



The Pointer News

December 2018

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Dates to remember
 December 11th & TBA
 Borough Council meetings at 7:00 PM
Please note: Recycling pickup is suspended for now.
Watch the newsletter for the restart dates.

The Auction House
 Grand opening is December 1st
 Doors open at 2pm auction begins at 5pm.
 Furniture*Antiques*Tools*Building Materials*Bedding*Home
 Décor*Luggage*Bed and Bath Goods*Office
 Supplies*Hardware*Bikes and ride-ons*Great Food
 Something for everyone. 724-505-3299

Rotary Hall for Rent
 The Old Scout Building is available to individuals for use. Contact David Callahan at 724-725-5717 for information.



The Point Marion Rotary club will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 14th at the United Bank location in downtown Point Marion from 9AM to 6PM. Any area resident who would like to help, please contact a local Rotarian.
 "Service Above Self"

"Sing Christmas"
A Christmas Choral Experience
 will be presented by the Greater Uniontown Chorale at several local churches.

Phillip G Cochran Memorial United Methodist Church
 209 Griscom St., Dawson, PA Monday 12/3 at 7:00 PM

Trinity United Presbyterian Church
 79 W Fayette St., Uniontown, PA Sunday 12/9 at 3:00 PM

Abundant Life Church
 1239 Brownfield Rd., Uniontown, PA Sunday 12/16 at 3:00 PM

Newell United Methodist Church
 204 Miller St., Newell, PA Monday 12/17 at 7:00 PM

AREA CHURCH TO HOST EVENTS

Christmas Bazaar, Dec. 8, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Methodist Church on WV857 at Darnell Hollow. There will be a bake sale, crafts, and lunch will be available. For any information, call 724-505-3030.

Christmas cantata entitled, "Emmanuel, Heaven's Child," will be presented by Calvary and Cheat Lake Methodist Church choirs at the Calvary Methodist Church, WV857 at Darnell Hollow on December 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall after the cantata. For any information, call 724-505-3030.

Park to Host Indoor Flea Market
 The Point Marion Borough Park and Recreation Commission will host an Indoor Flea Market December 1st. The time will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be held at the First Baptist Church.

If you have something you would like included in the newsletter, drop it off no later than the 25th of the month prior to your event at Clar-Mac sales or email it to kgriff5796@gmail.com.



December Rotary Programs

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

December 6th: Pearl Harbor Salute

December 13th: Christmas Program

December 16th: Sunday, rotary Christmas Party 12:00 Noon at President, David Callahan's home.

December 20th: No meeting Christmas Holiday

December 27th: No meeting New Year Holiday. The Point Marion



Looking to do something positive in your community???

All meetings are open to the public, area residents are encouraged to attend. Meetings are held in the social room of the First Baptist Church at 6:00 PM. Call Philip Rishel at 724-725-5245 for membership information. Your area Rotary Club has great programs, good fellowship and wonderful service opportunities. Come join us! Open to

TOWN TRIVIA

Instead of happenings just in December, these are happenings in Point Marion through the years.

1724--French arrive at the confluence of the Monongahela and Cheat Rivers and establish a trading post.

1750--Agreement allows the Mason-Dixon line to separate Pennsylvania and Virginia, leaving Point Marion in Pennsylvania.

1751--First settlement here was by Wendell Brown and sons.

1770--Col. George Wilson was the first land owner with 108 acres and the town was called Copeland.

1778--Morgan's Tavern was operated and built by Zackquill Morgan and he ran it until 1792. (founder of Morgantown)

1842--Seth Stafford of Monongalia County, Va. is the first lot buyer and names Point Marion for Gen. Francis Marion.

1893--Point Marion becomes a borough.

1904--The volunteer fire department is formed.

1908--Cheat River bridge is constructed.

1926--Congress approves construction of the Albert Gallatin Memorial Bridge.

1929--Route 88 goes from Crow's Ferry to Dillinger Ferry in Point Marion.

1933--Plant at Crystal has 80 coke ovens and 75 workers.

1835--Cave Restaurant opens. There are two bowling and three ping pong tables in the basement.

1941--Measles hit the school children with half out of school due to illness.

1944--In January, flu epidemic leaves three dead and 500 ailing.

1947--Camp Buddy sold by the YMCA and renamed Camp Lynnwood.

1950--State widens Route 119.

1951--Town gets first police car. Bill Moser is Chief of Police.

For the month of December in

1935--Point Marion High School has these clubs--Knitting, Mystery, Drama, Athletic, and History Club.

1938--The Dec. 8 headlines of the PM News state that \$36,000 has been approved for a new athletic field.

*New column in local paper called "News and Views" by Les Cohen. Les has the Cohen Amateur Hour heard every Sunday on WMBS radio.

*Local resident, now a student at WVU, was featured in Dec. 5 issue of Life Magazine (pages 86-87) depicting an Anti-Nazi fraternity party where a young man came dressed as Hitler of Germany with the slogan "Every Man a Fuehrer."

*Teachers were urged to spruce up --no drab clothes!

*Creel's Christmas trees--sold across from Hunker's Drug Store for \$.40 up.

*Montgomery Ward's Christmas ad--floor model radio with 11 tube Ac, 3 band, 41" cabinet floor model for \$47.95 for only \$5 monthly. *"They said it couldn't be done!" PM Hardware also has RCA Victor radios for \$69.95.

Dec. 15--PMHS enjoy a Christmas holiday for 12 days from Dec. 22-Jan. 3.

*Barney's Theatre offers 50 lucky readers a free show to each. Just find your name printed in the local paper.

Dec. 22--New grocery store and meat market opens on Main St. next to West Penn office. Alfred McCloy is the owner.

Dec. 29--Herb Morrison, son of Mrs. Bertha Morrison of Lake Lynn, was in Lakehurst, New Jersey when the Hindenberg disaster occurred in May 1937. He was written up in the Sunday edition of the Pittsburgh newspaper as he was the only radio man on the scene.

*Point Marion was caught in the grip of the worst wind storm since 1936. 80-100 mph winds caused power outages.

1939--Dec. 7--Representatives of the American Auto Assoc., The WPA Adult Education Program and the PA Motor Police met to finalize plans for the installation of a Community Highway Safety Driving School in Point Marion.

*The Point Marion News has a 10-page supplement in addition to the regular edition.

*Men's top coats at Seigel's Dept. Store is \$13.95 up. Sadler's Variety has men's ties at \$.25, women's silk hose \$.59.

Dec. 14--New Girl Scout troop established in area. The first troop has been functioning for some time. All troops are sponsored by the Progress Club.

Dec. 15--Fifteen youthful voices will comprise the choir in the Christmas Operetta at Gans Hill School.

Dec. 21--Electric power lines are being erected this week as residents have been without power. Local residents have homes there at Lake O' Woods near Wymps Gap. Homes in the Kendall Mill section above Lake Lynn are also being made ready for electric.

Dec. 27--Mrs. Hannah June Sadler Wright, town's oldest resident dies at 94. She was born in the first log house built in town where her great grandfather Jacob Sadler settled. She married Ted Wright in March 15, 1871 and built a house on Freeling St. In July 1902, they moved to a house top of the hill near the reservoir. The house is still used as a private residence.

Dec. 28--Movie Ninotchke now playing at Barney's Theatre. Ad says "Don't try to pronounce it--just see it for it is the best comedy of the year."

*George "Baldy" DuFour--(PMHS graduate 1928) baseball player signs with the St. Louis Cardinals in the Middle Atlantic League. He will go to Training Camp in April.

1942--The Nilan Church held a special service to dedicate the American flag and honor roll of the 27 now serving in the armed forces.

1949--Special at Klein's Dept. Store was the new Tappan Gas Range for only \$199.50.

1950--Secretary of Labor ruled that a minimum age of 18 is necessary for anyone in a mining occupation.

1953--Absolam B. McClain, age 90, dies. He built and sold over 60 of Point Marion's first homes.

1976--There are no Christmas street decorations this year because of the poor condition of the current 15 year old decorations. The former Chamber of Commerce (now inactive) had purchased the decorations and the fireman installed the decorations as a community service.

1978--In an annual report, 1400 used the public library.

1988--Point Marion receives funding to install a complete new water system and storage tank. \$900,000 grant and a \$500,000 loan were the amounts.

1993--The Point Marion Lock project was completed (started in March 1990). The total estimated cost, funded 50% by federal monies and 50% by Inland Waterways Trust Fund was \$107.2 million.

1997--The Point Marion Ambulance has been certified and approved as an Advanced Life Support Provider and the ambulance has been licensed as a Mobile Intensive Care Unit, in accordance with the requirements of the PA Dept. of Health.

Other areas:

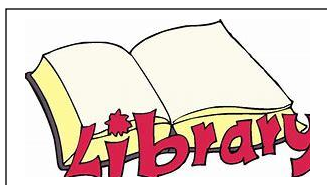
1888 --Dec. 17--The debut of Uniontown's newspaper--The Evening Standard.

1910--Louise Morris of Morris Crossroads married Al Ringling, oldest of the 5 famous Ringling Brothers. She then joined the circus as a horseback rider and snake charmer. Ringling Bros. purchased Barnum and Bailey around 1913.

1941--Dec. 7--Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor. Eight draft boards functioned in Fayette County. In 1944, there were 15,000 from Fayette County in the Armed Forces.

1962--Dec. 6--Robena Mine disaster claimed 37 lives. Thirty of them were from Fayette County.

1974--A major snowstorm hits the area and a good part of the county lost electric power.



The library would like to remind the youngsters of our Christmas Story Hour "Christmas Fun" to be held December 8th at 11 o'clock. All our welcome!

Listed are a few books and prices to be found at nearby bookstores:

Look Alive Twenty-Five (Evanovich) -	\$28.00	The Reckoning (Grisham)	\$29.95
A Spark of Light (Picoult) -	\$28.99	The 17th Suspect (Patterson)	\$31.00
Fire and Fury (Wolff)	\$30.00	Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (Rowling) -	\$29.00
The Noel Stranger (Evans)	\$19.99	Alaskan Holiday (Macomber)	\$20.00
The Christmas Shoes (Vanliere)	\$14.95	A Christmas Visitor (Saperstein/Samerjan)	\$12.00

Visit your library - you can read them for FREE!

The library will be closed for Christmas break from December 20th through January 1st, 2019 - we will reopen Wednesday evening, January 2nd, 2019.

We would like to thank everyone for their patronage during this past year and wish all a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year. Hope to see you next year at the library!!

Library Hours - Monday through Thursday evenings 6:00 - 9:00
 Tuesday afternoons 2:00 - 4:00
 Saturdays noon - 2:00

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**"Peace on earth
 will come to stay,
 when we live Christmas
 every day."**

-Helen Steiner Rice