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*News from Reynoldsville, Winslow Township and surrounding areas*

# Reynlow Community News

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## Police station proposal draws large crowd to council meeting



Part of the crowd at the borough council meeting August 28

With more than thirty people in attendance, the Reynoldsville Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting at the fire hall. The main topic of discussion, which brought out most of the people it seemed, was the proposed police station.

All members of council were present with council member Billie Cebulskie joining by phone.

At the last meeting, council decided to investigate options for the station. Those options included purchasing the former Community First Bank office building, remodeling the current municipal building, or researching other locations in town.

During the public comment session, Bob Vizza spoke first and voiced his opinion that buying a building would include a mortgage and other problems.

“I just can’t see buying another lot in town [and] taking it off the tax rolls,” he said.

Others spoke in turn, some suggesting the station decision be made after the next municipal election in November. Others talked about using money to increase the police protection to 24 hours.

One other resident, Mike Wolfe, said he felt the current set up with the police station on the

second floor does not comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and he asked that a telephone be placed at the bottom of the stairs so the police can be contacted by someone who can’t make it up the stairs.

When John Burkett addressed council about the issue he said, “Without a doubt, something has to be done about the police station.” He then referred to the drawings completed by KTH Architects earlier this year. He said with some modifications to the plans, the old ambulance building could be remodeled to meet the needs of the police department.

“When you have the same amount of space in that ambulance garage there now, there’s no reason you cannot remodel that and have a beautiful building right there with the garage that’s already in front of it,” he said.

Mayor Peach Caltagarone agreed, but the building will need work.

“It’s needed [to be] rewired since the ambulance station was there, but that’s been overlooked all these years.”

During the discussion, the 24-hour police protection was brought up again. Council President TJ Sliwinski pointed out to Mayor Caltagarone, who oversees the police department, that money for part-time officers was budgeted and that it can be used at his discretion.

Sliwinski suggested the police committee meet more often so input can be provided to the council on police matters.

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## Local woman battles infection after getting cut while wading



Wading in a local stream is one of the summer pleasures that area residents partake of from time to time. For one local woman, it turned into a medical emergency.

Emily (Deible) Smith of First Avenue in Reynoldsville was wading in School House Run in Winslow Township on August 15 with her son and his cousins who were trying to catch crayfish. During the excursion, Smith cut her shin on a rock.

“I immediately got out of the creek and drove home to clean it,” she said. “I cleaned it out well with soap, water, and peroxide.”

Smith when to Dr. James O’Byron’s office where Dr. Kristin Renwick, her cousin, cleaned the wound and put on steri-strips. However, the pain from the wound grew overnight.

The next day saw Smith getting X-rays, which came back negative, and prescription for an oral antibiotic, but the pain continued to grow.

Two days later, Smith was taken to the emergency room. Her leg was red and swollen, and she was suffering from a fever. She was admitted to the hospital and given intravenous antibiotics and pain medication.

On August 19, the pain was still intense, so Dr. William Fritz, an orthopedic surgeon at Penn Highlands Health Care, was called in. Using a local anesthetic, Dr. Fritz lanced the wound and was able to get cultures.

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## Child care center opens at Jeff Tech



On August 27, the Little Vikings Child Care Center at Jeff Tech was open for business.

Christy Weaver of Reynoldsville is the center's director. She is assisted by a staff of five including Jessica Perry-Bailey, Erin Brewer, Anna Srock, Tara Smith, and Chelsea Engle.

The facility is separated into two classroom areas: one for infants and toddlers and the other for preschoolers.

Currently, there are three infants, six toddlers, six pre-school, and eight after-school children at

the center. Weaver noted there are openings at every level, especially pre-school.

"Jeff Tech students, including adult education students, and faculty get priority, but the general public can also bring their children here" Weaver said. She added that the school group is eligible for Child Care Information Services (CCIS) subsidies to help with the cost. Assistance for members of the general public is based upon income.

All meals at the center are being provided by the Jeff Tech, including breakfast, lunch, and a snack.

The hours of operation are 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The center will be closed when the school is closed, but Weaver added that plans are to keep it running during the summer break next year.

If you want more information about the center, email [lilvikingschildcare@gmail.com](mailto:lilvikingschildcare@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page.



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"It was awful," Smith said.

On August 22 the cultures came back and identified the infection as *Areomonas Hydrophelia*, bacteria normally found in the fresh waters of warmer climates.

Smith spent several days on crutches.

When asked about the incident, she encouraged area residents to follow their instincts. Her wound hurt to the point that she knew something else had to be going on, so she sought treatment.

"Who knows what would have happened if I did not seek care quickly," she said.

Smith also stated she wanted to make sure her experience didn't frighten others to the point they're afraid to have fun in the wilds.

"Continue to explore, just be careful," she said. "If an accident does occur, seek medical care quickly. Also, be aware that this [bacterium] has been found locally."

Smith took her last antibiotic on Sept. 2 and has some follow up visits, but she says she's hoping these will be the last ones. She also said she is very appreciative of the medical care she received and the support of her family and friends.

"It all is truly appreciated."

**For information on *Areomonas Hydrophelia*, see the article on page 10**

## Master Gardner Report: Grow Your Own Blueberries

Marianne Augustyn, Certified Master Gardener

Blueberries are part of the latest rage in health foods today because they are the richest food source of phytonutrients called flavonoids esp. anthocyanins. These purple and dark red pigments are natural antioxidants that are strongly anti-inflammatory, antiallergic, antiviral and anticancer agents. Flavonoid-rich foods improve the function of the cells that line the blood vessels (endothelial cells) enabling the cells to produce more nitric oxide. Blueberries have been found to protect against cardiovascular disease specifically by relaxing the blood vessels and improving blood flow.

Wild or low-bush blueberries were a staple in the Native American diet long before the colonists arrived. Blueberries were eaten fresh or dried then mixed with meat to make pemmican or mixed with cornmeal, honey and water to make a pudding. The juice was used to make cough syrup while the leaves were made into a tea meant to fortify the blood.

Blueberries are one of the three fruits native to North America. There are more blueberry species native to North America than any other continent—they are northern and southern high-bush, low-bush, half-high and rabbit-eye. The blueberry is in the genus *Vaccinium* and is closely related to the azalea, cranberry and rhododendron. Blueberries are sometimes mistakenly referred to as huckleberries, which are a different genus—*Gaylussacia*. America now grows over 90% of the blueberries in the world. The problem with domestic blueberries is that they are ranked 14th in the most chemically laden food by the Environmental Working Group.

Blueberries are a deciduous shrub that are widespread in pine, spruce, and beech forests. They ripen from June to August. The leaves in fall become a vivid red making it very decorative in any home garden. The low-bush varieties prefer colder conditions while the highbush prefer more moderate conditions, so be sure to check which varieties grow successfully in your area. Blueberries will live and produce for 40 to 50 years, but it will take 3 to 4 years to produce after planting, and they need to be maintained by watering, fertilizing, and pruning when necessary.

Blueberries are resilient but will not produce well unless they are in ideal conditions. The soil pH is the single most important factor in selecting a blueberry site. It is best between 4.5 and 5.5 (even down to 3.5). If the pH is above 6 or the soil is heavy clay it will take time, effort, and money to improve the location for blueberries.

Choose a site that gets full sun at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the day and is not located near cement sidewalks or walls that might leach lime into the soil & raise the pH.

Blueberries thrive best in a rich soil, so dig in an acidic humus, such as peat moss, to a depth of 8 to 10 inches, and let sit for several weeks. Then do a soil test from several spots to make sure the pH is in a good range for the blueberries. You can increase the acidity of the soil with an application of acidic nitrogen fertilizer like ammonium sulfate, sulfur granules, iron or magnesium sulfate depending on the Penn State Soil test. In home gardens, it helps to plant



blueberries in mounds or raised beds because it is easier to regulate watering and soil characteristics to ensure healthier plants. The raised beds are easy to cover with wood chips (pine, spruce, beech) that help keep the pH in range, reduce weed growth, prevent moisture loss and overheating during the summer heat. The blueberry root system is very shallow, compact, intertwined and develops in a small area. Therefore, hand weeding is better than cultivating. Add mineral fertilizers more often in smaller amounts to avoid spikes in nutrients and to lessen root burn; adding humus and mulch enriches soil gradually.

Space the plants 4 to 8 feet apart, depending on the variety. The first year, remove flower buds. In the following years remove old, weak and diseased branches. After fruiting the 3rd year, prune to open up the inside of the plant, and remove the oldest, darkest branches to promote new vigorous branching and flowering. Blueberries have a large number of flowers, so many bumble bees are needed for pollination to get good fruit set. Some varieties of blueberries are less attractive to bees (Duke variety) than others (Weymouth variety), depending on the quality and quantity of nectar, flower color, and sugar content. It is recommended to mix several varieties for better pollination, larger berries, longer harvesting season, and varying tastes. Whether fresh or frozen, the pale, powder-like coating on blueberries called “bloom” should remain until just before eating, as it helps protect the fruit from damage and disease.

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](mailto:JeffersonMG@psu.edu), or mail your question to 186 Main Street, Suite 3, Brookville, PA 15825.

The Speaker’s Bureau is available for group presentations. Contact the office for specifics. 2020 Master Gardener Classes will begin in October 2019. Call for details.

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## In your fields by Leanne Buhite Waring

### What happened to the apple trees?



An apple tree at the Buhite Farm in Winslow Township

that look ready to die--leaves dropping and no apples!

While apple tree blossoms are always a possible victim to late frosts, this year there just may be another culprit: Water--too much rain, to be specific. According to the Ohio State Extension, excess water is just as damaging as not enough and leads to depleted levels of oxygen from the soil and injuring the root system (Racsko 2019). The leaves begin to yellow, fruit prematurely ripens, and a decrease in quality subjecting the trees to possible infections (Racsko).

Another possibility to the lack of fruit on your apple trees this year could be the Marssonina Blotch. The Blotch shows up as spots on leaves and fruit and can be seen in trees as early as July and leads to premature defoliation (Peter 2019). According to this article, the spots “are 5-10 mm in diameter, grayish, brown, and tinged purple at the periphery. This fungus loves the weather conditions we have had this spring and summer with regular intervals of rain and, once established, is difficult to control” (Peter).

Penn State Extension recommends regular treatment of conventional fungicides to control this and other fungi, in addition to orchard sanitation, removal of leaves on the ground, and pruning.

Lastly, there are several typical reasons why some apple trees failed to fruit in a normal growing season. The Penn State Extension’s article by Dr. Robert Crassweller lists several, such as:

1. Excessive tree vigor: failure to grow fruit due to tree focusing on growing likely due to over-pruning or over-fertilization.
2. Frost damage: flowers on the tree are sensitive to late spring frosts (temperature lower than 29 degrees Fahrenheit) and, while the blossoms may develop, they could be too damaged to develop into fruit.
3. Poor pollination: bees are needed to assist in cross pollination, so anything that disrupts bee activity such as rainy weather and insecticides can cause a problem.
4. The effect of last year’s crop: fruit trees form their flowers from the previous growing season, so heavy crops can reduce flower formation the following year and can be a difficult problem to correct (Crassweller 2016).

While some apples may still be found in this area, they are not as abundant as they have been in years past.

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## Utopia Club celebrates 128th anniversary



**Front Row: Peg Kaltenbaugh, Sharon Bobal, and Mary Stuby. Back Row: Kathleen Toven, Carol Dennison, Susan Duffey, Pat Stockdale, Mona Cramer, and Jill Bowley. Standing: Alice Smyers. Absent from Photo: Susan Moore**

The Utopia Club, the oldest literary club existing in Jefferson County, marked its 128th anniversary in July of this year. The group, conceived as the Utopia Literary Circle of Reynoldsville, first convened in the home of Mrs. Bella Bing of Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania in 1891.

According to archival material, the club initially consisted of sixteen members who gathered for weekly meetings in each other's homes working toward "a better understanding of the world's great masters of art, literature, science, and history." The club's motto remains as it was at the founding: More Light.

Although the minutes and records for the years from 1891 to 1927 were lost, Mrs. Bing recalled the club's history in her writings, and in 1951, the group's historian Sarah Ross compiled a written history. Records and artifacts from this period remain to this day in the custody of the current historian.

Emerging during its early years from its beginning as an embryonic literary circle to a full-fledged club, the group became known as the Utopia Club.

The dates and times of regular meetings evolved from the original weekly meetings to two Mondays of the month and various other configurations until the ninetieth anniversary in 1981, it was resolved that the club would meet on the third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m., except for January, February, and March. Currently, the gatherings consist of a business meeting, a presentation by the designated reader, a roll call that focuses on a chosen topic, and the Mizpah Benediction from Genesis 31:49b: "The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from the other." A social time with refreshments follows.

A program committee, chosen in alphabetical order, is responsible for providing the year's research topic and the printing of the program, the annual Anniversary Luncheon and the Christmas party. The current by-laws specify a membership of fourteen (including honorary members who no longer are able to attend to the duties of the meetings), the yearly dues, the titles of officers, and the method for electing them. The yearly printed program includes a memorial list of deceased members in good standing.

Since the Utopia Club's beginning, its regular meetings included readings and discussions of current events; however, the women's focus often reached beyond the home front during times of crisis in the nation and the world. During World War I, the group "adopted" a French war orphan and supported her for two years. In May 1927, monetary aid was sent to help the victims of the great flood that occurred in the Mississippi Valley. During World War II, the club sent care packages to the needy in Europe. Charitable donations have been a regular effort for the club throughout its history, from surgical dressings for the county's Cancer Society to sponsorship of a child to a summer camp for the underprivileged. This custom continues today with donations to food pantries, libraries, and other worthy causes.

For more than 128 years, the words of Bella Bing have rung true: "The club has been an institution strong in its power for good; to those who have lived in its beneficent influence, it has been of inestimable value. Harmony and congeniality have been two strong factors in welding the club together. Its attitude toward all that is good is proverbial, and as no one lives to himself alone, but everywhere touches some other life, we can never tell just all of the good that has come to others with whom we have come in contact, but we do know that it has appealed to the best and highest in its members, so we repeat, 'In the field of life's great battle, may influence last for aye. Bound to friendship's strongest fetters, Ever live Utopia.'" (Quotation recopied Sept. 1979 by Josephine Ramsey from Edith Hight's copy of Mrs. Bing's writings.)

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**Local industry joins coat drive** submitted by Emily Walker

Embroidery & Printing by Brookville Glove is hosting a coat drive to collect clean, gently worn or new, warm coats September 1st through October 25th at multiple drop off locations during their normal business hours. Area residents are invited to make a difference in our local community by donating to the coat drive and helping Embroidery & Printing by Brookville Glove reach their goal of collecting enough coats to help local students at the Brookville and DuBois area school districts.

“We are so excited to have this opportunity to give back to local families in our area and help keep students warm this upcoming winter,” said Embroidery & Printing Marketing Coordinator, Emily Walker.

Customers who wish to donate can donate at the following locations during the listed business hours:

- Embroidery & Printing by Brookville Glove: 98 Service Center Rd. Suite B, Brookville, PA. Business hours Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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- Dougherty Real Estate: 660 Longview Rd. Fairmount City, PA. Business hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Utilities & Industries: 1995 Industrial Blvd. Reynoldsville, PA. Business hours Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anyone who donates coats will receive a complimentary coupon on their next custom clothing/accessory order which can be redeemed upon placing your order at Embroidery & Printing by Brookville Glove.

If anyone has any questions about the coat drive, contact Sara Dixon at 814.849.7324 or email [outsidesales@brookvilleglove.com](mailto:outsidesales@brookvilleglove.com).

**Veterans memorial park in Reynoldsville moving forward**

The Reynoldsville Veterans Memorial Park Committee took another step forward at its regular meeting on September 4.



The committee approved a bid to

clear the trees from the property along Main Street in the borough.

The actual demolition of the two buildings has been slowed due to the lack of availability of dumpsters to haul the material away. The Borough of Reynoldsville offered free dumpsters from its allotment of free containers from Advanced Disposal, but they have already been used.

The committee is looking into the possibility of working out a deal with Advanced Disposal or waiting until 2020 and request the borough reserve the dumpsters for the demolition.

The next meeting will be held October 2 at 7 p.m.at the American Legion in Reynoldsville.

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## Reynoldsville recollections by Grant Mac Campbell

Editor's note: Unfortunately, Mr. Mac Campbell is on holiday in Scotland. He will return to his recollection writing in the October issue of *Reynlow Community News*. He wishes all his readers slàinte mhath (good health).

### Reynoldsville-Sykesville alumni reunion

Submitted by Peggy Zortman, alumni committee member

The evening of August 16, 2019, remained dry and warm as nearly two hundred fifty former classmates gathered together for the thirty-fifth annual Reynoldsville-Sykesville High School Alumni Reunion and dinner.

Those gathered represented twenty-eight graduating classes: 1938, 1943, 1944, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950 through 1970 and 1972. Ruth Engle, currently of Brookville, was the most senior lady (Class of 1938), and Paul Keller of Winslow Township was the most senior gentleman (Class of 1943).

People from eighteen states traveled home for this evening of reminiscing with friends. Fellowship time before the meal was enhanced by an amazing array of appetizers provided by Laudrea Frampton. A choice of either roast turkey or Swiss steak was prepared by --then expertly served by--the volunteers of St. Mary's Catholic Church. The meal was topped off with ice cream donated by St. Mary's Catholic Church and again served by their efficient volunteer crew.

A short program followed the meal, and then there was more time for conversations.

For the viewing pleasure of those at the reunion, The Reynoldsville Historical Society provided a display of yearbooks, sports team photos and sports paraphernalia including a football helmet, jacket, megaphone and the marching banner of the high school band.

The original yellow brick building remembered by the classmates was dedicated on September 4, 1896, with the first graduation in May of 1897. That building was destroyed by fire on February 16, 1902, but was rebuilt in time for school that fall.

Through the years, many small country schools closed, and the students joined those at the Reynoldsville School. Beginning in the school year 1961-1962, Reynoldsville-Winslow High School and Sykesville-Henderson High School became one.

The black and gold Bulldogs and their archrivals, the orange and black Leopards, merged to become the green and white Reynoldsville-Sykesville Falcons.

Things changed again drastically in the school year 1965-1966 when the students from the school on the hill were sent to DuBois (or Punxsutawney) to become the red and black Beavers, a jointure that was not popular with many.

The school building was eventually sold, and in the summer of 1971 the yellow brick building was demolished, the ground was landscaped, and construction was started on apartments for senior citizens. The first occupant moved into the new housing on August 8, 1972.

During demolition, historic items (photos, artifacts and records kept in the building) were loaded into dump trucks to be hauled away, but some were rescued by caring former students and have been preserved.

Judging from the faithful turnout for the Alumni Reunion year after year, those who attended classes in that building took away more than readin' ritin' and rithmetic'; they took with them friendships that have lasted through the years.

The Reynoldsville-Sykesville Alumni Reunion is a meeting of former classmates; but more than that, it's a gathering of friends.

The next reunion is tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2020. Mark your calendar.

*Historical information provided by Christy Weaver of the Reynoldsville Historical Society*

## Reynoldsville Library News by Karl Rebon



Don't cry because it's over...smile because it happened. I am talking about Summer. Because this guy here can't wait to see the leaves fall, can't wait to smell that autumn air, and can't wait to not lose my breath when I walk out of the library. Ok, maybe not that bad, but I do enjoy the fall. And I enjoy what all the library has to offer this time of year also.

To start us off, on September the 21st, we will be "Jammin' at the Bilo," as library friends will be performing music favorites in the parking lot of Mike's Bilo. There will also be a hot dog, drink, and chips sale going on as well. \$2.00 will get you all that, with the proceeds going right back into the library. There will also be a 'Jam Jar' for donations for the library as well. It will be a fun time for everyone. Who doesn't like live music, an awesome combo meal, and helping out the library? And don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. The parking lot opens at five, with the music starting at six. Come jam with us. Son of a gun, we'll have great fun at the Bilo.

Fall Story Hour for the kids begins at the library at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25. This fall's theme will be "Birds of a Feather." It will feature different birds each week with, of course, stories, crafts, and a little snack. Call the library to register at 814.653.9471. We want to see you "soar" into our library.

We also want to invite you to Trivia Night. In case you don't know, the library holds Trivia Night the second Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise noted) at 6 p.m. at Main Street Pizza. It's \$5.00 a person to play, but the money goes right back into the library. We encourage a team, with typically no more than 6-8 on a team, but teams can be lone wolves, too. It's usually 7 rounds of different topics of trivia. You can also order whatever you would like off the menu to eat while playing. We always have fun, or at least I hope we do. If you want something to do, please come and enjoy a night out of fun, trivia, and, again, helping the library.

Thank you to all who attended the library's luncheon in July. We had a wonderful time with Rebecca Drake. The consensus seemed to enjoy themselves. We welcome you back next year. Without you attending, there wouldn't be a luncheon. Also, thank you to all who sponsored, gave giveaways, and helped with it as well. It's awesome to know that we have such great support from the community.

New items are arriving all the time. Stop in and see if anything catches your interest. It's always nice to see smiling faces.

And one last thing. Take some time out of you day to say, "I love you." Say it to as many people as you feel like it. With all the things happening in our country lately, and with it being the month of September 11, we all have to take time and say, "I love you." You never know; just a little bit of love may just change our course.

## Police report for August

The Reynoldsville Borough Police Department investigated 43 incidents during the month of August, according to a report filed by Chief Troy Bell.

The breakdown includes eighteen general complaints, one assault, two emergency medical assists, five disturbances, three domestics, three harassment incidents, one missing person (who was located), three thefts, and four traffic accidents.

Police also issued thirteen citations, including four non-traffic citations. They also filed four sets of charges with the district magistrate.

Chief Bell said he'd like to warn borough residents, especially senior citizens, about the dangers of computer and phone scams.

"Don't ever give out personal information on electronic devices," he said. He added that if a resident is not sure, they should check with someone before committing.

## Fire report for August

The Reynoldsville Volunteer Fire Department has filed its monthly report for August showing a total of eleven incidents.

Those incidents included three in the borough of Reynoldsville, including a motor vehicle accident with no injuries on Main Street. That crash took out the decorative lights in front of the Snyder-d'Argy Funeral Home.

There were three calls to Winslow Township, including an accident on the Reynoldsville-Sykesville Road.

The department also provided mutual aid to other companies five times in August.

Overall, the department had an average of nine members per call, and there was no fire loss for the month.

## What's happening at C.G. Johnson

### Elementary School by Beth Saxman

School is just getting underway. Here are some upcoming events to place on your calendar.

\*School Pictures are September 20

\*PTA/Title I Family Math Night is Thursday, October 17.

\*Parent-Teacher conferences are in the afternoon, Thursday, October 24, and all day Friday, October 25.

\*The CG PTA is looking for vendors for a Craft and Vendor Show at the Ideal Building in Sykesville on November 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Email [cgjohnsonpta@gmail.com](mailto:cgjohnsonpta@gmail.com) for more information.



### Council from page 1

Sliwinski suggested the police committee meet more often so input can be provided to the council on police matters.

Once the discussion was completed, Sliwinski provided the costs of two options. The first, purchasing the old bank office building, would cost about \$120,000.00.

Option B is remodeling the current building to move the police department downstairs and the borough offices upstairs. An elevator would be included to allow access to the second floor.

According to the borough engineers, PVE Sheffler, the construction budget would be in the range of \$350,000 to \$450,000. Adding other repairs, such as the building façade, would bump that up to \$500,000 to \$750,000.

While all agreed that at some point the municipal building will need to be repaired, the focus right now was on the police station.

For his part, Police Chief Troy Bell explained the need for a different layout than the current one. He also said storage space is also an issue, especially for evidence.

The council also talked about the need for a professional grant writer to help the borough find the money it needs to do what it wants to do.

Once the discussion was over, council decided not to pursue the bank building at this time. Council member Ralph "Tucker" August was tasked with finding out how much it would cost to remodel the old ambulance station and report back at the September meeting. Council also agreed to investigate obtaining a professional grant writer who can help the borough, either utilizing PVE Sheffler or the grant writer used by the Reynoldsville Fire Department.

### Other actions

\*Council opened seven bids for the old borough grader. They approved the highest bid made by Brad Armagost at \$5250.00.

\*Council member Cebulskie said the Comcast audit should be completed soon.

\*The borough continues to investigate purchasing new Christmas lights.

\*The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary is assisting in the purchase of American Hero banners.

\*The next council meeting will be September 18 at 6 p.m. at the borough office.

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## Random Thoughts and Other Stuff by Sam Bundy

“This is a marathon, not a sprint.” Those were the words of Frank Snyder to the Reynoldsville Veterans Memorial Park Committee at a recent meeting.

Full disclosure, I am a member of that committee, more in an advisory capacity than anything else, but as a veteran I am trying to do as much as I can to help make the park a reality.

My involvement began after a community meeting last year. Francis Caltagare and Dan Edwards of the Reynoldsville American Legion approached me and related the ideas they had for the park and I was hooked.

Mr. Caltagare has had this vision since the 1990s. More than anything, he wants to see our local veterans honored. He constantly shows me stories of the hometown heroes who served, some giving their lives for our freedom. The park itself will be named after Kenneth P. Lyons, a Reynoldsville High School student who died in May of 1943 while collecting scrap metal for the war effort.

The park will bring the local monuments to one place. The cannons and Civil War monument at the Reynoldsville Pool will be relocated there as well as the monuments in front of the post office. In addition, there will be an amphitheater there for concerts and programs in the downtown.

Like the others on the committee, I want it yesterday if not sooner, but Mr. Snyder’s words at the last meeting were enough to remind me this is going to take some time, something I’ve heard before.

I get my haircut at the Mehok Barbershop in Sykesville where Eric and Bob Mehok provide excellent advice on what to do. They helped to bring the beautiful veterans memorial park to downtown Sykesville. They once told me it took them two years to make it happen, so I must remind myself at times to slow down and do what needs to be done next.

The property beside the Uni-Mart has been acquired. The first step in clearing the property is to cut down the trees, which is an action the committee voted to take at its last meeting.

At some point, the two buildings will come down and the site prepared, but each of these steps will cost money, not to mention how much the park itself will cost.

When it comes to money, the memorial committee is stepping out in faith, really, if I can borrow some church lingo. The goal is to raise the necessary funds from businesses and individuals in the greater Reynoldsville area and avoid all the red tape and regulations that come with government grants. The hope is that enough will be raised for perpetual care as well.

All of this is in the future, but the first steps are being taken to make sure we reach the goal that Mr. Caltagare has had for decades.

So here I am, living the old military adage, “hurry up and wait,” but it is going to happen. It must happen, and if we work together as a community, it will happen.

## Winslow Township Supervisors discuss problems with tarring and chipping roads.

With a short agenda on tap, the Winslow Township Supervisors spent most of their September 9 meeting discussing recent roadwork.

The township used the standard method of tarring and chipping several roadways, but this year there seemed to be a problem. The oil being used on the road did not set as well as in past years. The township puts the oil out for bid every year and uses Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) specifications.

Supervisor Marty Strouse stated, “It just didn’t set up.”

Board chairman Robert Krajewski added, “Rain makes it worse.”

Winslow Township is not the only township in the area experiencing this problem.

The board then discussed ways to avoid the problem next year, including trying something that is water based and will dry and set up faster.

In other action, Township Secretary Mary Greeley reported she had received the Comcast franchise agreement and that she planned to send it to the township solicitor for review. The board also approved an estimate for the employee pension fund and discussed the purchase of a new truck.

The supervisors will meet again October 14 at 6 p.m. at the township building.



“You knew I was an athlete when you married me!”



## From Penn Highlands Healthcare

By MaryJo Yebernetsky

*Editor's note: We requested an article about this waterborne bacteria from Penn Highlands Healthcare after learning of Ms. Smith's difficulties after her accident in a local stream (see the article on page 1).*

Aeromonas hydrophilia is a bacteria found mostly in warmer areas in waterways. If a person (or animal) ingests or gets water with this bacteria into a wound, it can cause problems.

This species of bacteria causes diarrhea and infection. If it gets into the bloodstream or an organ, those may be affected, too. Some antibiotics don't kill it.

According to Shaun Sheehan, DO, Medical Director of Emergency Medicine at Penn Highlands Healthcare hospitals, there are not many cases that come through his Emergency Departments.

However, when someone does present with illness, many lab tests are performed, including one for this bacteria.

Should someone have illnesses, such as severe diarrhea or wound infection, it is always best to seek medical treatment before the illness progresses. It is also good to share if you have been in waterways and possibly exposed to something unusual.



On September 4, the Reynoldsville-Sykesville Girl Scouts hosted a Spa Party for girls in grades K-12 at the Reynoldsville Presbyterian Church. In all, there were 38 participants.

The girls went through four stations which included getting a facial scrub, making headbands from recycled t-shirts, enjoying S'mores, and receiving a manicure.

The event was sponsored by the Reynoldsville Sykesville Service Unit and involved the following troops: Daisy Troop 20592, Brownie Troop 20608, Junior Troop 20253, Cadette Troop 22170, and Senior Troop 16409.

If you would like more information about Girl Scouts, contact Beth Sawyer at 952-6197.

## Project Warm Up Treasures for Children Registration Christmas for Seniors Registration

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Thursday, October 17, 2019

10am – Noon & 6 – 7pm

Saturday, October 19

10am - Noon

First United Methodist Church

504 Jackson St.

Reynoldsville, PA

New coats will be provided for children, school-age and younger.

MUST live in the 15851 zip code.  
MUST meet low-income guidelines.

Please bring proof of income and children's ID (Access cards, school report card, or other ID), along with parent's driver's license or state photo ID to the registration. Distribution of the Treasures for Children gifts will be December 18.

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5:30 - 7 pm Adult Role Auditions

### September 30:

6 pm - 7 pm Children & Teenager Role Auditions  
7pm - 9 pm Adult Role Auditions

### October 1:

Callbacks at 7 pm

### Cast of Characters\*

<b>Doctor Pierce</b> (M/F) Adult-Physician	<b>Judge Harper</b> (M/F) Adult-NY State Court
<b>Kris Kringle</b> (M) Adult-Santa Claus	<b>Finley</b> (M/F) Teen/Adult-Bailiff
<b>Bag Lady</b> (F) Teen/Adult-at parade	<b>Mara</b> (M/F) Adult-Attorney
<b>Rich Person</b> (M/F) Adult-at parade	<b>Halloran</b> (M/F) Adult-Campaign Manager
<b>Shellhammer</b> (M/F) Teen/Adult-Mrs. Walkers Asst.	<b>Duncan</b> (M/F) Teen/Adult-Zoo Keeper
<b>Doris Walker</b> (F) Adult-Manager at Macy's	<b>Mara Jr.</b> (M/F) Child Role-Attorney
<b>Susan Walker</b> (F) Child to look/sound age 7	<b>Al &amp; Lou</b> (M/F) Teen/Adult-Postal Workers
<b>Fred Gayley</b> (M) Adult-Lawyer, Neighbor, Friend	<b>Teenagers</b> (M/F) minimum 3
<b>Drunken Santa</b> (M) Adult-Macy's Employee	<b>Children</b> (M/F) minimum 3
<b>Macy</b> (M/F) Adult-Owner of Dept. Store	<b>Elves</b> (M/F) 4-8 any age
<b>Sawyer</b> (M/F) Teen/Adult-Guidance Counselor	<b>Parents</b> (M/F) minimum 3
<b>Bloomingdale</b> (M/F) Adult-Owner Dept. Store	<b>Pedestrians, Shoppers, Postal Baggers</b> (M/F)

\*Names will be changed accordingly to fit male/female cast.

Supporting role cast members, especially children and students, will have limited rehearsals in the beginning, which will increase in frequency closer to performance dates. Show week full dress rehearsals are mandatory attendance for all cast.

Performance Dates are December 5-8 & 12-15, 2019

## Veteran's Corner

Presented by  
The Reynoldsville American Legion  
Post #392

(Editor's note: This month: Information on the Military Veterans Outdoors (MVO) organization of Sykesville from Gary Smith, president.)

The Military Veterans Outdoors (MVO) organization is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that is giving back to our active duty military and veterans through the great outdoors. We are dedicated to helping our active duty, veterans, guard and reserve, reconnect with nature and to assist in their healing process.

MVO was established in 2015 by several veterans living in Jefferson, Clearfield, and surrounding counties. It was able to secure a 742-acre lease from CONSOL Energy for hunting, fishing, trapping, and any outdoor recreational activity. We want to honor our servicemen and women by giving them an opportunity to enjoy hunting and other recreational activities. This is where you can help.

Our only methods of survival are by donations and fundraising activities. The money we receive goes to support our mission and stays here in Pennsylvania.

Some of our ongoing projects include:

- Road maintenance and construction of new roads and ATV trails
- Building and maintaining our four wheelchair accessible blinds
- Making fishing areas more accessible for the disabled
- Increasing the number of and maintaining our food plot areas
- Beautification of our memorial and flag pole areas
- Improve and maintain security
- Maintain current maps
- Stocking of Mill Creek for fishing
- Providing a family day picnic so that the families who have supported us can be recognized.

MVO is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Your donation is tax deductible and would help us a great deal. If you have any questions, you can contact me, Gary Smith, at 814.577.5157 or visit our Facebook site ([facebook.com/militaryveteransoutdoors](https://facebook.com/militaryveteransoutdoors)). Our mailing address is 326 East Main Street, Sykesville, PA 15865.

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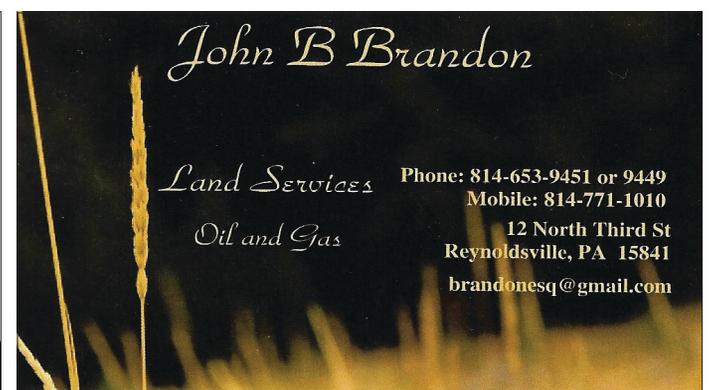
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## Rollerdrome season underway with a refinished floor



Rollerdrome owner Dave Schuckers of Reynoldsville looks over the results of a lot of hard work to get ready for the fall and winter seasons

After many hours of hard work, the floor at the Reynoldsville Rollerdrome was refinished to prepare for upcoming winter season.

Owners Dave and Jennifer Schuckers welcomed the first skaters of the season on September 8. The Nerf War season opened that same day.

The Xtreme Hockey League (XHL) will begin its season on September 9. This year there are eight teams in the league.

The fall and winter hours are Friday and Saturday 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Sunday's open skate is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. In October, National Roller Skating Month, the Rollerdrome will add Wednesday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to the schedule. Nerf Wars will be held once a month.

For more information, visit the Rollerdrome's Facebook page.



To visit the Rollerdrome's Facebook page, just scan the QR code to the left.



Be a part of something important for the Reynoldsville Area. Join in the efforts to bring a Veterans Memorial Park to the downtown.

Memorial Park memberships are now being sold. If you provide your email address, you will receive regular emails informing you of the park's progress. Your name will also be published here in the Reynlow Community News.

All proceeds from the memberships will be used toward the completion of the park. Complete the form below and return it with your donation to:

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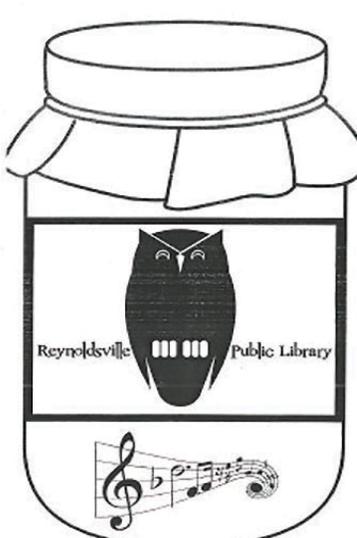
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