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Community Calendar

Mark Your Calendars: Second Saturday is Back — and Bigger Than Ever!

Get ready, Newcomerstown! Our June Second Saturday event is coming Saturday, June 13th, and this year we're pulling out all the stops for a full, fun-filled day the whole family will love. The fun kicks off early with an antique tractor show, followed by a talent show, kids games and activities, and a lively lineup of vendors. Whether you're browsing for unique finds or just soaking in the community spirit, there's something for everyone.

This year's event will be held at Newcomerstown High School, with fireworks lighting up the night at the football stadium around dusk (10pm). Live entertainment headlined by Bad Stone starts at 6pm — and yes, there will be a beer garden!

Hungry? Newcomerstown Now will be serving pulled pork dinners, and the Tri-County Auxiliary will have a food stand supporting their important mission. We're also hoping to welcome additional food trucks and vendors to round out your options. Vendors and nonprofits are warmly welcomed! We offer space for community organizations to set up and connect with neighbors. Interested in a vendor spot? Reach out to Patricia at 937-554-7551.

Details are still coming together, so follow us on Facebook for the latest updates. It's shaping up to be our biggest event of the year — don't miss it! A huge thank you to Newcomerstown Schools for making this possible!

Temperance Tavern Museum Events

May 9th | Family Tea
May 30th | Ice Cream Social

May 13 - Golf Outing hosted by Newcomerstown NOW
Jun 13 | Second Saturday @ NCT Highschool
June 27 | 9th Annual Hero Hustle @ Cy Young Park

NCT Library

- Tuesday, May 5th, Novels and Nursery Rhymes 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 6th, Make-N-Take registration begins @ 10:00 AM
- Monday, May 11th, Fresh from the Market 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 12th Book Club 1:00 PM
- Thursday, May 14th, Book Signing with Woody Coutts, 4:00 PM
- Friday, May 15th, Family Movie Night. 5:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 19th, Make-N-Take (registration is required) 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, May 20th, Make-N-Take (registration is required) 12:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 20th, Cookbook Club, 4:00 PM
- Thursday, May 21st, Make-N-Take (registration is required) 3:00 PM
- Thursday, May 28th, Backyard Chickens, 4:30 PM

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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.

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Business Spotlight Hair Craze- Rooted in Community

written by Jess Moore

Located at 129 Chestnut St. in Newcomerstown, Hair Craze has been a trusted name in beauty and self-care for decades. Owned by Melissa Haswell, alongside independent contractors Jody Croft and Angie Lower, this local salon has built its reputation on both quality service and deep community ties.

A Business Built on Hometown Roots

The inspiration behind Hair Craze is simple and meaningful—home. "We all grew up here, and our kids go to school here," the team shared. While they previously operated a location in New Philadelphia, the decision to focus on Newcomerstown came naturally. Investing in the same community that shaped their families made the most sense, both personally and professionally.



Navigating Challenges with Grace

Like many small businesses, Hair Craze has faced its share of challenges. Rising costs have made it necessary to adjust pricing—something they don't take lightly. "It's not something we love to do, but it's something we have to do," they explained. Another ongoing challenge is no-call, no-show appointments, which can impact scheduling and availability. Despite this, the team works hard to accommodate clients—especially those preparing for special moments like weddings, vacations, and important events.

Giving Back and Showing Up

Hair Craze is more than a salon—it's an active part of the community. Frequently approached for donations, the team consistently supports local schools and organizations. With strong ties to the area through their children and lifelong connections, giving back isn't just something they do—it's who they are.

Services Clients Love

From cuts and colors to perms, eyebrow waxing, and professional Kenra products, Hair Craze offers a full range of services tailored to meet client needs. Their commitment to quality and care keeps customers coming back year after year.

A Community That Shows Support

The loyalty of local residents has been key to Hair Craze's success. With over 32 years in business and more than 16 years serving Newcomerstown specifically, the salon has become a staple in the community thanks to the continued support of its clients.

Looking Ahead

Rather than expanding, the team at Hair Craze is focused on maintaining what they've built—continuing to serve the community they love while staying competitive in the industry. Their goal is simple: keep doing what they do best, right where it matters most. *For appointments or more information, contact Hair Craze at 740-498-8430*

Frontline Focus: Matt Beitzel- Firefighter

Matt Beitzel of Newcomerstown knew firefighting was in his future at the age of seventeen when he and a friend joined the Town of Olean Fire Department in western New York where he resided at the time. After moving to Newcomerstown, he began firefighting in 1993 for N.E.R.S. and continued until 2009. At that time, Matt started a construction job that took him out of state, and he resigned from firefighting.

In the summer of 2024, Assistant Chief Ricky Patterson stopped by Matt's and brought his old name tag and asked if he was ready to come back. Soon after, Matt was sitting outside on his front porch during a bad storm, and saw a tree come down in front of his house along with wires and immediately called 911. "Once the situation was under control, Chief Patterson asked me again if I was ready to join the new village volunteer fire department. I asked if he had an application with him and he just happened to have one," says Matt.

He did need to refresh his firefighter 1 status, so he began classes through Buckeye Career Center in August, held at the Bowerston Fire Department. Matt received his certification in December of 2024. "The dynamics of the Village of Newcomerstown Volunteer Fire Department #13 are the best and from the line officers to the newest members, the awesome communication is how we work together. We all feel like we are one big family.

I have always looked up to Chief Parks as he was in the department when I started back in 1993 and he and Assistant Chief Patterson, in addition to Captains Haver and Tedrow, as well as the new lieutenants Bourne and LaVigne are always available to address any questions or concerns we may have.

A very proud moment for myself and my family is when I was named firefighter of the year in 2025. I always do everything to the best of my abilities, but I was still surprised and excited. I have found firefighting to be rewarding, and it is the best feeling to help our community out in a time of need. If you are thinking about becoming a firefighter, please stop in at the fire station or mayor's office for an application, and any of us would be happy to answer questions."

Matt's wife is Julie. They have been married for 24 years in April. Matt and Julie have a son Jeffery who is 22 years old, and a daughter Ev who is 18 years old. Matt has been employed at Canal Dover Furniture in Mount Hope for 5 years as a team leader making wooden dining room tables. In his spare time, he enjoys woodworking and spending time with his family.

Written by Kristie Wilkin



Get to Know Krazy Karlz Located on Main Street in NCT

If you are curious about Krazy Karlz Gifts and Treasures located at 153 D on Main Street in Newcomerstown, please stop in and check out what they have to offer. The new Main Street business opened just before the holidays this past year. Krazy Karlz, "Karl Croskey" has items for everyone from swim diapers to furnace filters, sinks, handicapped items, dog harnesses, fans, lighting and more. In addition, he has several vendors as well offering craft items, engravings, paintings, custom furniture, candles, and other unique treasures. Karl shares:"The everyday items of mine are priced below Amazon, and I am always going to auctions and antique stores so I can also have those type items available to purchase as well. Plus, I am always looking for new vendors for the store and rates are very reasonable for booth spaces."

Karl is originally from a similar size Ohio town and loves the small-town vibe of Newcomerstown. Karl began camping at Rocky Fork outside of the village in 2008. His background is diverse as he owned and operated a security and private investigation agency. In addition, has been a missionary, worked at a children's residential center, and now works at a treatment facility for men.

"About a year ago, I became a member of the Village of Newcomerstown Fire Department Auxiliary and that has provided me with the opportunity to meet many locals and become involved in the community. When I began to think of having a business in Newcomerstown, Mayor Pat Cadle gave me a tour of the village. After that, I was sure Newcomerstown was the place to open Krazy Karlz. I am excited for all that is happening downtown, and I am thrilled to be a part of Main Street," adds Karl.

Krazy Karlz is open Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The phone number is 330-691-4090. To keep up with Krazy Karlz's inventory of latest items, please follow him on Facebook at Krazy Karlz Gifts and Treasures.

Written by Kristie Wilkin



Making a Difference: Fire Auxiliary News

The Auxiliary currently has a fundraiser going on to raise monies to further enhance the brush gear pants and jackets purchased from a very generous private donation last year. A GiveSendGo donation page has been established to add boots and hats to go along with the current brush gear.

Chief Jeff Parks shares: "Having special brush gear eliminates the need to use the firefighter's structural gear which is not designed for fighting brush fires. It adds unnecessary weight, increases fatigue, and, if damaged, can cost thousands of dollars to replace. Brush gear on the other hand, is lighter, safer for these conditions, and much more cost effective.

With the recent storms, power lines down, and an increase in both accidental and illegal burns, brush fires are becoming more common in our area. The risk is real and so is the need to make sure our firefighters are fully equipped.

Our village fire station may be small, but the commitment inside it is anything but. Everyday our firefighters stand ready to protect this community we call home. When the call comes in, they do not hesitate. They go!" "The page to assist in funding boots and hats is entitled Shield Firefighters with Lifesaving Gear and can be found at www.givesendgo.com. For those that would rather give by cash or check you can do so by dropping it off during business hours at the Administrative Building located at 308 S. College Street or by visiting the Newcomerstown office of the DoverPhila Federal Credit Union and referencing the Nct. Firefighters Auxiliary Fund.

In addition, the Newcomerstown Volunteer Fire Department is holding a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 30th at the Masonic Temple located at 235 N. Bridge Street in the village. The time is from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and the cost is by donation. Offerings include all you can eat pancakes, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, bacon, eggs, coffee, juice, and more. The auxiliary officers and members would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and donors that have assisted in obtaining grants, donations of items for the pancake breakfasts, money gifts for equipment and clothing, in addition to supporting the pancake breakfasts and other fundraisers." We would also like to give special thanks to St. Paul Lutheran Church as well as Mariann and Jeff Harding," says President Josh Leeser.

The next auxiliary meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. The location is the administrative offices located at 308. S. College Street next to Riesbeck's. Everyone is welcome to attend. It is a great way to find out what is going on and to stay informed of all the ways the group is working to support the Newcomerstown volunteer firefighters. The current officers are Josh Leeser – President, Carla Mayfield – Vice President, Amber Bourne – Treasurer, and Rachel Carney – Secretary. To keep abreast of all auxiliary events please follow the Auxiliary to Support Nct. Firefighters Facebook page. Also, watch for a Riesbeck's gift card raffle beginning soon!

Written by Kristie Wilkin



NCT Historical Society Celebrates America 250

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It can also be rented for birthdays, graduation, reunions, wedding receptions, and business meetings. The museums are open by appointment only as NHS does not have the staff to open it for a regular schedule. If you are interested in touring them or purchasing a membership for \$15.00 per person, please call 740-498-7735 and leave a message. Someone will return your call as soon as possible.

A third attraction that NHS has undertaken is the Lenape Diaspora Project. Currently, the site located next to the Temperance Tavern is a concrete pad with 20 granite bases and 2 bronze statues. These projects, when finished, will commemorate when Newcomerstown was the capital of the Lenape (Delaware) Indian nation in the 1770s. It will have a total of 6 statues of Native Americans and their descendants.

All of these historic building and site improvements have been made mostly possible through NHS fundraising events, local personal donations, and a great deal of local and state grants. Recently, NHS has received a grant from the State of Ohio for funds to purchase bronze plaques for the granite bases at the Lenape Project. These plaques will explain the statues portrayed and a chronological timeline of the Delaware nation.

Written by Craig Collins
NCT Historical Society
President

NCT Historical Society Celebrates America 250

Written by Craig Collins

The Newcomerstown Historical Society (NHS) invites you to come celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America on May 30 at 1:00 pm at the Olde Main Street Museum on 213 W. Canal St. We are serving free hot dogs and ice cream. There will also be free America 250 prizes for the kids, and a free raffle for America 250 items along with gift certificates from local merchants. The highlight of the social will be an historical musical program of America through 250 years concentrating on Newcomerstown’s citizens' contributions to independence and freedom.

(NHS) has been promoting the village of Newcomerstown since its founding in 1973. NHS currently owns and maintains two historic buildings—the Temperance Tavern Museum and the Olde Main Street Museum. The Temperance Tavern Museum was a structure built in 1841 by Andrew Creter as a tavern and inn on the Ohio-Erie Canal. People using canal boats as a means of transportation between Cleveland and the Ohio River could find lodging in the Temperance Tavern in Newcomerstown. The Olde Main Street Museum was built in 1917 and housed several businesses including a Ford Motor Company dealership and the Herco machine shop.

The Temperance Tavern is a three-story structure that was used by the Creter family to live in on the main floor while the second story was lodging for ladies and gentlemen in the attic. The basement was the kitchen and dining area. It is rumored that the house was a station on the Underground Railroad. Many improvements have been made to the museum over the last several years. These improvements included projects to make the structure more sound and handicap accessible. A major feature of the museum is the military room focusing on Newcomerstown veterans contributions to the military.

The Olde Main Street Museum was acquired by NHS in 2005 after it was last used as a machine shop. After a massive effort, the building was transformed into replica storefronts that used to occupy Main Street Newcomerstown from the 1920s to the 1950s. It also includes an alleyway featuring exhibits of Newcomerstown’s favorite sons—Cy Young and Woody Hayes. In addition, there are exhibits of memorabilia from Newcomerstown Schools, Heller Tool Company, a hand carved miniature circus exhibit and a Native American display.The Olde Main Street Museum is also a social center with many activities such as offering luncheon and dinner meals, plays, presentations, informational programs.

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ASK BIGFOOT!

Written by Nct's Most Legendary Resident

What is your shoe size?

If I were to wear shoes, I would fit best in a 22 - 4E, which stands for extra, extra, extra wide. But I don't wear shoes. I'm into "grounding" and the best way to do that is to go barefoot. I believe that's the way it's intended. I also love to hug trees. It's good for the soul.

Fun fact - Did you know that humans, horses, donkeys, mules, and oxen are the only beasts that wear shoes? And the ones with 4 feet only do it because humans say that should. They have no choice. I believe bare is best.



Cy Young Pool Opening

Cy Young Pool will open tentatively Memorial Day Weekend! Parties can be 1 to 3 hours and start at 5pm. \$100/hour \$200/2 hours \$275/ 3 hours

Punch cards will be available for purchase at the pool.
Come on down and enjoy a day at the pool and splash pad!



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Newcomerstown's Newspaper History

Written by William Casteel

The newspaper history for our village of Newcomerstown goes back to the early 1870's. Before that time, Newcomerstown residents had to seek a copy of the newspaper in either Coshocton or New Philadelphia/ Dover or else receive news by word of mouth or letter.

Newcomerstown's very first newspaper was called The Newcomerstown Visitor. It had been a continuation of a weekly newspaper that had been published at Coshocton called The Saturday Visitor which was sold to three Newcomerstown residents, Dr. Adam Beers, A.W. Johns and W.B. Beech. The June 7, 1871 edition of The Newcomerstown Visitor was our very first newspaper. The newspaper was located in a wooden frame building on the corner of Canal & Bridge Streets that burned down in 1877. The building in which Dick Miller now has his restaurant occupies the site, built in 1878.

The Newcomerstown Visitor continued to provide news to the village until at some point the name was changed to The Ohio Independent. In September of 1873, it was sold to Dr. W.H. Dunham and J.A. Buchanan who then changed the paper's name to The Argus. This paper was ill-fated when the building caught fire and burned to the ground on November 20, 1877.

After two months of having no newspaper, The Newcomerstown Eye was introduced by new owners W.V. Kent & W. Ferguson, both of Cadiz, Ohio. They published the first edition in January 1878. The Eye was thriving for five years then suddenly suspended publication. A.C. Hursey later purchased the rights to the paper and began publishing The Newcomerstown Index in a newly built structure on River Street (years later the building was occupied by Dr. Robert McCulley, then Dr. Arvind Shah). The Index published its first edition in March of 1882. The Index was later acquired by R.M. Temple then later changed hands to M.C. Julien in 1889. Julien operated it until it was sold to Bowers & Hammond in 1895. M.C. Julien & John T. Duff purchased The Index a year later. Julien left the partnership in 1898 and Duff took over the management independently. Duff had previously been a former teacher and the Superintendent for the Newcomerstown schools.

In August 1898, the first edition of the Newcomerstown News was published by Wilkie Rusk in the Ortt building on Main Street (next door to the current Feed Barn). The Index continued printing, competing with The Newcomerstown News until 1928 when The Index ceased publication after the death of John Duff. It was then purchased and merged with The Newcomerstown News. The paper was then known as The Newcomerstown News & Index. The name fell out of favor around 1941 while the community was focused on the beginning of the world war. M.O. Julien & M.C. Julien purchased The Newcomerstown News from Wilkie Rusk in 1900. The newspaper moved across Main Street to the former Crater building in 1906 where it remained until it ceased publication. The Julien partnership later added C.W. Phillips and The Newcomerstown News became incorporated. M.O. Julien passed away in 1957 and M.K. Julien took ownership. In later years, the Julien family sold the paper to The Cambridge Jeffersonian. Many editors have been behind the desk at 140 W. Main Street, including Jerry Wolfrom, Ray Booth, and Niki Reid Wolfe. The Newcomerstown News ceased publication in 2000. Its history is preserved with the micro-filmed copies on file at the public library and its memory lives on through the generations of its residents.



Karen Shepherd holding a copy of Newcomerstown’s first newspaper, The Newcomerstown Visitor from 1871.

Remembering Mom on Mother's Day

Written by Beth Scott

When we think about our mothers, most of us have happy memories of growing up with our moms always by our side, supporting us and loving us each step of the way. I know in some cases, this may not be true, but I think for most of us, the moments we spent with our mom are special memories. It’s a tradition on Mother’s Day to spend time with mom and let her know that she is loved and celebrated. However, for some of us, it’s a day of quiet reflection and wishing we could spend just one more day with her.

This will be my first Mother’s Day without my mom. And even though the sadness and grief will be heavy, I will remember how much she loved her family, that joyous infectious smile she had, and how she took the love of Christ with her wherever she went.

It’s hard to come up with just a few memories of my mom. There are so many and they are all so bittersweet. I remember her reading me stories and singing me songs, creating a lifetime love of books and music. I remember she loved to listen to baseball on the radio while planting her flower garden or while baking something delicious in the oven. I remember her hugs, the way she laughed, and the sparkle in her eyes when she spoke about Jesus. If you are struggling this Mother’s Day with the loss of the woman who loved you unconditionally, do something to honor her. Do something that reminds you of why you loved her so much. So this Sunday, I think I’ll plant some flowers, listen to the Cleveland Guardians, and maybe make a batch of her favorite cookies; all things that mom loved to do. I hope that I live the rest of my days as a way to honor the most important woman in my life. Happy Mother’s Day.



Grace Dulaney

Water and Sewer Department

Congratulations to Billie Burtscher for her 35th Anniversary with the Village! Billie works at the Sewer Plant in the lab. She tests our water according to EPA regulations and makes sure all of our water has the correct PH Balances.

Congratulations to Justin Green for obtaining an Ohio EPA Water Operator III license!

Fairy Forest Friends Event

The event at the Simonds-Heller Park was a success! The weather did not cooperate, but we extend a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that showed up to help and attend the event. River the Racoona made an appearance and the educational stations were a big hit. Some pictures from the event are below! We'd love to have a similar event next year, and hopefully the weather will hold out! Check out more about the event on the NCT Kids section on page 5!



Garden Story- May

Written by Brenda Junkin

Would you like to welcome a few more butterflies to your backyard?If so, let’s talk about host plants for the eggs and nectar plants for the butterflies.Using native plants, trees, grasses and flowers help sustain butterflies.

While we typically think flowers, trees like Oak and Maple are great host trees for butterfly larval. Pawpaw trees strictly hose the Zebra Swallow Tail eggs. Red spotted Purple like poplars and aspen.

“Redbud and cherry trees are also good spring host trees”, said Jodi Morrison, Head Gardener and ED Coordinator at Clary Gardens in Coshocton. “Swallowtails are attracted to their nectar.” Morrison is head of the Vivarium at Clary Gardens. It’s a caged area where butterfly caterpillars are safe and grow to maturity. Because yes, even beautiful song birds love to eat caterpillars. They open on June 2nd.

Butterflies need blooms for nectar all seasons of the year to survive.Spring blooms can include Wild Columbine and Golden Alexande, the latter of which you often see growing on the side of the road.Summer blooms include parsley family herbs like dill and fennel for Swallow Tail Butterflies. Monarchs feed exclusively on Milkweed. Bee Balm, Blazing Star and Coneflowers are also great summer blooms. In the fall, Morrison says butterflies look for Golden Rod and Aster.Butterflies also like to get juice from ripe or rotting fruit.Butterflies need a water source. Fill a shallow plate with rocks and water then place it near or in your garden. The butterflies need to land on the rocks so they can drink the water. They do not drink from their mouths but from their proboscis, a strawlike tongue, that stays rolled up when not in use. It’s called puddling.

To find more on this subject go to Prairienursery.com or ODNR, the Ohio Department of Natural Resource at wildohio.gov

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Who’s there?

Noah.

Noah who?

Noah good joke for
Mother’s Day?

When does Mother’s Day
come before St. Patrick’s
Day?

In the dictionary!

What did the baby owl say
to its mom on Mother’s
Day?

Owl love you forever!

What did the mother
broom say to the baby
broom?

It’s time to go to sweep.



May

Now children may
Go out of doors,
Without their coats,
To candy stores.

And Daddy may
Get out his hoe
To plant tomatoes
In a row,

The apple branches
And the pear
May float their blossoms
Through the air,

And, afterwards,
May lazily
Look at some baseball
On TV.



A Magical Day at Simonds-Heller Park

For one enchanting day, the park transformed into a whimsical forest where adventurers could hike and explore nature while using their imaginations.

Along the way, explorers discovered hidden surprises, met fairies and other characters, learned about the outdoors, and helped to protect the park like true friends of the forest.

Many families came out to enjoy fishing at the Clow Hole Pond and the Tuscarawas River. Natural Resource students from Buckeye career center along with NMS Leadership team volunteered to help with the event, proving that kids really can make a difference!

