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The “New” Babes in the Woods Sign

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The Babes in the Woods sign along Rt. 233 near Penn Township’s border with Cooke Township has been a feature in the township for generations. In doing the research for the book, “The Babes in the Woods Story,” some information was learned about the history of the sign. Apparently a very crude sign was placed at the site almost immediately after the bodies of three young girls were found on the mountainside in November of 1934. A photo of that sign was sent along with a condolence card by a woman from Carlisle to a relative of the deceased girls in California. That photo was shared with me as I researched the book along with other memorabilia saved by the family in California. The general public had been attracted to the site in 1934 and cars lined the roadway in both directions for many days so a sign was helpful in pinpointing the site.



Sometime after that the more official sign we are familiar with today was erected but I was never able to determine who erected it. Suspects were the American Legion from Carlisle who had planned the girls’ funerals and the Cameron family from King’s Gap. Employees of the Cameron family had found the bodies. It was not erected by the highway administration. Photos of the sign appear in local newspapers as early as 1974. Many residents interviewed for the book felt it had been there for many years and was

probably erected in 1935.

In 1994, the sign had gotten in poor condition and the McSherrytown Fish and Game Association from Adams County, led by a group of four men, built and installed a new sign. The connection to the McSherrytown group came about because one member of the group had been hunting on South Mountain Troy Shaffer the day following the finding of the girls’



bodies. Then 17 years old, he was stopped and questioned by the State Police. This left a lasting impression on him and he felt it was important to always have a sign at the site. Their hand constructed sign was erected with some ceremony in 1994. In

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Penn Township Personnel

Zoning Hearing Board

Todd Vogelsong - Chair
Linwood Clippinger - Vice-Chair
Marc Thorne
Richard Mislitsky - Solicitor

Planning Commission

Dan Ries— Co- Chair
Gary Cribbs – Co-Chair
Marcia Leeds - Secretary
Victor Barrick
Kathy Hughes
Dennis Shoff
Wayne Stevenson

Fire Company Executive Officers

John Wardle— President 776-7266
Gary Martin— Vice President
Wayne Hockensmith – Treasurer
Pat Sangialosi - Secretary
Mary McGarry -Assistant Secretary
Cindia Whistler— Financial Secretary
John Wardle Jr-Chaplain
Cindia Whistler—Facility Contact

Fire Company Line Officers

Chris Alleman. – Fire Chief
Doug Stumm – Deputy Chief
Ryan Finky - Assistant Chief
Tim Knepp—EMS Chief
Tyler Wardle - Captain
Dan Define—Lieutenant

Fire Company Auxiliary

Mary Wert – President
Evie Seiders – Vice President
Sandy Morrison – Secretary
Marcia Leeds – Treasurer
Kay Kann – Financial Secretary
Anna Group—Trustee
Judy Hockensmith – Trustee
Joyce Wardle—Trustee

Fire/Police Members

Jim Sheaffer - Captain	Ron Tritt
Ricky Stitt - Lieutenant	Ira Wagner
Leon Kitner	John J Wardle Jr
Art Danner	Robert Alleman
Wayne Hockensmith	Grace Hernandes
Steve Cohick	Pamela Sheaffer
Richard Cook	

Fire Company Trustees

Jim Sheaffer	Richard Cook
Denny Shoff	John J Wardle
Tim Knepp	

Emergency Management Coordinator

Robert Kough, Jr. – 226-6537 Ernie Beecher - Deputy

Codes Enforcement Officer

Tim Knepp, Sr.	Jim Sheaffer—Assistant
Paul Seiders—Assistant	

Vacancy Board

J. Michael Ickes - Chair

Loan Grant Coordinator

Buck Shuller

2016 Township Calendar

All meetings are held at the Township building , 1301 Centerville Road, Newville, PA at 7:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

July

- 13 Zoning Hearing Board
- 14 Board of Supervisors
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting

August

- 4,5,6 PTVFC Fair
- 10 Zoning Hearing Board
- 11 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 28 PTVFC Breakfast

September

- 8 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 14 Zoning Hearing Board
- 17 PTVFC Pot Pie Supper
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 25 PTVFC Breakfast

NOTE: Fire Company BINGO is held every Friday night, 7:00 at the Fire Hall

**PENN TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY
SOUP SALE
October 29, 2016**

Ham Bean and Beef Vegetable Soup by the Quart

\$5.50 per Quart (containers will be provided)

Soup Will be Available to be picked up between 12:00 PM (Noon) and 1:00 PM

ADVANCED ORDERS ARE STRONGLY SUGGESTED

ORDER BY CALLING 717-776-3089 OR 717-249-4667
Please Order by October 21, 2016

Board of Supervisors

The complete minutes of the Supervisors' Meetings are available, once they are approved, at the Township Building or on our website, www.penntwpcc.org.

April

- Approved 2016-17 Road Materials Bid
- Adopted Resolution 2016-11 Emergency Operations Manual
- Adopted Resolution 2016-12 Disignating the Secretary as the Township Agent for Application to FEMA/PEMA for Snow Removal Reimbursement

May

- Approved purchase of new Ferris Zero Turn

Mower

- Approved 2016-17 Diesel Fuel Bid

June

- Adopted final Route 233 Corridor Study
- Rejected bid for new equipment building
- Approved purchase and installation of backup generator system by S & S Electric
- Adopted Ordinance 2016-1 authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement
- Approved Intergovernmental Agreement for Trash Collection
- Authorized advertising for bids for 2016 Road Projects
- Approved request by South Newton Township for assistance of PTVFC Special Fire Police

PENN TOWNSHIP OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD



At the April Township meeting held at the Penn Township Fire Co the Supervisors gave a Penn Township Outstanding Citizen Awards to two residents. Jodi Wagner and Pete Holms received the award for their life saving actions on January 22, 2016.

It was the very cold and windy Friday before “the big snow storm”. A Penn Township resident fell while working outside and ended up down an embankment into a small stream. She became wet lying in the stream and due to physical limitations was unable to extricate herself. Her location was such that

she was not visible from the road or any neighbors and no one knew she was there. While checking his mail Pete heard her calling for help but could not see her. He looked around and located her lying partially in the water. He summoned help by calling 911 and Jodi to bring blankets and assist. Pete then entered the water and held the victim out of the water until help arrived. Jodi provided blankets and flagged down rescuers.

After a brief extrication by the Newville Ambulance EMT's, who also entered the cold water, and local fire departments she was placed in an ambulance. After assessing her injuries it was determined she was severely hypothermic and a medical helicopter was summoned to transport her to University Medical Center at Hershey. After a couple of days in the hospital she was discharged with no lasting issues.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**Dickinson Presbyterian Church****12 Church Rd. Carlisle, PA**

Sunday School for all ages – 9:15 am

Worship—10:30 am

An opportunity to have fun is to join us at Dickinson Presbyterian Church **July 25th through July 29th from 9 am to 4 pm**. We are hosting Krislund Church Camp for a Traveling **Day Camp** that includes an overnight trip to Krislund Thursday and Friday. Krislund is a Presbyterian Camp in Center County, near Lock Haven.

Traveling Day Camp is a week of crazy fun and games, challenges, singing, dancing, Bible Study and worship. Our camp is open to anyone who has com-

pleted Kindergarten through 6th grade. The camp is run by 5 counselors from Krislund and 5 volunteers from Dickinson Presbyterian and Second Presbyterian in Carlisle. All volunteers have background checks and are chosen for their Christian commitment, work ethic and love of children.

We at Dickinson and Second Presbyterian as well as Krislund are pleased to offer this mission event for the children in our area, many who may not have the opportunity to attend a camp. For information and registration please call Dickinson Presbyterian Church at 776-3461.

Please join us for our outdoor worship service on **August 14th**. Our service will feature **“This Way Up”**.

**ANNUAL
FIREMAN’S FAIR****August 4, 5 & 6, 2015**

**Penn Township Volunteer
Fire Company Grounds
Pine Road**

**Hours 5:00 p.m.
until ???**

**Fireworks Saturday Night
10:00 p.m.**



A Note from the Cumberland County WNV Program:

Mosquito diseases have been in the news a lot this year, but it's always best to be educated and prepared. Mosquitoes often do not fly far from where they hatched. Gutters, birdbaths, and buckets are often prime mosquito rearing habitat, so remember to check around your house weekly and dump containers holding water to ensure a bite-free summer. Please take time to visit our website to learn more about mosquitoes, our WNV program, and how to stay informed on adult spray events by signing up for "Notify Me" emails.



Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.
www.ccpa.net/westnile. 717-240-7808



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2004, the group restored the sign they had put up ten years earlier.

By 2014, the sign was getting in bad shape again. Many calls were received by Penn Township and the Cumberland County Historical Society about the poor condition of the sign. The two groups collaborated in 2015 and agreed to replace the sign which by then was beyond repair. The Historical Society agreed to secure a new sign and the Township agreed to erect the sign. The new sign was erected without ceremony on April 28, 2016 using the original posts. The posts were repainted the next day.

The new sign (made of aluminum) will provide local residents as well as others travelling south on Centerville Road, with basic information about this 1934 tragedy. For those interested in more information about the events in 1934, the book, "The Babes in the Woods Story," is available for purchase at the Cumberland County Historical Society and at Pine Grove Furnace State Park.

BULLDOG FOUNDATION

The Bulldog Foundation is a group of Big Spring High School alumni that supports educational pursuits in the School District to benefit the students to enhance the overall quality of education as well as to promote community support for public education.

The Foundation was established in 1994 and has distributed over \$130,000 in grants and scholarships.

The primary fundraiser for the Foundation is the Annual Golf Tournament, to be held at the Cumberland Golf Course on Aug 5, 2016 at 1 PM. The cost to play is \$75 and includes cart, lunch, steak dinner, and drinks Michael Rynard on the course (non-alcoholic). Hole sponsorships are available and donations for door prizes are accepted. For more information on the tournament, please call Jeff Cohick at 574-5345.

For additional information on the Foundation, or to become a member

Email: bulldogfoundation@bigspring.org

Medical Emergency???

You're at home and you or a family member has a medical emergency do you know what to do?

Stay calm.

Call 9-1-1

The 9-1-1 operator will ask you many questions that you may think are unnecessary and wasting time. The questions are designed to ensure you receive the appropriate emergency response. The operator is also trained to talk you through what you can do to help the person while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. This by itself could be life saving.

DON'T TRY TO DRIVE YOURSELF OR A FAMILY MEMBER TO THE HOSPITAL DURING AN EMERGENCY. You may be extremely excited and not thinking clearly and could endanger yourself and others on the road. Ambulances now are equipped to handle the emergency with the proper equipment. If a very serious emergency a Paramedic will also be dispatched on the call. They have specialized training and equipment to perform advanced life saving

procedures. It's almost like having the emergency room brought to you. They will treat and transport to the most appropriate hospital. The closest hospital may not be able to provide the proper care for your specific emergency. Some are accredited for Cardiac and Stroke emergencies. If someone is transported to a hospital that is not equipped for the emergency they will have to transfer them and all that wastes precious time.

Don't assume that all emergency responders know exactly where you live. If available have someone outside to wave them down. Turn on porch light.

There are also steps to be taken long before you may have an emergency.

Make sure your address is noticeable during night and day from both directions.

Have a list of medications written down for each family member.

A list of medical history is also very helpful.

Teach children how to dial 9-1-1 for help and only during an emergency.

POT PIE SUPPER September 17, 2016

Doors Open 3:30 PM
Meal Served 4:00 PM

Beef, Chicken & Ham
All You Can Eat
Includes Desert & Drink

12 & Up \$9.00 6—12 \$4.00

Children Under 6 \$3.00

Questions? Call the Fire Company at 486-5488

SPAGHETTI SUPPER NOVEMBER 5, 2016

PENN TWP FIRE COMPANY

SERVING FROM 4:30 PM UNTIL ?
EAT IN ONLY

Serving spaghetti, salad bar, bread, dessert and drink

COST
ADULTS - \$10.00
CHILDREN 6-12 - \$5.00

Email Address Collection -

The township is collecting email addresses to be able to efficiently deliver the newsletter and emergency information to our residents.

If you are interested in receiving information by email, please sign-up at

www.penntwpcc.org

- **Community Information**
- **Newsletter**
(sign up or cancellation of subscription)

Like us on Facebook for emergency alerts and information on road closures.



PENN TOWNSHIP SERVICES

- **Photo copies \$.25 each**
- **Faxing \$1.00 first page— \$. 50 each additional page**
- **Laminating \$1.00 per item**
- **Notary work \$2.00 a seal (No DMV forms or titles)**

The township will accept residential waste oil from vehicles

All services offered during normal business hours

Find Your Name

The names of two Township residents, selected randomly from township records, are “hidden” out of context somewhere in this newsletter. Find your name and we will treat you to a \$20 gift certificate to Saylor’s Market in Newville. If you find your name, claim the reward by stopping by Saylor’s Market before July 31. Our thanks to Curt Saylor for his donation to the newsletter.

Newsletter Advertising

The PENN TIMES is published quarterly (January, April, July, and October), and offers area businesses the opportunity to advertise their businesses to all of the residents of the township. Advertisements may be changed to fit the seasons. Seasonal businesses may choose to advertise in the issue that is closest to their peak season.

The following are the prices for advertising in the 2014 PENN TIMES:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost/Issue</u>	<u>Cost/Year</u>
1/8 Page (Business Card)	\$50	\$175
¼ Page	\$100	\$350
½ Page	\$200	\$700
Full Page	\$400	\$1400

Contact the township office at 486-3104 to reserve your space and for newsletter deadline.

CAN YOUR HOME BE EASILY IDENTIFIED BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES??

There is a Township Ordinance that requires all homes to have the street number three inches high so that emergency vehicles can easily find your home. These street numbers are available for only \$10 from Pam Sheaffer, 776-7557. This is not-for-profit, and is done as a favor to the fire department.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Penn Township Board of Supervisors is looking for residents to serve on either the Planning Commission or the Zoning Hearing Board. Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month and Zoning Hearing Board on the second Wednesday of the month, when needed

If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact the Township Secretary at 486-3104 or speak with a supervisors.

Penn Township
1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241

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If you know of a Township resident who did not receive this newsletter, extra copies are available at the Township office.

Penn Township

Address:

1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241
Phone: (717) 486-3104
Fax: (717) 486-3522

Office Hours:

January 4—April 3, 2016
October 31—December 31, 2016
Monday—Friday
7:00 AM — 2:00 PM

April 4—October 30, 2016
Monday—Thursday
7:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Township Staff

Board of Supervisors

Gary Martin, Chairman
Ken Sheaffer, Vice-Chairman
Amos Seiders, Supervisor

Township Engineer

Brehm-Lebo Engineering, Inc.

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Vincent Elbel

Township Secretary

Vicki Knepp

Township Tax Collector

Mable Stitt

Zoning Officer

Tim Knepp, Sr.
Paul Seiders, Assistant
Jim Sheaffer, Assistant

Township Treasurer

Martha Sheaffer

Road Master

Jeff Gillaugh

Township Auditors

Charles Leeds, Chairman
James Proctor, Secretary
Max Klein

Township Solicitor

Marcus McKnight, III

Employee

Ernie Beecher
Alan Hostetter