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OCTOBER'S ISSUE



Community Events and Sponsors

- 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 25 - Trunk or Treat 2pm-4pm (NCT Library)
- Oct 27-29 - NMS Fall Book Fair
- Oct 30-31 - Parent Teacher Conferences (NMS & NHS)
- 10/31 - No school for NHS
- Nov 25 - Holiday Craft Fair 4:30pm - 6:30pm (NWS)

Thank you to our Sponsors that participated in the Hay Bale Decorating!

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Boltaron's Hay Bale

Business Spotlight Shades of Sommer *A Fresh Start for Beauty and Relaxation in Newcomerstown* *"Beauty, Style, and a Little Bit of Sunshine"*

Written by Jess Moore

From tanning to weddings, we're here to make every day feel special. Sometimes the best opportunities come as a surprise. For the owner of Newcomerstown's established salon and tanning business, stepping into ownership wasn't part of the plan—it was a fluke. "I was asked to buy, and since it was already an established business, it felt like a win-win," the owner says. Since then, the goal has been simple: create a salon that feels like more than a place to get your hair or nails done. "Life is stressful, and I want this to be a place of relaxation, fun, and freedom—a space with no judgment, just pampering," she explains.

Meeting Challenges with Vision

The biggest challenge so far has been finding the right employees who fit the salon's unique vibe. "I want my team to represent the atmosphere we've built—welcoming, laid-back, and uplifting."

A Place for the Community

As the only established tanning facility in Newcomerstown, the salon plays a special role in the community. But it doesn't stop at tanning. The team offers nails, facials, hair extensions, and lash extensions—all designed to give clients a full day of feeling important and cared for.

Most Popular Services

Tanning remains a favorite, but the salon also shines during special events. From updos for homecoming and prom to wedding styling, birthday parties, nails, perms, highlights, and extensions, the skilled stylists keep up with the latest trends while offering timeless, traditional styles.

Community Support

The transition to new ownership has been smooth thanks to loyal clients and fresh faces alike. The salon often receives compliments on its creative window displays and the many updates made to the space—new paint, updated mixing rooms, and a fresh, welcoming look.

Looking Ahead

The future plan is simple: keep building. With hopes to add more stylists—carefully chosen to match the salon's vibe—the focus remains on growth while staying true to what's already working.

"The community has been so amazing and welcoming, and we see new faces every day," the owner says. "We're excited to keep moving forward and giving Newcomerstown a place where people feel like the center of attention."



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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Aiden Tidd comes from a close-knit family where he and his family live on the same road where his mother grew up. Aiden’s parents are Brittney and Glen Tidd. He is also Newcomerstown’s youngest firefighter as of his 18th birthday on August 27th.

Aiden shares: “I have always been helpful and caring and knew in the first grade I wanted to have a career doing good things for people. I looked up to firefighters and decided I was going to become one! As my junior year was ending, I was ready to start fulfilling my goal. My father was good friends with Ricky Patterson, Assistant Chief, so I approached him about becoming a junior firefighter. It just so happened the Newcomerstown Volunteer Fire Department #13 was hosting a firefighter course in March of this year. Ricky challenged me to take the class, and I did so. What made it even more special was my dad had always wanted to become a firefighter too, but just never had the opportunity. We did the class together and both became firefighters. It was so amazing to spend this quality time with Dad doing something we both loved. The only kicker was that since I was not going to be eighteen until August 27th, I would not receive my fire card until then, even though I passed my testing. Around 5 a.m. the morning of my birthday, the documentation was emailed to me, and I was a certified Firefighter 1. So, no more just observing as of my 18th birthday; I am now permitted to fight fires and perform other firefighter duties.”

Aiden is a senior at Ridgewood High School and participates in track and football. Since passing his Firefighter 1, he has transferred to Buckeye Career Center to continue working towards his level 2 firefighter and to become an E.M.T. Future plans include going on to become a paramedic.

Aiden states: “The entire crew at Newcomerstown Station #13 has been awesome in supporting and mentoring me. I cannot say enough good about Chief Jeff Parks, Assistant Chief Ricky Patterson, and our Captains Roy Tedrow and Jeremy Haver, plus everyone else.”

Assistant Fire Chief Ricky Patterson shares: “Aiden shows much potential for the department. He is eager to learn and picks up things very quickly. I believe he is going to be vital to our village moving forward”.

Some advice: “If you are thinking about becoming a firefighter, pursue your dreams with mouth shut and ears open. That is the best way to take in advice and learn new things,” says Aiden.



Fall is here and with it comes cozy memories of crisp evenings, hayrides, pumpkin carving, and costumes. For our question for October, we wanted to hear your favorite fall memories in Newcomerstown. These were some of our responses.

“Trick or treating with my best friend Carol Wamplerppery. Some years it was so cold we had winter coats under our costumes. It was so different then. No worries for parents because we lived in a safer time.”

-Karen S. Shepherd

“We always love the trunk or treat at the library, then we do the town's trick or treat after. We look forward to it every year. My daughter just got her Halloween costume and she's so excited”

-Micaela Hupp



Photo provided by Cathy Miller Maurer

2025 NHS Homecoming Court

Senior Attendant: Maggie Collins

Maggie was escorted by senior Jacoby Tedrow. Maggie is a 4 year letter winner in volleyball, a 3 year letter winner in track, and a 4 year scholar letter winner. She earned 2nd team IVC for both track and volleyball. She also earned the most field points scored for track and was named Offensive Player of the Year for volleyball. Maggie is a member of the National Honor Society and has participated in 4-H for ten years. She enjoys hanging out with friends, playing volleyball, participating in indoor and outdoor track, reading, spending time with family, listening to music, and showing animals. Maggie plans to attend college and earn a degree in agribusiness.

Senior Attendant: Kenley Hayes

Kenley was escorted by senior Jaxson Mayo. Kenley is a 4 year letter winner in volleyball, track, and band. She was named Volleyball Team Captain for 2025, Academic All-Ohio for Track 2025, and a 4 year scholar letter winner. Kenley is a 3-year CCP student, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Teen Leadership. She was a 2024 HOBY ambassador, was elected for the Reachout planning committee in 2024, is a Meta Youth Ministries worship band leader, and an FCA leader. Additionally, Kenley has played piano for ten years, winning the Edward E. Montgomery Jr. Piano Competition in 2021 and earning runner-up in 2024. She enjoys playing the piano, singing, listening to music, arts, thrifting, swimming, laughing with her best friends Daleney and Jaxson, watching Hallmark movies, making cookies with her grandma, and watching the Cleveland Guardians with her parents and little brother Jensen. Kenley plans to major in Early Childhood Education at The Ohio State University.

Senior Attendant Audrey Miles

Audrey was escorted by senior Logan Metts. Audrey is a member of the National Honor Society, is a full time student at Kent State, and a 4 year scholar letter winner. She enjoys volleyball, softball, doing puzzles, and watching criminal justice tv shows. Audrey plans to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry followed by a masters degree in science in order to obtain a pathologist’s assistant certification.

Senior Attendant: Lisa Weber

Lisa was escorted by senior Conner Smogeye. Lisa is a 2 year member of the National Honor Society, a 4 year member of Student Council, a 3 year member of Leo Club, and a 4 year scholar letter winner with a 4.0 GPA. She participates in volleyball and CCP classes. Lisa enjoys reading, playing with her dogs, working, going to concerts, shopping, doing nails, baking, trying new coffee shops, and playing pickleball. Lisa plans to attend Ashland University to earn a degree in Toxicology.

Our Homecoming Queen this year is **Ms. Kenley Hayes!** Crowning this year’s queen was Audrie Conner. Audrey was escorted by Laney Moore and Sophia DesGravise. Both girls are 1st grade students at East Elementary.



October Garden Story

Written by Brenda Junkin

Now is a fun time in the garden for family fall projects!

A front door wreath can easily be made with a cardboard cutout, circular, wreath base and glue. Simply walk your garden to collect decorative items to glue onto your wreath. Dried flower heads, colorful tree leaves, dried seeds from left over bean pods, herb cuttings and chest nuts to begin with. Visit a local apple orchard like Taylors Orchard, Schumaker Farms or Hillcrest Orchard and have an apple taste test to see which is your favorite apple. Or cut a few apples and make a dip!

Of course, pumpkins are right up there with apples in the fall. Small sugar pumpkins for best for baking, pies and treats. Many of the local garden centers sell them. There are tons of stew recipes that call for a finish bake inside a pumpkin. I make an Argentine beef stew every fall. After making the stew you finish baking it in a big, cleaned out Princess Pumpkin. The serving is as impressive as the stew.

Now is a fun time to start carving left over sweet potatoes! How impressive is it to have a sweet potato critter leaning on your front door pumpkins!

One Game, One crowd

Written by Erika Raderchak, Promising Newcomer Youth Writing Award Winner

There's a shift in the air when football season begins. Like everyone in the world is exhaling summer and inhaling well, football. The sky gets darker a little earlier, the night grows cooler, and suddenly, the stadium lights glow like stars that came down to earth just to spotlight football. Football is more than a game, it's a force that binds us. The entire town moves in rhythm with the kickoff. On Friday nights, you can hear the cheers echoing blocks away. On Saturdays and Sundays, living rooms turn into sacred places, families huddled together in team colors like it's their second skin. It's magic the way it brings everyone together. It's coming back home to root for your old high school team. Glitter-faced kids, high-fiving strangers, and belly bumps fill the festive air. For a few hours, all of the differences fade. It doesn't matter where you came from, or your political or religious views. It's only who you're rooting for. Watching football is its own kind of wonder. It's holding your breath when they hit a first down. A bad call sends you leaping off the couch, screaming at the television as if it could actually hear you. It's halftime snacks that taste better with the sound of the marching bands and the smell of autumn drifting through your open windows. And when your team scores. When they win. Oh, it's like a fireball exploding in your chest. Joy so big it doesn't fit into one person but everyone you share it with. The game is about more than what happens on the field. It's about the stories, the traditions, and the people. That's the special feeling that we all welcome back every season.

Hay bale Decorating Brings Fall Festivity to Main Street

Written by Amber Hart

Main Street has never looked more festive for the fall season than it does now! Thanks to the creativity and community spirit of local businesses, churches, and organizations, downtown is now lined with beautifully decorated hay bales to celebrate autumn.

Though this was our first year for the event, we had an amazing response. Participants include: Jessica Moore with Leonard and Newland Real Estate, Cy Young Days Royalty, Studio 3, Newcomerstown Church of the Nazarene, Simona Boltaron, the Village of Newcomerstown, Eastern Star, Durben Tire, Christ Methodist Church, Hair Craze, Main Street Coffee, Mike's Body Shop, Trinity Baptist Church, Triple J, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Delaney's Cleaning, Newcomerstown NOW, the American Legion, and Shades of Sommer.

A special note: Shades of Sommer's intricate and beautiful figure is displayed in their front window to protect it from the weather so don't miss stopping by to see it.



Getting Ready for Homecoming

Written By Alex Friedman

Homecoming is a big deal here in Newcomerstown. The elementary students started their day with a greeting cheer from the cheerleading squad as they entered the building. Cheerleaders got ready for the pep rallies with face paint and temporary tattoos. Meanwhile, students and faculty worked on decorations, archways, and the dance hall.

Between classes and during free periods on Friday, students involved in the Homecoming Court helped each other get ready for the big weekend. All of the young ladies pitched in to make sure they each look their best: doing hair, loaning and fitting dresses, and accessorizing. Seniors Delaney Baker and Kenley Hayes shared that former prom and homecoming court members often pass down their best garments, which is a wonderful tradition. The gentlemen must be getting tips from their peers as well, as at least one young man was rocking a Half-Windsor in his necktie.

After two pep rallies and a parade, the squad cheered the Trojans to a big homecoming win. Two members of NHS Cheer were also attendants of court: Marlee Garland and Avilyn Hoover.

2025 NHS Homecoming Court

Freshman Attendant: Marlee Garland

Marlee was escorted by freshman Kylie Matthews. Marlee participates in competition gymnastics and cheer. She enjoys volleyball, gymnastics, and drawing. Her future plans are to relocate to Florida and become a lawyer.

Sophomore Attendant: Avilyn Hoover

Avilyn was escorted by sophomore J.J. Justice. Avilyn is a one year letter winner in track and basketball and is a one year scholar letter winner. She was a state qualifier for track, running the 4 X 100. She also participated in hurdles for nationals. Avilyn enjoys running/working out and playing volleyball. She plans to pursue a career in nursing or cosmetology.

Junior Attendant: Molly Seevers

Molly was escorted by junior Ezra Norman. Molly was a state qualifier for track and set the high school record for the 4 X 100 relay, which she additionally ran for nationals. She is a two year letter winner for track. Molly was elected for the Meta leadership and FCA leadership. She participates in Meta youth group and volleyball as well. Molly enjoys hanging out with friends. She plans to attend college but is undecided on her major.

Senior Attendant: Daleney Baker

Daleney was escorted by senior Walker Swinehart. Daleney is a 4 year scholar letter winner, a 1 year varsity softball letter winner, a 1 year varsity volleyball letter winner, and a 5 year band letter winner. She also participates in the planning committee for ReachOut. Daleney individually placed 49th out of 282 at Wildlife State, 81st out of 235 at Forestry State, and 39th out of 145 at Forestry District and competed in the Envirothon as a team and placed 7th out of 150 teams. She enjoys art, going to contests for Buckeye Career Center, fishing with her dad and boyfriend Brody on Sundays after church, shopping, learning photography, and spending time with Kenley and Jaxson. Daleney plans to continue her career in national resources by either pursuing a naturalist job or becoming an arborist.

See the rest of the Homecoming Attendants on Page 7!



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.



Updates from Administration

In the last issue, we mentioned information about grants we have applied for. We were awarded the BWC grant for \$29,538.57! This grant money will be used for attachment equipment purchases for our Street and Water Departments. The equipment we will use the money for are as follows: jack hammer attachment, compactor plate attachment, sweeper broom attachment, auger attachment, concrete bowl attachment, post hole auger attachment, bucket attachment, rotating log grapppler attachment, pallet fork attachment, and a flail mower attachment.

You may have noticed pop machines have appeared around town in various places. We have entered a contract with 7up to provide machines around town for everyone, while using the proceeds generated to help support Newcomerstown parks. There are machines in the alley on Main Street, in front of the Administration building, and at Cy Young Park.

In other news, Trunk or Treat is at the library parking lot from 2-4pm and Residential Trick or Treat is set for from 4pm to 6pm on October 25th.

Planning for Our Future: 2026 Budget & 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

A note from Lisa Spillman, Fiscal Officer

Building a stronger Newcomerstown through smart planning and grants

I am currently working on the village's 2026 budget and updating our five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This plan helps every department set goals and map out the projects that will keep Newcomerstown moving forward.

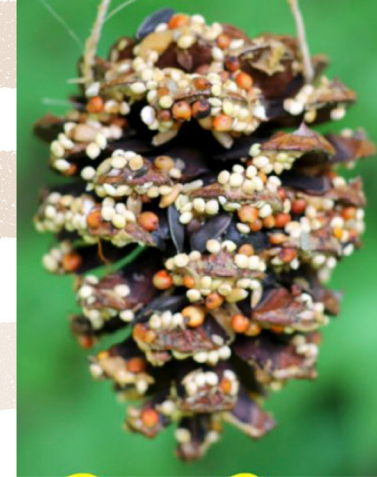
Our fire department is still getting established, and the police department is undergoing many updates. Careful long-term planning makes sure we can keep every department growing stronger—whether it's rotating vehicle fleets, replacing aging equipment, or preparing for new needs.

Planning ahead also lets us apply for important grants, such as those that help fund street paving projects or support the exciting growth of our parks. Sometimes we shift projects to line up with grant deadlines so we don't miss out on these opportunities.

Thanks to this approach, we recently received a \$29,000 BWC grant for new equipment attachments for the utilities and street departments—a great example of how planning and seizing funding opportunities benefit the entire village.

Emergencies and unexpected events may occasionally change the timeline, but having a solid plan keeps us on track and financially ready, ensuring our community continues to grow and thrive.

Craft: Pinecone Bird feeder



Many birds migrate south for the winter which means they could use the extra calories to give them energy for their long journey. You can help our feathered friends by making this pinecone bird feeder.



1. Gather pinecones.
2. Spread peanut butter all over the pinecone.
3. Cover with birdseed.
4. Attach a string to the top.
5. Hang from a branch.
6. Keep an eye out and you may get to see them enjoying their tasty treat!

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins
Sitting on a gate
The first one said,
"Oh, my, it's getting late!"
The second one said,
"There are witches in the air!"
The third one said,
"But we don't care!"
The fourth one said,
"Let's run and run and run!"
The fifth one said,
"I'm ready for some fun!"
OOOOOOOH, went the wind
And OUT went the light (clap on "out")
And the five little pumpkins
Rolled out of sight.



Did you know?

Newcomerstown has its very own caramel apple factory! Tastee

Apple produces delicious caramel apples right here in Newcomerstown!



Since they started in 1974, they have made over 250,000,000 (that's MILLIONS!) delicious apples and ship them all over the country!

Fall Challenge



- ☐ Visit a fall or trick or treat event
- ☐ Find the biggest leaf you can
- ☐ Watch a fall or Halloween movie
- ☐ Drink cider or hot chocolate
- ☐ Pick a pumpkin (or draw one!)
- ☐ Go on a nature walk
- ☐ Wear a cozy sweater
- ☐ Share candy with a friend