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**MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

Board of Supervisors  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 pm

Recreation Board  
3rd Tuesday at 12:00 noon

Planning Commission  
2nd Thursday at 5:00 pm

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Articles for the November 2011 issue of the *Loyalsock Township Newsletter* are due in the Township office no later than September 30, 2011.

# LOYALSOCK NEWSLETTER TOWNSHIP

*“The Place to Live!”*

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**Loyalsock Township Yard Sale**

Loyalsock Township will be having a yard sale on September 9th and 10th at 8:00 a.m. The sale will take place at Bruce Henry Park and all proceeds will go towards the “Holiday in the Park” program. If you have items that you would like to donate please contact the Loyalsock Township Office at 323-6151. We will only take clean, quality items and the items must be approved by Township staff or volunteers before dropping off. If you would like to volunteer to help with the set up for the yard sale please contact the Township Office. Refreshments will be available for purchase. No early sales.

**Festival in the Park**



special appearance by the C.C. Clowns (pictured above), who entertained children throughout the weekend. We also had numerous vendors set up throughout the festival. The weather did not cooperate for our first year but we are planning to continue this event and we hope it grows each year.

Loyalsock’s 1st annual Festival in the Park was held on June 4th and 5th at James Short Park. Families enjoyed great food, rides, entertainment, and vendors. The rides were provided by Double M Amusements and the famous Al Grout provided a great juggling/comedy show for the spectators to enjoy. There was also a



A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers for their help. This festival is a great event for Loyalsock Township and its surrounding communities. All of the proceeds from the event go towards the annual “Holiday in the Park” event that is held during the Christmas season.

## SECRETARY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Resolution 2011-07 Riverfront Park trail project phase 2 approved
- Sheridan Street bridge engineering proposal awarded to Larson Design Group
- Conditional use application for NFG Midstream Communicaton tower approved
- Land development project at 1775 Liberty Drive for NFG Midstream approved
- Resolution 2011-08, Sheridan Street bridge project adopted
- Resolution 2011-09, Apply to PENNVEST for financial assistance adopted
- Land development plan for Diamond Point Apartments approved with conditions
- Right of way agreement for Diamond Point apartments approved
- Resolution 2011-14, Diamond Point Apartments LP Sewage module approved

## MULCH/RECYCLING AREA

The Township provides the mulch/recycling area as a benefit to the Township Residents. As you approach the mulch area there are also storage areas used by the Township for materials such as stone and scrap metal. These items are **not** for the residents to take. The only material available for removal is the mulch.

There is also a pile where the Township discards materials removed from job sites until they can be disposed of. This is **not** to be used as a dump pile for anyone other than the Township crew.



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## RECYCLING

Spring/Summer Hours Monday-Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - dusk  
Fall Hours begin November 14, 2011

Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m., Closed Sunday

### Curbside Schedule:

August 1, 15, 29 • September 12, 26 • October 10, 24

- Remove all lids from clear glass items
- Rinse tin and aluminum cans thoroughly

### Drop-off Center (815 Northway Road)

- plastic
- newspaper
- magazines
- corrugated cardboard
- clear, green or brown glass
- steel/tin and aluminum cans

### Landfill or LCRMS Transfer Station (1485 West Third St.)

- Appliances (*except for medical or hospital scrap machinery, fuel tanks, microwave ovens, televisions, or light fixtures*) No fee for non-freon appliances, \$15.00 fee for each freon-using appliance at landfill, \$20.00 at transfer station.
- Used oil - Call LCRMS at 1-800-326-9571 for a list of those businesses which accept used oil.
- Tires - Accepted at landfill during business hours, \$3.00 fee for each auto or light truck tire, \$10.00 fee for each larger tire.
- Batteries - Accepted at landfill when placed on the battery recycling pad.
- Paint (*hazardous in liquid form*) If a small amount is left, remove lid in ventilated area, let dry and then put can out in trash. If a large amount is left, pour onto clay based kitty litter in cardboard box, dispose of dried mixture with trash.

## REMINDER ABOUT MULCH PILE RECYCLING AREA

Periodically the Township mulch recycling area is posted "CLOSED." The mulch grinder is at the mulch pile on several occasions throughout the year and for safety reasons we have to close the area to the public. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## 2011 MULCH LOADING FEES

Pick-up Truck.....	\$10.00
Dump Truck .....	\$20.00
Tri-Axle .....	\$30.00
Tractor Trailer .....	\$50.00
Commercial Dump Fee .....	\$700.00

# TAX CORNER

## REAL ESTATE TAXES

School Real Estate taxes were mailed the first week of July. If you did not receive your bill, please contact my office immediately at 321-8020. Non-receipt of the bill does not eliminate the tax nor change the due dates.

If you escrow your taxes in your monthly payment please forward the original bill (you can make a copy to keep) to your Mortgage Company.

Regular Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9:00am to 5:00 pm.

ADDITIONAL HOURS and CLOSED days are listed on the insert included with your tax bill. Extended hours at the end of discount will be Monday August 29 and Wednesday August 31 from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The last day to pay in person is Wednesday December 14, 2011. In order for checks to clear my account for my settlements in January, payments after December 14 should be certified check or money order. The last day to leave in my drop box, or to have postmarked, is December 31, 2011. My office closes for traditional holidays and when the Loyalsock Schools are closed for inclement weather.

The Pa Rebate Program has allowed hundreds of our Residents to obtain a rebate on PAID Property Taxes. We are happy to provide certified receipts for you, at a cost of 25 cents per copy. You need a copy of the County/Township and the School to file for this rebate. When you pay these taxes, please ask for the "signed" copy, which is acceptable for the Rebate.

I wish you a safe and happy summer and look forward to seeing you around the Township.

## BUSINESS TAXES

JUST A REMINDER THAT BUSINESS LICENSE AND BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAXES WERE ALL DUE BY THE END OF APRIL 2011.

If you have any questions about your account, feel free to call my office on Mondays or Wednesdays from 9:00 to 5:00 and I will be glad to review your file.

In addition, Local Services Tax (LST) are due, at the rate of \$1.00 per week per employee. Owners of Businesses, Presidents, Office Managers, Realtors and Brokers are considered "employees" and are required to pay the LST Tax

Delinquent notices were mailed recently, and any items not paid were identified and are due immediately.

Thank you for choosing Loyalsock for your Business Location.

I wish you a successful year !

## INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN FOR SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAXES—2011

Per the 2006 Taxpayers Relief Act, also known as ACT 39, School Districts MUST allow properties that have been accepted into the homestead program, to make Installment Payments.

The Loyalsock School District Board has voted to allow three (3) equal installments to pay your School Tax Bill. Most of Lycoming County Schools have offered the same plan.

The three payments are due July 31, Sept 30 and Nov 30. Postmark and drop box count for all due dates. If the first payment is not received by July 31 (Postmark) the installment plan cannot be used for this year.

If an installment is ONE DAY LATE there is a 10% penalty that will be added.

The Installment Plan pays the taxes at the FACE amount. This is the actual tax on the property ( the middle column). The discount of 2 % is given up if the installment plan is used ( even if installments 2 and 3 are paid by the end of August, they will equal the FACE amount of the tax)

Payment 3 cannot be accepted until payment 2 is received.

If you escrow your taxes, send the regular tax bill to the mortgage company ( not any of the coupons.) They will generally pay the taxes at the discount amount.

All unpaid payments will be turned over to Lycoming County Tax Claim when I make my January settlement, and may become liens against the property

### **Homestead Exclusion (Exemption)**

If you applied, and were accepted ( as far back as 2004) for the Homestead Exemption, your tax bill reflects a homestead exclusion ( deduction) that amounts to an estimate of \$129.53 ( at the time this article was written) off the face amount. This is reflected as a deduction on the tax bill as issued.

**Need to check on the Homestead Status of your property ???**

**Call the Lycoming County Assessment Office at 327-2301.**

Homestead approval requirements 1) It is your main home- Residence- 2) the deed is in YOUR name 3) you applied for Homestead Status, and were approved. There may be other rules, but these are the main ones used for approval. The County controls the data for this, so please call them directly regarding your property.

**DOROTHY R. (DOTTIE) WHITE**

**2132 Northway Road • Williamsport, PA 17701**

**321-8020 Real Estate Taxes • 601-1212 Business Taxes**

## LYCOMING COUNTY ADDS NEW MATERIALS TO DROP-OFF SITES

Starting August 1, 2011, Lycoming County will be able to accept Chipboard and Junk Mail in with the corrugated cardboard at the drop-off sites that accept cardboard.

**Chipboard** – Cereal boxes, soda cases, dry food boxes and paper towel rolls, etc. Chipboard is usually brown or gray inside. Please remove all plastic or foil liners inside boxes.

**NOT Acceptable** items include the following: Styrofoam, waxed or plastic coated boxes such as milk cartons, juice cartons and frozen food cartons.

**Junk Mail** – Includes envelopes (with and without windows), office and notebook paper, glossy ads, credit card applications, etc.

If you wish to shred your junk mail before placing it into the drop-off container you may do so, but please use a clear plastic bag to prevent litter at the sites. If you need more information, please call Lycoming County Resource Management Services at 1-800-736-7559.

## GAS & WATER SERVICE

If you have been, or will be, considering hooking up to natural gas or city water, now would be a good time to do so. Since our Township is in the process of undergoing the sewer rehab project, our streets are already being cut for the purpose of fixing or replacing the sewer laterals and mains. The Township has already started repaving some of our roads, and this process will continue throughout the next several years. After a road is paved, there is a waiting period before it can be cut to install public utility services unless there is an emergency.

Therefore, if you are thinking of hooking onto one of these services, you can contact UGI, Penn Natural Gas at 327-2023, or the Williamsport Water Authority at 323-6148.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON A LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP BOARD?

Periodically a position becomes open on one of Loyalsock Township's Voluntary Boards. If you are interested in serving the community and devoting your personal time to a specific board please bring your resume and cover letter to the Loyalsock Township Building. We will keep your information on file and review it when a position opens. The boards are listed below.

Recreation and Parks Board  
Planning Commission  
Zoning Hearing Board  
Building Code Board of Appeals  
Loyalsock Township Authority

## — STREETS & SEWERS —

### CURBSIDE PICK-UP

A curbside pick up service is offered by the township at only **one time** during the year. This is usually in May, and the exact date is advertised in the newsletter. On this date **only**, residents are permitted to place branches, twigs and other yard trimmings in the tree-lawn for the Township crew to pick up (the tree-lawn is the area between the curb and sidewalk). Items should **never** be placed in the street. **At all other times**, when residents have yard waste to dispose of or recycle, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner to do this. The mulch area behind the Township office is open regularly, with hours listed on the sign and in the newsletter.

The annual leaf collection will still take place in the fall of the year. The schedule and rules are posted in this and the November newsletters.

### SEWER BILL PAYMENT DROP SLOT

Do you need to drop off your sewer bill payment, but the Township Office is closed? Not a problem, the Township has a drop box which you may use. It can be found on the Country Club Drive side of the Township Building clearly marked "DROP SLOT."





# LEAF COLLECTION 2011



Loyalsock Township's policy on leaf collection is to pick up leaves with the leaf loader on Township streets that are curbed. All other areas must have their leaves in bags and need to call the Township Office at 323-6151 to have them picked up.

The most frequently asked question in the fall is, "What is the collection schedule?" This year, again, we have formatted one for you. Please rake the leaves into the street along the curb a day or two days **prior** to the date for collection in your area.

## AREA 1 (FAXON) – October 24, 25, 26; November 7, 8, 9

Northway Road west to Williamsport city line and Third Street north to Four Mile Drive.

## AREA 2 (KENMAR) – October 31; November 1, 2; 14, 15, 16

Northway Road east to Sycamore Road and Third Street north to Four Mile Drive.

## AREA 3 – October 27, 28; November 10, 11

- **HILLSIDE** – North of Four Mile Drive from Madden Road east to Warrensville Road.
- **SAND HILL** – Warrensville Road west to Sand Hill Road and Third Street north to Four Mile Drive.
- **GREENVIEW DEVELOPMENT** – Windward Lane north to Lysock View and from Konkle Road to Round Top Road.
- **HICKORY HILLS ESTATES DEVELOPMENT**
- **CAMEO ESTATES DEVELOPMENT**
- **CLARION DRIVE**

## AREA 4 – November 3, 4; 17, 18

- **HESHBON AREA** – Hayes Lane north to Heshbon Street. Also curbed section of Log Run Road.
- **FIELDS DEVELOPMENT** – Poco Farm Road east to Crestfield Drive.
- **POCO HILLS ESTATES** – Poco Farm Road west to Hillsdale Drive.
- **NORTHWOOD ESTATES** – Bloomingrove Road to Williamsport city line.
- **MAYBEE HILL DEVELOPMENT** – Maybee Hill Road south to Dawn Drive.
- **CEMETERY STREET**
- **RURAL AVENUE**

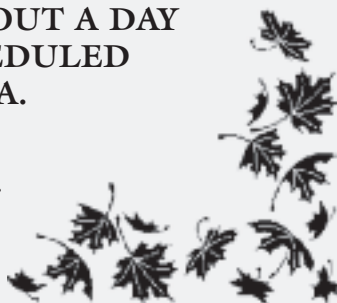
## REMINDER – CURBED STREETS ONLY

We may be in areas of the Township during unscheduled times, but we will still stick to the leaf collection schedule.

If needed, and weather permitting, we will go back and clean up remaining leaves immediately following the schedule.

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR LEAVES OUT A DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED COLLECTION FOR YOUR AREA. THANK YOU.**

**DANGER!** Never play in piles of leaves on the road. You are at risk of being hit by a vehicle.



## LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE REMINDERS

Annually we publish our leaf collection schedule in the newsletter. The Township will collect leaves with the leaf vac on curbed streets during this schedule. For pick-up you may rake your leaves to the street side of the gutter, leaving about six to twelve inches between the curb and the leaves. The gap should allow water to reach the storm drain during rain falls. Also, do not put leaves so far into the street as to hamper traffic. The Township will not pick-up grass clippings, flowers, or vegetable garden residue.

As stated in the leaf collection schedule, **you should not put your leaves into the street until a day or two prior to your scheduled collection.** The mulch/recycling area is available to dispose of leaves at other times. Our Township Supervisors have adopted Ordinance No. 185.5 which states in part that unlawful deposits of leaves into the street (except during a designated time) shall carry a fine of from \$100.00 and up to \$1,000.00.

We invite your cooperation and appreciate your understanding during our annual leaf collection program.



# — BUILDINGS & CODES —

## SWIMMING POOLS

Most swimming pools require a building permit and a zoning permit. If your pool is prefabricated and is less than 24" deep, you do not need a permit. **All other pools require a permit!** This is not a Loyalsock Township requirement, but a Pennsylvania state requirement of the Uniform Construction Code, Section 403.62 (c)(5).

This would include any of the above ground pools that are self-supporting or removable after the summer months, if they are over 24" deep. Fences are required around any pool that does not have a natural barrier wall supporting the pool that is at least 48" high.

If you have any questions about pools, required permits, or permit fees, please contact the Township code enforcement office.

## PARKING ON TOWNSHIP STREETS

During family gatherings, parties, yard sales, and other special events, please advise guests not to park in front of driveways, or on the sides of the streets posted with no parking signs. Parking in these areas causes a safety hazard for people driving through the streets.



## BUILDING IDENTIFICATION HOUSE NUMBERS

You can help the Fire and Ambulance Service by making sure your house is properly identified. In an emergency, having a house number visible from the public street provides for quicker service.

All dwellings in the township are required to have house numbers per township and county regulations. The county ordinance requires all building to have the address numbers prominently displayed at all times as follows:

1. Address numbers shall be displayed within clear view of the main entrance of the building. Multi-unit buildings with separate entrances for different units are required to have each number posted near that entrance.
2. Dwellings and buildings which are farther than fifty feet from the public roadway or are not easily visible from the public roadway are to have their addresses posted within clear view of the public street and within clear view of the driveway to the building.
3. All building address numbers shall be constructed of durable material with a color and brightness which contrasts with the surface on which it is posted with numbers at least 3 inches in height. Reflective and lighted signs are encouraged.
4. Address numbers are not to be obstructed from view of the public street by landscaping, shrubs, vegetation, screen doors, canopies, ornaments or other plants or structures.

Look at your house number and determine if it can be easily seen from the public street. Is it hard to see because of size, color, distance, trees, flowers, shrubs or location? If so, you may want to make a change. If you are easier to find, you will be easier to help.

# — RECREATION & PARKS —

## VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in Loyalsock Parks?

Do you want to make a difference in the community?

Do you enjoy helping people or do you have a skill that you want to share with others?

Loyalsock Township is always looking for people to help out in the parks department. If you are interested in helping your community please contact Shannon Lukowsky at 323-6151.



*Summer Youth Program plants a tree at Bruce Henry Park*

# FLATWATER CHALLENGE RESULTS

Loyalsock Township hosted its annual Flatwater Challenge canoe and kayak race on June 26th at Riverfront Park. We had a total of 45 paddlers enrolled in the race. This race has grown each year. The weather was beautiful and the water condition of the river was great for the paddlers. There are two race classes people can choose from. There is the recreation class and the racing class. The recreation class makes one loop which is 6.3 miles and the racing class makes two loops. The course begins at the Greevy Boat Launch and racers paddle down river to the mouth of the Loyalsock Creek. A clockwise turn sends paddlers up river to the Market Street Bridge. Another turn sends paddlers back to the buoy at the boat dock for the finish. The racers and their times are listed below. This information is also listed on our website at [www.loyalsocktownshipbos.com](http://www.loyalsocktownshipbos.com).

<b>C-1 Open</b>	Ed Sayre	1st	1:53:34
	Charlie Bruno	2nd	1:57:01
<b>C-1 Stock</b>	Mark Haas	1st	1:08:27
<b>C-2 Open Senior</b>	Mark Gillespie & David Sennett	1st	1:45:27
<b>C-2 Open Veteran</b>	Ron Bomberger & Ken Gerg	1st	1:58:05
<b>C-2 Open Women</b>	Lisa Baney & Teresa Stout	1st	2:03:18
<b>C-2 Open Mixed</b>	Holly Reynolds & Jeff Rankinen	1st	1:44:58
	Paul Gruber & Miranda Gruber	2nd	1:53:38
	Mark Kopta & Laura Martin	3rd	1:57:57
<b>C-2 Open Master</b>	Steve Rankinen & Richard Rankinen	1st	1:44:57
<b>C-2 Open Mens</b>	Frank Kopta & Steve Martin	1st	1:49:32
<b>C-2 Short</b>	Lorna Masek & Steve Hall	1st	1:13:44
<b>K-1 Mens Sea Kayak Veteran</b>	Ed Leszek	1st	1:51:28
	Bob Ort	2nd	1:53:22
	Bob Snook	3rd	2:03:53
<b>K-1 Mens Sea Kayak Senior</b>	Jim Goochie	1st	1:51:06
	Gary Mullen	2nd	1:55:47
	Kevin O'Shea	3rd	2:14:20
<b>K-1 Womens Sea Kayak</b>	Dawn McCracken	1st	2:17:44
<b>K-1 Mens Rec Comp Open</b>	Mike Miller	1st	1:04:15
<b>K-1 Mens Rec Comp Veteran</b>	Irv Claar	1st	1:08:37
<b>K-1 Womens Rec Comp</b>	Kate Wenrich	1st	1:08:41
<b>K-1 Mens Rec Plastic Senior</b>	Nigel Emms	1st	1:04:40
	Brian Ammon	2nd	1:07:38
<b>K-1 Mens Rec Plastic Open</b>	Roger Claar	1st	1:09:26
<b>K-1 Mens Rec Plastic Master</b>	John Dunkelberger	1st	1:03:12
	Dale Glover	2nd	1:07:10
	John Monk, Jr.	3rd	1:11:38

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<b>K-1 Womens Rec Plastic</b>	Traci Farley	1st	1:13:41
	Deb Glover	2nd	1:25:03
	Candy Coffman	3rd	1:30:52
<b>K-1 Down River</b>	Jeremy Wenrich	1st	2:35:00
<b>K-1 Racing Master</b>	Ron Kaiser	1st	1:43:14
	Daniel Glover	2nd	2:04:59
<b>K-1 Racing Open</b>	Chaz Ross	1st	1:41:01
	Joe White	2nd	1:51:29
<b>K-1 Racing Senior</b>	Dan Harmon	1st	1:49:08
<b>K-1 Racing Veteran</b>	Ed Walter	1st	1:45:56
	Rich Begliomini	2nd	1:58:39
<b>K-2 Open Mixed</b>	Karen Ruppert & Gary Ballina	1st	1:50:08
<b>K-2 Open Womens</b>	Nina Bennett & Nancy Pinchak	1st	1:53:03
<b>Youth</b>	Joey Rankinen	1st	0:42:40

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## BIKE SAFETY

With the summer season in full swing, bike riding is a popular sport enjoyed by the whole family. And, because the bikeway can be easily accessed from either of two Township parks – Riverfront Park from Greevy Road and Heshbon Park just off Route 15 – we have a vested interest in keeping both young and old cyclists safe. For a great cycling season, we offer these safety reminders.

- Always wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Adjust the bike to fit you and keep it in good condition.
- Ride on the right side of the road *with traffic*.
- Ride in a single file when in a group.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Cross *only* at intersections.
- Slow down when you approach an intersection.
- Look left, look right, look left again, then look over your shoulder before entering the intersection.
- Be predictable: Use hand signals.
- Wear bright colored clothing with reflective material.



**ALWAYS ASSUME THAT DRIVERS DO NOT SEE YOU!**



# 6TH ANNUAL SALLY SHORT'S HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Loyalsock Township is getting into the holiday spirit this year by preparing for the 6th annual “Sally Short’s Holiday in the Park”. Sally Short was the wife of James Short who was the chairman of the recreation board for many years. We decided to create this program in honor of Sally because of the many contributions she gave to Loyalsock Township.

Sally Short’s Holiday in the Park will involve the illumination of James Short Park for the holiday season.

The park will be illuminated each night for the public to view from December 3rd – January 1st.

This year we have more lightings and displays planned that will be sure to brighten your holiday spirit. The initial lighting will take place December 3rd along with the arrival of Santa Claus and holiday music. We will also have horse drawn wagon rides (\$ free) through the park to view the lights.

The event will be held from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., with the initial lighting at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase and all proceeds will directly support next year’s event. Bring the whole family out for a true holiday celebration.

If you would like to contribute to this and future events please fill out the bottom portion of this page and mail it along with your check to Loyalsock Township, 2501 East Third Street, Williamsport, PA 17701.

We would like to thank you in advance for making this celebration possible.

This event will help Loyalsock Township continue to be *“The Place to Live”*.



Please place an “X” next to your choice of donation.

We would like to have all donations by November 4th, but we will continue to accept them throughout the year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Up to \$50.00- Snow Flake

\_\_\_\_\_ \$51.00 - \$100.00- Candy Cane

\_\_\_\_\_ \$101.00 - \$250.00- Elf

\_\_\_\_\_ \$251.00 - \$500.00- Frosty

\_\_\_\_\_ \$501.00 and above- Santa Claus



If you have any holiday items that you would like to donate please contact the township building at 323-6151. Please make checks payable to Loyalsock Township.

# — CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS —

## SUPERINTENDENT OF LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT - MR. ROBERT GRANTIER

As the 2010-2011 school year ends, I convey a heartfelt THANKS to the entire Loyalsock community for the support and welcome to this outstanding district. Numerous students, parents, staff, board members and community residents have overwhelmed me with their thoughtfulness and dedication for the children of our Township.

The school year seems to have just flown by, but in reflection, we have accomplished much.

Notable accomplishments:

- Passing our budget with no tax increases, yet we are able to maintain and expand our programs during a very stressful time of reduced state and federal funding revenues;
- Establishment of a drug and alcohol testing program, which helps promote a drug-free culture in our district;
- Establishment of ParentLink, a service to better communicate to our school community;
- The music department presented two nights of student music hosted at the Community Arts Center;
- Improvement of traffic entering and exiting the middle school and high school complex along Northway Road;
- Support for our students to attend the University of Pittsburgh Health Career Scholars Academy;
- Establishment of the Lancer Foundation, which has created student recognition scholarships for the class of 2011 totaling \$4,500

Additionally, we began an athletic cooperative with Montoursville Area School District for the sports of golf and track/field.

These accomplishments are due to a committed school board, dedicated staff and supportive community.

The planning for 2011-2012 is well underway as students and teachers leave for summer break with schedules in place to start the new school year. The challenges that we face for the coming year include a continued commitment by the District and Loyalsock Township to secure the ownership of the Lycoming Memorial U.S. Army Reserve Center building, develop opportunities with this new space, expand education opportunities for our students and meet these needs financially.

As we prepare for the future, know that Loyalsock Township School District is committed to the success of all students within our school community.

## LOYALSOCK STUDENT RECOGNIZED



Mackenzie Yaw is a senior at Loyalsock Township High School and has been a student in the Loyalsock Township School District since the first grade. She has been on the high honor roll every marking period, most recently with a 5.0 GPA. Upon graduation from Shick Elementary, she received the highest GPA award and upon graduation

from Middle School, she received both the math award and the Wayne Rose Memorial Good Choices award. She was inducted into the National Honor Society during her junior year. This year, she attended Lycoming College part-time to study math.

Mackenzie's many scholastic, community service, and athletic achievements include:

- National Honor Society service projects, Co-captain for Loyalsock High School relay for life, Youth co-chair for all high schools, mission trip to New Orleans with her church, volunteers with the Little Sock girls basketball program as a student coach.

- On the starting five on the Loyalsock girls varsity basketball team, winning both a conference and district championship. This year she is co-captain.

- Cross-age teacher which fosters good choices and prevent alcohol and drug abuse.

- Member of student government, Vice-President of the Spanish Club, SADD, and Treasurer of the Athletic Training Club. Also a member of the 2009 soccer state championship team and was on the 2010 Homecoming Court.

She plans to attend Bucknell University, Lafayette College or the University of Richmond (undecided at the time this is being written) next year to study behavioral economics, with a minor in Spanish.

Mackenzie is the daughter of Gene Yaw and Ann (Pepperman) Yaw. Her brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Tracey Yaw, and their two daughters live in West Chester. Although technically not family, no bio of Mackenzie would be complete without mention of two individuals who have been tremendously important in her life, her adopted God Mother, friend, mentor and confidant, Davie Gilmour, and her good friend and go-to photographer, Fred Gilmour.

This article was taken from "A Tribute to Women of Excellence Recognition Dinner" program.

## LOYALSOCK GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The “Community Garden Tour” hosted by the Loyalsock and Montoursville Garden Clubs was enjoyed by many on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. There were seven gardens included in the tour. The tour began in Montoursville with the garden at the John Burrows Historical Society, which is maintained by the Montoursville Garden Club. We then moved on to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Hilton on Broad Street. They shared their five amazing Koi Ponds as well as their newly added hardscaping. Refreshments were served here by the Montoursville Garden Club.

The tour guide then directed everyone to the home of George and Jody Wolfe on Arthur Road, where they could enjoy the unique containers and artistic touches Jody has created in her yard.

The tour then moved on to Loyalsock Township and the amazing property of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Plocinski on Walters Road. This “wildlife sanctuary” must be seen to be believed. The extent of the effort they have put into this landscape is amazing.

The tour guide directions next led us to the home of Mr. James Solomon on Blair Street, where refreshments were served by the Loyalsock Garden Club. If you have not seen his incredible yard filled with color from a multitude of annuals, please stop by. He loves to share his flowers and is always very welcoming.

We were then welcomed into the backyard of Bill and Joyce Davis on Ritchey Street, who have a supreme assortment of roses as well as a beautiful perennial garden and a fantastic vegetable garden. I was told they even shared some of their produce.

Our final stop on the tour was the home of Dr. Robert Donato in Williamsport and his fabulous display of a wide variety of hydrangeas and lilies. Dr. Donato was a gracious host as were all those who shared their gardens. All of these superior gardeners were available to answer questions and make all feel welcome.

The Montoursville and Loyalsock Garden Clubs would like to thank each one who willingly shared their garden on this beautiful Sunday afternoon as well as all who took the tour. The gardens were open from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and all participants could proceed along the tour at their leisure.

This was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon and hopefully encourage all us gardeners to keep on flowering. The event also raised \$520.00 for the “Gatehouse Hospice Unit” at Divine Providence Hospital.

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Loyalsock School District Sports  
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Loyalsock Swim Team  
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Loyalsock Youth Football and Youth Cheerleading  
Jim Webb  
570-337-0755  
or  
Rob Lytle  
570-433-0534



# Theatre for Seniors

## **Chicago:** September 25, 2011

“A chorus girl murderess, her sleazy lawyer a celebrity felon and the music which spawned an Academy Award Winning Film and Tony Winning Musical is full of murder, intrigue, dancing....and all that jazz!”

## **Plaid Tidings:** December 11, 2011

“*Plaid Tidings* is a neat gift, filled with Christmas standards that have all been “Plaid-erized” returns, the heavenly Rosemary Clooney tells them to put harmony into the world.”

## **Moving Mountains:** March 25, 2012

“Charlie is a widower who’s after the ladies. Not younger girls; “mature women” with a history. Charlie offers companionship, and they gladly accept. That is, until he meets Polly, a widow who isn’t so simple. ”

## **Hello Dolly!:** June 17, 2012

“Dolly Levi arranges things...including lives. A widow, she loves “half-a-millionaire” merchant Horace Vandergelder, and weaves together the lives of those around him – and eventually, Horace himself. This record-setting musical features songs like “It Only Takes a Moment,” and “Hello, Dolly.”

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All performances are Sundays at 2:00 p.m. on the Community Theatre League Stage in the Trade & Transit Building at 100 West Third Street. **For reservations, call the Township Office at 323-6151 by noon of the preceding Friday.**



*The Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Program is a partnership initiative between local arts organizations and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), a state agency. PPA is administered in this region by the Williamsport-Lycoming Arts Council.*

Cancellation of any performance will be announced by noon using the following radio stations: WRAK 1400-WRKK 1200, WKSB 102.7, WBYL 95.5, WBLJ 95.3, WVRT 97.7-WVRZ 99.7. You may also call the Community Theatre at 327-1777, there will be a recorded message if the show has been cancelled.

When making reservations, please be sure to let us know if you need space for a wheelchair. The theater has a limited number of wheelchair spaces available.

Also, the shows have been reserved to capacity, but there are still vacant seats, so we would appreciate everyone with a reservation being at the theater by 1:50 pm (10 minutes prior to show time). That way anyone that calls and cannot get a reservation is welcome to go to the theater the day of the show at that time and see if there are any empty seats available. If you know you cannot make the show by the preceding Friday at 4:00 pm, please call the Township office and cancel your reservation.

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