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JUNE's Issue

Community Calendar



- Jun 13 | Second Saturday @ NCT Highschool | Noon
- June 27 | 9th Annual Hero Hustle @ Cy Young Park | 8:15 am
- June 27 | Cy Young Days Kick Off Day @ NCT Highschool | Time to be announced
- June 20 | Dominic Greco Band @ NCT Middle School | 1pm

NCT Library

- June 1- Adult Summer reading 3pm (every Monday)
- June 2 - Children/Teen Summer Reading Kick off Party 2pm
- June 9- Book Club 1pm
- June 12-Family Movie Night 5pm
- June 17 - Cookbook Club 4pm
- July 18 | Pickle Poker Run @ Simonds-Heller

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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

Newcomerstown Welcomes the Nook

written by Lisa Spillman

Newcomerstown residents have a new local place to enjoy breakfast, lunch, and a friendly atmosphere. The Nook, opened last month by hometown resident Eric Baker and his fiancée Seanda, has already been welcomed by many community members looking for a comfortable sit-down dining experience.

Together, the couple wanted to create a place where people could enjoy quality home-style cooking in a welcoming environment. To help bring that vision to life, they hired Tim Jones, former kitchen manager at the Coshocton Moose for eight years, as head chef.

The restaurant offers home-style cooking made with quality ingredients, including locally butchered meats. Favorites are quickly becoming the omelets, French toast, cheeseburgers, fish sandwiches, and salad bar. Sunday specials feature a 10-ounce hand-cut ribeye served with eggs and Nook potatoes, or with a salad bar trip and choice of potatoes.

The Nook is currently open daily from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the last orders taken at 1:45 p.m. While they are currently serving breakfast and lunch, the owners are hopeful to eventually expand into dinner hours and obtain a liquor license in the future.

Like many new business owners, Eric and Seanda have faced challenges along the way. They shared that the building and startup costs ended up being more than originally expected, along with many updates and improvements needed to meet building codes and safety compliance requirements before opening their doors.

Opening a restaurant comes with many challenges, especially in the early months, and the team appreciates the community's patience and support as they continue settling in and growing. Small businesses play an important role in keeping our community thriving, so if you haven't had a chance to stop in yet, be sure to check out The Nook and support this new local business.



THE NOOK

Hometown Cookin'

BREAKFAST & LUNCH
DINE-IN • CARRYOUT

640 HELLER DRIVE
NEWCOMERTOWN, OH

OPEN EVERYDAY
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
LAST ORDERS TAKEN AT 1:45 PM

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Follow us on **FACEBOOK!**

Seanda said "Follow us on Facebook to see the menu and lunch specials!"

Chris Gardner says becoming a Paramedic in 1997 was in his blood. His grandfather Cecil Gardner and his father Burris Gardner both spent many years as E.M.T.'s. Chris shares: "after graduating from N.H.S. in 1991, most graduates were eager to leave Newcomerstown, but I never wanted to. I loved the community and wanted to stay here. After volunteering in E.M.S. for a few years as a third generation E.M.T., I wanted to take the next step and be able to assist more in an emergency, so I became the first volunteer paramedic in my family in 1997 and went on to make this a career in 1998. I wanted to do something to assist those in need as I have a servant's heart just like my mother, Elaine Gardner, and in turn my profession is aiding the community as a whole. I have always tried to be the type of person to make sure other's needs are met before my own." As a paramedic Chris was employed by United Ambulance in Cambridge, N.E.R.S., in the emergency room at Coshocton Regional Medical Center and joined Tri-County Joint Ambulance

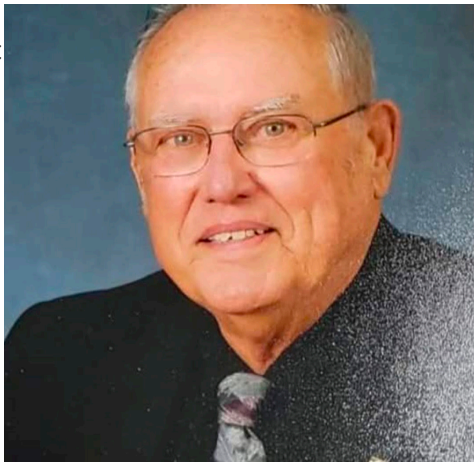


Service full-time in 2020. "At Tri-County, we are a family. Everyone works together and we are a source of support for each other with tough calls. When new people join the team, they are told up front that each and every one of us are here to answer any questions they have and to give them our full support. Mutual aid from our fire and police departments is great. The police officers will often stop and check on us when we are at a call and see if we need help, and we can call the Village of Newcomerstown Volunteer Fire Department anytime day or night for assistance. Looking back, I would not change anything with my choice of occupation as it has been rewarding and one, I feel fortunate to be a part of." Chris has also volunteered as a firefighter for Newcomerstown over the years and is presently a volunteer firefighter at Quaker City. His wife, Brittany, is an E.M.T. with Tri-County Joint Ambulance Service, and they do not have much free time but when they do; they like to spend it with their family.

Remembering Dad on Father's Day

Written by Beth Scott

Throughout our lives, the relationship we have with our father changes. We see him differently at 30 years old than we did at 10. Most of us see our father as a man with strength and authority, but also unwavering love and compassion for his family. My father was a strong but loving man. No matter what my life was like, no matter how many challenges I faced, Dad was always there for me. He was always just a phone call away. My Dad was one of those fathers who was present in my life in a big way. He cared for me, he loved me unconditionally, and he always made me feel important. It's hard when that support is suddenly taken away from you. It's hard watching the first man you ever loved slowly become weak and then breathe his last breath. It's hard wrapping your mind around the fact that the source of strength you once had in your life is now gone. But I have learned as I have grieved for my Dad over the last three years to put my strength in another Father much greater than my earthly father. This Father will never leave or forsake me and He always comes through for me in good times and in bad. Just like my earthly father, He is always there for me and He loves me unconditionally. He has strength and authority, but is also loving and has compassion for His family. So on this Father's Day, as perhaps we mourn our earthly father or even mourn the broken relationship some of us may have with our father, remember there is a Heavenly Father who loves you unconditionally and will always be there for you no matter where life takes you.



Beth's father
Orval C. "Bunk" Dulaney Jr

Lifewise Academy will be coming to Newcomerstown West School this fall.

Lifewise Academy is a non-denominational Christian education program that is offered to students during school hours. LifeWise classes focus on core themes of the Bible, teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Along with scripture, children will learn positive character traits, such as respect, love or kindness.

Fourth and fifth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in this program during their Leader in Me time, so it does not interfere with any of their academic time or cause them to miss out on specials. Parents must enroll their child if they would like for them to participate and students will be bussed to Christ Methodist Church for the lessons and then back to school to continue their day.

This program is community led and funded, so support from residents is crucial to its success. If you would like to help, they are seeking monetary donations and volunteers. You can follow them on Facebook to keep up with the latest news and ways to help. They have visited multiple churches and groups in the village so far and plan to attend various events in the community to introduce the program, so if you see them stop and say hi, they would be happy to chat with you and share more about their mission and goals.



Second Saturday June 13th

Written by Lisa Spillman

Newcomerstown NOW is inviting the community to celebrate America's 250th Birthday during a patriotic-themed Second Saturday event on Saturday, June 13, at Newcomerstown High School. The celebration will feature an evening full of hometown fun including live music, fireworks, food vendors, tractors, local businesses, family activities, and community entertainment designed to bring residents together for one of the biggest summer events of the year.

Activities will begin in the afternoon with tractor staging and unloading at noon in the gravel lot across from the ball field on River Street. The community tractor parade to the high school parking lot begins at 1 p.m., followed by vendors and attractions throughout the evening.

A major highlight of the event will be live music by regional favorite Badstone, performing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Organizers say the band will bring high-energy entertainment featuring a mix of crowd favorites, classic rock, country, and summer hits that will keep the celebration going into the evening before fireworks begin at dusk.

"This is shaping up to be one of our biggest and most exciting Second Saturday events yet," organizers shared. "We wanted to create a true America 250 celebration with great music, great food, family fun, and an atmosphere that brings the entire community together."

Newcomerstown NOW will also be serving pulled pork dinners during the event. Meals will include pulled pork, baked beans, and a choice of coleslaw or macaroni salad. Vendor registration remains open for food trucks, craft vendors, and businesses interested in participating in the celebration. Vendor spaces are \$20, food truck spaces are \$50, and nonprofit informational tables are free.

The first 60 tractor entries will receive a commemorative dash plaque sponsored by Keith's Cars. Community members interested in participating, becoming a vendor, or learning more about the event can email newcomerstownnow@yahoo.com

Residents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, invite friends and family, and spend the evening celebrating America 250 in Newcomerstown.

Newcomerstown NOW continues to organize projects and events focused on preserving, progressing, and prospering the community while encouraging local pride and involvement. Our annual River Poker Run, which invites kayakers and outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy the scenic Tuscarawas River is scheduled for July 18th. Plans are also underway for a fun hydrant day downtown for the kids to cool off. The date for this will be determined later.

- The event will also feature:
- Antique tractor show
 - Food trucks and vendors
 - Beer garden opening at 4 p.m.
 - Bounce houses and inflatable obstacle course
 - Yard games and family activities

Alley Parks: Revitalizing Communities One Hidden Space at a Time

Written by Jen LaVigne

Alley parks are transforming overlooked alleyways into vibrant community spaces. Once used primarily for deliveries and utilities, these areas are now being redesigned for people—featuring seating, lighting, greenery, and art. These small-scale projects can have a big impact. Alley parks increase foot traffic, support small businesses, and create welcoming gathering spaces for communities. They are also cost-effective and can be developed in phases. Key elements of a successful alley park include warm lighting, comfortable seating, colorful murals, greenery, and shade features. Creative additions like pop-up vendors, interactive murals, and seasonal decor help keep the space engaging. In small towns like Newcomerstown, Ohio, alley parks provide an opportunity to revitalize downtown areas without major construction. Even simple improvements can create a destination that attracts visitors and encourages community connection. Getting started can be simple: clean the space, add lighting, introduce seating, and incorporate art. Hosting an event can help bring awareness and excitement to the project. Alley parks prove that meaningful change doesn’t require large spaces—just creativity and a vision for bringing people together.

The Best of Newcomerstown 2026

Written by Brenda Junkin

Celebrate America’s 250th Birthday with a fireworks display of flowers in your front yard! Points will be awarded for beauty, curb appeal, live flowers, neatness, a maintained front yard. Of course, you’ll get extra credit if you have a few of Newcomerstown Coneflowers in your design. (Faux flowers will only be accepted in door wreaths.)

Has a yard caught your eye? Nominate a neighbor, yourself, or a business that is adding to *The Best of Newcomerstown!*

Judging: the week of June 22

Email nominations to: newcomerstownnow@yahoo.com

By Flag Day June 14th



Park Benches!

Written by Shannon Kincaid

The Village is opening up the park bench/ picnic table program again. You can purchase a park bench for \$375 and include a 2-line engraving or purchase a picnic table for \$850 (engraving on park bench only).

These benches will be placed around our various parks, if you have a special spot you'd like yours placed, let us know and we will try to put it where you requested.

Stop by the Administration Offices at 308 S College Street to fill out a form or use the QR Code to fill out the online form. We are here from 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday.

Questions?
call into the office at 740 498 6313 or email lsplman@newcomerstownoh.com



Ernest Warther Museum Celebrates 90 Years of Legacy

Written by Kristen Harmon
Great-Granddaughter of the Artists
Director, Ernest Warther Museum & Gardens

DOVER, OHIO — This spring marks a major milestone for the Warther Museum as it celebrates 90 years since Ernest Warther first opened the doors to his original museum in 1936.

Known to many as “Mooney,” Warther began carving as a young boy after discovering a pocketknife while working as a cowherd—an experience that would shape the course of his life. Born in 1885 and raised in Dover, Ohio, Warther developed his craft through years of dedication, eventually creating intricate, hand-carved models that documented the evolution of the steam engine. Remarkably, each piece was crafted entirely by hand, without the use of power tools, glue, or nails.

Before opening his museum, Warther displayed his growing collection in his home at 331 Karl Avenue, where visitors began arriving in increasing numbers to see his work. In 1936, he opened a modest 10-by-12-foot museum to house more than 40 carvings. From the beginning, Warther personally greeted visitors and shared the history behind each piece, creating an experience that continues to resonate with guests today.



Warther’s legacy expanded through the vision of his son, Dave Warther, who returned home after World War II determined to build a larger space to showcase his father’s work. In 1963, that vision became reality with the opening of a new museum building—an expansion that Warther himself witnessed during the final decade of his life. Additional expansions in 1988 and 2002 brought the museum to its present size.

Today, the museum continues to evolve, with updated exhibits featuring historic photography, enhanced interpretive content, and digitized video that brings Warther’s story to life for modern audiences. Visitors can also explore the family home, opened to the public in 2010, and the original museum building—now known as the “Button House”—where Warther’s wife, Frieda, displayed her extensive collection of buttons in elaborate geometric and quilt-like designs. The grounds surrounding the museum remain an essential part of the experience. Designed by Frieda Warther, the gardens reflect their original 1912 layout and are refreshed annually with thousands of seasonal plantings in Swiss-style and alpine arrangements.

While Warther began carving decades before opening his museum, 2026 marks 90 years of sharing his work with the public. Through generations of family stewardship and continued community support, the museum remains dedicated to preserving and celebrating the life and artistry of Ernest and Frieda Warther.

WartherFest Celebration

To commemorate this milestone, the museum will host WartherFest on June 12 and 13 at 331 Karl Avenue in Dover. The two-day event will feature a variety of family-friendly activities, along with guided and self-guided tours of the museum, gardens, and historic buildings.

For a full schedule of events and registration information, visit warthermuseum.com or contact info@thewarther-museum.com.



The Village Messenger

Written by Shannon Kincaid

Fire Department

The Village Fire Department was awarded a Grain Bin Safety Award! This will allow them to recieve grain bin rescue training. Congratulations to the Fire Department.

First Responder Event

On August 15th the Newcomerstown Police Department will join with the Village Fire Department and Tri-County to present an event at Cy Young Park! There will be an opportunity to meet your first responders. There will also be food, kids activities and a pool party! This event is in conjuction with Newcomerstown NOW. The fun starts at noon!

Tornado Siren

The county’s radio system is out of date, so a broader county radio upgrade has to move forward for the siren integration with 911 to work as intended. The Chief asked the Mayor to check the update status at the next Mayor’s meeting. The siren is still functional in it's current status, but we're hoping the upgrade moves forward at the county level soon.

Cy Young Pool

Cy Young Pool is open! 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!

*Reminder! Please don't mow/blow grass
clippings onto the road*

Kickball Photos Check out the photos from the kickball tournament!



NCT Kids

Written by Amber Hart

CONGRATS TO NHS GRADUATES CLASS OF 2026!

Where do sheep go on vacation?

The Baa-hamas

June

The sun is rich
And gladly pays
In golden hours,
Silver days,

And long green weeks
That never end.
School's out. The time
Is ours to spend.

There's Little League,
Hopscotch, the creek,
And, after supper,
Hide-and-seek.

The live-long light
Is like a dream,
And freckles come
Like flies to cream.

What did the beach say to the tide when it came in?

Long time, no sea.

Why don't fish go to summer camp?

They're always in school.

What did the pig say on a hot summer day?

I'm bacon.

Where do ghosts like to boat on vacation?

Lake Eerie.

THE FIRST OFFICIAL DAY OF SUMMER IS JUNE 21ST!

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY SUMMER!

Make your own sidewalk puff paint

Ingredients & Supplies (Per Color)

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup water
- 1 to 2 cups of foam shaving cream
- 5-10 drops of food coloring or washable liquid paint
- Squeeze bottles (or heavy-duty Ziploc bags)

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Mix the Base: In a large mixing bowl, thoroughly whisk together the flour and water until completely smooth and free of any clumps.
2. Add Color: Stir in your food coloring.
3. Make it Foam: Fold in the shaving cream until the mixture is light, fluffy, and completely combined.
4. Transfer to Bottles: Using a funnel, pour your foamy chalk paint into plastic squeeze bottles.
5. Get Creative: Head outside and squeeze the foam onto the driveway or sidewalk to paint