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## September's Issue

Anniversary Edition

### Community Events and Sponsors

- Sep 15 - Council Meeting 7pm
- Sep 18 - Fall picture day (West Elem)
- Sep 18 - Board of Education Meeting
- Sep 19 - Midterms/1st GP (NHS) – No School (teacher inservice) (NHS, West Elem)
- Sep 23 - Fall catalog fundraiser ends - return orders & payment to school (West Elem)
- Sep 24 - Washington DC Parent Meeting, 6:00 - 6:30 (NMS)
- Sep 26 - Fall Picture Day (NMS)
- Oct 4 - Hallow-Rage Music Event
- Oct 5 - Stories in Stone 1:30p  
Presented by NCT Historical Society
- Oct 6 - Council Meeting 7pm
- Oct 24 - End of the 1st GP (NHS)
- Oct 24 - Manuel Yingling Award Ceremony  
5:30 - 7:30 PM (ARTSNCT)
- Oct 25 - Residential Trick or Treat 4-6pm
- Oct 27-29 - NMS Fall Book Fair
- Oct 30-31 - Parent Teacher Conferences (NMS & NHS)
- 10/31 - No school for NHS

**HALLOW-RAGE**  
OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM  
LIVE BANDS 5-11

with James Agar as Dying Appalachia

**DAVID BARBER CIVIC CENTER**  
ADULT BEVERAGES 21+ WITH ID

\$2 COVER AGES 12+

### Newsletter Member Spotlight

Written by Amber Hart

This month marks the one-year anniversary of the Newcomerstown News NOW Newsletter, and what better way to celebrate than by highlighting the volunteers who make it happen? From writing and editing to design and leadership, this team works every month to keep our village informed and connected.

#### Guiding the Vision

At the helm are Chairs Jess Moore and Lisa Spillman. Jess not only oversees the newsletter but also writes the Business Spotlight each month, giving front-page recognition to our biggest supporters. She says, "It's so rewarding to share the stories of the businesses that help keep our village thriving." Lisa keeps everything on track, managing deadlines, coordinating with the editor and designer, and distributing the newsletter around town. Her favorite part is seeing it all come together each month. "I love sitting down with the finished newsletter and reading it from cover to cover," she shares.



#### Crafting the Stories

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### Our Mission

The mission of Newcomerstown NOW is to revitalize the downtown area through working with the community while preserving heritage, progressing towards our future and prospering with our village.

### Officers

Jess Moore-President  
Jeff Orr- Vice President  
Mike LaVigne- Vice President  
Carrie Kunkle- Secretary  
Erin Garretson- Treasurer

Other Members: Nancy Orr, Jen LaVigne, Pat Cadle, , Amber Hart, Ann Marie Maddox, Lisa Spillman, Alex Friedman, Rachel Baker, Shannon Kincaid, Danielle Griffin, Gaige Reese, Gina Grey, Delaney Moore, Joseph Fairchild, Patricia Celes

### Sponsorship

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143 W Main St



Chasity Opphile a Newcomerstown resident and N.H.S. graduate, serves on the frontline as a missionary and has become very enthusiastic in this endeavor. She served on staff at Christ Methodist Church in the village for nineteen years beginning in children’s ministry, and then later becoming involved in youth ministry and missions. For the past two years, she has been focusing full-time on mission work, as well as providing Spanish translation and online Spanish tutoring. Chasity holds an associate’s degree in education from Kent State Tuscarawas Campus and Spanish certification from Penn Foster Career School. She is married to Brad Opphile.

Chasity shares: “My interest in mission work began in 2003 after a missionary from Cuba visited and spoke at Christ Methodist Church. Shortly after, I joined a short-term trip to Cuba with a group from the church, and that experience sparked my passion for missions. Over the years, I have been blessed to take part in more than sixty mission trips. While many of those have been to Cuba, I have also had the chance to serve in Mexico, Puerto Rico, and locations across the United States. Each trip has given me a deeper love for people and a greater passion for sharing hope wherever I go. I have been blessed with incredible hosts and amazing teams over the years, so it is impossible for me to choose a favorite. There are so many things I love about mission work including the chance to build meaningful relationships with amazing people, experience new cultures, and share the love of Jesus while meeting real needs. Every trip comes with its challenges including being outside your comfort zone and letting go of your own way of doing things, but it is always worth it!

In addition, every mission trip comes with its own level of commitment, depending on where you are going, what you will be doing, and how long you will be there. Short-term trips are a great lower commitment option that, when approached with care and heart, can make a meaningful difference. Every opportunity to serve matters, and each step has the power to change lives, including your own.

I remember getting ready for my first mission trip to Cuba and feeling so terrified that I did not want to go. I am so thankful I did. If God is calling you to step out and make a difference, whether near or far; take that step in faith. The world needs your light, so do not be afraid to shine where you go and point others to Jesus along the way!

If you are feeling called to take your first step to go on a mission trip, I would be thrilled to help you make it happen! There is nothing like experiencing the joy of serving and seeing lives changed firsthand.

In fact, this interview was conducted from the airport on my way to Cuba. I will be returning in November, and I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to travel there every few months. Whether I go alone or with teams, it’s an incredible experience as part of the work we are doing through our mission ministry, Sol Connections.”



Newcomerstown’s Broadway and Hollywood Actor

Written By Chris Kincaid



William Burriss was born on August 19, 1867 in Newcomerstown to Alice and Jacob Arbaugh. William was 17 when his father died. His mother lived to 78. Alice and Jacob rest in East State Street Cemetery. We don’t know how his father’s early death affected William, and we don’t know much about William’s personal life. We know he married Carrie May O’Brien and lived in Los Angeles until his death on October 30, 1948. They had no known children. William appeared in 15 Broadway shows between 1900 and 1920. His work ranged from comedies to musicals, such as The Spring Maid, The Hyphen, and The Girl from Home. He also appeared in 77 Hollywood films in credited and uncredited roles between the years 1915 and 1939. He played in films like The Scarlet Pimpernel as Chauvelin, Kultur as The Kaiser, and Scarface as Judge. William played roles alongside the likes of James Cagney and Gladys Brockwell. William’s acting career spanned silent films and talkies.

New Athletic Director

Dirk Gadd is the new district Athletic Director this school year. Mr. Gadd continues his career in NCT Schools after serving as Assistant Principal and Head Varsity Football Coach for the past decade. He’ll continue to serve as Assistant Principal of Newcomerstown High School while taking on this new role.

Service Dogs at West Elementary Administer Hugs

West Elementary students are happy to have two furry friends on greeting duty at school. Senior Hug Administrator Otto Peoples makes sure that every student receives a warm welcome from himself or from Gram Moore, West’s Operator of Hugs-at-Large. They can be reached for hugs or comments at West’s main entrance

Historical Corner: Manuel Yingling’s Sousa Band Uniform

Written By Alex Friedman

A new opportunity to preserve and celebrate the legacy of local favorite musician, Manuel Yingling, is under development. Some readers may have learned about Manuel Yingling through the Hyperion Band Concert this past May, put on by ARTSNCT and American Musical Productions. Newcomerstown’s own internationally acclaimed trombonist and composer, Manuel Yingling, served as director of the town’s celebrated Hyperion Band. Now, ARTSNCT is campaigning to fund the restoration of Yingling’s uniform from his days playing in the famous John Philip Sousa band.

ARTSNCT reached out to Chandra Obie Linn, a renowned textiles scholar and conservationist, to perform the restoration. She works for the Cincinnati Art Museum and also operates Obie Textile Conservation, LLC. Readers can see some of her expert restoration work on her business’s website, [www.obietextileconservation.com](http://www.obietextileconservation.com). Her experience restoring historical garments is immense; there are examples of historical uniforms, dance costumes, ritual gowns, and war pendants.

ARTSNCT said in a recent presser about the campaign, “ARTSNCT is proud to honor the legacy of Manuel Yingling and all those who came before us by preserving these tangible pieces of our history. Through community partnerships, generous support, and expert craftsmanship, we are ensuring that Newcomerstown’s artistic heartbeat continues to resonate for generations to come.”

The uniform will join two historic drums, beautifully restored with help from local artist Lynn Fraelich, in the Olde Main Street Museum. They are part of the music room display at the front of the building, among other instruments and artifacts (pictured). To help the project reach its goals, contact ARTSNCT, (740) 575-5710. You may schedule a tour of The Olde Main Street Museum by calling (740) 498-7735.





## September Garden Story

Written by Brenda Junkin

Geez it's already September.

Your garden is still vital!

Did you know North America has fifteen types of hummingbirds? Finding food can be a challenge, but they love ironweed. The plant is sold at garden centers for native wild gardens. You can ask your next door neighbor with a cattle farm if you can transplant some from their fields to your garden.

It's also time to plant garlic. I love that stinky rose! Go for the biggest bulbs you can find. Break the bulbs apart a few days before planting. Plant each one 6 inches apart, flat side down, with tips about 2 inches beneath the soil. They don't compete well with weeds for water, so make sure you mulch or weed the area.

Spring bulbs can start going in as well. Allium (one of my faves), daffodils, tulips, crocuses (if you don't have a lot of deer) and hyacinths can be planted near the end of the month into October. This will give them a moment to become established before the ground freezes. It's best to plant them in a sunny area. As a rule of thumb, plant the bulb three times their height in the soil. If a daffodil bulb is two inches long, plant them six inches deep from the top of the bulb to the soil line. Irises should be cut to about three or four inches high. Divide or thin out if needed. You could also add another planting of carrots, beets, and lettuce into your garden if the weather is still mild so you can enjoy them before it gets too cold!

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### *Polishing and Presenting*

Ensuring each story reads smoothly is Editor Carrie Kunkle. Carrie appreciates the variety of voices and backgrounds in the newsletter and hopes readers feel connected to the community through the stories. She describes the team as hardworking and says, "Even though everyone is busy, we come together each month to do what we can to make Newcomerstown a better place."

Designer Shannon Kincaid turns words into visual stories. She collaborates closely with writers, helping ideas come to life with layouts and images. Amber adds, "Working with Shannon is always fun. She shares my humor and makes writer's block feel like a comedy show."

### *A Team Like No Other*

What unites this group is dedication and love for Newcomerstown. Whether highlighting a young hero, celebrating a local business, or showcasing a frontline worker, the newsletter reflects the pride and care each volunteer brings. As the newsletter enters its second year, the team hopes to grow readership, encourage more community contributions, and continue telling the stories that make Newcomerstown unique.

Thanks to this team, each issue is more than a newsletter. It is a celebration of neighbors, stories, and the community we all call home.

## Making a Difference- Newcomerstown Historical Society

Written by Amber Hart

While scrolling on Facebook recently, I saw a post from the Newcomerstown Historical Society recruiting new members. This dedicated group of individuals works hard to preserve the community's rich history. When I reached out to join, I was invited to tour the Olde Main Street Museum and the Temperance Tavern Museum alongside the Chamber of Commerce. Both sites are full of surprises and remind us how much history lives right here at home.

The Olde Main Street Museum greets visitors with a gift shop that features apparel, postcards, a fast-selling book on the Underground Railroad, and other historical and Newcomerstown-themed souvenirs. Continuing into the museum, there were many notable updates, including displays showcasing movie posters and memorabilia from the Ritz Theater that survived the recent fire. The Historical Society hopes to host movie nights featuring the films



advertised on those posters. Of course, the Cy Young and Woody Hayes exhibits remain popular draws, along with the storefront facades that make up the "Olde Main Street" area. From the outside, you'd never guess such an impressive space exists inside.

Next door, the Temperance Tavern Museum feels like stepping into another time. There have been many improvements, such as moving the military room to the first floor for accessibility. Renovations continue with old carpet being removed, the lower-level tavern being updated (with hopes of reopening by Christmas), and a ramp is planned to make the space more welcoming to all. Excitingly, the museum will also be featured in Early American Life Magazine in the near future.

At this time, admission is by donation and



tours are available by calling a day in advance for a reservation. If you would like to join the Historical Society, membership is just \$15 a year. There are many upcoming events to look forward to including the "Stories in Stone" guided walk of the State Street cemetery with refreshments at the museum following, as well as Winter Wonderland weekends being planned for November. You can call 740-498-7735 to join, tour the museums, or to purchase event tickets. I encourage everyone to visit, you'll be amazed at what you find in Newcomerstown's own hidden gem.





## Street Department

The leaf pick up schedule is set to start October 20th. It will be as follows:

1. Mondays: Section 1- From River Street West to the corporation limit, south of the railroad tracks
2. Tuesdays: Section 2- From River Street East to the corporation limit, south of the railroad tracks
3. Wednesdays: Section 3- From Bridge Street east to Pilling Street, north of the railroad tracks. Includes Scott Addition
4. Thursdays: Section 4-From Bridge Street west to the corporation limit, north of railroad tracks

If you are unsure what day you will be, you can give us a call at 740-498-6313 or take a look at our interactive map! Just scan the QR Code to the right.



## Government

Recently, the Village has been applying for many grants. We thought it might be a good thing to share how those funds can be used. The grant funds can only be used for the projects listed when filling out the grant. For example, you may read about the dog park project we received a grant for in the article below, the funds dispersed can only be used for the items listed in the grant application for the dog park. The grant awards are tracked and the awardees have to report how they used the funds. Much like how the Village budget is approved for various projects each year, money is appropriated by the grant-making agency and is dispersed based off of how their board votes.

Here's some grants we've applied for recently and what they are for:

- BWC Grant for equipment attachments
- FEMA Grant for the fire department

In other news, Residential Trick or Treat is set for October 25th from 4pm to 6pm. Valves on Chestnut and Canal Street have been replaced. There are more replacements scheduled for next year, we will put out a schedule before hand so residents can be prepared for the water shut off. We thank you for your cooperation during these repairs!

## Exciting News for Our Future Dog Park

The Village of Newcomerstown is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a \$17,300 grant from the Reeves Foundation to support the future development of our community dog park at Simonds-Heller Park. We are incredibly grateful to the Reeves Foundation for their generous support in making this project possible!

The proposed dog park area will be approximately 120 feet by 60 feet, providing plenty of room for our four-legged friends to run, play, and socialize. The Parks Department plans to begin clearing the ground and preparing the site this fall, with an estimated completion date of April 2026.

As we move forward, we are looking for a small group of volunteers who would like to be involved in shaping the dog park. Volunteers will have the opportunity to share ideas on design, signage, and other features that will make this space enjoyable for both pets and their owners.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa at the Administration Office for more information. Together, we can create a welcoming and fun space for our community and our furry companions. Thank you again to the Reeves Foundation for making this dream a reality!

## Community Day & First Responder Event



On August 16<sup>th</sup>, families were invited to meet our local first responders! There was face painting, kids' activities, and free hot dogs! This event was presented by the Newcomerstown Police department.

Even if you weren't able to attend the event, the first responders in Newcomerstown do a lot to keep us safe. We have police officers, fire fighters, and paramedics who are there when we need them.

*Write a note and draw a picture to show them how much you appreciate their hard work! Cut out your creation and ask a parent to help you deliver to a first responder to show them how valued they are and to make them smile!*



# SEPTEMBER SCIENCE

## Leaf Color Change Experiment

Discover the hidden colors in leaves! Leaves look green because of chlorophyll, but they also have yellows, oranges, and reds that appear in fall. This experiment separates the pigments so you can see them.

**Supplies:**

- Fresh green leaves (4–6, plus a red leaf if available)
- Isopropyl rubbing alcohol (70–91%)
- Small clear jar or cup with lid or plastic wrap
- Coffee filter or paper towel strip (1" x 6")
- Spoon or craft stick
- Scissors & tape
- Warm water in a bowl (for warm bath)
- Pencil & ruler
- Optional: small rock/coin to weight leaf bits

**Steps:**

1. Cut coffee filter strip; draw a light pencil line 1 inch from the bottom and label it.
2. Tear and mash leaves in the jar to release pigments.
3. Add just enough rubbing alcohol to cover leaf bits.
4. Place jar in warm water bath to help pigments dissolve.
5. Tape strip to pencil so bottom touches alcohol; keep top dry.
6. Watch as colors climb the strip; remove when near the top and let dry.

**What You'll See:** Green = chlorophyll, Yellow/Orange = carotenoids, Red/Pink = anthocyanins.

**Safety:** Adult help recommended. Keep away from flames. Wash hands after handling alcohol.

**Record Your Results:**

Leaf Type	Colors Seen	Guess the Pigments



## QUIZ CORNER

## Why do leaves look green in summer?

Chlorophyll is most abundant and covers up other pigments.

## Why do yellow/orange show in the fall?

Chlorophyll breaks down first, revealing carotenoids.