Chief Deputy Treasurer at the end of 2006 after working almost twenty years in the Treasurer’s Office.

Began as a “doe girl”

Barb started working as a “doe girl” (assisting in processing doe licenses) for County Treasurer Irene Migrath during the early 1980s. She then began helping out on a part-time basis during the office’s busiest times by distributing dog and fishing licenses, and then started work on a full-time basis on January 5, 1987.



Barb Thomas retires after 20 years in the Treasurer’s Office.

Time with the Family



After her retirement, Barb has plans to spend more time reading, walking more regularly, and going on day trips with her husband, Phil (who has been retired for over six years). But, most importantly, Barb and Phil are looking forward to spending more time with their children and grandchildren (John, age 10; Anna, age 7; Gavin, age 4; and two-year-old Makena).

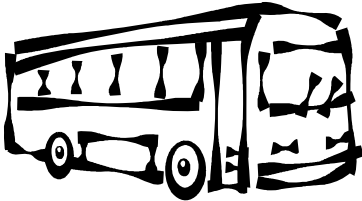
Ballparks and Malls

Rumor has it that Barb has been delaying her retirement for a few years. “Why?” you may ask... Well, sources tell us that it is because her husband has a dream of visiting every Major League ballpark (there are 30 of them in the U.S. and Canada) and is waiting for Barb to retire and join him on this quest. Could this explain her reluctance to retire?? Barb seems confident, however, that she will be able to find a mall nearby...

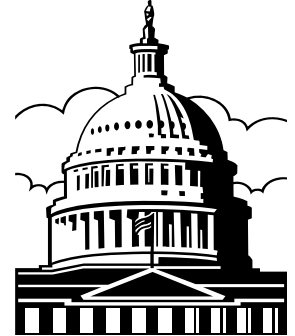


Welcome to the club, Barb!

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US ON THIS SPECIAL TRIP!



One Day Bus Trip to
Washington D.C.
for Cherry Blossoms &
Potomac River Cruise on
"Nina's Dandy"



Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Gourmet dining, dancing and unparalleled views
of our Nation's majestic monuments,
day or night, rain or shine, year round.

Lunch Menu

(Entree must be selected with your registration)

- Chicken Marengo
- Pasta Primavera
- Beef Burgundy
- Vegetarian Lasagna
- Vegetarian Platter
- Filet of Haddock
- Eggs Benedict

Lunch includes salad,
rolls with sweet whipped butter,
and a sensational selection of freshly prepared desserts.

Cost - \$80.00 per person

Reservations due with payment by February 1, 2007 to
Alice Bair, 1190 Mt Royal Heights, Williamsport, Pa. 17701

For more information, contact Alice at 322-6052

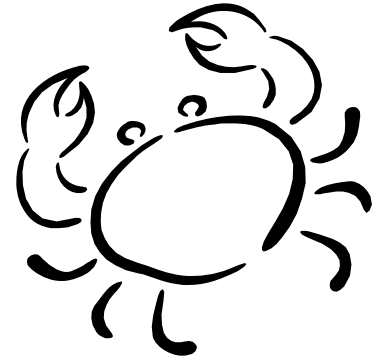
Departure information will be sent to you after receiving your reservation.



Zucchini Recipes from Gloria Gray:

(Imitation) Crab Cakes!

- Ingredients:** 2 cups shredded zucchini (squeeze out juice)
1 cup Italian bread crumbs
2 eggs—well beaten
1 Tablespoon mayonnaise
1 teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning
Salt & pepper to taste
(if desired) chopped onion and celery
chopped imitation crab



- Step 1:** Mix well and form into patties of desired size.
Step 2: Coat with additional bread crumbs.
Step 3: Fry until golden brown. Drain on wire rack or paper towels.
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Chocolate Zucchini Cake



- Ingredients:** 3/4 cup soft margarine
2 cups sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 cup milk (you may substitute orange juice, if desired)

- Step 1:** Cream together above ingredients.
Add:
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| 1 tsp. salt | 1 tsp. cinnamon |
| 2 1/2 tsp. Baking Powder | 1 1/2 tsp. Baking Soda |
| 1/2 cup cocoa | 2 1/2 cups flour |
| 2 cups shredded zucchini | 2 tsp. grated orange peel—if desired |
- Step 2:** Mix well. Add 1 cup chopped walnuts, if desired.
Step 3: Bake in greased & floured rectangular cake pan for 45-50 minutes in 350 degree oven.

We wish a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our friends who are celebrating in January, February and March:

Jan. 3 Esther Cohick
 Jan. 9 Margaret Emery
 Jan. 11 Raymond Holland
 Jan. 12 John Perritt
 Jan. 13 Leona Ruffing
 Jan. 15 James Huggins
 Jan. 17 Nancy Stugart
 Jan. 18 Donald Boettger
 Jan. 18 Florence Hills
 Jan. 18 Lester Bennett
 Jan. 20 Selma Andrews
 Jan. 20 William Stump
 Jan. 21 Barb Feigles
 Jan. 22 Richard Wehler
 Jan. 29 Bob McCullough Jr.
 Jan. 29 Ken Schrinier
 Jan. 30 Rick Karp



Feb. 1 Alida Ritter
 Feb. 2 Martha Poust
 Feb. 3 Floyd Hamilton
 Feb. 4 Eva Pellegrino
 Feb. 7 Jennie Eck
 Feb. 9 Marilyn Stewart
 Feb. 11 Paul Glunk
 Feb. 11 Ann Kilburn
 Feb. 15 David Frey
 Feb. 17 Dave Desmond
 Feb. 20 Joan Fetzer



March 4 Linda Stein
 March 8 Bill Hibschan
 March 14 Jennie Reeder
 March 17 Richard DeSanto
 March 25 Doris Heim
 March 26 Joanne Ackerman
 March 28 Linda Campbell
 March 31 Ruth Swisher
 March 31 Louis Knowlden

DO YOU REMEMBER? Courthouse Statuary Victim of Vandalism and Accident



Broken pieces of statue await talented hands . . .



Local teacher attempts repair . . .

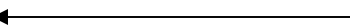


In 1969, during the upheaval of demolition as the old Lycoming County courthouse was razed to make way for construction of the new one, plans were made to retain some pieces of the county's history. One of these artifacts barely survived intact, however.

A 100+ year old piece of statuary that stood high behind the judge's bench in old courtroom No. 1 became a victim of thieves when it was discovered that the scales held by one of the figures was missing. The *Williamsport Sun-Gazette* reported (on 5/1/69) that several "hippie-type" young people were seen on the day of the theft in the courtroom where a ladder had been left. Within days, however, the missing scales were discovered in a mailbox in the city and returned to the courthouse.

Then, a few days later, as the statues were being moved from the courtroom, one of the three figures was accidentally dropped and broken. A local art instructor at Williamsport High School, Robert Schuler, was approached by then-commissioner Paul Bloom to put the pieces back together again (see photos at left). The young teacher opted to contribute his time and talent in an attempt to piece together the crumbled statue. Using a fiberglass resin to repair and a latex paint as the final finish, Schuler spent over 6 months and hundreds of hours working on the project. The figures were finally restored and installed in 1971 in an alcove on the second floor of the courthouse, just as you step off the elevator.

Schuler, who retired in 1999 after teaching 30 years in Williamsport, is now using his artistic talents to design and manufacture jewelry. Speaking from his home in southeastern PA, he reports that he has not seen his handiwork for almost ten years but vividly recalls the day when Paul Bloom called to ask if he'd be interested in putting some pieces of local history back together...



The restored statuary group symbolizes the Petitioner (left), Justice (center), and Justice's Verdict (right).