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Fire damages China One building on Main Street



Fire struck the China One building on Main Street in Reynoldsville shortly after 7:30 p.m. on July 31.

Members of the Reynoldsville Police Department, who were attending the borough council meeting in the municipal building next door, were alerted and called in the fire. The rest of the

The scene before volunteers arrived. The fire was between the drop ceiling and floor of the upstairs apartment. The building was vacant.

people in the meeting were evacuated.

Off-duty officer Jeffrey Winfield grabbed a fire extinguisher and began knocking down the flames that were rolling out the top of the store-front window, and business owner Dave Wruble joined him with another one. Heavy smoke began to pour out of the building as fire units arrived.

Reynoldsville Fire Chief Darren Scolese called in what he termed a “high hazard box” to Jefferson County Control which then dispatched other units to assist. Chief Scolese said this plan had been put in place for just such an emergency. Units from Sykesville, McAlmont Township, Brookville, Pine Creek Township, DuBois, and West Sandy responded.

Firefighters knocked the flames down quickly and then began to tear at the ceiling to make sure the flames had been contained. Chief Scolese said the fire was located between the false

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Borough Council doesn't let a fire stop it from taking care of business

Nothing was going to stop the Reynoldsville Borough Council from completing the meeting it had started earlier this month—including a fire at an adjacent building. (*To see the story about the July 17 article, see page 10*).

On July 31, the council reconvened a meeting it had adjourned July 17 so it could advertise and then act on the Quality of Life Ordinance. That ordinance brings together and updates several code enforcement ordinances. It also allows the borough to issue tickets, when necessary, without having to go through the district magistrate first.

After a brief discussion, the council approved the ordinance unanimously, with Councilman Billy Cebulski absent from the meeting.

On a related issue, Council president TJ Sliwinski asked the council to consider adding to the hours for the Code Enforcement Officer Larry Kirkwood. The new schedule would be three days a week, up to 20 hours on average per week, on an hourly scale. He said he spoke with Kirkwood who said he was willing to do that.

The discussion then ensued about how Kirkwood would balance those hours with the hours he works with the borough road crew. The council also discussed the hourly rate and how Kirkwood would keep track of the hours.

After a time, the council decided to turn the matter over to the personnel committee and directed the committee to report

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This breakdown took place on July 29.

On July 29, the same thing happened to an east-bound rig just before the Tickle Belly Bridge. This time, the driver was unable to move the trailer either forwards or backwards.

Reynoldsville volunteer firefighters were called to the scene to direct traffic while police and fire officials decided how to solve the problem.

Eventually, a large tow truck from Bloom Towing of Rockton was able to come to the rescue and pull the trailer to the railroad parking lot across from the Foundry.

Wide loads with their light-flashing escorts have been a common site in Reynoldsville this summer. The construction on Interstate 80 is forcing these trucks to take Route 322 through the downtown.

Twice in one month

Reportedly, the tongue breaking on an over-sized trailer is a rare occurrence. Be that as it may, it happened twice on Main Street in Reynoldsville in July.

On July 9, the tongue on an 80-foot trailer broke while the rig was traveling east on Route 322 just before Tenth Street. The driver was able to drag the trailer to a parking lot outside of town. That driver told Reynlow Community News that he had been driving for more than twenty years, and this was the first time he saw something like this. If he would have waited a couple of weeks, he would have seen it again here in town.

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Library hosts author's luncheon



Author Rebecca Drake

Using the social hall at the St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Reynoldsville Public Library hosted its annual author luncheon on July 18.

This year's author was Rebecca Drake of Pittsburgh who discussed her latest novel *Just Between Us*.

The novel is a thriller that is set in Sewickley near Pittsburgh.

"I find the crime that happens in small towns and seemingly idyllic communities much more interesting than the expected places like cities," she told those in attendance during a question and answer period with Reynoldsville Librarian Karl Rebon. She later took questions and comments from the audience.

Drake said she has been writing since an early age, and it was the encouragement she received in middle school and her natural curiosity that helped her to choose her path as a writer.

A graduate of Penn State with a degree in journalism, Drake had several different jobs in the writing field before being published.

When asked about why she chose the crime fiction genre, she responded, "A lot of people turn to crime fiction because they want to see justice done in a way we don't—we don't always get the answers to that in real life."

The luncheon is an annual fundraiser for the Reynoldsville Public Library.

"I want to promote reading in our town," Rebon said. "I also like to bring a cultural event here instead of people having to travel to the larger areas."

Sponsors for this year's luncheon included Farmers National Bank, Rosie's Book Shoppe, S & T Bank, and Niagara Cutter.

Businesses who provided prizes included Main Street Pizza, Millertech, Broken Roads Restaurant, Annie's Hometown Restaurant, George's, and Sub Hub.

Breathing new life into Reynlow Park

Photos and story by Tracy Weber

Growing up in Wishaw, my family spent a lot of time in the peaceful beauty that is Reynlow Park. I learned to fish at Sportsman's Dam and spent many hours immersed in nature, catching frogs, climbing on the boulder at the playground, and seeing just how high into the trees the swings would carry me.

When park directors stated in the June issue of Reynlow Community News that the park might only afford to operate for a few more years, my sister, Kelly Williams and I knew we had to help. We went to the July meeting and presented the directors with our brainstorming ideas to help increase revenue.

Kelly immediately designed a new website for the park, as I set out to put together a Facebook page. Our goal is to show the amenities that are available to rent, the pricing, and the beautiful scenes from around the park with the simple click of a mouse.

We enlisted our brother, Scott Williams, to help us take apart the old signs so we could paint them and make them look more inviting and ensure the contact numbers could be easily seen.

My children, Kaitlyn Weber, 17, Meghan Weber, 13, and Jacob Weber, 6, have all helped with cleaning and painting the boards and letters I brought back to our house. The first sign to be completely redone is located at the entrance to Sportsman's Dam.

We already have two events scheduled to benefit the park. The first event is "Yoga in the Park" hosted by Holli Polito, LMT, RYT. It will be held from 6 to 7:15 pm on Saturday, August 17, at the gazebo in Reynlow Park. It will be a donation-based class with all money collected being donated back to the park.

Our second event is "Autumn in the Park," an artisan and vendor fair to celebrate Reynlow Park's 50th Anniversary. It will take place in the main parking area on Sunday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For a \$20 fee, vendors rent a 12'x12' space in which to sell their items. All those fees will go directly to the park. Food vendors will be set up around Pavilion #1, so visitors can enjoy a delicious lunch while they take a break from shopping. We are also hoping to have a s'mores-making station and face painting for the kids.

We are continuing to plan other benefit events at the park. Events currently being planned for next year tentatively include a mountain bike race, a 5K Family Friendly Fun Run, and an Annual Autumn in the Park celebration.

We know there are many others who value this beautiful park and all the memories it holds. All it will take is other committed volunteers to offer their time and talents to ensure that Reynlow Park is in operation for generations to come.

To keep up to date with events at the park, to offer ideas for events, or to volunteer, please visit our Facebook page @ReynlowPark, or visit our website www.reynlowpark.com. There you will find more information about renting vendor spaces at "Autumn in the Park." For pavilion, gazebo, or stage rental, please call the Reynlow Park Authority at 814.653.2328.



The author and her children in front of the refurbished sign



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Master Gardner report: Are Japanese Beetles really immortal?

by Cheryl J. Shenkle

Throughout history, beetles have represented everything from the immortal Egyptian Sun God Khepri, to Ladybirds, to a killer of forests, to rolling a ball of dung around as its home. Its ability to emerge annually from underground or from inside of a ball of manure is indeed impressive. To those who watch detested Japanese Beetles come alive every July to decimate favorite flowers and fruit crops, they may seem immortal!

Having been introduced from Japan into New Jersey in 1916, they immediately took advantage of the average homeowner's love of a mowed lawn. Since there were very few native predators to contend with, and preferring moderate temperatures and moisture, Japanese Beetles began spreading prolifically throughout eastern Canada and the United States.

Their grubs are responsible for dead patches of lawn during the summer because they live under the surface of the sod, going deeper in the winter, but moving to the roots of your grass in spring to eat till time to emerge in June and July. Then they spend months making lacework of your roses, berry bushes, trees, and shrubs. In late June and early July, each female will lay 40-60 eggs in lawns, ready to emerge in even greater numbers the following June.

Today they are one of the most reviled of landscape pests. So, Japanese Beetles are here to stay. You can battle with them plant to plant, protecting only your finest specimens, or go on an annual full-scale attack to drastically reduce their numbers in your lawn over time.

While they can fly distances of a mile or more, they generally remain close to where they spend the winter, especially if it's a mowed area.

Whether you choose to use chemicals, which can possibly do more harm than good, or choose to be more hands on with traps and natural predators that have tasted both the grubs and the beetles and found them to their liking, you can take action to reduce their numbers in your specific area. Usually a mixture of all methods carefully selected for a specific purpose can be your answer.

There's nothing like trapping a bag full of Japanese Beetles for garden pest gratification knowing that they will never lay another egg. Place several traps at a 30- to 40-foot distance from your gardens and landscape plants on the downwind side. You want the scent to bring them to the traps and not your plants. Possibly speak to neighbors about doing the same thing to better cover a larger area. Since Japanese Beetles feed in groups, a little bit of overkill will go a long way.

Properly applied, a natural preventive is Milky Spore, which is slightly costly but continues to provide a disease to the grubs to kill those parents which escaped the traps or your own hands. It is completely safe for mammals. Also, beneficial nematodes will destroy grubs in the same way.

When selecting plants for your landscape, beetle-



resistant species are available and may help reduce the numbers by providing plants that they will not feed on.

Keep fruit crops picked as they ripen and give off scents which attract other beetles. Trap or destroy beetles as early as possible so they don't "invite" other beetles to a lunch date.

Row covers on garden crops will keep all beetles from reaching them. For highly prized landscape plants such as roses, cover the entire plant in the evening with a cheesecloth to trap those already in the debris under the plant and to keep new beetles from landing. Check early in the morning, and drop pests into soapy water.

Be very active in your landscape and garden in the late morning and early afternoon in order to stay ahead of Japanese Beetles. Finding them quickly and often will keep them from multiplying. Take a bucket of warm, soapy water to the garden with you. Use a small plastic container containing some soapy water to go from plant to plant. Starting at the bottom, carefully knock beetles from the plant into the container which you can then dump into the larger bucket.

If you are able to keep farm fowl, they love beetles of all sorts. Feed wild birds in the fall and winter to encourage them to stay in your area during the summer. Remove feeders in the spring to encourage them to eat their natural food sources, which would include beetles.

You may not be able to completely eradicate Japanese Beetles in your landscape, but you can make them much less destructive. Call your Master Gardeners for additional help.

Certified Master Gardeners are local volunteers trained by Penn State to answer Horticulture questions with properly researched information. For a "best practices" answer to your question, call Penn State Jefferson County Extension at 849-7361, Ext 508, e-mail JeffersonMG@psu.edu, or mail your question to 186 Main Street, Suite 3, Brookville, PA 15825.

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In your fields by Leanne Buhite Waring



Cow Parsnip along the Big Run-Prescottville Road

It sounds like a mix between a special treat for cows and possibly something you could use for homeopathic medicine or cooking recipes. However, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR), it is an invasive species that is part of the carrot family. It has leaves and sap that can cause a severe burning rash or blister when it comes in contact with the skin. So why does this matter to you? It has become increasingly common in Jefferson and Clearfield counties in the last decade as farm fields go uncultivated and roadways are left untrimmed later in the summer.

If you drive along Big Run-Prescottville Road, Rock Dump Road, Reed's Dam Road, or Reynlow Park Road, you will find it in patches. This fast-spreading species loves areas with lots of sunlight and will eventually find its way into fields. Hunters, hikers, horse-riders, and ATV enthusiasts should be aware of its dangers.

Identifying Wild Parsnip, its official name, can be a bit difficult, as there are several look-alike plants that may also be toxic. The DCNR states that Wild Parsnip grows between two to five feet tall, is topped with small yellow flowers in the summer, and has large leaves with saw-toothed edges. It looks like a larger, yellow version of Queen Anne's lace that grows in clusters. Wild Parsnip can be confused with other members of the carrot family such as Giant Hogweed (an extremely toxic plant that grows substantially taller) and Poison Hemlock (yes, also poisonous).

The DCNR recommends early detection and eradication but urges caution. Ideal removal is in the early spring when the soil is wet or in drought conditions. It can be pulled by hand, but don't forget to wear gloves. Be aware that the residue can remain on the gloves, so avoid touching anything with the gloves that your skin will later encounter, and dispose of them when finished.

The DCNR states that Wild Parsnip can also be dug out below the root crown, preferably as soon as the blooms show but have not yet matured. The area should be rechecked for several weeks and may need to be treated for multiple years.

Mowing can also be done for effective control, but this practice also reduces native competitors. However, it is important that the mowing is done before the parsnip comes to seed; otherwise, it will serve to disperse the seeds. A chemical treatment is also an option after the plant is dormant in the late fall by applying glyphosate to the basal rosettes.

Contact the Penn State Agricultural Extension for Jefferson County at 814-849-7361 for more information.

Leanne Buhite Waring is a fellow Reynlow area resident, Penn State graduate, Army veteran, and current Army wife. She is also a world traveler to exotic places such as Europe and Afghanistan. She is underemployed while raising three young children and is entertaining delusions of part-time farming.

Veterans Corner by Krupa Steele

Jefferson County Director of Veterans Affairs

Presented by the Reynoldsville American Legion Post #392

Hello Jefferson County Veterans and Families.

The VA office has a lot going on at the moment, which is always a good thing. I wanted to start by saying thank you to everyone for being patient with me as the VA office has been going through a minor transition. On that note, we do have a vacancy and will be filling the full-time VA Clerk position in the near future. This position will officially double as a 2nd Veteran Service Officer (VSO) for the county. Applications are being taken until August 9.

Also, if there are any veterans who are currently enrolled in school full time or three-quarter time through an approved VA program, including online courses, who are interested in a part-time job with flexible hours, this office has a VA Work Study Program, which offers up to 25 hours per week. Please contact the office for more information.

Jefferson County's Outreach Programs Update

The new DAV vehicle quotes will be out officially in the fall; our order for a new DAV vehicle is due in the late fall, and then the new DAV vehicle will be delivered in June. I believe we have the funds needed for the new DAV vehicle at the moment, but, as always, donations are accepted and appreciated year round for any of our programs. We are still operating the one DAV vehicle loaned from another county in order to meet the needs of our veterans.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer DAV driver in order to help veterans get to and from VA medical appointments, please contact the office. I'd be happy to discuss this rewarding opportunity

I also wanted to give more information about the office's newest program: the Jefferson County Emergency Fund. This program was created to assist Jefferson county veterans and their families who demonstrate an immediate need for financial assistance in order to provide for the necessities of living. Information about this program can be found by contacting the VA office.

I'd like to give a special thanks to all the many community supporters who helped

raise funds or donated to start this much-needed program. Thank you to Jefferson County A.B.A.T.E. for hosting a successful 1st Annual Dice Run and Fox's Pizza Den in Reynoldsville for hosting its 1st pizza night where a portion of the proceeds were donated to our program. This office is looking forward to working with both again.

Thank you to the Fraternal Order of Eagles of Reynoldsville, Sykesville, Punxsutawney, Brookville, Falls Creek, Advanced Disposal, Alvetro Landscaping and Garden, Bearclaw Sports Bar, Blackbird Distillery, Brockway American Legion Auxiliary, Brockway VFW, Devils BBQ, Millers Precious Treasures, DuBois Harley-Davidson, Friends of the Flag, Furlong Funeral Home, Katie's Kuts, Matson Insurance, Oliver T. Korb & Sons Inc, Punxsutawney Lions Club, Reynoldsville Elks, Rossiter Veterans Club, Summerville Veterans Memorial, Sykesville American Legion Auxiliary, The Walston Club, Crystal Cauldron, Mr. and Mrs. Dressler, and anyone else who donated. It is because of community supporters that these programs are possible. Other information

We have begun the planning for this year's Veterans Job Fair and Resource Expo with PA CareerLink office and PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Currently, this year's event is to be held on September 18, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage House located at 4 Sylvania St, Brookville PA 15825. More information will be released closer to the event.

The Fiscal Year VSO Report from Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has been filed. Since December 2018 until June 2019 Jefferson County Veterans Affairs office has generated in total \$459,817.37 in VA claims, which includes monthly awards and retroactive pay for our veterans.

Anyone with any questions about any VA matter is encouraged to contact the Jefferson County Department of Veterans Affairs by phone at (814) 849-3618 or in person at 155 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Brookville, PA 15825. We will do our best to assist you because in Jefferson County....We Value Our Vets!



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Reynoldsville Pool Manager Denise Dennison picked a great spot to enjoy the fireworks for the Red, White, and Blueberry Festival. This year's event, held July 12, 13, and 14, was a big success, and plans are already being made for next year's event to be held July 10, 11, and 12. The Paul Butler Football camp was also a success, and plans are to bring it back next year on the same weekend (photo by Jill Heffner).

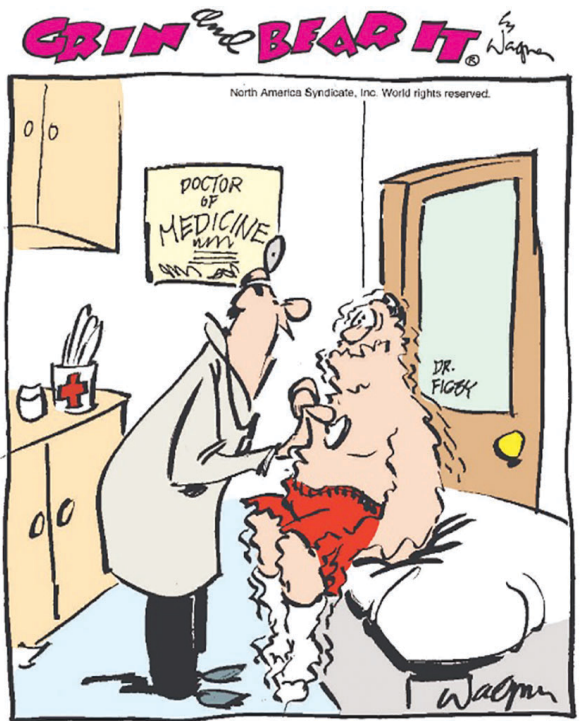
Reynoldsville fire report for July

The Reynoldsville Volunteer Fire Department has filed its monthly report for July.

In all, the volunteers responded to twenty-one incidents. That breaks down to seven in the Borough of Reynoldsville, including rescuing someone from a stalled elevator on Jackson Street on July 30.

There were ten incidents in Winslow Township, including three accidents on the Reynoldsville-Falls Creek Road.

The department also provided mutual aid for other companies four times.



“Yes, our air conditioning is the top of the line.”

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One Stop rebuild underway



After the Reynoldsville One Stop Convenience Store was destroyed by fire on January 22nd of this year, owner James Brown of DuBois promised to rebuild. On July 15, that process began.

On that date, crews began clearing the property for construction. Now the building has begun to take shape.

Now the building has begun to take shape.

Asked when the building will be completed, Brown said he wasn't sure, but there had been some talk about mid-October.

The store will continue to operate out of the temporary trailer while the work is completed.



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Reynoldsville recollections by Grant Mac Campbell

Editor's note: We received this in our email from an online reader: *My name is Janet Walls Snyder, and I am a former resident of Reynoldsville. I was reading Mr. Mac Campbell's article in which he was reminiscing about the stores that lined Main St. Reynoldsville in the 1950's. I found an error when he wrote about the Sunshine Market (grocery store). He wrote that Homer Walls was the owner of the store, but, in fact, it was my uncle Richard (Dick) Walls who owned it. My father, Homer Walls, was the owner of Walls and Bish Hardware, which was located on the opposite side of the street. Mr. Mac Campbell responded: Ms. Snyder is correct. I mixed up my Walls! I stand properly corrected. And it's amazing that's the only error noted to date!*

A walk along the streets in 1950s Reynoldsville Part 2: The South Side

Crossing over to the south side of Main Street at the borough line there is a vacant lot, then an old Victorian house since torn down, and then the large frame home where the two Roller sisters lived; they were both unmarried elementary school teachers. The house was on a large lot on the corner of Main and Fourteenth Street.

Several houses up from Fourteenth was Marconi's TV Sales and Repair and a building that was formerly a gas station owned by the Swinefords; next were single-family homes which lined the street all the way to Tenth Street. There was a stoplight installed at the intersection in the 1950s triggered by a switch in a rubber mat halfway up and down Tenth Street on both sides. The kids in town quickly learned that by jumping on the mats they could cause Main Street to get a red light and stop traffic.

Across Tenth Street was a home and then a red brick commercial building housing the Burton (Bam) Ramsey Grocery Store. The street remained residential until the western corner of Seventh Street with the large home of Dr. Hill. His medical office had been in the rear of the lot. Across Seventh Street was a large brick apartment house and a red brick Roman Catholic Parsonage and then the Church. Behind the church down Sixth Street was the nuns' residence and the Catholic Elementary School.

Homes lined Main Street until crossing Coal Alley. That's where Frank Humphrey's Radio shop was located, which later became a television shop. The next large building had been a car repair shop, but in the 1950's the bottle works moved from Tenth Street to that location operated by Ken Delaney. It bottled Nehi Soda, as well as other types; it was also was a beer distributor. Adjacent to the bottle works was the barber shop, owned by Bob Hamilton, then Ober's Funeral Home. Next there was a small penny candy and grocery store and then a shoe repair shop. Several more homes lined the street and then came the Gulf Gas Station where the Unimart stands today.

Across Fifth Street was the Busy Bee Restaurant and Bar, operated by the Nocerini family. Next was Stormer's Market, a bakery, and then the Walls and Bish Hardware. After that was an old large building with the Elks Lodge on the second floor and storefronts on the bottom, which included a Haines Men's Store and a dress shop. The next large three-story building was Carmela's Hotel with a bar and restaurant in front and the Blue Angel Dance Hall in the back.

Crossing over Swamp Alley, there was McCory's Five and Ten with Dr. Mean's Dentist Office on the second floor, as well as apartments. The next building was Clemens Simon's Law Office with apartments on the second and third floors. The next building was large with storefronts including Ida Mae's Dress Shop and Kuhn's Shoes on the first floor and the Eagle's Club on the second. The building is gone now, but the new one-

story Eagles Club is on the lot next to McCabe's Pharmacy, which is in its original location. The next two storefronts were the Gotlieb Department Store, which sold primarily dry goods.

Continuing on the corner of Fourth Street was Costen's Drug Store and Soda Fountain with marble top counter top and small marble top tables. Vick Costen would make his own fresh chocolates in the back room of the store. Herm Guthrie was the pharmacist on duty most of the time.

Crossing Fourth Street was a building that took up the entire block back to Gordon Alley known as the Cameron Building. In the 1950s, mostly women were employed there and worked on both floors making vacuum tubes used in the electronics equipment. It had started during World War II manufacturing defense equipment rumored to be bomb sights but became a supplier for the radio and television industry. The building had once been the headquarters for the Dennison Brothers Chevrolet dealership, and after the electronics business moved to Mexico, it was used to manufacture clothing, and, finally, to refurbish natural gas equipment.

The next building was the A & P Supermarket, now the hardware, with the Sons of Italy Club occupying the second floor. Gooder's Jewelry Store was next, which replaced Edison Hirth's Jewelry Store. The next building was the home of Delbert and Bob Johnson's DeSoto Car Dealership; next was Big George's, a bar, and sandwich shop. Liscandro's Market and Swartz's Insurance which became Dennison's Insurance were next and then the old US Post Office. A parking lot is now located there.

Across Pine Alley was Brady's Ford Garage, which later became a bowling alley with ten lanes and modern set up machines. Continuing toward Third Street was another storefront, where the Haines Clothing Store had been located, then a laundromat. On the corner was Campanini's Bar and Restaurant.

Across Third Street was Noland's Kendall Gas Station and then Hugh's Paint Store. After that there were homes until right before First Street which was Palago's Market and then the Bridgeline Market. Across the Tickle Belly Bridge was Norm Smith's Sterling Gas Station and some homes. Just before the railroad tracks was Erple's Machine Shop, which made parts for the railroad industry.

On the west side of town, also known as the Third Ward, the side streets were called avenues. Only homes remained going out to the borough line on Main Street; however, there was a large elementary school building and a Jones's Greenhouse back on one of the side streets.

The borough line was at the bottom of the hill, known as "the Pike" heading west on Route 322. Before that was the old road up the hill that turned to the left. It had been the location of the old Susquehanna and Waterford Turnpike.

BIG Idea Contest offers up to \$50,000 prize

The North Central PA LaunchBox and Penn State DuBois, in conjunction with Ben Franklin Technology Partners have launched the BIG Idea Contest for aspiring entrepreneurs. You don't need to be an inventor, scientist, or historic statesmen like Ben Franklin in order to win this year's BIG Idea contest.

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For questions about the contest or application process, phone John Siggins at 814-865-2879 or email Jill Edwards at jilledwards@psu.edu. **THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 5:00 PM SEPTEMBER 24, 2019.**

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The BIG Idea Contest is sponsored by the North Central PA LaunchBox, Fairman Family Foundation, the Northwest Industrial Resource, and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Article submitted.



To visit the Big Idea web site, scan the QR code to the left.

Legion gives money to help local cemeteries

The Reynoldsville American Legion recently donated \$2000 to the Reynoldsville Cemetery and \$1000 to the Beulah Cemetery to help with costs and upkeep.



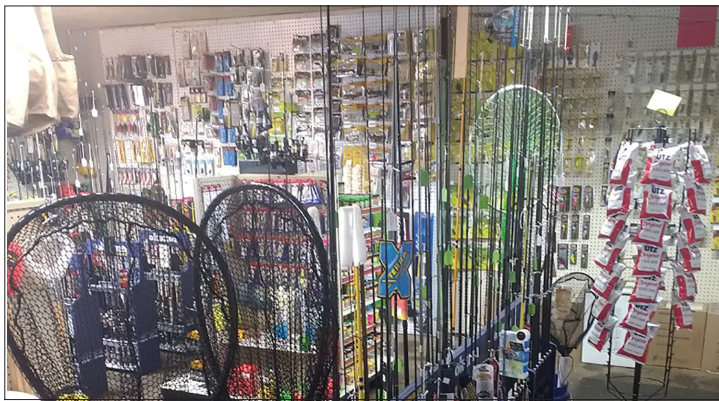
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back at the August meeting.

Pool grant application

Brad Lashinsky of the North Central Pennsylvania LaunchBox at Penn State DuBois provided an update on the status of a grant the Reynoldsville Recreation Committee is making on behalf of the municipal pool.

Lashinsky said there was a glitch with the request, but it wasn't the committee's fault but a problem in the application given to the committee by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

To resolve the issue, the council had to approve a letter of commitment to the DCED that the borough would provide a 15% match, or \$26,298.00. That match figure was reduced from the original amount it would have been responsible for.

Lashinsky stressed it would not be a lump sum and that the borough has until next spring or later to begin payment if the entire grant of more than \$170,000.00 is approved.

Calling it a "no brainer," Council president Sliwinski said the borough had the time to seek another grant to fund the match or budget the funds next year. The entire council agreed and voted to send the letter of commitment to the DCED.

If approved, the money will be used to provide for a new pool liner, electrical rewiring, and the rehabilitation of the restrooms and showers.

Police station

What to do about the police station was the hottest topic of discussion at the meeting that began before and continued after the fire next door.

Basically, the council is looking for a new building or refurbishing the existing municipal building but can't agree on what is the best course of action.

The problem lies in the fact that the current station is on the second floor of the building, which is a problem for handicapped access. There is also some debate as to whether or not the office can even be on the second floor due to restrictions placed on the building a number of years ago. Others have stated that it is inadequate for the requirements of modern police work.

An intense discussion began before the fire alarm, which included the members of the borough police department: Chief Troy Bell, Sergeant Tammy Murray, and Officer Jeffrey Winfield. Before it could be completed, the officers announced there was a fire next door and jumped into action while the council members and the public left the borough building (see the fire story on page 1).

After some time, council members and the public came back into the meeting room and continued the intense discussion even while flashing lights were visible in the window and the smell of smoke hung in the air.

Council president Sliwinski boiled it down to four options. Option A, which was favored by some members of the board, was to make an offer to the realtor for the former Community First Bank office building on Main Street.

Option B was doing a feasibility study on the existing building, not just for the relocation of the police station but also for the repairs that need to be completed.

Options C and D included other buildings in the borough.

As fire fighters secured the adjacent building and began to gather their equipment, the council finally reached a compromise.

By a 4-2 vote, with council members Robin McMillan and Robert Crosby voting no, the council approved a motion to put in a bid on the office building just to hold it while other options are investigated. If another option is chosen, the letter will have wording that will allow the borough to withdraw the offer.

The council also decided to move the date of its next meeting to Wednesday, August 28 at 6 p.m., to provide enough time for the investigation. It also plans to hold the meeting at the Reynoldsville Fire Hall, so the public has the opportunity to hear the costs of each option and provide input.

Other action

The sidewalk in front of the little park where the Reynoldsville Community Association's sign is located has needed repairs for some time. The borough council at one time had voted to do the repairs, but too much time had passed to use the bid, so the project had to be put out for bids once again.

At this meeting, one bid was opened for the concrete work. It was from American Masonry of Reynoldsville for a bid price of \$6,265.00. That bid was approved.

The borough crew will remove the old sidewalk to prepare for the new concrete.

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Once upon a time in Reynoldsville by Christy Weaver for the Reynoldsville Historical Society

Welcome Home, ye Old Home Folk



It's been 112 years since the Old Home Week celebration of 1907 occurred in Reynoldsville. Many of us remember the Reynoldsville Homecoming celebrations of more recent years, but according to the Reynoldsville Star, they paled in comparison to the events that took place that year.

It was reported that the week-long festival attracted nearly 20,000 people to Reynoldsville to reunite with old friends and family and to enjoy the multiple attractions that were on display along Main Street.

In preparation for the event, on July 10, 1907, the Reynoldsville Star reported "Reynoldsville will have an 'Old Home Week' celebration and reunion

that will eclipse anything in her history. For six days there will be a continual round of entertainment and invitations to attend and participate will be sent to every son and daughter of Reynoldsville abroad on the face of the earth. It will not be a celebration alone, but the commencement of new life for Reynoldsville. It is a movement inaugurated by the younger and progressive element of the community to re-vitalize the town, to awaken it from the lethargy it has fallen into and start it on the road to prosperity and ten thousand inhabitants." (Star, 1907).

It was not only the business owners of Reynoldsville that decorated for the event; the high school and most residences were also covered in buntings and pennants at the urging of the event planners. Hotels were at full capacity, and residents opened their homes to rent any usable space. It would be difficult to imagine such enthusiasm today.

At the closing of the festivities on August 23rd, the Star reported the following:

"One of the merriest, maddest crowds that ever jostled together on the streets of Reynoldsville surged back and forth yesterday, and in the evening it is estimated that a fully twenty thousand people were in the town and most of them promenading the great court of amusement which in quieter days is known as Main Street. It was Neighbor's day, and our neighbors came to see us in numbers and in spirit which left no question of their good will towards us. Brookville, Punxsutawney, Big Run and the host of other county towns contributed their full quota, and DuBois turned out as it has not done for a dozen years or more. Probably four thousand citizens of the latter place alone were here. Indiana was represented by a jolly crowd of roysters and New Bethlehem and Clarionites were here in appreciable numbers. Every streetcar that came from Sykesville and Punxsutawney terminals was weighted down with its load of human freight, and the Pennsylvania railroad coaches were packed to their full capacity.

Everyone was bent on having an outing, and the Reynoldsville people for the day laid aside all serious business and joined them. Many of the mills and industries were closed.

An unusually large crowd witnessed the ball game in the morning between Reynoldsville and Falls Creek and at the afternoon game, when the home team met a bunch of old Romans to do battle some centuries since, the "grandstand" on four sides of the field was filled with a mob of howling fans. On Main Street races were held and the thousands of promenaders had no lack of entertainment from the time that Freddie Cunningham gave his startling exhibition on the tightrope to the moment of excruciating expectancy when Harry Breton cut the rope, glided down his awful incline and took flight through the atmosphere.

It was worth a year of life to have seen and to have been one of the great pleasure-seeking crowd which thronged Main Street during the evening. Young people and old men, women and children jostled together in the best of good humor and in the whole crowd there was but one case of disorderly conduct. The air was filled with confetti and every device known to tickle the risibilities of humanity was in evidence. A dozen great honking autos were racing up and down the street, a fantastic band under J.A. Blaydon made gayety all along the line, while the Keystone and Volunteer bands were surrounded by appreciative crowds throughout the evening. The latter organization came down with the big DuBois delegation and headed up the procession as they marched up town. About eight in the evening, when the fun was at its height, another Pennsylvania railroad passenger train pulled in and another thousand of our 'neighbors' dropped off to help the celebration along.

Main Street, blazing with its myriad electric bulbs, lit up with the glare of red fire, with its mass of continually moving humanity and noise of bands, of autos, of passing cars and carriages of street barkers, of shouting and laughing, was transformed into a great thoroughfare in Vanity Fair and its promenaders delirious with the mere exuberance of joy."

(Star, Main Street Turned Into Vanity Fair by the Great Crowds of Visitors on Neighbor's Day, 1907).

Conditions in Reynoldsville today are declining, much as they were at the time of this great celebration. However, once again, a small group of concerned citizens are beginning to make changes to enrich the community and create a true sense of neighborhood again. Anything is possible.

Random Thoughts by Sam Bundy

I have been covering municipal meetings since the Reagan administration. I have to admit, this last time was a unique experience.

While members of Reynoldsville Borough Council discussed what to do about a new police station, the officers in attendance suddenly disappeared. I heard "working fire," but I was quite surprised to find out the working fire was right next door.

As I exited, I saw the flames at the top of the window of the China One building. I also saw the Reynoldsville Police Department in action as the nearby fire alarm started to go off. Off-duty officer Jeffrey Winfield, dressed only in shorts and a t-shirt, grabbed a fire extinguisher and hit the window flames.

The actions going on around me were happening in a blur as traffic was stopped, fire trucks arrived, and Reynoldsville firefighters poured in from all directions.

In a short amount of time, other departments began arriving on scene and took up positions. I later asked Fire Chief Darren Scolese about why these units arrived so quickly and seemed to know what to do. He said he called in a "high hazard box" alarm to Jefferson County Control and a pre-planned assortment of units, including those with ladder trucks, were called out.

In my experience of covering fires in downtown areas, I have seen them strike quickly and damage adjacent buildings. This plan was designed to bring the maximum amount of fire control to the area to prevent that from happening.

As it was, the first responders extinguished the blaze and checked the ceiling and walls throughout the building to make sure it was secure. The damage was contained, and it didn't spread through the fire wall that separates the restaurant from the Reynoldsville Public Library.

While the smoke still hung in the air, the borough council resumed its meeting and again began to debate how to spend or save the taxpayer money, which is what borough councils are supposed to do, but a thought struck me while they did it---we just saw those dollars being put to good use.

We witnessed the police department jump into action and the volunteer firefighters race to the scene all because of taxpayer money.

This summer, the street department has been busy preparing to pave streets and work on alleys all because of taxpayer money. The sidewalk in front of the RCA events sign is going to be replaced because of taxpayer money.

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From Penn Highlands Healthcare

By Dr. Shalva Kakabadze, Penn Highlands Family Medicine, Reynoldsville Medical Center



It's almost back-to-school time, and that means student athletes will be ready to hit the fields.

Every year, students are required to receive a sports physical before they play hard. A sports physical, also known as a pre-participation physical examination or PPE, helps to determine whether or not the athlete is physically able to participate in a sport safely. In our local area, most sports physicals are conducted for youth of school age and at the time of sport seasons changing. But really anyone starting a new exercise routine or sport should try to talk to a healthcare professional first, and sports physicals offer an easy way to do so.

The examination starts before the actual physical check. A very important component is the athlete's health history. The pre-visit forms are often given for the athletes or parents to fill out, and even through the examination the clinician will often ask more detailed questions in this regard. Recent or repetitive traumas, respiratory or endurance issues, and history of concussion are very pertinent to the process. These points may prompt the clinician to suggest specific interventions or modifications to the sport routines helpful to the prospective athletes.

The physical itself starts with a check of the athlete's vitals, including weight, height, pulse and blood pressure. Since growth spurts and weight changes can place added stress on joints, muscles, and bones, some recommendations may be a result of these measurements alone.

The next component should be the vision screening. If the athlete cannot see properly, it can become a safety issue. A full eye examination may be recommended to see if vision needs to be corrected.

Finally, the actual physical exam includes checking upper airways, heart, lungs, and abdomen to make sure there are no physical limitations, like uncontrolled asthma, heart murmurs, recent surgeries or a hernia that might affect the athlete's ability to participate safely. This also involves a check of the joints and flexibility to identify any areas that may be prone to injury.

A question often comes up whether or not a sports physical and a regular wellness physical are mutually interchangeable. Generally speaking, they are not. The two exams should be focusing on different sets of criteria and topics, especially in adults. However, in healthy youth, particularly when conducted by their primary care clinicians – family medicine or pediatric specialists – one examination can gather enough information and documentation for both purposes. This is best discussed with the athlete's primary care team. Either way, it is a good practice to refresh the examination and documentation every 12 months.

If you are interested in more information about sports physicals, call your pediatric or family medicine office or the Q-care walk-in clinics at Penn Highlands Healthcare.

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Borough council approves a police contract

(The report from the July 17 meeting)

It was a night of significant actions by the Reynoldsville Borough Council on July 17. Those actions covered alley expansion, blighted properties, the proposed police station, and a new police contract.

Alley expansion

Daniel Kolody, a real estate broker, asked council to expand Gordon Alley from Eleventh Street to Beck Alley. There are potential buyers for property in that area, and the alley would provide better access.

Council president TJ Sliwinski said that the borough needed to obtain the right of way to do that. Code Enforcement Officer Larry Kirkwood was directed to determine if the borough already had the right of way or needed to obtain it. Once that is completed, council voted in favor of completing the alley as soon as possible.

Blighted properties ordinance

In an effort to bring the problem of blighted properties under control, council adopted the first reading of a Quality of Life Ordinance drawn up by Solicitor Joe Ryan which combines previous ordinances and gives the borough a way to take care of problems faster than the current method.

The ordinance covers such topics as garbage, hazardous waste, litter, junked vehicles, high grass/weeds, and more. Under the new ordinance, the Code Enforcement Officer will have the power to issue violation tickets and levy fines without having to go through the magistrate.

The ordinance will be available at the borough office for ten days before final action on July 31.

In a related issue, Sliwinski asked Code Enforcement Officer Kirkwood to consider extending his hours for code enforcement work and bring back his thoughts at the meeting on July 31.

On the same subject, resident John Burkett spoke during the public comment section of the meeting and asked council to condemn a trailer located on South Third Street across from his property. Water has been shut off to that trailer, and Burkett believes it is beyond repair and that it is only a nuisance.

"I want something done about it," he said.

Code Enforcement Officer Kirkwood was directed to contact a representative from PennSafe Building Inspection Services to inspect the trailer and determine its condition.

A storage container on the property has to be removed by Friday July 26 or citations will be issued.

Police station and contract

After months of discussion and debate, some progress was made concerning a new police station. Police Committee member Sue Ellen Wells recommended the council pursue obtaining the old Community First Bank office building on Main Street. Community First was purchased by Farmers National Bank, and the office building was put up for sale.

"It is the perfect place to look into," Wells said.

Council president Sliwinski asked the committee to obtain a total project cost and what options the borough could pursue to use the building.

Currently, the police station is on the second floor of the municipal building.

On another police matter, council held a brief executive session to discuss a tentative agreement with the union representing the police department. After the meeting resumed, council voted in favor of approving the new five-year deal and commended the police committee for its work.

Sidewalks, paving and other items

After some discussion, the borough road crew was directed to

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Central Pennsylvania Youth Football League



2019 Schedule

2019 CPYFL GAME SCHEDULE



WEEK 1 (AUGUST 17TH)

TL @ PUNX
STM. @ DUB
BKY @ REY
JB - BYE

WEEK 2 (AUGUST 24TH)

REY @ TL
DUB @ BKY
PUNX @ JB
STM. - BYE

WEEK 3 (AUGUST 31ST)

STM. @ REY
JB @ TL
BKY @ PUNX
DUB - BYE

WEEK 4 (SEPT. 7TH)

DUB @ PUNX
BKY @ STM.
REY @ JB
TL - BYE

WEEK 5 (SEPT. 14TH)

TL @ DUB
PUNX @ STM.
JB @ BKY
REY - BYE

WEEK 6 (SEPT. 21ST)

TL @ BKY
REY @ DUB
JB @ STM.
PUNX -BYE

WEEK 7 (SEPT. 28TH)

STM. @ TL
DUB @ JB
PUNX @ REY
BKY - BYE

P/O Round 1 (Oct. 5th)

Field: DUB
Game Times: 9:00, 11:00, 1:00,
3:00, 5:00, 7:00
(times subject to change)

P/O Round 2 (Oct. 12th)

Field: PUNX
Game Times: 11:00, 1:00, 3:00,
5:00

CPYFL Championship (Oct. 19th)

Field: STM.
Game Times: JV 3:00, Varsity 6:00

Home Field Start Times

STM. - PW 9:30, JV 11:00, V 1:00
JB - PW 3:00, JV 4:30, V 7:00
DUB - PW 9:30, JV 11:00, V 1:00
REY - PW 9:30, JV 11:00, V 1:00
BKY - PW 4:00, JV 5:30, V 7:30
TL - PW 12:00, JV 2:00, V 4:00
PUNX - week #1 & #3
PW 11:00, JV 1:00, V 3:00
week #4
PW 3:00, JV 4:30, V 7:30

Master Gardener class to begin

Winter 2019-2020 classes for Penn State Extension Master Gardener Certification will begin on Thursday, October 3, 2019, and will end in early March 2020. They are held at the Reynoldsville Foundry in Jefferson County from 5:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. on Thursday evenings, except for holidays and bad weather. If enough people sign up, there could be a possibility of an afternoon class as well. You do not have to be a Jefferson County resident to apply.

Penn State Master Gardeners is not a garden club. It is a federal, state, and county supported training program in which you can learn to teach others about the newest researched information on gardening. Topics include fruits, vegetables, or landscape, as well as how to protect them from insects, disease, and poor cultural practices.

A fee of \$200 covers all class materials and the manual.

E-mail JeffersonMG@psu.edu to get an application, or you can call 849-7361, ext. 508 to leave a message for the Master Gardener Coordinator who will return your call.

Reynoldsville Cemetery follow up

Jack Matusky of the Reynoldsville Cemetery Board of Directors says last month's appeal for volunteers in the Reynlow Community News has been successful so far.

Matusky says he was contacted by several volunteers who have been helping with the upkeep. He says others who have been taking care of a family plot have been working on the surrounding plots as well. He invites area residents to come see the progress.

Monetary donations are still needed. If you'd like to help, send your donation to the Reynoldsville Cemetery, 939 Main Street, Reynoldsville, PA, 15851 in care of Don Bedford.

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begin preliminary work on the sidewalk in front of the pocket park and sign on Main Street. Code Enforcement Officer Kirkwood also said the other borough sidewalk located near the sign to the industrial park is also in need of repairs.

The council had investigated obtaining a grant to repair other sidewalks in the borough but was unable to come up with the matching funds.

Borough crew foreman Rick Troutman said the borough streets that are to be paved this summer have been prepared. The paving is scheduled for the second week of August, weather permitting.

This meeting was adjourned until the July 31st meeting at 7 p.m.

Police report for July 2019

The Reynoldsville Borough Police Department has filed its monthly report for July. Overall, there were 25 incidents investigated. They included:

- *1 EMS assist
- *2 criminal mischief incidents
- *1 fire assist (the China One fire)
- *1 ID theft
- *8 general complaints
- *6 reports of harassment
- *3 thefts
- *1 car accident with no injuries
- *1 vehicle stop

The department also issued 12 citations last month.

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I am a Winslow Township resident, and I appreciate it every time the snowplow comes down my road or the potholes get fixed, all because of taxpayer money.

I am a taxpayer like everyone else, and I don't like to see my taxes going up like everyone else, but the response to that fire reminded me that without us paying taxes, our communities will collapse into decay. Our taxes provide the necessary tools to the people we trust with our safety and welfare.

So, as borough council and those in attendance wrangled over what to do about the police station, I listened and hoped they would smell the smoke and see the lights outside and realize they need to do what's right for all of us.



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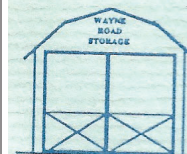
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Fire from page 1

ceiling and the floor of the unoccupied apartments above.

The Reynoldsville Library is in the municipal building adjacent to the China One building, but a fire wall protected it from damage.

Damage estimates were set at \$20,000.00, and the building was not insured. The fire was ruled accidental and was probably electrical in nature.

There were no injuries.



Off-duty borough police officer holds the flames at bay while firemen arrived on scene.



The view from the Reynoldsville Ladder truck. Photo used with permission from Flashover Photography.



Reynoldsville Fire Chief Darren Scolese coordinates the arriving units.



Reynoldsville and DuBois ladder trucks combine efforts.

Food pantry loses cooler; community rallies to help

Editor's note: *The article below was written by Andrew Bundy for Reynlow Community News shortly after he learned the cooler failed. What follows after is an update.*

The storms that hit the area in the past two weeks have severely impacted how the Reynoldsville Area Food Pantry can serve its families.

The food pantry serves around 300 families in the area, although the numbers can go up and down, according to Carol Myers of the Gospel Center Church. The building in Reynoldsville has a large walk-in cooler, but that cooler's mechanical system was damaged by the storms and no longer works.

The failure of the cooler got noticed recently, forcing the pantry to make a hard choice.

"We had to get rid of the food in there," Myers said. "You can't give it away if it might be spoiled. We get donations from C&S Warehouse, and sometimes truck drivers will call us because something they're delivering to Pilot or Sheetz is damaged. We have a lot of milk and eggs, products like that. We can't store them without the cooler."

Myers said that replacing the cooler will be a \$3,000 job, which is money that the food pantry does not have.

"The Gospel Center pays the electric, water, and gas bills," she said. "The pantry just doesn't have that kind of money available."

The families who use the food pantry are on a four-week rotation, and the pantry is open every Thursday. Since there is no insurance on the system, Myers hopes that the community will be able to help the food pantry find a way to replace the coolers.

Update

Reverend Mark Myers of the Gospel Center Church tells Reynlow Community News that enough money has been raised to repair the compressor on the cooler. He's hoping it will be up and running in time for the next food distribution August 8.

While he wanted to express his deep appreciation for all those who contributed, he said there is more to be done with the building which is located at 344 East Main Street in Reynoldsville.

If you would like to donate, send your contribution to The Reynoldsville Food Pantry, P.O. Box 146, Reynoldsville, PA 15851, or stop by the pantry on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

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