



**American
Red Cross**

PA Heartland Chapter News

Winter 2011

Memorials

In memory of

Mrs. Barbara Yaple

By Forcey Coal Inc.
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Moshannon Valley High
School
By Clearfield Dairy Princess
Committee
By Clearfield County Farm
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Mrs. Dorothy Trachtenberg

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By Bette Wellman
By Mary Ann Nicometo
By John & Janet Caruso
By Leo & Patty Klebacha
By Dr. Marianne Konior
By Carl & Fran Lias
By Glen & Kathy (Lias) Gilley
By Marcia Belin

Ms. Sarah Natoli Thoma

By Barbara Woolridge

In honor of...

Mr. Keith Billotte

By Fred & Brenda Diehl

Mr. Ken Billotte

By Fred & Brenda Diehl

Donations may be made by sending a person's name, a contact for sending a card and your name and address to American Red Cross, PA Heartland Chapter, 109 N Brady St., Suite 2, DuBois, PA 15801.

Fires Take. Red Cross Gives.

Smoke fills the spaces that made up a home. The flames roar as they destroy everything in their path: furniture, photos, important papers, and heirlooms of a family's life together.

The family escapes with the clothes on their back. They watch as everything they have is devoured by the fire. Their world is left charred and in pieces. They are in shock, not able to fully comprehend what is happening to them. Where will they stay? How do they begin to rebuild? Who can they turn to for assistance?

This scenario is not as uncommon as one might imagine. From July 1, 2011 to October 30, the American Red Cross PA Heartland Chapter has responded to 12 home fires assisting 39 individuals. Red Cross volunteers provide financial aid to assist disaster victims most basic needs: food, clothing, shelter, and medicine. The American Red Cross also offers a shoulder to cry on and a ear to listen to the stories that victims need to tell. The American Red Cross works with families and individuals throughout the recovery process by providing answers to questions and referrals to agencies and organizations providing services beyond the Red Cross mission.

On September 19, 2011 a single mom and her six year old son lost everything in a home fire.

"(A volunteer) from the local chapter showed up quickly; was so comforting and helpful, and the financial help as well as the hotel room was so much needed and appreciated," said the fire victim. "Without it we would have had no place to go and not a lot of money for food or clothes or other necessities. I thank you with all my heart for helping us through this. The Red Cross and all your volunteers are a blessing. Thanks again."

It takes two things to enable the American Red Cross to be there when a disaster strikes: volunteers and finances. Without these two things, we will not be able to be there for a family burned out of their home, provide support for local blood drives that provide a safe blood supply for local hospitals, aid military personnel and their families at home and around the world, or to respond to earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, and other large scale disasters.

You could help the American Red Cross be there for a family in need. Make a financial donation today or volunteer. Ask your employer, church, or other organizations to consider the American Red Cross in their community support plans.



Blood Drive Schedule

12/2	440 Front St. Clearfield Fixed Site	Noon – 6 pm
12/5	Curwensville VFW	Noon – 6 pm
12/12	DuBois Fourth Ward Hose House	Noon – 6 pm
12/13	Punxsutawney SSCD Church	Noon – 6 pm
12/14	Frenchville St. Marys Catholic Church	1 pm – 7 pm
12/14	Brockway Volunteer Hose Company	Noon – 6 pm
12/14	St. Mary's Moose Club	10 am – 4 pm
12/15	Brookville EUM Church	Noon – 6 pm
12/15	Emporium VFW	11:30 am – 5:30 pm
12/16	Johnsonburg Senior Center	10 am – 3 pm
12/16	440 Front St. Clearfield Fixed Site	Noon – 6 pm
12/28	Clearfield YMCA	Noon – 6 pm
12/28	Woodland Pleasant Valley UM Church	Noon – 6 pm
12/29	Grampian St. Bonaventure Church	12:30 pm – 6 pm
12/30	440 Front St. Clearfield Fixed Site	Noon – 6 pm
12/30	DuBois Regional Medical Center	11 am – 5 pm
1/6	440 Front St. Clearfield Fixed Site	Noon – 6 pm
1/6	Big Run Volunteer Fire Company	12:30 pm – 6 pm
1/9	Clearfield St. John Lutheran Church	Noon – 6 pm
1/10	Fox Township (Kersey) Senior Center	2 pm – 6:30 pm
1/11	St. Mary's Moose Club	10 am – 4 pm
1/12	Treasure Lake Church	1 pm – 7 pm
1/12	Weedville American Legion	1 pm – 6 pm
1/13	Ridgway Central Hose Company	11:30 am – 4:30 pm
1/18	DuBois St. Michael Church	1 pm – 7 pm
1/20	440 Front St. Clearfield Fixed Site	Noon – 6 pm
1/20	Brookville Church of God	Noon – 6 pm
1/20	Sykesville Town Hall	Noon – 6 pm
1/24	Brockway Presbyterian Church	Noon – 6 pm
1/27	Punxsutawney First United Methodist	Noon – 6 pm
1/30	Penn State DuBois	10 am – 4 pm
1/31	Reynoldsville St. Marys Church	1 pm – 7 pm
2/3	440 Front St. Clearfield Fixed Site	Noon – 6 pm
2/6	Curwensville Alliance Church	Noon – 6 pm
2/8	St. Mary's Moose Club	10 am – 4 pm
2/9	Emporium VFW	11:30 am – 5:30 pm
2/10	Johnsonburg Senior Center	10 am – 3 pm
2/13	DuBois Catholic School	3 pm – 7 pm
2/14	Frenchville Community Alliance Church	1 pm – 7 pm
2/14	Punxsutawney SSCD Church	Noon – 6 pm
2/15	Highland View Health Care	Noon – 6 pm
2/16	Brookville EUM Church	Noon – 6 pm
2/17	440 Front St. Clearfield Fixed Site	Noon – 6 pm
2/20	DuBois VFW	1 pm – 7 pm
2/23	Grampian Community Building	12:30 pm – 6 pm
2/23	Lock Haven Clearfield Campus	10 am – 4 pm
2/29	Clearfield Lake Street UM Church	Noon – 6 pm

Schedule is subject to change.

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS for an appointment, or schedule on line at redcrossblood.org.

Call **1-866-236-3276** if you have questions about donating blood.

Service Delivery Totals July - October

Health and Safety Classes offered:	279
Disaster Service calls:	16
Disaster Expenses:	\$8,947.00
Services to Armed Forces Calls:	20
Blood Drives:	94
Productive Units Collected:	2,831

American Red Cross Earns 4 Star Rating from Non-Profit Watchdog Group



The American Red Cross recently received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating given to a non-profit agency. Charity Navigator is a watchdog organization that rates non-profits on their financial health, and accountability and transparency. The ratings are calculated based on criteria like demonstrating financial efficiency, accountability and accuracy, good governance, ethical best practices and commitment to donor rights.

This rating reflects the organization's work in controlling costs, executing our mission and acting ethically and transparently with our donors.



Ken Berger, President of Charity Navigator, in his notification letter to American Red Cross President and CEO Gail McGovern said, "Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities, and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way. Approximately a quarter of the charities we evaluate have received our highest rating, indicating that the American Red Cross outperforms most other charities in America."



Make your spare change add up for The PA Heartland Chapter

Coins that Count. Spare change piling up? Next time you shop for groceries, consider donating your spare coins to the American Red Cross at a Coinstar coin counting machine. Your donation will help our local chapter respond to disasters, help members of the military, provide blood to those in need and teach lifesaving skills to members of our community.

Coinstar Machines can be found locally in Wal-Mart Supercenters in Clearfield, DuBois and Punxsutawney; Fezell's Shop N Save in DuBois; Fezell's County Market in Punxsutawney; Giant Eagle stores in Brookville, DuBois and St. Marys; and Martins Food Market in DuBois.

Most machines are equipped with the donation option for the Red Cross.

Proud to be Americans

By Marianne H. Konior, ARC Volunteer



Being "Proud to be Americans" carries with it privileges as well as responsibilities each of us has to our community and our country. While we have various roles in our families, schools, and workplaces, we also have a place in a larger community. What have you done to make your family, school, workplace, and community a better place in which to live?

There are many opportunities for each of us to contribute our time, talent, and treasure, according to our means. Even a smile and a pleasant word to a stranger is a contribution. The American Red Cross cooperates with a number of other non-profit organizations, churches, and groups to provide emergency services in times of disasters. Volunteers also teach health and safety courses, including CPR and first aid. In this region, blood collection for patients in hospitals is another important service. Did you know that the Red Cross also provides a link between military personnel and their families regardless of where in the world they might be stationed?

Volunteers staff over 90 percent of all services offered by the American Red Cross. Have you considered donating several hours a month to help others? To operate the local chapter, as well as to contribute to areas where there is flooding, tornadoes, or other disasters, takes money. The Red Cross receives no tax dollars, but relies on the contributions of generous individuals, groups and businesses. Please do your part to help make this community, this nation, and this world a better place for all of us.

Clearfield Area Blood Chair Retires

Chances are if you have attended a blood drive in the Clearfield area you have been greeted by Flo Lutz. For the last 12 plus years Flo has served as the volunteer blood drive coordinator and has also served on the board of directors for many years. In 2007 she received the Edgar M. Cheely Award for outstanding volunteer services. Flo sees a situation, assesses the need, and then works to make it better. Flo has decided to retire as volunteer blood drive coordinator and from the board of directors. We wish Flo the best in all of her future endeavors and thank her for her commitment to the American Red Cross.

Volunteer Positions Open - The Red Cross Needs You

The PA Heartland Chapter has an urgent need for dedicated volunteers to fill both leadership and support positions in all areas of service in Jefferson, Elk, Cameron, and most of Clearfield Counties.

These positions include Disaster Team Captains and team members in communities throughout our four county service area. Also needed are Blood Drive Day Chairs in the Brockway, Clearfield, and DuBois Areas and Blood Drive support positions including greeters, walkers, and canteens in all communities. Addition volunteer positions are available for event and fundraising in all communities.

Red Cross volunteers receive specialized training, leadership experience, networking connections and service opportunities.

To become a Red Cross volunteer, please contact the Red Cross Chapter office or email us at info@arcpaheartland.org



Stoltz Family Dealerships Celebrates Anniversary

The Stoltz Family Dealerships is celebrating their 25th anniversary. As a way of saying thanks, they gave away \$25,000. Through the summer celebration, the local community voted on which 25 charities they would like to receive \$1,000 donations. The American Red Cross of the PA Heartland was one of those charities selected.

Thanks to all those who participated and thanks to Stoltz Family Dealerships for supporting the American Red Cross.

9-11 Remembrance Group makes Donation

The 9-11-2001 Remembrance of Clearfield County donated over \$7,000 to the American Red Cross to support local and state disaster relief.

The group raised funds for a memorial to be placed at the county courthouse with any surplus funds going to the American Red Cross. Thanks to the Clearfield Fire Department for donating the memorial stone.



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Unless otherwise noted, all classes will be held at the Chapter Office, 109 N Brady Street, 2nd floor, DuBois, PA

**Health and Safety Class Schedule
December 2011**

Saturday December 10 9AM – 3:30PM
Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

January 2012

Saturday January 14 9AM – 3:30PM
Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

Wednesday, Jan 25 & Thursday, Jan 26 6PM-9:30PM
Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

February 2012

Saturday Feb. 11 9AM – 3:30PM
Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

Tuesday, Feb. 21 & Wednesday Feb. 22 6PM – 9:30PM
Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED

Friday Feb. 24 9:AM – 3:30PM

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Health Care Provider

To register for a class, please call
1-800-REDCROSS or visit
www.redcross.org.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR