COBBLERSVILLE

The following is Part 1 of an article written by Township resident Vickie Wallick concerning the history of Cobblersville. Part 2 will appear in the January 2018 newsletter.

Cobblersville sits in the south central area of Penn Township at the foot of South Mountain at the crossroads of South Side Drive and Beetem Hollow Road. There are two streams that run through Cobblersville, both named Mountain Run. The eastern most stream used to run into a pond behind 92 South Side Dr. It was quite large and my mother, her siblings and friends used to ice skate on it in the winter. Loomy Nickle would shovel the snow off for them. We used to ice skate on it as well but weren’t allowed near it during the summer as there were “snakes over there” according to my grandmother, Mrs. Loretta Robinson. But then there are snakes everywhere and I can remember Grandma killing copperheads with her spade, which was never too far out of reach.

The following is a brief history of Cobblersville as told to me by My Uncle, Tom Robinson, neighbor Patsy (Kuntz) Hamilton and other neighbors.

The first homes that were on the 1858 Cumberland county map:
• Mr. Scott built the house which is now 109 Beetem Hollow Rd. and owned by David and me. This house was my grandparents’, Les and Loretta Robinson, since 1946.
• Mr. J. Kyle built a house where the one story brownstone now sits on the south side of South Side Dr. and owned by Bruce and Jody Kelly. The original house burned down. John and Corinne Meals bought the property in the mid 1900’s and, finding that the original foundation was strong, built the current brownstone house themselves. There was also a barn in the field on the west side of the house that fell down and was buried in an ore hole. They had orchards, tomatoes, raspberries etc. My mother, Doris Robinson Widra would help plant tomatoes in the Spring and pick apples in the Fall. Corinne was from Alabama and had a son, Bobby England. He later changed his name to Robert White and upon graduating from college moved to Louisiana to teach.

• Mr. Joseph Shannon built a house on the west side of Beetem Hollow Rd. in 1850 on the land formerly owned by the Kuntz family on Beetem Hollow Rd. That home eventually burned down and another was built in its place. That house is still standing today. Part of the house is log underneath the siding. It was owned by Jacob and Elsie Long in 1887, deeded to George T. and Nanny Worst in 1889. George died in 1894 and the property was inherited by their son David and his wife Elsie Worst. The property was then sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Kuntz in 1940 or 41. The front part of the property was a separate parcel of land that Mr. Kuntz later bought. It was apple orchards which Mr. Kuntz eventually tore down.
• There was a house on the 1872 County map that was built by a Mr. Weaver in front of the Kuntz property. This house hasn’t existed as long as I can remember. This was an old hunting cabin that was eventually torn down. There was also a hunting cabin in the woods between Patsy (Kuntz) Hamilton and the Snyders.
• Mr. D. March built a home just after the first stream on the east side on Beetem Hollow Rd. This home belonged to Loomis “Loomy” Nickle. Loomy was a WWI vet. He was wounded in the war and was never able to work again but he rode his bicycle everywhere. I remember him as a

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PENN TOWNSHIP
TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT
Thursday, October 26, 2017
6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

2017 Township Calendar

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

**October**

11 Zoning Hearing Board
12 Board of Supervisors
16 Planning Commission Meeting
22 PTVFC Breakfast
28 PTVFC Soup Sale

**November**

8 Zoning Hearing Board
9 Board of Supervisors Meeting
11 PTVFC Meat Raffle
18 PTVFC Holiday Craft Bazaar
20 Planning Commission Meeting
26 PTVFC Breakfast

**December**

9 PTVFC Meat Raffle
13 Zoning Hearing Board
14 Board of Supervisors Meeting
16 PTVFC Breakfast with Santa
18 Planning Commission Meeting

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

July
• Presentation to Roadmaster Jeff Gillaugh and road crew member Ernest Beecher (in absentia) for their efforts in aiding a traffic crash victim
• Approved Reiff Septic Module
• Approved Snyder Conditional Use

August
• Approved attendance of 6 Township Supervisors/employees at the Cumberland County Association of Township Officials Annual Convention
• Approved a request for Fire Police assistance at the Life Music Festival on August 12
• Approved request for Fire Police assistance by Huntsdale Fish Hatchery on October 22, 2017

September
• Approved sale of 2000 International Dump Truck through Shetron Auction & Equipment
• Set Township Trick or Treat for Thursday, October 26, 2017 from 6:00—8:00 PM.
• Set Budget Workshop for Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 8:00 AM.

In addition, the Supervisors met four times over the summer to work on revisions to the Township SALDO and Comprehensive Plan.

PENN TWP FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY SOUP SALE
October 28, 2017

HAM BEAN AND VEGETABLE BEEF 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
OR BY COMPLETING THIS FORM BY OCTOBER 20, 2017

QUARTS OF BEAN SOUP ____________________________ QUARTS OF VEGETABLE SOUP ______________________
NAME ___________________________________________________________________________________________________
ADDRESS ______________________________________________________________________________________________
PHONE NUMBER _________________________________________________________________________________________

Incase of inclement weather you will be called if the sale is postponed.

PLEASE RETURN THE FORMS TO KAY KANN OR MARY WERT
COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Dickinson Presbyterian Church
12 Church Rd. Carlisle, PA

Sunday School for all ages – 9:15 am
Worship – 10:30 am
All are Welcome!
www.dickinsonchurch.org

SOUTH FAIRVIEW 1ST CHURCH
OF GOD

OCTOBER 14: 10:00-2:00 - COMMUNITY FUN FEST/YARD SALE - Free food, pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, and other family activities! Yard sale spaces are available to community members on a donation basis.

NOVEMBER 25: 6:30 p.m. - CHRISTMAS CONCERT FEATURING BRAD CRUM AS ELVIS. Free Admission. Offering will be received to help defray costs.

DECEMBER 24: 7:00 p.m. - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
1212 Centerville Road
Newville, PA

DISTRICT 4
MANDATORY SEPTIC PUMPING

Postcards were mailed for those residents who live in the fourth district of the mandatory septic pumping. A complete list of qualified pumpers for the Township is available at the Township Building. Residents who live in the grayed Gene Mentzer area on the map below will have until December 31, 2017 to have their septic tanks pumped.

Cobblersville
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... kid. He would always stop and talk to me. My grandmother would fix dinner and offer him meals. He always took his meals outside and sat on the porch to eat. Parts of several buildings still remain.

There really were cobblers in Cobblersville! An unnamed father and his seven sons settled in this area. He had a cobblers business and at least three of his sons were cobblers. One living in the old white farm house that used to stand on the Scott Rankin property.

All of the original homes had hand dug wells and cisterns. Most also had the low ceilings which were common in this era.

Many of the properties also had ore holes or the beginnings of ore holes on them. Apparently if they went so deep and didn’t hit ore, they moved on. Many are still in the woods today.

In the 1800’s the children of the Cobblersville attended Query Knob one room school house which stood on the south side of Pine Rd. on top of the hill before Blue Pond Rd.
A Note from the Cumberland County Mosquito Control Program:

This year has been a particularly busy year for Cumberland County Vector Control for mosquito control. We have had a total of 111 mosquito samples, 1 human case, and two birds come back positive for West Nile Virus.

Some mosquito species will over-winter as adults and remain active approximately through the end of October. It is important to remain vigilant in protecting yourself from mosquitoes. Some ways you can be proactive are by use of EPA approved insect repellents, wearing loose fitting clothing, long sleeves and pants, and by remaining indoors during peak mosquito Melvin Sensenig activity-dusk and dawn.

The most effective way to reduce your risk of being bitten and reduce the number of mosquitoes in an area overall is by habitat reduction. Dump items that hold standing water every couple of days to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in containers.

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. Please contact our office with any questions or concerns.

https://www.ccpa.net/1084/Mosquitoes
717-448-5405
ssummers@ccpa.net

Stephanie Summers
Public Health Technician
Vector Control Weights & Measures
Cumberland County Pennsylvania
310 Allen Road Suite 701
Carlisle, PA 17013
717-240-7808

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PLANNING COMMISSION

We are still working very hard to ensure that any well drilling by the proposed warehouse in no way harms any of our residents personal wells. We encourage everyone to come to our Planning Commission meetings to hear the latest news and get details on our progress.

Wayne Stevenson
Chairman

ROADMASTER’S REPORT

With the assistance of Dickinson and South Newton Townships, over the summer we have replaced a culvert on Beetem Hollow Road through the Dirt Gravel and Low Volume Road Program. In addition we have mowed roads and assisted both South Newton and Dickinson Townships with projects.

In the month of October we will be working on Sheaffer and Seavers Roads and doing more shoulder work throughout the Township.

We also will start to get equipment ready for winter plowing.

Jeff Gillaugh
Roadmaster

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OUR HOURS ARE CHANGING

Effective Monday, October 30 Township staff will go back to a 5 day week. Office hours will be 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday through Friday.
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 2017 PENN TIMES:

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

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 $5.00 a seal (No DMV forms or titles)

The township will accept residential waste oil from vehicles

All services offered during normal business hours.

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.

Wood Stove Safety Tips

There is a nip in the air and soon the wood stoves will be fired up. Here are a few tips to keep you safe.

1. Check your smoke detectors. If you don’t have any the Fire Department will supply you for free.
2. Have your chimney cleaned and inspected.
3. DO NOT discard your ashes in any combustible container. They should be placed outside in a metal container.

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 October 31. Our thanks to Curt Saylor for his donation to the newsletter.
If you know of a Township resident who did not receive this newsletter, extra copies are available at the Township office.

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Newville, PA 17241

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Fax: (717) 486-3522

Office Hours:
January 3—March 31, 2017
October 28—December 31, 2017
April 3—October 27, 2017
Monday—Friday
7:00 AM — 2:00 PM
7:00 AM — 4:00 PM

Penn Township

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