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NEWSLETTER

Fall 2016

## *Hello to All Heidelberg Township Residents,*

The Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors is happy to present to you the 2016 edition of our township newsletter. This edition is loaded with information including an updated contact list of township personnel, county and state officials, and agencies our residents may find useful.

A major change within the township made by the Board of Supervisors is the closure of our township recycling center. After continued abuse of the recycling bins by contractors, businesses and individuals, the Board was informed that the recyclables no longer would be accepted at the recycling facility due to contamination with building materials and garbage. The good news is that information within this newsletter will be of assistance to residents wishing to properly dispose of their recyclables.

Quality of life is very important. Most residents that choose to live in Heidelberg Township do so because of Heidelberg's rural nature. Farmland and open space preservation plays an important part in keeping this beautiful landscape. Read more about the township's farmland preservation in this edition.

Also contributing to our quality of life in the township, are our local laws which are called ordinances. The Board of Supervisors, past and present, adopted ordinances to help maintain a rural atmosphere while protecting the rights of our residents. Many ordinances are in place at the request of our residents such as agricultural zoning, the burning, junk yard, weed and no parking ordinances. Others were adopted due to state mandates such as the storm water management and Uniformed Construction Code (UCC) ordinances. You will read more about zoning permits and UCC (building code) permits in this newsletter.

You will read about many local non-profit organization and church groups, all of which make Heidelberg Township a comfortable, friendly place to live. The members of these organizations and groups care about their community. Contact information is available in this newsletter for those wanting to become part of these organizations or groups.

One of the most important non-profit, fully volunteer organizations is our community fire company, Goodwill Fire Co. No. 1. This newsletter highlights the continuing efforts these volunteers put forth to ensure the health and safety of you and your family. The fire company is always in need of volunteers as fire fighters, fire police, event helpers and monetary donors.

Please enjoy reading your newsletter and do not hesitate to offer suggestions for future issues. You may email Dawn Didra, the editor of this newsletter, at [ddidra@ptd.net](mailto:ddidra@ptd.net) or call 610-767-9297 x11. Remember to frequent the businesses who advertise in this newsletter. The Board of Supervisors thanks them for their community support.

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## Keeping Up With The Township Road Workers:

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## Road Project Funding:

The road crew made it through another winter, keeping our roadways safe for travel. Thankfully the 2015-16 winter season was not as snowy or icy as some recent years. The most impactful winter storm event was on January 22-23. After Governor Wolfe's request was made to Washington DC for funding, President Obama released federal funds to be used by Pennsylvania counties and local governments effected by the storm. Heidelberg Township has submitted a grant application for this funding which would reimburse the township 75% of labor, equipment usage and materials costs.



Safety is always on the minds of your Supervisors. At their request the township applied for two grants through the PA Automatic Red Light Enforcement Program. These would be 100% reimbursable grants. One grant application for \$11,151.80 is for the installation of an emergency vehicle preemptive device to be installed at the traffic signal at Route 309 and Northwest Road/Long Court. The other for \$4,648.00 is for an upgrading of the pavement markings at the intersection of Route 309 and Route 100. The timing of the award for these grants will depend on the adoption of the state budget. We are keeping our fingers crossed!

Heidelberg did receive a grant award of \$4,917.50 toward the installation of a backup battery at the Route 309 and Northwest Road/Long Court traffic signal. This grant through the PA Green Light Go Program was applied for in early 2015 and is a 50/50 grant, meaning Heidelberg must match the grant funding of \$4,917.50. The Board of Supervisors approved this project to increase the safety at this intersection during a power outage.

## Road Concerns:

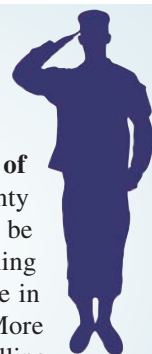
If any resident or property owner has concerns or questions regarding a township road, please contact your road superintendent, Kevin Huber, by email at [hkhuber@ptd.net](mailto:hkhuber@ptd.net) or by phone at 610-767-9297 x15.

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## Did You Serve in the Military?

**Are you in need of Assistance?** Lehigh County Office of Veterans Affairs may be able to help. Flyers outlining available services are available in the Township building. More information can be found by calling 610-782-3295, or emailing [veteransaffairs@lehighcounty.org](mailto:veteransaffairs@lehighcounty.org) or at [www.lehighcounty.org](http://www.lehighcounty.org).



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## Hello from the Zoning Office

It's hard to believe it has been a year already! I truly enjoy my job and it's so nice to work in a place where everyone from the road crew, to the supervisors, to the administrator, to the zoning officer, to the building code officials not only work well together, they all really do care and are dedicated to doing the best job they can for the community. I know as a resident I did not realize all the work that goes into running a township, even one of our relatively small size.

Last year I completed the Certified Citizen Planner series of courses and this year I completed a course in Zoning Administration, along with a few other classes. I have also become more familiar with the Township zoning ordinances. All of this has helped prepare me for the challenge of being appointed Alternate Zoning Officer. I will still be working closely with our Zoning Officer, Christopher Noll of Keystone Consulting Engineers, but in his absence or with his go-ahead I will be able to make decisions on permit applications and move forward with complaint investigations and violation procedures which should speed up processes a little bit.

The permitting process can seem overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be! The best advice I can give residents is to ask lots of questions. BEFORE making a purchase or scheduling work, be sure you have the proper permits in place and that what you are planning is allowed. A phone call or two can clarify things and save a lot of headaches and expenses in the long run. Almost all zoning and building permits require a detailed plan of the property including all buildings (home, sheds, garages, pools, etc), septic, well, driveway and distances from the property lines to the proposed structure. Building permits, in addition to a detailed property plan, usually require more detailed plans showing specific structural details. If you are unsure if a permit is required, or what information needs to be submitted with your permit, please do not hesitate to contact the zoning office, or our building code official. Contact information is located at the end of this newsletter.

In addition to my other duties, I have been working on keeping the township website [www.heidelberghigh.org](http://www.heidelberghigh.org) up to date with helpful information, local non-profit organization events, downloadable permit applications, the township code of ordinances, and much more. I encourage you to check it out regularly, and if you have any suggestions for the newsletter or the Township website, please contact me.

Dawn Didra ~ [ddidra@ptd.net](mailto:ddidra@ptd.net)

### Become a Girl Scout Volunteer!



Girl Scouts in the Four Meadows Service Unit is looking for volunteers. As a Girl Scout volunteer, you'll introduce girls to new experiences that show them they are capable of more than they ever imagined. You'll be their cheerleader, guide, and mentor helping them develop skills and confidence that will last long after the meeting is over. Whether you can give a day, a few weeks, or the whole year, it all starts with you. Become the role model they will always remember. For more information about volunteering or to sign your daughter up for Girl Scouts, contact Brittany Sedler, [bsedler@gsep.org](mailto:bsedler@gsep.org), 610-791-2411 ext. 1502.



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**Building Permits** are usually required for the construction, alteration, or demolition of structures including homes, sheds, above ground swimming pools, in-ground swimming pools, signs, decks, retaining walls, fences, etc. The type of permit needed may depend on the size and use of the structure.

**Plumbing and Electrical Permits** may be required for work done to residential and commercial properties.

**Driveway Permits:** Permits are required for all new, improvement of existing (enlarging, paving or re-paving, etc.), and change of use driveways. *Note: If the driveway abuts a state road, you must apply for a permit at the local Penn DOT office as well as the Township. The township requires a copy of the state permit.*

**Moving Permit:** A moving permit is required for residents moving into, out of, or within the Township. There is no fee for this permit.

**Other permits** that may be required: Open Burning Permit, Logging Permit, Small Wind Energy Systems Permit, Community Antenna Systems Permit, Junkyard Permit, On-lot Septic Permit.

*\*Please contact the zoning office at 610-767-9792 ext.11 to see if a permit is required before beginning any project.*

### A permit is NOT REQUIRED for the following work:

#### BUILDING CONSTRUCTION:

- Fences that are not over 6 feet high.
- Retaining walls not over 4 feet in height measured from the lowest level of grade to the top of the wall.
- Water tanks supported directly on grade if the capacity does not exceed 5,000 gallons and ratio of height to width does not exceed 2 to 1.
- Sidewalks not more than 30 inches above grade and that are not located over a basement or story below it.
- Prefab swimming pools less than 24 inches deep.
- Swings and other playground equipment.
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not include additional support.
- Installation of an uncovered deck where the floor of the deck is no more than 30 inches above grade.
- Installation or rearrangement of communications wiring.

### AN ORDINARY REPAIR DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERMIT.

#### The following are NOT ordinary repairs:

- Cutting away a wall, partition, or portion of a wall.
- The removal or cutting of any structural beam or load-bearing support.
- The removal or change of any required means of egress, or rearrangement of parts of a structure affecting the egress requirements.
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As most of you are aware, Heidelberg Township has removed the recycling bins, and no longer accepts most recyclables. Information on where to take your recycling is below, and can also be found on the Township website. Heidelberg Township has a solid waste ordinance that makes recycling mandatory for residents.

**Do you have garbage pick-up?** Contact your garbage hauler for information on their recycling pick-up schedule. By law all garbage haulers must also pick up recycling. Most garbage haulers require that you provide your own recycling bin. This can be a container you already own that is clearly marked for Recycling, or Home Depot (and possibly other retailers) sells 32 gallon recycling containers with lids for about \$16.00.

**Heidelberg Township Office** is a collection site for rechargeable batteries and cell phones! Batteries and cell phones will be accepted during regular business hours and before and after meetings. Each battery must be sealed in its own bag (also available at the Township office) before dropping it in the collection box. Please contact the Township office with any questions.

**The Lynn Township Transfer Station** at 6450 Scholler Road, New Tripoli accepts recycling from non-residents for a cost of \$1.00 per trip. It is open Friday and Saturday from 8 am-3 pm. They do not accept garbage from non-residents. For more information please call Lynn Township at 610-298-2645

**The Whitehall Township Recycling Drop off Center** at the corner of Eberhart Rd. and Range Rd. is open to all Lehigh County residents. The Drop-Off Center, is located at the corner of Eberhart and Range Roads, and they will take comingled recyclables, as well as: scrap metal, four tires without rims, clothes and textiles, telephone books, etc. For more information go to [www.whitehalltownship.com/recycling](http://www.whitehalltownship.com/recycling). **The Center is for residential use only and is NOT to be used by businesses!** **OPERATING HOURS:** Tuesday and Thursday - 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Saturdays - 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The Recycling Drop-Off Center is closed on holidays and during periods of inclement weather.



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**Bicycles:** Community Bike Works: 235 N. Madison, Allentown: 610-434-1140; or see [www.communitybikeworks.org](http://www.communitybikeworks.org)

**Electronics (TVs, computers, microwaves, etc);** CDs, DVDs, other techno trash; Fluorescent & Mercury bulbs, ballast, batteries, : A.E.R.C. Recycling Solutions., 2591 Mitchell Ave., Allentown: 610-797-7608; or see their drop-off Friday program information or [www.aerc.com](http://www.aerc.com). GER Solutions at 795 Roble Road, Allentown, PA 18109: 610-443-1776 also accepts electronic recyclables, for pricing and more information go to [www.gersolutions.net](http://www.gersolutions.net)

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**Allentown Recycling Center:** 1400 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Allentown (610-437-8729, [www.allentownrecycles.org](http://www.allentownrecycles.org)) will recycle clean glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, tin and bimetal cans, cardboard, office paper and magazines, newspapers, paperboard, telephone books, good used clothing, hardback and paperback books, #1 and #2 plastics, scrap metals. Open 24 hours a day.

***Bethlehem Recycling Center: Illick's Mill Rd. between Schoenersville Rd. and Center St., Bethlehem (610-865-7082, [www.bethlehem-pa.gov/recycle/](http://www.bethlehem-pa.gov/recycle/))*** will recycle clean glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, tin and bimetal cans, aerosol cans, cardboard, paperboard, office paper, glossy magazines, newspapers, Styrofoam, plastics #1 through #7, telephone books, clothing and textiles, hardback and paperback books, scrap metals. Open M-F 9AM-5PM, Saturday 9AM-4PM, and Sunday 11AM-4PM.

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# NORTHWESTERN RECREATION COMMISSION



The Northwestern Recreation Commission meets monthly to oversee the Northwestern Community Park which is located directly across from the Northwestern Lehigh High School, and behind Katie's Restaurant & the New Tripoli Plaza. The Recreation Commission Board is comprised of seven voting members, one representative from each of the four Northwestern School District Townships, (Heidelberg, Lynn, Lowhill & Weisenberg), two school board members, and one member –at- large.

The officers for 2016 are:

**President: Don Link (member at large)**  
**Vice President: Justin Smith (Lynn Twp)**  
**Secretary: John Casciano (School Board)**  
**Treasurer: Christie Steigerwalt (not a voting member)**

The park employs one part time employee, Jim Hughes, who keeps the park looking great, and operating safely.

The Northwestern Community Park is open to the public during daylight hours. Although the sports fields are usually scheduled for the various Northwestern Youth Athletic Association (NYAA) sports teams, these fields are also open for community use when not used by the NYAA. The fields may also be reserved for various other school or sports affiliations for tournaments and rehearsals, etc. These reservations and facility requests are scheduled at the monthly Recreation Commission meetings.

The park has a 5K walking trail mapped out for your walking and running enjoyment, and has a Lions Pavilion at the lower playground that is free to residents, and can be reserved for group gatherings by filling out a facilities request form on the following NW school district web page: <http://www.nwlehighsd.org/community.cfm?subpage=1987051>

Our annual "A Night in The Country" event is coming up on August 20th from 4:00-10:00 pm (rain date is August 21st). This event offers one of the greatest fireworks displays in the valley, and brings together many local businesses and community service organizations for a one night blowout that is a must to attend. There is something for everyone, including a car cruise, fire fighter competition, cow flop, live music, Chinese auction, bingo, great food, and much more!

The Northwestern Recreation Commission thanks you for observing the park rules. The most noted rules are: NO Smoking, NO Alcohol, NO Pets, and NO Parking on the Grass. These rules can be found posted on signs throughout the park.

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## BOY SCOUT FLAG RETIREMENT AND ASHES TO GRAVES PROGRAM

On Saturday May 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Schnecksville Fire Company Pavilion Boy Scout Troop 57 of Neffs, led by Scoutmaster Rob Drews, conducted part one of their two part annual Flag Retirement and Ashes to Graves Program with the help of the VFW Post 12099 of Allentown and the historic Allentown Flag Day Association. The Honorable Judge Douglas G. Reichley of the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas spoke and the Scouts of Troop 57 performed and explained the thirteen folds of the flag. Flag Retirement followed in their incinerator which was an Eagle Scout project of former Troop member Paul Schappel.

For the Scouts of Troop 57 this Flag Retirement Ceremony is important for several reasons beyond the proper disposal of our tattered Old Glory. It is designed to honor the history of the flag from the first stitch through its final ash. Second, it gives the scouts an opportunity to demonstrate good citizenship in the community, and to thank all Veterans who served our country. In attendance for both parts of the program were Veterans from some of the local VFW posts as well as Veterans from the American Flag Day Association. Troop 57 began their retirement ceremony with an invocation led by scout Elias Miller which was then followed by the retiring of one of their own flags while scout Dylan Kuntz played Taps. This was then followed with continued retirement of all damaged flags that were collected throughout the year or are brought to the program. There is a collection box for retired and damaged flags in the Township building. All in attendance were given the opportunity to participate.

The second part of the program, the "Ashes to Graves" Ceremony, was originated by Troop 57 and WWII and Korean Veteran Joseph Zeller back in 2008. This concept of returning ashes of retired flags to Veteran Memorials, and the graves of Veterans was never done before. Every year this ceremony gains more popularity and grows. Over the last few years, ashes were even spread at the War Memorials in Washington D.C., Antietam National Battlefield, and Veterans graves in Massachusetts. This year's "Ashes to Graves" ceremony was held at the Neffs Union UCC Church Cemetery on May 24th at 6 PM. Ashes will also again be spread by the scouts at the Antietam National Battlefield during their Fall Trip.

Troop 57 will hold both the Flag Retirement and Ashes to Graves program next year on Saturday May 13th, 2017. The day will begin with the retirement program to be held at the Schnecksville Fire Company Pavilion at 11AM and then immediately following, at 1PM, their Ashes to Graves Program where ashes from the retired flags will be spread at the Neffs Union UCC Church Cemetery.



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## 4-H . . . That's Just for the Farm Kids

**W**rong! 4-H is more than cows and plows! 4-H is a positive youth development organization that empowers young people to reach their full potential. A vast community of more than 6 million youth and adults working together for positive change, 4-H enables America's youth to emerge as leaders through hands-on learning, research-based 4-H youth programs and adult mentorship, in order to give back to their local communities.



4-H is a fun program where you get to "Learn by Doing." All youth between the ages of 5 and 19 are invited to join! While the roots of 4-H are in the rural farming communities, 4-H has branched out to all communities with a wide range of interest areas. In 4-H you can go to camp, build a robot, start a business, take part in an international exchange, raise an animal, create a blog, give a presentation, participate in a community service project, develop your resume, practice interview skills, learn about healthy eating habits, and build lifelong friendships. Member expenses are minimal and vary by state and club; but be assured that this is a low cost program with a high experience return.



4-H has an expansive reach, serving youth in rural, urban and suburban communities in every state across the nation. Youth currently in 4-H are tackling the nation's top issues, from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to childhood obesity and food safety. 4-H out-of-school programming, in-school enrichment programs, clubs and camps also offer a wide variety of science, engineering, technology and applied math educational opportunities -- from agricultural and animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, environmental protection and computer science -- to improve the nation's ability to compete in key scientific fields and take on the leading challenges of the 21st century.

4-H clubs are run by screened adult volunteers. Most leaders volunteer because they enjoy working with youth. Many have a background with 4-H or the project area, such as horses. However, experience is never required! Volunteers are always welcome to find something to meet their needs and interest areas within 4-H. Parents, grandparents, professionals -- all with an interest in helping youth are welcome to apply.

The numerous 4-H Youth Development Programs across the region welcome you to get a glimpse of what 4-H is all about. Take time to participate in an upcoming event, visit a local summer fair or attend any of the various open houses available during the year to connect with other youth and adults and learn more about what 4-H has to offer. Connect with the 4-H community as a 4-H member or as a volunteer today! Contact Lehigh County Extension Office to find a club near you or visit <http://extension.psu.edu/lehigh>. We have clubs for Equine, Livestock, Poultry, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Veterinary Science, Potato Judging, Knitting & Crocheting, and a variety of projects such as sewing, cooking, woodworking, basket weaving, photography, wildlife, and much more!

The Lehigh County 4H Poultry and Small Animal Club is looking for new members! Contact Chrissy at 484-951-4600 or Bernie at 610-360-0391 for information or visit their booth at The Night in The Country event August 20, 2016 at the Northwestern Recreation Community Park 6492 Route 309, New Tripoli. Read more about this event in the Recreation Commission article.

*Information adopted from: <http://www.4-h.org>.*



## Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

**N**orthern Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (NOVA) is a not-for-profit organization. We provide community-based emergency medical services to Heidelberg, North Whitehall, and Washington Townships, as well as, portions of Lowhill Township, and to the Boroughs of Slatington and Walnutport. Every year our highly-trained paramedics and EMTs respond to more than 3,300 calls for help. We cover our area out of 3 stations located at 2375 Levans Rd, Coplay, 524 W. Church St.,

Slatington, and 6272 PA Route 309, New Tripoli. The closest unit responds on calls, but when one unit is out the next closest will respond. So during heavy call times, you may get one of our units from a station farther away.

In addition to covering emergency calls, we also do standbys for Northwestern Lehigh and Northern Lehigh School districts for their football games and other sporting events as requested. We also do standbys for churches, bike races, marathons/5K's, and most any event that requires the presence of an ambulance.

We also have an Auxiliary that helps support the ambulance service with the use of their hall where they cater weddings, parties, and corporate events. Our Auxiliary also hosts many events throughout the year. This year's Chicken BBQ was July 16th held at our Main building at 2375 Levans Rd. Coplay. For \$11, you got half a chicken, a baked potato, an ear of corn, coleslaw, a roll, a drink, and a desert. Other upcoming events include a shoefly pie sale in September, an apple dumpling sale in October, and our Thanksgiving sale, which includes Filling, Bacon Dressing, and Nut Breads. If interested in any of our events, you can call Julie Barna at 610-262-7749.





## District Office Is Here to Serve You

By Representative Gary Day (R-Berks/Lehigh)

One of the most important aspects of my job as your state representative is helping you deal with state government and being your voice in Harrisburg.

The most effective way I can do that is to ensure that the lines of communication are open so that my staff and I can reach out to you and you can let us know your concerns. You can visit my office in the Star Plaza, located at 6299 Route 309, Suite 302, in New Tripoli, or you can call us at 610-760-7082. I also operated a Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/RepGaryDay](http://www.Facebook.com/RepGaryDay) and a variety of forms and applications for state programs and services is available on my website at [www.RepGaryDay.com](http://www.RepGaryDay.com).

In addition, I have a trained and knowledgeable staff that can help with a wide range of services. We can help with even the most complicated of PennDOT paperwork, to applications for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the PACE and PACENET prescription drug assistance programs.

We can also help with obtaining birth and death certificates, copies of state legislation and questions about the Pennsylvania Lottery. We also have a number of seasonal publications available: trout stocking guides in the spring, vacation guides for the summer and hunting information in the fall.

If you have a notable local accomplishment or a family milestone, contact my office to see if you may qualify for a special congratulatory citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

More information about our services is available online at [RepGaryDay.com](http://RepGaryDay.com), but if you have any question at all about state government, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.



*Representative Gary Day*

## INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

The Jordan Lodge #192 Odd Fellows and their sister organization Rebekah #222 is going strong helping others in need. Our Annual Fundraisers benefit:

*Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley  
Allentown Rescue Mission  
Camp JRA, Children with Arthritis  
Eastern PA Chapter Arthritis Foundation  
Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation (CRBF)  
Jordan Lutheran Food Bank*

Anyone interested in joining our organization, purchasing meat raffle tickets featuring Thompson's meat market products or making a donation, please contact Jim at 610-972-7994.



**REACH OUT  
AND MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**

**Join us** 

**The Independent Order of Odd Fellows** is a religiously and politically independent fraternal order. Founded in 1819 by Thomas Wilkey in Baltimore, Maryland. IOOF is a non-profit organization that provides aid to various & local causes.

**Call Jim at 610-972-7994**  
For membership information  
[www.GLPAioof.org](http://www.GLPAioof.org)

## Goodwill Fire Company #1

P.O. Box 69 | Germansville, PA 18053 | Social Hall: 610-767-7757

[www.germansvillefire10.org](http://www.germansvillefire10.org)



Our 100th Anniversary celebration has come and gone and we would like to once again thank all our patrons, supporters and fellow firefighters for coming out and celebrating our century of service. We are honored to have provided the residents of Heidelberg and Lowhill Townships with emergency services for the past 100 years and look forward to providing many more years of professional, quality service.

In late 2015 and early 2016 many of our firefighters undertook extensive training to become Emergency Medical Responders. Along with our firefighters taking the training and receiving certification, the department has also been certified by the Pennsylvania EMS Council as a Medical Quick Response Service (QRS) meaning we will be responding with the ambulance from Northern Valley on all Delta and Echo response calls and unresponsive patients. We are overseen by a medical director, and in house have had the honor of one of our past chiefs returning as our QRS captain. The fire department felt this service was necessary for providing our residents with emergency medical care in a timely fashion, and we have been working closely with Northern Valley Ambulance in our efforts.

We have been blessed to have a new rental coordinator for our social hall come on board. Deb Duminie is now in charge of all rentals at our facility. Her contact information is either at the fire department 610-767-7757, or at 610-217-6234. Remember we have a fairly large hall upstairs with a stage, and a social hall downstairs that can also be rented. If you want to take a look, please give her a call. All proceeds help to pay the bills around the firehouse and are greatly appreciated.

We would just like to remind all the residents that there is a burn ordinance in the township which states what, when, and how large of a fire you may have and if you have questions regarding what you can and cannot do please check with the township. The non-emergency number to call and report a controlled burn is 610-437-5252. Just be aware that if someone reports your fire, more than likely we will be dispatched to your residence as a precaution. Also, in the event of a fire please make sure your driveway is accessible. There are large apparatus needed in our rural areas for fighting fires and if access is an issue it will only prolong the response time. Please take measures to provide clearance for our responding apparatus, they are expensive and we try to take very good care of them.

We are always looking for community members who are willing to dedicate some of their free time to helping their fellow residents. We are looking for firefighters and medical responders, we do provide training and equipment, it cost you nothing more than your time! It is very rewarding helping your fellow citizens. Our doors are always open for tours if your group or children's group is interested. For more information please check out our website at [www.germansvillefire10.org](http://www.germansvillefire10.org) or call Chief Jay Scheffler at 484-239-5020 or Deputy Chief Randy Metzger at 610-739-9677.

Finally we would like to once again congratulate our firefighters on their completion of EMR training and would like to congratulate our junior firefighter Vanessa Blose on graduation from Northwestern Lehigh and wish her the best as she heads off to college! We would like to welcome Mark Smith back to the ranks as our QRS Captain, and our new EMT Rick Young who recently joined the department and as always if you see one of our firefighters in the community please thank them for their service, they dedicate countless hours to training and responding to emergencies. They love to help their fellow residents and it shows in the pride they put into their training and work.

We conduct training starting at approximately 6:30pm every Monday night and are always looking for new members. If you are interested please call or come out on a Monday night. Hope to see you there!

*In the name of safety, Jay Scheffler - Chief*

## Lynn ~ Heidelberg Emergency Management Plan Forms

Please help our first responders help you by filling out and returning the following forms to the township. The information you provide is for emergency management planning, and is confidential. The township office is assisting in the collection of these forms, however, they will only be used by first responders in case of an emergency.

Your cooperation will help our first responders better assist residents when an emergency occurs by giving them the information they need to respond to calls with the appropriate personnel and equipment saving valuable time and making potentially dangerous situations safer for everyone.

Please fill out both sides of the forms and provide as much information as possible. Our Emergency Management Coordinators and first responders appreciate your help!



# HEIDELBERG EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

## LYNN-HEIDELBERG EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN LEHIGH COUNTY

6272 Route 309 ~ Suite A, New Tripoli, PA 18066  
610-767-9297 ~ Fax 484-265-0097

### CONFIDENTIAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS

The Townships have prepared an emergency operations plan in order to reduce the potential effects of a major emergency or disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Lynn & Heidelberg Townships. This information needs to be periodically updated pursuant to the Federal Emergency Management Act.

We are requesting that the residents of Lynn & Heidelberg Townships who are handicapped or disabled (i.e. blind, deaf, bedridden or unable to vacate a building without help in case of an emergency) to complete this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

#### TYPE OF DISABILITY OR HANDICAP:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Limb                | <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired Hearing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Disorder                | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Disorder          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac (Heart) Condition      | <input type="checkbox"/> Paralysis                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impaired Vision                | <input type="checkbox"/> Amputee: Lower Extremity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amputee: Upper Extremity       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Issues (specify) _____ | _____   |

Are you able to walk? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you use a: Walker ☐ Cane ☐ Wheelchair ☐

Are you bedridden? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please specify any special needs when being moved or transported \_\_\_\_\_

Are you dependent on any life support? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please specify (dialysis, oxygen, etc) Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAGE 1 OF 2. PLEASE SEE REVERSE for more questions and instructions on where to return this form.**

*\*If this form is not returned within 30 days, it will be assumed that your household has no handicapped or disabled residents.*

# HEIDELBERG EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

## CONFIDENTIAL EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS

Dear Resident/Property Owner(s),

The Township's Emergency Response Teams (Fire, Ambulance) are vital to the continued health, safety and welfare of the community. These people place their lives on the line with every emergency response, whether it is a fire, auto accident, or rescue. Many unknown hazards await our emergency personnel and it is our duty to try and protect them and forewarn them as best as possible. To this end, we are attempting to identify any potential hazards on any property in the township. This information will be updated periodically for use by the fire companies and ambulance corps.

Do you have any of the following on your property at any time of the year? (In quantity, i.e. 5 gallons or more)

	TYPE	TIME OF YEAR STORED	QUANTITY
Herbicides	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Pesticides	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Fertilizer	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Cleaning Fluids	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Explosives	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
Fuel Tanks	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

Are there any other hazards or possible hazards on your property which could cause a problem in an emergency?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please return this form to the Township Office or mail to:*  
**HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP OFFICE**  
**6272 ROUTE 309 ~ SUITE A**  
**NEW TRIPOLI, PA 18066**

**PAGE 2 OF 2. - This form can also be emailed to [ddidra@ptd.net](mailto:ddidra@ptd.net) or faxed to 484-265-0097**  
*\*If this form is not returned within 30 days, it will be assumed that there are no hazards on your property.*





## Lehigh Gap Nature Center Calendar of Events

Lehigh Gap Nature Center hosts a variety of programs that are free and open to the public. Following are the programs that are scheduled for the remainder of 2016. Check our website at [www.lgnc.org](http://www.lgnc.org) for additional events and information.

**AUGUST 15-NOVEMBER 27** – BOK 56th Annual Hawk Count – someone is on the lookouts daily to help you understand the migration and which birds you are seeing.

**SEPTEMBER 10, 9:00 A.M.** – Bird Walk to Bake Oven Knob

**FALL SPEAKER SERIES** – *To be announced. Check [www.lgnc.org](http://www.lgnc.org) for more information.*

**SEPTEMBER 24** – Migration Fest. Events all day from 9:00 to 3:00. Bird walks, Monarch Butterfly tagging, Garden tours, See [www.lgnc.org](http://www.lgnc.org) for more information.

**OCTOBER 8** – Bird Walk. Time and place to be announced.

**OCTOBER 15, 1:00** – Autumn Refuge Hike. A six-mile loop over some rough terrain with a 600 foot elevation change.

**NOVEMBER 3-13** – Nature in Art Show.

**NOVEMBER 5, 6:30 P.M.** – Campfire and star gazing.

**NOVEMBER 17, 10:00 A.M.** – Cabin Fever Book Club, *The Big Burn* by Timothy Egan

**DECEMBER 3, 1:00-3:30** – Holiday Open House

**DECEMBER 15, 10:00** – Cabin Fever Book Club, *Beautiful Swimmers* by William Warner

## HEIDELBERG UNION CHURCH

HEIDELBERG UNION CHURCH is the oldest church in the township, serving our community for over 276 years. Their outreach includes programs for all ages, youth through retirement age; support for local food banks; the Allentown Soup Kitchen and their traditional Sunday services. ALL ARE WELCOME. Pastor Karen Yonney has been serving as the United Church of Christ pastor for 11 years. Sunday services are currently at 10:15 a.m. Starting September 11th, service time will be 8:30 a.m. and YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (PreK through 8th grade) and COFFEE AND CONVERSATION will resume meeting from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Pastor David Hess retired January 1, 2016 after 42-1/2 years of dedicated service to the Heidelberg-Slatedale Lutheran Parish. Currently, the Lutheran congregation is served by a supply pastor each Sunday. Services are currently at 8:30 a.m., but starting September 11th, they will be at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Sunday Union Services held at 11:00 a.m. are: Sunday, October 9th, Confirmation Reunion; December 4th, Christmas Handbell Concert; Sunday, December 11th, Faith Formation Program. Christmas Eve Services are on Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Communion at 11:00 p.m.; Christmas Day Service at 10:15 a.m.

*The church's address is 5187 Irvin Road, Slatington, PA (intersection of Church and Irvin Roads near Saegersville); church phone: 610-767-4740; U.C.C. Website: [www.uccheidelberg.org](http://www.uccheidelberg.org); Lutheran Website: [www.heidelberglutheran.org](http://www.heidelberglutheran.org).*



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Ken and Karen Haas

## Farmland Preservation

Pennsylvania leads the nation in the number of farms and acres permanently preserved for agricultural production. Farmland preservation guarantees a future food supply and contributes to a healthier economy. It also assures a way of life Pennsylvanian's cherish will continue for generations to come. Farmland preservation is a program run in partnership with all levels of government and non-profit organizations - with a common goal of saving prime farmland. (Excerpt from the PA Dept. of Agriculture, pa.gov website)



The land is preserved through a purchase of a conservation easement. The land owner can continue to farm their land, rent it to a farmer, sell it, or pass it to their heirs. Across Pennsylvania, 58 counties have farmland preservation programs. Lehigh County ranks fifth in the state.

Heidelberg Township consists of 17,000 +/- acres of which 3,309 acres are preserved farmland. This is about 19% of all acreage. Before land can be accepted into the Farmland Preservation Program, the local municipality where the land is located must accept parcel(s) into the Agricultural Security Area. An agricultural security area (ASA) is a tract of agricultural land that has been officially designated as an agricultural district by the local municipality. Heidelberg Township has 6,008 acres or 25% of its total acreage within the ASA.

The zoning ordinance, the subdivision and land development ordinance and our Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan for the Northern Region of Lehigh County are some ways your Board of Supervisors strengthen Heidelberg's ability to preserve farmland. The Lehigh County Conservation District, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation Association and RenewLV are some of the governmental and non-profit organizations promoting farmland preservation. Contact the Lehigh County Conservation District for more information at 610-391-9583.

## RenewLV Farmland Preservation Snapshot 2016

Is development outpacing the rate of farmland preservation in the Lehigh Valley region? The Lehigh Valley's Comprehensive Plan, developed by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and adopted by Lehigh and Northampton Counties in 2005 states the goal of preserving approximately 25 percent of the land for agricultural purposes. How far are we to meeting the agreed upon goal? Can we still get there?

	LEHIGH	NORTHAMPTON
Total Acres	222,973	241,438
LVPC 25% Goal	55,743	60,360
Total Preserved to Date	21,659	14,291
Preserved as % of Total Acres	9.71%	5.92%
Preserved as % of Goal	38.85%	23.68%
Acres needed to Meet Goal	34,084	46,069
Remaining Unprotected Farmland	54,672	46,379
Approximate # of Acres Preserved/Year	375	800
# Acres Developed/Year (estimate)	1,500	1,500
Cost/Acre of County Easements	\$4,000	\$5,000

### Sources:

2012 Pennsylvania Census of Agriculture

Northampton County Farmland Preservation Office

Lehigh County Bureau of Agricultural Land Preservation

## Key Steps to Protect Your Well

Private, individual wells are the responsibility of the homeowner. To help protect your well, here are some steps you can take:

- Test your water
- Identify potential problems close to home
- Identify potential problems in your community
- Consider common sources of potential ground water contamination

**TEST YOUR WATER:** Have your water tested annually for total coliform bacteria, nitrates, total dissolved solids, and pH levels. If you suspect other contaminants, test for those. Always use a state certified laboratory that conducts drinking water tests. Testing more than once a year may be warranted in some situations, such as:

- Someone in your household is pregnant or nursing
- There are unexplained illnesses in the family
- Your neighbors find a dangerous contaminant in their water
- You note a change in water taste, odor, color, or clarity
- There is a spill of chemicals or fuels into or near your well
- When you replace or repair any part of your well system

**IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PROBLEM SOURCES AROUND YOUR WELL:** To start your search for potential problems, do a survey around your well. Some questions you might ask are:

- Are there livestock nearby?
- Are pesticides being used on nearby agricultural crops or nurseries?
- Do you use lawn fertilizers near the well?
- Is your well "downstream" from your own or a neighbor's septic system?
- Is your well located near a road that is frequently salted or sprayed with de-icers during winter months?
- Do you or your neighbors dispose of household wastes or used motor oil in the backyard, even in small amounts?

### BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS:

- As you drive around your community, take note of new construction.
- Check the local newspaper for articles about new construction in your area.

### IF ANY OF THESE ITEMS APPLY, IT MAY BE BEST TO:

- Have your water tested
- Talk to your local public health department or agricultural extension agent to find ways to change some of the practices which can affect your private well



*\*This information is from the Environmental Protection Agency website. More information can be found at [www.epa.gov/privatewell/s/key-steps-protect-your-well#test](http://www.epa.gov/privatewell/s/key-steps-protect-your-well#test)*



## Rural Preservation Association of Northwestern Lehigh County

The Rural Preservation Association of Northwestern Lehigh County was formed in 1996 when a group of like-minded people from all walks of life realized the need for promoting the preservation of farms, forested land, and open space here in our beautiful northwestern Lehigh area.

The farmland and slopes of the Blue Mountain make tremendous contributions to the entire Lehigh Valley in value of agricultural products, wildlife habitat and water recharge as well as scenic

beauty. Members of the RPA are advocates for maintaining these treasures for the generations to come, and for keeping the spirit of rural community alive as it has been for generations past.

Over the years, the RPA has been participating in many events including the Schnecksville and Kempton Fairs, the Mini Farm Show at the South Mall, The Green Valley Coalition, Open Gate Farm Tour food court, the annual Cleansweep event, and has sponsored the PA Farm Bureau's Ag Lab mobile educational classroom, scholarships to Conservation Camp and scholarships to Northwestern seniors. The group supports the Wildlands Conservancy and the Lehigh Gap Nature Preserve, and members have been participating in Renew LV.



## Be Flood Smart!



**F**loodSmart.gov is designed specifically for the public and media to learn about flood risk and the importance of taking steps to financially protect homes and businesses from flood damage. Since its launch, the site has delivered on its vision to become the preferred online resource for relevant and actionable information about flood risks and flood insurance. The three main parts of the site are Prepare, Participate and Protect. The site helps visitors learn to determine a property's flood risk and options for protection, discover the facts about flood insurance, understand how the NFIP works in their community, and realize how to take advantage of the Insurance Center to estimate a premium and find an agent in their area.

### SITE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- **Get the facts.** Learn the basics about floods and flood insurance, to better understand your options.
- **Test the waters.** See how much damage a few inches of water can cause with an interactive demonstration.
- **Determine your flood risk.** Submit your address to receive a profile containing your property's relative flood risk, answers to frequently asked questions, a list of insurance agents in your area and links to community information. To see a map showing where a property is located in relation to flood hazard area, simply click on the link in your risk assessment results page.
- **Get involved.** Learn how community participation is the cornerstone of the National Flood Insurance Program and find ideas to mitigate and lessen your home's flood risk.
- **Find an agent.** To receive a list of insurance agents in your area who sell flood insurance, simply type in your address. A list of local agents will appear instantly. You may contact a listed agent directly to ask questions or to begin the process of being covered by flood insurance.
- **Link to resources.** Obtain information about floods, flood insurance, mitigation, disaster preparedness, maps, weather and natural resource conservation.

## Central Grange No. 1650



**C**entral Grange No. 1650 meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Germansville Fire Hall. A national, non-profit, family-oriented, community service organization, we are one of four Granges located in Lehigh County.

We hold fundraisers and proceeds are used to help those in need in our community. For over 60 years we baked shoo-fly pies as our major fundraiser. Recently, that project has been turned over to the Fire Co. to raise much needed revenue. We have helped families with medical bills, our local Ambulance Corps, Food Pantries, Community Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas Gifts to needy children, etc, and have given major donations to the Germansville Fire Company.

Membership is open to anyone age 14 through 100! There are activities for the entire family including contests in photographs, baking, sewing, and talent. The PA State Grange holds summer camps for our Juniors (age 5-14) and Youth (ages 14-21). There is also a Summer Festival weekend held at the Centre County Fairgrounds for all members to enjoy!

*We have "American Values with Hometown Roots". Why not come out and join us! Chartered in 1915, we have just celebrated our 100th anniversary of service to our community. For more information, check out the PA State Grange website: [www.pagrangegrange.org](http://www.pagrangegrange.org) or call 610-767-4400.*



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## FORGOTTEN FELINES AND FIDOS

### *Giving Back Is Worth It*

In April 2016, members of the Heidelberg United Church of Christ's youth group volunteered their time to help with a vaccination clinic hosted at Forgotten Felines & Fidos (FF&F), a 100% volunteer based no kill animal shelter located in Germansville. The members of the youth group provided vaccination forms to the pet owners to complete, held dog leashes, carried cat carriers, sold delicious baked goods to benefit the shelter, and collected donations! The resident shelter cats enjoyed spending time with the members of the youth group. Their excitement to help the animals in any way they could was greatly appreciated by the FF&F volunteers!

Aside from vaccination clinics held in April and September, FF&F provides a low cost neuter and spay program for cats and dogs less than 35 pounds, which is supported by an experienced and caring team who are committed to providing quality care to the animals. Female housecats are spayed for \$65 and males for \$55. FF&F implemented a Trap, Neuter, and Return (TN&R) program in an effort to help control the feral cat population. A female feral cat caught in a Have-a-Heart trap and brought to the shelter in the trap will be spayed for \$30 and a male cat will be neutered for \$20. All cats will be vaccinated for rabies and distemper. If you need financial assistance to have your personal house pet spayed or neutered, FF&F may be able to assist you if you are a qualified applicant based on specific guidelines.



If you are interested in adopting a cat or kitten(s), FF&F's experienced volunteers can provide a pleasant adoption experience for a reasonable fee. Medical records are provided for all adopted pets and all cats will be microchipped. If you are 65 years or older and adopt one of our senior pets (age 8+) you may qualify for our "Seniors for Seniors" program. FF&F will provide food, cat litter, and medical treatment to a qualified adopter. Fostering is a rewarding way to volunteer time by helping to socialize a cat or kitten(s) in a loving environment with the intention of preparing it for a forever home.

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## Living Stone Fellowship

We welcome our neighbors and friends in Heidelberg Township to join us for Celebration, Praise, Worship and Prayer each Sunday at 10AM. We are a non-denominational full gospel church that exists to share the love of God and His goodness to all.



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- To bring them into the fellowship of the church;
- To disciple them to maturity in the faith;
- To support them in their ministry and life mission; and
- To glorify and worship God.

We offer monthly events for people to learn how to grow in knowledge of His ways and deepen their spiritual understanding of our Father's love. Join us for the following regularly scheduled events:

- 1st Thursday of each month at 6:46PM – Q & A & Soup  
Time of fellowship, great food, sharing, teaching, questions, and answers while enjoying a family get together.
- 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7PM – Gemstones Women's Ministry
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## Pennsylvania Leads Nation in Lyme Disease Cases

*Pennsylvania has led the nation in confirmed cases of Lyme disease for three straight years, and for the first time, deer ticks have been found in all of its 67 counties, the state Department of Health reports.*

**‘THE GREAT IMITATOR’:** Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that affects people of all ages and any organ of the body, including the brain and nervous system, muscles and joints, and the heart. Lyme disease is called “the great imitator” because its symptoms mimic many other diseases. Misdiagnosis delays treatment and allows the underlying infection to progress unchecked. Most people get Lyme disease from the bite of a nymphal, or immature, tick. Nymphs are about the size of a poppy seed. Because they are so tiny and their bite is painless, many people do not even realize they have been bitten.

**TESTING FOR LYME:** Diagnostic testing is unreliable in the early stages of infection, often giving false negatives. However, treatment should not be delayed pending a positive test result if the suspicion of Lyme disease is high (exposure, tick bite, possible rash). If Lyme disease is not diagnosed or treated early, the bacteria can spread and may go into hiding in different parts of the body.

**HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF:** Experts say your best defense against tick-borne illness is to avoid contact with ticks in the first place. When that’s not possible, take the following steps:

- **Know where ticks live** - Ticks tend to be near the ground, in leaf litter, grasses, bushes, and fallen logs. High-risk activities include playing in leaves, gathering firewood, and leaning against tree trunks. When you hike, stay on cleared trails, instead of walking across grassy fields.
- **Dress defensively** - Wear shoes, socks, long pants, & long sleeves. Tie back long hair & wear a hat. Light-colored clothing can help you spot ticks.
- **You can purchase clothing** that has been pretreated with the repellent permethrin at outdoor recreation stores. (The protection lasts through 70 washings.) Or you can purchase permethrin and treat your own clothing. (Protection lasts through 5 to 6 washings.) Be sure to treat both the inside and outside of clothes.
- **Spraying footwear with permethrin** will prevent ticks from crawling up your shoes. (In one study, those with treated shoes had 74 percent fewer tick bites than those with untreated shoes.)
- **Use repellent on exposed skin** - Studies show that repellents with DEET, picaridin, or lemon eucalyptus oil are the most effective.
- **Check for ticks** - When outdoors, periodically inspect your clothing and skin for ticks. Brush off those that aren’t attached and remove any that are.
- **Take a shower** - Once home, take a shower right away. This will wash away unattached ticks and allow you to thoroughly inspect yourself. Feel for bumps that might be embedded ticks. Pay careful attention to hidden places, including groin, armpits, backs of knees, belly button, and scalp. Parents should check their children.
- **Put your clothes in the dryer** - Running your clothes in a hot dryer for 10 minutes before you wash them will kill any ticks that may be there.
- **Protect your pets** - Ticks can infect dogs and cats, too. Also, their fur can act like a “tick magnet,” carrying ticks inside your home. Consult with your veterinarian about tick protection for your pets.

*Information courtesy of [www.LymeDisease.org](http://www.LymeDisease.org).*

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## Heidelberg Gun Factory 1825-1872

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By: Edgar W. Kern

Guns have always been an important part of Lynn/Heidelberg history, beginning with our early settlers who needed guns to fight the Indians in the 1700s, especially during the French and Indian War of 1750. Guns produced locally were used in the 1800s to fight Indians in the central states and also because there was an abundance of deer and bear in this area.

One of the pioneers in the early gun production in Heidelberg Township was John Frederick Hess. John was born in Germany in 1720, and immigrated to America on September 15, 1753, aboard the ship "Richard and Mary." John, a gunsmith, settled in Heidelberg Township, what was then part of Northampton County. His son, Phillip Hess Sr., was born in Heidelberg Township in 1766 and died there in 1819. He married Ann Marie Schnyder of Lynn Township. One of their 6 children was Phillip Jr., born in 1800. Four generations of Hess's were all gunsmiths.

In 1824, Phillip Hess Jr. married Catherine Peter. In 1832 he started constructing a gun factory on Trout Creek in Heidelberg Township on Reservoir Road. This was about a half mile from Old Lehigh Iron Furnace, later known as Balliet's Furnace. The factory was enlarged several times, with a final size of 35 feet wide by 95 feet long, and was powered by a large overhead water wheel. As many as 20 men were employed in the factory at its peak of production.

What type of equipment did Phillip Hess have in the shop to produce the guns? An advertisement in a local Pennsylvania German newspaper from 1835 listed: A large overhead water wheel that powered two bellows, one operated a tilt hammer (trip hammer), the other for grinding; a drilling machine; a smooth bore machine; a polishing machine; two turning lathes; a machine to make musket barrels; and anvils, wooden clamps, two block smith forges and assorted tools. Phillip continued operating the factory until after the Civil War. Initially the Hess's produced gun barrels, but eventually built the entire gun resembling the Full-Stock Kentucky Rifles to the very end of their production.

One of the unique features of the Hess gun is the patchbox on the stock. As many as five variations of the design represent the craftsmanship of the patchbox on Hess Guns. The side plates were also unique in that five variations existed and added to the characteristics of the gun. The characteristics of the gun didn't change in the more than 45 years that the guns were produced.

The Hess family had 11 men with the name of Hess listed as gunsmiths and spanning a working period of 120 years. The Hess men married into families of local settlers that are very familiar names in our Lynn/Heidelberg area today. To give you a sample of these names: Phillip Hess married Ann Marie Schneider (Snyder); Phillip II married Catherine Peter; Jonas I married Maria Schneider; David Hess married Maria Magdalena Everett whose father was Jacob Everett, Adam Hess married Lucy Ann Rauch; brother Jonas Hess Jr. married sister Eliza Rauch; and Thomas Hess married Polly Billig.

At this point I would like to detail a story involving a Hess Gun. Around 2000, I was playing a round of golf at the Mahoning Valley Country Club when one of the golfers said to me that he would like to show me a gun that was manufactured in my end of Lehigh County. His name was Dick Holmes, and he told me that his wife's family had the gun in the family for a couple of generations and had a farm in the Rittersville area of Allentown. After the game we went to the gentleman's car and he showed me the gun. He told me that he was offered \$20,000 for the gun, but would give me the first chance to buy it. Needless to say, I would have liked to own the gun, but not at that price. Last year at the Lynn/Heidelberg summer festival at Ontelaunee Park, I was looking over a display of Hess Guns when a gentleman approached me, and we began discussing the Hess Guns. As our conversation progressed, I started telling him about my Hess gun experience. He said, "Wait a minute, I want my wife to hear this story." I then proceeded to tell the story of Dick Holmes, and he said to my surprise, "I am the buyer of that Hess Gun." Needless to say, it's very gratifying to be part of the selling and buying of a Hess Gun after a five year period.

A few guns survive in this area made by the Hess family of gunsmiths. They are usually plain, very well stocked and hardware inletted. They usually are finished with the typical red violin type finish and are plain or curly maple. There is very little engraving on the patchbox and very little inlay work.

In conclusion, I must say that having a personal experience with a Hess Gun gave me the interest in writing this article. Also being an officer of the Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club for more than 40 years and handling all types of guns during that period of time gave me an added interest in this topic.

*The Lynn-Heidelberg Historical Society needs your help! If you or someone you know has historic photos of:*

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Please contact the historical society by email or mail at [lhhs@lynnheidelberg.org](mailto:lhhs@lynnheidelberg.org) or P.O. Box 73, New Tripoli, PA 18066



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