

Editor's Corner

Thanks again to all who contributed to this 80th issue of the Village Voice. Our focus is to keep our residents informed. If you have any suggestions or comments you may call the Town Hall at 419-753-2160. **The next deadline for articles will be February 20th, 2012 at Noon. We must have your articles by then, or they will not be included.** We reserve the right to edit articles. In addition to mailing to local residents, copies of the *Village Voice* are again available at the library, First National Bank, beauty salons, NK School, Village Market, UCC Church, United Methodist Church, Chamber of Commerce and at www.newknoxville.com. Village Voice staff volunteers are Janet Hall, Rex Katterheinrich & Amanda Neidemire.

**DISABLED VETERANS
COLLECTION CAMPAIGN
OCTOBER 1ST THRU NOVEMBER 1ST**

The New Knoxville legion will be collecting items for the Disabled veterans. Deliver items to the American legion.

Recommended list of item needed:

MEN AND WOMENS CLOTHES (New underwear, t-shirts, socks, long johns, coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, jeans shirts, pants, etc.) GAMES, CARDS, PUZZLES, ELECTRONIC GAMES (with batteries) TOILETRY ITEMS (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo etc.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! REMEMBER THOSE WHO GAVE SO MUCH FOR OUR FREEDOM.

NEW KNOXVILLE AMERICAN LEGION
POST 444

Please do not attempt to drop off items before Oct 1st

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Submitted by Don Schroer

Boy Scouts of America Troop 1444

It's been a little slow in our Troop this winter. We do have to give a big Thank you to the people at the Hoge Lumber Co. They helped our troops out with items needed, such as Plexiglas for a trophy case that is to be hung in the legion hall, rope so our boys can learn knots and lashings. Recently wood and hardware that was used to put shelves in the scout trailer. Happy Holidays & Thank you to everyone who helps troop 1444!

Submitted by Scout Master David Schwarck



The next dates for the blood drive will be as follows:

- 1/6/12 12:00 to 6:00 pm (N Knoxville) American Legion
- 3/2/12 12:00 to 6:00 pm (N Knoxville) The Way Int.
- 4/27/12 12:00 to 6:00 pm (St. Marys) Wayne St. UMC
- 6/22/12 12:00 to 6:00 pm (St. Marys) Eagles (APPT ONLY)



Sleigh bells ring! Pictured here is Bessie adorned with the bells. Keeping warm in the sleigh is cousin Howard "Jack" Wellman, Roberta Fledderjohann, my sister Letha, Cousin Paul Wellman and my sister Virginia. This picture was taken right here in New Knoxville, circa 1935-1936. Those long ago sleigh rides were so much fun and will never be forgotten.

Submitted by Roberta Fledderjohann Tanzini
Historical Board Member

NEW KNOXVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Another year is winding down and our Historical Society would like to give some congratulatory wishes. One to member/ author Glenna Meckstroth. Earlier this year she won first place in a writing contest sponsored by the Ohio Genealogical Society. Her winning article "From Work Horse to War Horse" appeared in the Civil War Journal. It was a historical research on her great grandfather Charles Marion Briggs. This inspiring article revealed the lives and challenges of Cavalrymen.

This fall, historical member Dave Berlet was inducted into the **National trapshooting Association Hall of Fame** at Red Bud, Illinois. "To be included in this Hall of Fame with the great shooters of the past is the greatest honor that I could ever have hoped for" he said.

In the past Dave has won other Grand American or Ohio State Trophies and championships. In 1995 he was also inducted into the Ohio State Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame. Dave has been shooting for over 50 years.

We again want to say a special thank you for memorials given for loved ones and for your support for our open house events. Our gift ideas, historic books etc. are on our website and are also available from our local library or you may contact any board member.

Merry Christmas! Remember our servicemen and veterans. Happy New Year!! GO RANGERS!

President: Kirk Stienecker Vice. President: Allen Schroer
Secretary: Diane Fledderjohann Treasurer: Vernon Feldwisch

Submitted by Roberta Fledderjohann Tanzini



Have you noticed the upgraded wreaths that are currently beautifying our downtown area for the Christmas holiday season? Our thanks go out to the members of the New Knoxville Garden Club for their insight and hard work this fall to restore the aging Christmas wreaths. Members of the Garden Club decided it was time to replace the decorative ribbons and bows as well as the faded and missing Christmas ornaments and lights.

In particular, we thank Judy Bambauer, Sylvia Spieles and Karen Fledderjohann. These three ladies put forth many volunteer hours to move this project along to completion. The Garden Club also provided 50% of the funding required to see this project along. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping to make this great beautification project a reality.

We would like to thank the New Knoxville Historical Society and the New Knoxville Garden Club for helping to bring Santa Claus to the New Knoxville Fire Station on November 27th. This was a great event to help celebrate the opening of the 2011 Christmas holiday season. Many children in our community had the opportunity to meet with Santa at the fire station and to get photos taken of the event. Our local historical society and garden club continue to serve our village and are both wonderful assets to our community. We appreciate all of the fine services and opportunities that both organizations continue to provide to our citizens throughout the year.

Submitted by Village Administrator Rex Katterheinrich



One reason I appreciate our library so much is that the staff are extremely helpful. Ann Leffel always helped me find what I needed, sometimes in ways I'd never thought of before. (There's so much more to the library than meets the eye—all you need to do is ask! Don't be shy!) Since Ann retired, Charis Steinke and Amy Clamme are continuing in that generous and capable quality of service. What a treasure!

The Friends recently began sponsoring a monthly prize drawing. Whenever you check out a book, you may enter a ticket for that month's prize. In December the prize was a colorful holiday blanket, handmade and donated by Diane Fledderjohann. We voted to provide funds for the librarians to purchase some new games for the kids table back by the large print books. They seem to be a hit! The adults are enjoying the complimentary coffee on Saturday mornings.

February 13th is the next meeting of the Friends of the New Knoxville library. All members are welcome 7:00pm at the library.

Thank you for being a friend!

Submitted by Anne Mason

2011 was another busy year for the fire dept to date we've made EMS & fire at total of 87 runs.

This is a time of year for carbon monoxide detector calls. If your co detector goes off take these steps.

Call 911...not firemen's home. Don't open doors and windows, get out of the house. The fire dept can use a meter to try to find a problem. Also during a heating season use all safety precautions. Be careful with Christmas decorations.

The fire Dept would like to extend many many thanks to all who supported us this year. Our firemen's picnic and fir safety club were a big success. The dept would also like to thank the votes for passing our fire levy's. Due to budget cuts this is very important to us so we can keep providing a top level of service to the public.

The dept welcomes two new firefighters to our staff Elise Strahan and Brent Stienke.

Have safe and Happy Holidays!
Chief Scott Schroer



Common Sense Snowfall Reminders

Because we have very narrow curb lawns between the streets and sidewalks in the Village, or in some places where the sidewalk is adjacent to the street, please do not shovel or blow the snow from the sidewalk onto the street. Common sense tells us that the next time a snowplow comes down the street, some of the snow may be re-deposited on the sidewalk. Your assistance in shoveling or blowing the snow away from the street will be appreciated, and will mean we all have less work and cleaner streets and sidewalks.

Additionally, so that the streets can be properly plowed after a snowfall of more than two inches, and until they are plowed; remember it is only legal to park on the even-numbered side of the street on even-numbered calendar days, and only legal to park on the odd-numbered side of the street on odd-numbered calendar days.

ORDINANCE 1975-01-02

All residents or owners of property or businesses are required to remove snow from the public sidewalks adjoining their property within a reasonable length of time.

When using a snow blower on the sidewalks, the snow should be blown onto private property and not onto the street. If it is blown onto the street, it may be re-plowed onto the sidewalk or if there is a narrow or non-existent tree or curb lawn. Any person, entity, partnership or corporation failing to comply with this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$50 for each offense; and failure to remove snow for each day shall be a separate offence.

Come in out of the cold! Stop by the New Knoxville Library any

Saturday morning from 10 am till 12 noon during the winter and enjoy reading the paper with a warm cup of coffee or tea! Grab the paper and pour yourself a cup of coffee or tea, provided by The Friends of the New Knoxville library.

Kindles, Nooks and other eBook readers are the big gift of the season, and New Knoxville library staff is available to show you how to download the many titles available through the Auglaize County library.

We will start off the year with our Book Discussion on Thursday January 5th from 6-7pm. We will be discussing the book "A Redbird Christmas" by Fannie Flagg. After the book discussion, feel free to check out the next book for our February Book Discussion, "The Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas. February's book discussion will be held Thursday, February 2nd. Just like 2011, all of 2012's book discussions will be held on the first Thursday of each month.

Story time continues through the winter months for pre-school children who are 3, 4, & 5 years old. Story time is held each Monday from 1:00-1:30 pm. Call or stop by the library for more details or to register your child(ren).

January will be filled with fun programs, Ranger Spirit Day being the first! All ages are welcome to stop by the library on Thursday January 12th anytime from 3-6 pm when we will be making a choice of a Ranger bracelet or Ranger hair tie! Family FUN night is Monday January 23rd. Bring the family and make a unique and zany frame for your holiday family picture! We round out the month of activities on Thursday January 26th, when all ages are welcome to come in anytime from 3-6 pm and make a snowman thermometer!!

Fine free week will be January 22nd through noon on Saturday January 28th.

The New Knoxville Library will also have available as of January 1st, IRS Tax Forms. Both Federal and State forms will be available.

February is LOVE MY LIBRARY month at all of the Auglaize County Libraries. Each library in the system will have a giving tree, New Knoxville included. Please stop by for more information. The New Knoxville Library appreciates your continued support of the library!

The Valentine's Day craft will be held February 9th from 3-6 pm. All ages are welcome to come in and make a craft for their Valentine!!

The Friends of the Library will be hosting "Pizza and a Movie" for the family on Thursday February 16th. The movie, "The Sandlot" will start at 6:00. Join us at the New Knoxville Library for the movie and pizza. End time is 8:00 pm. The movie is rated PG for some language and kids chewing tobacco. We hope many families will join us for "Pizza and a Movie!"

Below is a list of activities at the library January and February.

For details or more information, please stop by or call the library at (419) 753-2724, Or check out our website: www.auglaize.oplin.org

January 2nd (Monday) – **CLOSED** for the New Year holiday
January 5th (Thursday) – Book Discussion Group, "A Redbird Christmas" 6-7pm
January 9th (Monday) – Pre-school Story time 1:00-1:30
January 12th (Thursday) – Ranger Spirit Day Crafts, all ages may stop by anytime from 3-6pm
January 16th (Monday) – **CLOSED** for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
January 22nd through January 28th – Library Fine Free Week
January 23rd (Monday) – Pre-school Story time 1:00-1:30 pm
January 23rd (Monday) – Family FUN night Craft with your Family. Craft begins at 6pm.
January 26th (Thursday) – Winter craft! All ages may stop by anytime from 3-6pm
January 30th (Monday) – Pre-school Story time 1:00-1:30
February is "LOVE MY LIBRARY" month
February 2nd (Thursday) Book Discussion Group, "The Count

of Monte Cristo" 6-7pm

February 6th (Monday) – Pre-school Story time 1:00-1:30

February 9th (Thursday) – Valentine's Day Craft. All ages may stop by from 3-6pm

February 13th (Monday) – Pre-school Story time 1:00-1:30

February 16th (Thursday) – "Pizza & a Movie" Family night! Pizza and a movie, "The Sandlot" starts at 6pm, and ends at 8pm.

February 20th (Monday) – Pre-school Story time 1:00-1:30

February 27th (Monday) – Pre-school Story time 1:00-1:30

Library Hours

Monday Noon – 7pm

Thursday 3-7pm

Saturday 10 am- Noon

Submitted by Charis Steinke



The New Knoxville Police Department has several announcements to make. We will be providing a new service to the community by helping residents and business owners make their property safer. We now do Home/ Business Security Surveys. This is a service where we come to your home or business and show you steps to better protect yourself from burglars and other potential criminal acts. So if you are interested contact the New Knoxville Police to set up a time to have a survey done.

We would also like to announce the launch of our facebook page. If you are a facebook user just go and "like" our page "New Knoxville Police Department" on facebook. We are using the page to provide contact information, emergency and weather reports, information on services we provide, and safety tips. It is a great way for us to communicate to the citizens that we serve and we hope that you take advantage of it.

As the holiday season continues please keep in mind a few safety tips:

- Never drive when you have been drinking
- Always wear your seatbelt
- Do not text and drive
- Hypothermia by dressing appropriately
- Install smoke detectors in your house
- Develop and go over a safety plan with your family

Thanks for reading and we hope that everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season!

Submitted by Police Chief Eric Morris

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 30 Open House- Heritage Center
- Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time ends at 2am
- Nov 8 Election Day
Village Council Meeting – 7:30pm
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving
- Nov 27 Tree Lighting at Town Hall
- Dec 13 Village Council Meeting – 7:30pm
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Jan 1 New Year's Day

