

# North *E*astern York County *H*istory *I*n *P*reservation

## Creation of *NeyChip*

Charles Stambaugh is the tax collector for Mount Wolf Borough since 2000. In 2008, he was involved with the opposition against the Borough merger with East Manchester Township. He believed that neighbors governing their own neighborhood is the true form of government by people and for the people. The merger process then failed to pass the Borough Council by one vote of a newly elected Council person. If it would of passed, there would not have been a Mount Wolf Borough Centennial.

To renew community unity and pride, Charles recommend having a centennial celebration for the upcoming year. The Council agreed and appointed him to put it together. Charles then put the following committee of local community people together with special assignments:

Charles Stambaugh: website, banners, trivia contest, flyer, co-edit history book, DVD copy

Josh Bowers: Mayor's Chili Cook Off, public relations

Patty Kinder: Mt Wolf museum, souvenirs, advertising, finances

Donna Naylor: centennial day, walking tour, park picnic, ceremony

Brad Rentzel: history book, art show, stories of Mt Wolf

Tom Wolf: support

Sub-committee members included: Barb Altland, Jerry Altland, Betsy Beakler, Cathy Beshore, Pam Dierdorff, Pam Fogle, Patti Fisher, Ken Breneman, Emelyn Blymire, Jeannie Furman, Susan Hershey, Claire Jordan, Jim Kinder, Kathleen Myers, Pat Poet, Ben Stambaugh, and Diana Wolf

It was a smashing success. Hundreds enjoyed the various summer events. The Mount Wolf banners and souvenir sales exceeded all expectations. More than 1,500 people enjoyed the temporary Mount Wolf museum, which had to be kept open for two extra weeks due to the large interest. More than 500 attended the celebration day activities. That year, Mount Wolf website won second place in the State Municipal Website Contest and received the York County Heritage Trust Community Award.



Charles' vision is now not only to preserve what was done for the Mount Wolf Centennial but to expand historical preservation to include all of the Northeastern York County Area. In January 2016, he created **North Eastern York County History In Preservation *NeyChip***, with the Manchester Township Historical Society as a mentor. The first action of *NeyChip* was the creation of [NeyChip.com](http://NeyChip.com)

Charles is currently on the Northeastern Community Center committee to someday have a physical museum for historical local items to be permanently displayed. To prepare for that day and to start preserving electronically, those from the Northeastern York County Area can begin to work together under *NeyChip*. Volunteers are needed to do research, record information and talk with people willing to share their local photos, items, stories and past for future generations to remember and enjoy.

*Charles Stambaugh*

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