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Potpourri...

by Natalie A. Williams

- Get involved in your township. Get the facts.
- If you want to find old friends from school, log on to Classmates.com and find them. I just reconnected with someone from grade school and it is wonderful reminiscing about the nuns, old friends, etc.
- Don't drink and drive.
- John Miller is recovering from knee replacement surgery and is doing very well.
- The new coffee house is open in Fairfield. **Sanders** on Fairfield Road is open for ice cream, food and flowers.
- **The Christmas Train** by David Balduci is a wonderful book to read this time of the year. Another good one is **Bush At War** by Bob Woodward. A great one for kids (adults too) is **365 Foods Kids Love To Eat**.
- **Have a Happy New Year and a wonderful 2003.**

Bump Cake

Bake a chocolate cake: cool. Put Butter Cream frosting on the cake making ridges (bumps) in the frosting. Cool. Then put on the Chocolate Glaze, cool and voila, a wonderfully tasting cake that everyone will love. For fellow Michiganders, this is the old Sanders Bump Cake.

Butter Cream Frosting

1 stiff egg white 1 t salt
1 stick butter 1 cup sugar 1 t vanilla
1/2 cup Crisco (white)

Beat egg white. Heat milk. Dissolve sugar and salt into milk. Mix together with stiff egg white. Set aside to cool. You can insert into refrigerator to speed up that process. Cream 1 stick butter with 1/2 cup Crisco and vanilla. Set aside. When the milk mixture is cool, mix everything together for 15 minutes until very stiff. When you start to beat, it will curdle, continue beating until stiff.

Chocolate Glaze

6 Tablespoons butter and 1 cup chocolate chips. Melt in microwave and mix together. Let cool and drizzle over butter cream frosting. Refrigerate. EAT!



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Changes 2003!

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At the December 3rd meeting, the Board of Supervisors voted to increase Liberty Township's real estate tax from 1.200 mills to 3.00 mills.

Liberty Township Announces The Following Changes:

- The new Liberty Township Secretary/Treasurer is Lee Esta Frishkorn who resides in Carroll Valley.
- The Secretary/Treasurer will work at the Township Building. Office hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 AM to Noon.
- The new township phone number is 717-642-3780.

The Newsletter and You

As you can see, there are some changes in the newsletter. We shortened it to 8 pages to reduce the cost of printing. Due to the reduced number of pages, we are no longer printing the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings or Planning Commission meetings. Instead, we will give you the highlights of the meetings. The complete minutes are available for inspection at the Township Office.

I have enjoyed producing the Liberty Township Newsletter for the past four years and sincerely hope our readers have gained useful information and have enjoyed the special features.

Thanks, Natalie

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717-642-3780.



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Planning Commission Meetings **October, 2002**

- A sketch plan was presented for Wally Crum along Stultz Road. It is an irregular shaped lot. The commission wants to discuss the shape with Mr. Crum who was not at the meeting.
- The Planning Commission discussed the planning process and how it could be made more straightforward for clients. Perhaps there is a form the commission members could design that would allow the clients to know the next action required of them. It will be discussed at the next meeting.

November, 2002

- Mr. & Mrs. Bowers want a lot addition.
- They Planning Commission discussed a process approval form for their use by the members. It would be a checklist to ensure everything was done per the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- Fred Crum presented a sketch plan for a two lot land addition along Pecher Road.
- Mr. Burgess stated the Planning Commission is there to advise and discuss all available alternatives with the developer so he or she can make an informed decision.

Zoning Officer's Report

By Judy Crum

November Report:

- Permits were issued to Herb Dubin for an Ag Storage Building, Terry Wivell for a new home/garage and to Alphi Cisar for a new home/pool.
- No occupancy or road permits were issued.

December Report:

- Permits were issued to Karl Hobbs for a work shop, Walter Rogers for a new home, Raymond Kipe for an addition, Roscoe Hutzell for a sunroom and Stephen Rhodes for a new home.
- No occupancy permits were issued. No road permits were issued.

Township Meetings

The Board of Supervisors for Liberty Township will meet on Monday, January 6th, and Tuesday, February 4th at 7:30 PM in the township building at 39 Topper Road.

The public is invited to attend. Your input is valued. Become involved in your community and attend these meetings. We hope to see you.

Roadmaster Report

By John E. Miller
 if you notice any road maintenance problems please contact Mr. Miller at 642-9842.

Monthly Calendar



January 1st	Happy New Years
January 6th	Twp Supervisors Mtg. 7:30 PM
January 20th	Martin Luther King's Birthday
January 21st	Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30 PM
February 4th	Twp Supervisors Mtg. 7:30 PM
February 12th	President's Day
February 14th	Valentine's Day
February 18th	Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:30 PM
March 4th	Twp Supervisors Mtg. 7:30 PM
March 5th	Ash Wednesday
March 17th	St. Patrick's Day
March 18th	Planning Comm Mtg. 7:30 PM

News From the Liberty Township Tax Collector

by Natalie A. Williams

Important Tax Information

The 2003 county and township tax notices will be in your mailbox on March 1, 2003. If you have an escrow account, please remit the tax notice to your mortgage company for payment.

To obtain a receipt for taxes paid, please enclose a self-addressed **stamped** envelope with your payment and the **taxpayer copy**, which will be returned to you stamped "paid."

I receive calls from taxpayers at 642-1253. If I am unable to answer the phone, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Please call between the hours of 9 AM and 7 PM Monday through Friday. We appreciate your understanding.



Moving On....

By Natalie A. Williams

Two years ago I was appointed the Secretary/Treasurer of Liberty Township. It was not a job to be taken lightly. I was also appointed the Tax Collector (and later elected to that position). These positions required a huge learning curve, PSATS courses, and long hours; much more than anticipated.

My principal undertaking was to convert the township's manual procedures for accounting and budgeting to the QuickBooks computer program, which makes bill-paying easier and faster. A filing system was created for an easier flow. Numerous tasks were computerized to enable us to be on-line with the Commonwealth of PA. This allows necessary reports to be done on the computer instead of manually, and in a more timely fashion. Many more functions are now computerized, which will enable a smooth transition for my successor.

I enjoyed being the Secretary/Treasurer of the township, but after two years, it is time to move on. Future plans include earning a Master's Degree. Thanks for the memories.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Priscilla E. Storrs

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday enhanced by the early snowfall that put us all in the holiday spirit. It also created cabin fever and once we could safely travel, we took our grandsons to, what we consider one of the prettiest views in our area – the Sachs covered bridge. With the ice on the water covered with snow, the bridge with snow on its roof and surrounded by the trees laden with snow, this could have been a holiday card. The boys had seen the bridge before, but never in the winter.

The snow on its roof prompted questions that we could not readily answer, so we came home and did some research, with their help, of course.

Covered bridges were actually built as early as 400 years ago in Switzerland and Europe and were capable of supporting over 40 tons. Nearby quarries made it necessary for the bridges to be built fast and solid. Therefore, timbers of huge proportions gave these early structures strength to last for centuries. They were introduced to North America in the early 1800's to allow horse-drawn vehicles to cross without causing the animals to be distracted or frightened by fast-moving water below. These bridges also became a refuge to travelers caught in downpours and storms.

To protect the main structure from the elements, the bridges were built with a roof and walls. They were constructed with a truss system that consists of massive timbers assembled in a triangle. This is the only two-dimensional figure that cannot be distorted under stress. Each bridge consists of two truss systems, one on each side of the structure. There have been many variations to this design depending upon locality, builder and materials available.

One of the earliest and most prominent builders in our country was Theodore Burr from Torrington, Connecticut. His career began in New York where he built a bridge spanning the Hudson River in 1804. His design became known as the Burr arch truss because it used two long arches resting on the abutments on either end that typically sandwiched a multiple kingpost structure.

This can be readily observed when you visit the Jack's Mountain covered bridge that crosses Tom's Creek. The 75 foot-long bridge was built in 1890 by Joseph Smith and is still in use today. It has had some renovation and repairs and is now in a rather built-up area so it has lost some of its picturesque quality, but it still is a good representative of the Burr truss design. When you drive across it, you can imagine how grateful travelers in horse-drawn buggies must have been that they didn't have to cross the water without a bridge and they could get a brief respite from the elements that were making their trip uncomfortable at best.

The 100-foot-long Sach's bridge was built in 1883 by David Stoner with the Town truss system that does not include the arch in its design. However the timbers are still massive and the design just as solid. You cannot drive across this bridge, but a leisurely stroll, looking through the trusses at the view around it, gives you a chance to reflect on the era in which it was built. One can imagine the young couples who stopped to steal a kiss or the soldiers who crossed during the Civil War thankful they didn't have to swim across the water. The tall trees on the other side provide a perfect setting for a Sunday picnic with Mom's fried chicken and potato salad. You can almost hear the children laughing as they play hide and seek among the trees or try to catch the pollywogs on the edge of the water.

The next time you are looking for a weekend excursion or a day trip, you might want to visit some of the covered bridges, not only in our area, but in other parts of Pennsylvania, and imagine the horses and buggies with families traveling somewhere for the holidays or horse-drawn wagons taking goods to families and businesses who might not have otherwise been able to get them. With the heavy history in our own area, we can follow the Civil War troop movements in and out of Gettysburg on the Sach's bridge. I have heard that the ghosts of some of the soldiers can be seen looking through the trusses at times. Maybe you and your family will see this phenomenon. My grandsons are already asking if we can make a night visit after the next snowstorm. It sounds like fun.

My family wishes you a safe and prosperous New Year and I thank you for your support and interest in these small articles about our history. I especially wish to thank the people who have contributed information and assisted with research this past year. Your assistance has been invaluable.



Board of Supervisors Meetings Highlights of the November 2002 Meeting

By Natalie A. Williams, Secretary

- No bids were received for the Chevy Caprice police car.
- Trash removal bids will be considered at the December meeting.
- The Resolution for Public Records will be approved at the December meeting. Copies of documents will cost \$1.00 per page.
- The tentative budget was discussed. Mr. Sites advised the taxes will be raised to 3.0 mills
- Mr. Miller advised that Stultz Road will be paved in 2003. Crum Road cost over \$105,000 to pave in 2002.
- The budget for the newsletter was decreased from \$10,000 to \$8,750.
- Three bids were received on the Chevy Caprice but were rejected and void.
- Mr. Sites advised taxes were being raised to 3.0 mills from 1.20 mills and that the township needs to tighten its belt. The last tax increase was 25 years ago.
- The 2003 Budget was approved as presented by all three supervisors.
- Lee Friskorn was appointed to replace Natalie A. Williams as the Secretary/Treasurer. She will be paid \$8 an hour for the first 5 months beginning December 16th.
- The three supervisors voted for Mrs. Williams to do the January 2003 newsletter.
- The trash removal bid was given to Waste Management. It will cost \$132 a year for each residence and will include one large item pick-up per week.
- The Public Records Resolution was adopted. It will cost \$1 per page of any record.
- Mr. Sites advised that Steelman Marker Road may be closed for the winter.

Highlights of the December 2002 Meeting

Treasurer Reports

by Natalie A. Williams, Secretary/Treasurer

November 12, 2002

General Funds			State		
ACNB	PLGIT	PLGIT	ACNB	PLGIT	PLGIT
Beg. Balance 10/01/02	\$5,365.69	\$57,977.55	\$53,114.80		
Receipts	\$35,722.38	\$61.12	\$72.24		
adjustment	\$0.05				
Expenditures	\$32,874.44	\$15,000.00	\$0.00		
Ending Bal. 10/31/02	\$8,213.09	\$33,038.67	\$53,187.04		
money mkt 10/31/02	\$79,878.66				
Total	\$88,091.75				
Grand Total Assets	\$174,317.46				

December 3, 2002

General Funds			State		
ACNB	PLGIT	PLGIT	ACNB	PLGIT	PLGIT
Beg. Balance 11/01/02	\$8,213.09	\$43,038.67	\$53,187.04		
Receipts	\$27,508.02	\$38.73	\$51.59		
Expenditures	\$29,688.79	\$20,000.00	\$45,000.00		
Ending Bal. 11/30/02	\$6,032.32	\$23,077.40	\$8,238.63		
Money mkt 11/30/02	\$23,093.22				
Total	\$29,125.54				
Grand Total Assets	\$60,441.57				

2003 Budget For General Funds

Revenues	
Taxes:	\$212,400
Fine/Forfeits	12,500
Interest Income	4,166
Intergovernmental Revenue:	16,350
Charges for Services	9,000
Misc. Revenue	1,000
Total Revenue	\$255,416

Expenses	
Total Withholding taxes	\$ 18,500
Total General Gov't	14,625
Tax Collections	2,000
Secretary	15,025
Other general gov't exp.	4,700
General gov't bldg	5,000
Police Department	66,946
Fire Company	12,600
SEO Services	7,500
Planning and Zoning	7,000
Emergency Mgmt	1,000
Health/Human services	1,050
Traffic Control Devices	3,000
Road Maintenance	56,900
Township newsletter	8,750
Misc. Expenses	26,900
Total Expenses	\$255,416

Liquid Fuels—State Funds

Expenses	\$ 105,350
Revenue	42,600
Shortage	\$ 62,750

To see a complete description of the budget, contact the township office.

Liberty Township Police Department's Address and Phone Numbers

39 Topper Road, P. O. Box 58, Fairfield, PA 17320
Emergency Phone Number: Dial 911
Non-Emergency county control phone number: 334-8101
Police phone numbers: 642-6103 and 642-5307, E-mail address: libertypd@cvn.net

Police Report - November, 2002 By Chief Jim Holler

- The police department worked 335 hours.
- Chief Holler spent 20 hours in training.
- Chief Holler attended a meeting at Site R regarding the MP's and the township police.
- The police department visited senior citizens who were without power on November 6th to give them candles, flashlights, etc.
- Chief Holler ordered emergency lighting for the township building.

Police Report - December, 2002

- The police department worked 369 hours.
- Chief Holler thanked the supervisors for their support and passing his budget.
- He did a drug bust; his second one this year.
- He is sending a letter to the Fairfield Borough regarding their police services.

Liberty Township Police

Liberty Township Drug Dealers

Liberty Township Police have closed down two drug dealers who have been operating within Liberty Township this year alone and three during the last 18 months. Eight arrests have been made thus successfully shutting down these operations within the township. Police rely on the public for information regarding suspected drug activity within the community. Once these tips are received, police spend many hours attempting to find enough evidence to obtain a search warrant. If you suspect drug activity in your community, please notify the police at 642-6103. All calls will be kept confidential.

Drunk Driving Warnings!

A few "simple" drinks to celebrate the holiday season can turn deadly. Know your limits and have someone sober drive you home.

Every time you travel on a roadway, no matter what time of day, you take a risk of being hit by a drunk driver. Last year, 16,653 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes and another 310,000 persons were injured. Statistics say three out of every ten Americans will be involved in alcohol related crashes.

A drinking and driving reminder: We do not give warnings for DUI drivers! If you are stopped and suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will be arrested. Don't take the chance.

Public Education News—Elder Care Check Program

Last summer, the police began a new program called "Elder Check." This program has turned out to be a huge success. Police make friendly bi-weekly checks, making sure that the resident is okay and is being taken care of. Sometimes a friendly face popping in is all that is needed to give us the strength to continue with our day. Hopefully, we can make a difference. If you would like to be a part of this program, or know someone that would like to be a part of it, please call the police at 642-6103.

by Chief Holler