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The 1939 Reynoldsburg Directory

by Suzy Millar Miller

Eighty years ago, The Reynoldsburg Press published *The Reynoldsburg Directory, a Directory of The City of Reynoldsburg and all of its Rural Routes*. I found the copy buried in my collection of “odd artifacts.” The booklet has 19 pages of phone numbers and addresses from 1939. The directory sold for \$1.50, which seems like a lot of money for the time period. The directory is a snapshot of where the people lived and worked. The booklet cost 1 1/2 cents to mail. The stamp has a picture of Martha Washington!

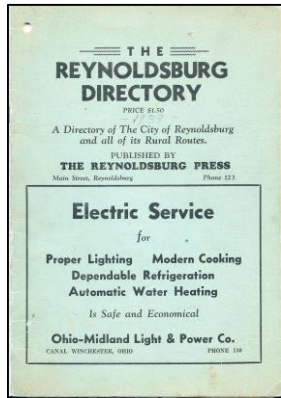
On the inside front cover there is a list of classified advertisers and throughout the pages there are other ads positioned within the listing of names. One of the most notable advertisements was the Annen-McCray Funeral Home, “*You can depend on us to carry out a service of distinction and always within your means.*” The funeral home also stated, “*Distinctive but Not Expensive.*” Annen-McCray had the one-inch ad placed on every even

numbered page of the directory, plus a few extras for a total of 12 ads. Annen-McCray could be contacted at

709 S. High St. phone, GARfield 7717. Not to be outdone by the funeral home, Glen Rest Memorial Estate, “*Buy in Advance of Need,*” placed 10 ads on the odd numbered pages. The phone number for Glen Rest was 8.

“*Dr. D. Orval Kraner, Optometrist and Optician, 1032 E. Main St., Office: EV-7404, Evenings by Appointment*” placed 11 ads.

Most businesses only placed one or two advertisements! Some of the other advertisers were: “*Your County Auditor, N.A. Thatcher, MA. 1376*”; “*E.E. Connell Hardware, Telephone 35, Res. 121-W*”; “*G-W Electric Shop, At Your Service 24 Hours, House Wiring – Sales – Service – Westinghouse Appliances, Phones – Rey Bus. 111, Res. 110*”; “*Richard Evans, Red & White Grocery, Phone 10*”; “*Hayes Store, Soda Grill, Patent Medicines, Cigarettes, Cigars,*



Tobacco, Phone 66”; “*Horton’s Restaurant on Route Forty, Lunches and Dinners*”; “*E.M. Lunn, Patronize Your Home Dry Goods Store, Yard Goods, Shoes, Notions, Gifts, Men’s Work Clothes*”; “*McNaghten’s Store, Fine Quality Groceries and Meats, We’ll deliver the goods if you’ll let us, the*

busiest and biggest little store in the country, Brice Pike at Main, Rey 125” and “*Whitehead Coal and Builders’ Supplies, Ohio and West VA. Coal, Sand, Gravel, Cement, Plaster, 117-W, 117-J*.” To



contact the police or fire departments you just phoned the operator.

Now I admit that I am always fascinated by advertisements. However, I found the actual (continued on page 02)

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resident listings even more interesting.

ANTRIM, Rex – St. Serum Farm. (Mary) Margaret, Max. N. Lancaster St.

ASHTON, Mrs. Emma – Housewife, Albert Ashton – Laborer. Lancaster

ASHTON, Hannah – Teacher, Pickerington-Reynoldsburg Road. Rey 113-F-3
(**Note: there are five listings for Ashton name**)

BARBER SHOP – Prop., D.L. Kitzmiller, S. Lancaster St. Rey 5-W

BARBER SHOP – Prop. Carl Whitmer, Main Street, Central

BARNEY'S TAVERN – Prop. Harold Rothrock, Main and S. Lancaster St.

BERRY, D.W. – Retired (Martha A.) Ethel. Nat'l Bl'v'd East. Rey 52-F-2

BLUE BONNET – Prop. Edward Rhinehart. Charles Burton – Porter, Margaret Cummins – Waitress, Dorothy Miller – Waitress, Donald Vanatta – Waiter. Nat'l. Bl'v'd and McNaughten Rd., Rey 135-F-2

BOND, Ward – Stove Repair. (May), Mrs. Ida Pierce, Earl McCormick – Hired Hand, 9023 E. Broad St., Pataskala 170-R-12

BRILL, James – School Janitor. (Anna) Mary Ellen Lisk, Everett Lisk – Mechanic. N. Lancaster St.

BUTTS, Edward D. – Plumber. (Olive) Edward D. Jr., Birdella, William. Main St. and Central.

CHEATWOOD, E. Ray – Funeral Director. (Mary) Edith. Carl Whitmer – Barber. Main St. Central Rey 4

CONNELL, E.E. – Owner of Hardware Store. (Nelle) Ralph. Bryden Road Rey 121-W

DAMSEL, William – Shipping Clerk. (Gertrude) Connie, Sharon, Pauline Carpenter – Student. E. Main St., Log House. Rey 133-M

DODDROE, Mrs. Martha – Housewife. Virginia, J. Dorsie. Manor Drive, Nat'l. Bl'v'd West.

DONAHEY, James – Dept. of Education. (Erma) Vicki, Carol Lee, N. Lancaster St. Rey 105

EVANS, Donivan – Prin. of Rey School (Dorothy), Randal Near – Music Instructor. N. Lancaster St. (**Note: there are 14 listings for the Evans name**)

FEUCHT, Fred – Dairyman. (Freda) Dora, Fred Jr., Mary Alice, Richard, Lura Fern. E. Livingston Ave. Rey 98-F-5

FOLTZ, Alonzo – Plumber. (Laura) Jean. East Main Street Rey 46

FOLTZ, David W. – Carpenter, Contractor. (Rose), Josephine, Hester, Ella Foltz – Sister. East Main, Rey 47

FRENCH, Homer – Mechanic. (Bess) Herbert French – Mechanic. Janette French – Nurse. Nat'l Bl'v'd

GRAHAM, W. Fred – Machinist. (Serena). Fred Jr., Mary Grace, Lucia Ann. Broad St. (**Note: there are 11 listings for the Graham name. Also, the current name for "Broad St." is Broadwyn**)

HAFT, Al – Sports Promoter. (Mary Lee) Al Jr. 6767 Nat'l Bl'v'd Rey 78

HAYES, E. T. – Owner of Drug Store. (Jessie) Robert, Elmore Jr. Jackson St. Rey 86

HEADLEY, Clyde – Road Construction. (Georgia), Edward Gaylord – Salesman. Ralph Ederly – Student. Pickerington and Reynoldsburg Road

HICKMAN, Nelson – Farmer. (Vivian) Seymour. Pickerington R. and E. Livingston Ave. Rey 113-F-4

JEWELL, James M. – Electric Crane Operator. (Eva). Bryden Rd. Rey 126-R

KARNES, C.E. – Union Fork and Hoe Co. (Mary) Mary Alice, Archie, Raymond, Ruth. Broad St.

KIELMEYER, Albert – Pressman. (Esther) Marjorie, (continued on page 03)

Alphabetical List

A

Abbott, Mrs. Marjorie—Listed under Lewis Schultz
Alexander, Fred—Village Public Service. (Mary)
Wilson Hill Farm, E. P. St.
Alfa, Mrs. Nellie, Dorothy Susan—Walden, N.
Alford, Charles—Farmer. (Gladis) Louise William
Shiloh—Lancaster. (Larry) Nat'l Bl'v'd, and
5th West. Rey 52-F

**YOUR COUNTY
AUDITOR
N. A. TATCHER
MA. 1178**

Albano, Mrs. Catherine—S. Lancaster St.
Albright, Charles—Farmer. (Margaret) E. Gro
ve Rd.
Albright, Mrs. Esther—Listed under A. L. Whiters
Albright, William—Listed under A. L. Whiters
Alyson, Henry C.—Business. (Dorothy) H.
Lynn Hill, Wagner Rd. Rey 114-F-2

Annen - McCray Funeral Home
Funerals and All Expenses
FUNERAL SERVICE
1012-1014 W. MAIN ST. (Opp. City Hall)
729 S. HIGH ST. **CARROLL 771**

Armstrong, John—Listed under W. Mike Priddy
Anderson, Mrs. Albert—Listed under J. E. Ande
rson
Anderson, Betty—Listed under Paul Marie
Anderson, Charles—Listed under Walter Shropsh
Anderson, Earl—Student. (Dorothy) Betty, Nat'l
Bl'v'd, East. Rey 5
Anderson, John P.—Farmer. (Gladis) Bob Work
11210-11214, Center. Nat'l Bl'v'd, West. Rey 48-W
Apostel, Albert—Listed under E. M. Smith
Apostel, Margaret—P. O. Clerk. Listed under Ben
Apostel
Apostel, Mrs. Beulah—Farmer. (Mary) Margaret,
W. Lancaster St.
Apostel, C. H.—Owner of Blue House. (Ivy)
Nat'l Bl'v'd, West. Rey 114-F-3

B

Bailey, J. (John)—Master. (Elizabeth) E. Lee
under St.
Baer, Stanley—Listed under Bob Wagner
Barnett, Mrs. Ruth—Listed under A. E. Park
Baylor, Ralph—Listed under Anna Brown
Baker, Arthur H.—Farmer. (Gladis) McLaughlin
Listed under W. Mike Priddy. Rey 110-F-11
Baker, Marlene—Listed under Bob Wagner
Baker, Gene—Business. S. Lancaster St.
Baker, John—Prop. D. L. Kitzmiller, S. Lancaster
St. Rey 114-F-11
Baker, John—Prop. Carl Whitmer, Main Street,
Central
Barnett, Bernard—Shoes. (Clarice) Carl Al
Natl' Bl'v'd, East
Barrow, Geo. T.—Laborer. (Mary Margaret) Bond
E. Livingston Ave.
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**GLEN REST
Memorial Estate**
"City of Advance of North"
Phone 5 Reynoldsburg Phone 5

MAILING ADDRESS: Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society, P.O. BOX 144, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
STREET ADDRESS (NO MAIL): RTHS Museum, 1485 Jackson Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

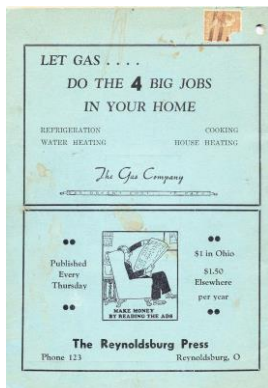
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owners. The directory also listed that there were a lot of farmers or dairymen in the village. Other names are familiar because they are grandparents, parents, siblings, cousins, uncles and aunts of our RTHS

group. The directory is a snapshot in time of The Burg when the town was a close-knit community. It is interesting to note how many families had boarders or non-family members living with them at the time. The

Burg was in essence a big family who interacted with one another regularly.



2019 CALENDAR

MARCH 2019

- 08 – FRI – Tour with ‘Learning Never Ends’ 11:00am-1:00pm
- 12 – TUE – Board Meeting - 7:00pm
- 16 – SAT – Open House, 10:00am-2:00pm
- 20 – WED – Rose Hill 3rd Grade Tour 9:30-1:00
- 21 – THU – Rose Hill – **RAIN DATE** 9:30am-1:00pm
- 26 – TUE – General Meeting, 7:00pm

APRIL 2019

Directory/Roster Published

- 05 – FRI – French Run 3rd Grade Tour 9:30-1:00
- 12 – FRI – French Run **RAIN DATE** 9:30-1:00
- 16 – TUE – Board Meeting, 7:00pm
- 20 – SAT – Open House, Helping Hands Shower 10am-2pm
- 22 – MON – Deadline for May Courier
- 23 – TUE – Card and Board Game Party at the Reynoldsburg Senior Center 6:00pm

MAY 2019

Publish May Courier

- 10 – FRI – Herbert Mills 3rd Grade Tour 9:00-1:00
- 11 – SAT – Wilma (Wiswell) Turner Celebration of Life 1:00-5:00 Groveport Town Hall 648 Main St. Groveport OH
- 14 – TUE – Board Meeting - 7:00pm
- 15 – WED – Herbert Mills **RAIN DATE**
- 18 – SAT – Western Electric Open House 10am-2pm
- 21 – TUE - Max & Erma’s Fundraiser
- 27 – MON – Memorial Day Service – 9:30am at Seceder Cemetery



Contact Wendy Wheatley Raftery if you are aware of an RTHS member who could use a Get Well, Thinking of You, Sympathy, or any other type of card for some added sunshine in their life

(614) 262-2673
(Please Call After 2:00pm)

Write “SUNSHINE” in the subject line of your email:

cdutchman1@aol.com



New Members!

Donald & Pamela Larimer - Life
Carr Newman - Individual
Bill Taylor - Individual



Eleanor Mae Wilson Shonting

April 14, 1924 – January 18, 2019

*Author of
the McNaghten Collection*

The following was Published in FLORIDA TODAY on January 25, 2019

Indian Harbour Beach - Eleanor Mae Wilson Shonting, 94, passed away Friday, January 18, 2019.

She was born in Truro Township, Franklin County Ohio on April 14, 1924. The only child of Henry and Lola Wilson, Eleanor had many homes as her family traveled to her father's Naval assignments. From the Panama Canal Zone to Washington to Virginia to Ohio, and eventually settling in Florida, she saw many places. She was a bookkeeper until her retirement.

Throughout her life she pursued many interests: music and singing, genealogy, dancing, history, painting, sewing, and collecting family memories and memorabilia. In fact, part of Eleanor's extensive collection of historical and genealogical items is proudly displayed in a permanent exhibit at the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society Museum in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Most recently she was active in Beta Sigma Phi sorority, various genealogy societies, and her Bunco group. Eleanor enjoyed 51 years of marriage to Milton Shonting who predeceased her. Their daughters Carol Schumers and Linda Kennedy also preceded her in death in 2008 and 2013 respectively. Eleanor will be lovingly remembered by her three grandchildren: Myla Outlaw (Glen), Michael Schumers, and Paul Kennedy (Annette). 8 great-grandchildren will have fond memories of her as an active and involved Grandma.

A funeral service was held Friday, February 1, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Life Event Center at Florida Memorial in Rockledge, Florida

From the March 2017 RTHS Courier:

A 1941 graduate of Reynoldsburg High School, Eleanor Mae Wilson was an attractive teenager who loved to dance. The only child of James Henry Wilson and Lola Blanche McNaghten Wilson Wright and granddaughter of Blanche Holcomb and Stewart McNaghten, her roots in Truro Township reach back to the late 1700s.

As a child growing up, Eleanor was fascinated by family history and started to collect information and artifacts as early as she can remember. As an only child, relatives naturally handed everything down to her. If it wasn't, she hunted it down or asked for a copy.

When she moved from her home on Merritt Island in Florida to an assisted living facility where storage space was limited, she did not have the room to take her life-long collection of genealogy and artifacts. Eleanor's good friend, fellow genealogist, and former neighbor, Phillip Thomas, contacted a previous member of the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society (RTHS). We made arrangements to move everything from Florida to our museum. And now you know how we acquired the 'McNaghten Collection.'

If it weren't for Phillip Thomas, we would not have this incredible collection. When he found out that Eleanor's family had no plans for storing her binders of genealogy and various artifacts, Phillip took the initiative to contact a historical society over 1,200 miles away to see if it could be saved. We will be forever grateful for his forethought and help resulting in this wonderful gift.

RTHS now possesses over 300 binders of genealogy covering thousands of families, scrapbook material, postcards, photo albums, plat maps, graveyard maps, township maps, county maps, court records, letters, books, greeting cards, high school yearbooks, historical society periodicals from areas surrounding Truro Township; the list goes on. The artifacts include furniture, a Civil War mess kit, tablecloths, hairbrushes, napkin holders, Ambrotypes, baby clothing (a baby baptismal gown from 1844), hand-woven fabrics, Judge David Pugh's gavel, girls' clothing, portraits, Daguerreotypes, bonnets, Masonic Lodge items, bead purses, tintypes, and much, much more.

RTHS probably now has one of the largest and most professionally researched single genealogy collections in Franklin County.

Grandma's Awful Threats

a slight exaggeration

by Cornelia M. Parkinson



Or she would say, "If you don't get out of that cookie jar, I'm going to skin you alive!" Like many kids who don't entirely understand what's going on, I once asked, "Grandma, what are you going to do with the skin?" (hoping I'd get it to play with). That was a mistake. Grandma nearly skinned me alive for that one.

Grandma's pedestrian threats were to "jerk you up into a peak," or "knock you galley west," or "shake you 'til your teeth rattle."

Her most gruesome threats concerned nonfeasance and consequence, like "If you don't get up off your kidneys and bring in that bucket of water right now, you're going to wake up sleeping in a marble orchard!" Once we figured out what a marble orchard was, our obedience took a headstart. If she was really mad she might say, "I'm gonna kick your backside so hard you'll have to open your mouth to shine your shoes!" Even my dreaded first grade teacher never made a threat *that* vivid.

Many of us who have whispered permanent sayonara to forty can remember when our grandmothers (and mothers) kept children in line by horrible threats, scarcely any of which could actually happen. But a child can hardly tell a threat from a promise. Since we didn't know for sure, we "shinnied on our own side," straightened up and flew right.

The Grandma I'm thinking of was nearly 70 when I was born, so her patience with the didoes of two combat-oriented siblings was limited. She had reared three boys, which caused her to have a *very* creative imagination. Mostly, we behaved. Mostly, she just wished we'd ever.

For a mild offense, like wading out into the deep water, Grandma would threaten, "If you ever do that again, I'll tan you!" She did not mean she'd make us stay out in the sunshine a while. Saying she would "tan your hide" was more serious, and she really might do it. When she threatened "a taste of the cat," we knew we were home free. She did not own any such implement of torture as a cat-o'-nine tails [ancient whip].

Once Grandma said, "I'll whack you so hard it'll make your shirttail pop up your back like a window shade!" Anyone who has ever lost control of a window blind knows how swiftly that could happen. Confronted by my brother Fred's bloody knee, Grandma would threaten (me) to "snatch you baldheaded" before diving in to lend aid and comfort to the wounded. But let my mother, may she R.I.P., say the same, and Fred and I "got out of her road" so she'd forget she'd said it. Another thing Grandma specialized in was saying she'd "spank you 'til your toes curl." She never did, but our toes curled just the same. After all, one of these days she might mean it when she said she'd "pinch your head off," or "pinch your neck off," and then where would we be? It wasn't worth the risk to find out.

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Gramma's Awful Threats

(a slight exaggeration)

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One of Gramma's most extravagant and delicious threats was to "reach down your throat, grab your toenails, and pull! Getting hold of your toenails was so plainly impossible it was good for a giggle -- out of Gramma's hearing.

But in spite of her inventive declarations, Gramma was basically good-natured and put up with a lot -- unless you hinted at criticizing her. You'd say, "Gramma, why don't you do thus and such?" Promptly she would round on you with a tart, "Well, ditto, Brother Cabbagehead!" which disarmed everyone including herself. I'm grown up now, so I know that all Gramma was doing was exercising her wits to soften things up, to make us laugh when the situation got beyond her tolerance level.

Yep, Gramma, I "gave my brain pan a stir," "put that in my pipe and smoked it," "let the penny drop," and finally "got that through my noble knot."



by Mary Turner Stoots

Member and Administrative Assistant Lauren Shiman has been working for months on an exciting project that we hope will result in a partnership between the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society and the Reynoldsburg School System.

Lauren has been instrumental in helping your president (me) find contacts within the school system to schedule tours for all of the third-grade classes. Without her help, we wouldn't have the robust activity you've seen in the last year at our facility.

Along with the tours, Lauren has been working on a tool for the third-grade students to use in the classroom. It's a workbook that reflects all types of historical information as it appeared in the past as well as how it looks today. There are pictures, questions, puzzles, and stories that will not only appeal to the students, but their parents as well. The project is called 'Branches.'

Reynoldsburg Branches: A Local History Packet focuses on core third grade social studies topics such as local history and civics as it pertains to the Reynoldsburg community. It contains pictures, maps, and content review questions to further assist students and teachers in instruction and comprehension of the Reynoldsburg community.

Lauren is currently customizing the workbook for each school. We are also including St. Pius X Catholic School in the workbook, as well as adding them to our touring schedule.

We will be presenting the workbook to the senior administration in April. You'll hear more about our progress in a following *Courier*.

Be sure to visit us at the

Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society

Western Electric Open House

Saturday, May 18, 2019

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Featuring Western Electric
Photos, Artifacts, and Memorabilia

1485 Jackson Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
(across from the Hannah Ashton Middle School)

David W. Reidel

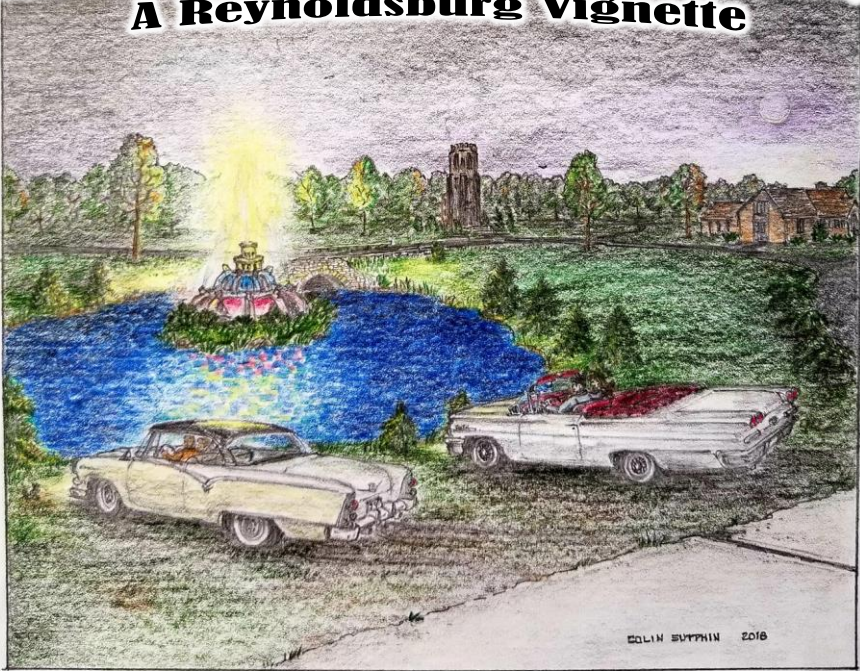
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The Fountain at Glen Rest Cemetery A Reynoldsburg Vignette



Illustrated and Written by Colin Sutphin

Glen Rest Memorial Estates sits on 133 acres of land along US Route 40, 8029 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. It was established in 1936 in what was then Truro Township. They allow only flat bronze grave markers, which give the cemetery a golf course appearance. Glen Rest is very much parklike. Many of us have family, friends, or both interred there.

In the 1950s and 1960s Glen Rest had a beautiful fountain situated on an island in the center of the pond. The fountain was illuminated at night with a rainbow of colors. The colors changed sequentially every 30 seconds or so.

Watching the fountain had a soothing if not mesmerizing affect.

Back in that day Route 40 was a four-lane divided highway with a grass median. It was constructed of solid concrete with tar strips, joints every 100 feet. An absolutely annoying driving experience. Thump .. Thump .. Thump.. you get the idea. There were no curbs, so you could pull off the road anywhere. And we did, right in front of the fountain at Glen Rest.

In the color pencil drawing the fountain is depicted in the early evening about dusk. The year is 1961, early fall. The view is from Route

40 looking southwest. A waxing moon is visible one night after its new phase. In the distant center is the cemetery tower. On the right of the drawing is the chapel and office. The overall scene is just a portion of Glen Rest, centering around the fountain.

In the two-door hardtop is my buddy Ray with his date. The car is a 1955 Dodge Coronet Royal model with the popular Chrysler Corporation tri-color paint scheme. This particular one is black over white and cream.

And, in the white convertible might be a guy who recently met a pretty young gal from the Eastmoor area who just happened to be in Don's Briarcliff Drive-In one night. He introduced himself, then offered to show her the sights around The Burg. Which they did, in her mom's 1960 Pontiac Catalina convertible... Weren't those the days?!

There are several nocturnal avians and one curious little critter also in the drawing.

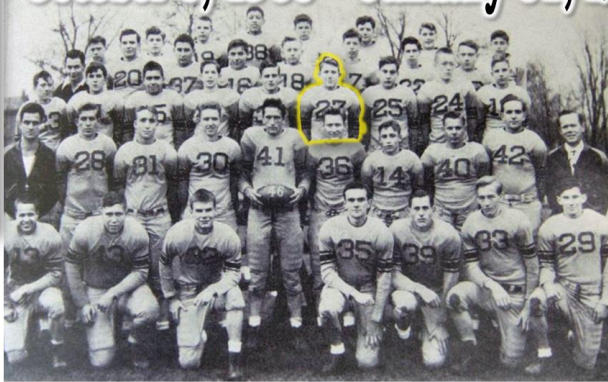
I hope you have enjoyed this trip to a time long gone but surely well remembered.

Colin Sutphin

I would like to thank Terri Patrick, office manager at Glen Rest, for furnishing an old postcard photo of their fountain, and, my good friend Ray Block for letting me use his first car in the drawing.

James Albert Kielmeyer

October 6, 1930 ~ January 31, 2019



I contacted Ray Karnes and told him about Jim because he had recently requested Jim's contact information. During the conversation I asked Ray if he would write a paragraph or two about his classmate, and I'm very glad I did:

From Ray Karnes:

Sometimes you make automatic inquiries about people you know with no particular reason in mind other than the fact that you have perhaps heard nothing for a time from him or her. I did so recently and received an answer I had not dreamed of: The person I inquired about had just died. Not weeks or months ago, but just a day or so ago. "How", thought I, "could I feel so good and full of it and learn my lifelong friend had died and I was so blind and thoughtless that I had not noticed the decline?"

While we had been physically separated for years as our lives went in different directions, and there were miles between us, we had stayed in contact via class reunions and conversations with others whom both of us knew and passed updated information back and forth through e-mails and telephone conversations. Jim and I grew up together in the 'Burg during a period of time when everyone knew everyone and we were all free, no, encouraged, to get outside dawn to dusk as our mothers were busy and wished us out of the way. We roved between our homes across Silent Home cemetery which lay beside the school, sometimes moving faster than usual as darkness made the cemetery, the monuments and headstones seem threatening. (shudder) The only common interest we had, besides being small pains in the butt, was football.

Gus Schultz, Fred Graham, Jack Friedlander, Gwen Slack (a bit of a tomboy at that time) were some of the locals closest to us and we belonged to the greatest high school class in Reynoldsburg's history. Some might dispute that but what do they know?

Football and track were Jim's element. He bested me in but few athletic endeavors; speed, agility, all round ability. However, I was better in math and English, so there!

Even in his later years when he found it difficult to get around, his sense of humor remained and he gave as good as he got in our debates, most of which cannot be quoted here. In recent years he, Jack Friedlander, and I would get together whenever I came through town, tip a beer or two, and hobble about without a thought given to our 'hitches in gitalong,' recalling my innocence amidst their obvious lack of same and sweetening our memories with a fib or two, well, probably outright lies not too dissimilar to the old guys who used to sit around the stove in Connell's hardware.

Dammit Jim! I might never have admitted it to you alive, but I will miss you in the future. For more than eighty years you were a part of my life. one of the good parts. Now I have to face up to Friedlander by myself.

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James Albert Kielmeyer

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James Albert Kielmeyer, age 88, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2019.

Jim was born in Athens, OH to the late Albert and Esther Kielmeyer. He is survived by his loving wife, Mona Jean (Bozman) Kielmeyer; children, Danny, Dayna Peck, Duane (Tammy), Doug (Tina) and Dean (Christina "Trinkie" Foster) Kielmeyer; grandchildren, Austin, Adair, Mandy, Ed, Jimmy, Skyler, Mason, Monica, Brandon, Dora, Alex, Drayton, Ryann and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Barney Kielmeyer and his sister, Marge Thornton.

Jim was a life-long resident of Reynoldsburg and was a member of the very first Reynoldsburg High School football team. He was one of the earliest members inducted into the Reynoldsburg Hall of Fame. He was also a founding member of the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society. Jim worked as an Independent Insurance Agent for 30+ years in the Reynoldsburg community before retiring from the Reynoldsburg City Schools as a Custodian.

His family received friends on Monday, February 4, 2019 from 6 to 8PM at the Cotner Funeral Home, 7369 E. Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. His family also received friends one hour prior to his funeral service held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Eastside Grace Brethren Church, 7510 E. Broad St. Blacklick, OH 43004 with Pastor Chip Heim officiating. Interment Glen Rest Memorial Estates.

Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Kidney Foundation, 2800 Corporate Exchange Dr. Columbus, OH 43231 or the Alzheimer's Association of Central Ohio, 1379 Dublin Rd. Columbus, OH 43215



**August 12, 1920
February 1, 2019**

Ruth Elaine Hopkins Pack

Long-time Reynoldsburg resident and RTHS Charter Member Ruth Pack passed away on February 1st. Both of her daughters are current RTHS members.

~ Mary Turner Stoots

Ruth Elaine Hopkins Pack, age 98. She resided at Parkside at Wesley Ridge since 2006. She was born August 12, 1920 in Mather, Pennsylvania, to William F. and Hazel Faye (Stewart) Hopkins.

Ruth graduated from Moundsville High School, Moundsville WV in 1938. She attended Ohio University in Athens, Ohio and graduated in 1942. She attended graduate school at Western Reserve University, now Case Western Reserve. She was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta, Social Sorority.

She was a member of Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church since 1957 and Dorcas Circle at RUMC. Ruth was honored as a 50-year member of the Reynoldsburg Civic Club several years ago. She also was a member of Eastern Star, Eugenie Chapter #507, for many years. She and her husband, Bob, loved to dance and were founding members of the Reynoldsburg Dance Club.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert Ferrell Pack, her parents, infant sister Alice Louise and son-in-law Richard Owen.

She is survived by her daughters, Constance Louise Pack Owen and Pamela Hopkins Pack (Paul) Oldach; grandchildren Amy (Brice) Smith, Robert Todvine, Jason (Amy) Poulton, and Ross (Rachel) Poulton; great-grandchildren Emmalie, Ruthie Cate, Seth, Kendra and Jaxson. She is also survived by dear sister, Nancy Hopkins (Frank) Welshon; and many nieces and nephews.

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Marsha W. Thiessen Rausch

February 14, 1938
to December 2, 2018



Tom and Marsha have been longtime members of RTHS. The Rausch family are charter members. The following was received from Tom Rausch on January 25, 2019.
~ Mary Turner Stoots

Marsha W. Thiessen was born on February 14, 1938 in Hutchinson, Kansas to Georgia Wakins Thiessen and Ernest E. Thiessen. Her family moved to Reynoldsburg, and she graduated with the RHS Class of 1956. After High School graduation she worked at North American Aviation for several years and then for the Ohio National Guard at Fort Hayes. She also lived in Neosho, Missouri for a year when her parents moved there in 1956. While there she was named The Neosho Flower Festival Queen. On August 7, 1957 we eloped, and she remained the love of my life for the next 61 years.



Rebecca was born in 1959 and Bill in 1960. We bought our first home on Hillridge in the 'Burg, and eventually moved to Marabar around 1964. Marsha enjoyed being a typical stay at home Mom but looked forward to the annual Minstrel show where she was a Harem dancer. She was a very attractive woman who didn't know it or act like it. We moved to Avon, Connecticut in 1969 where I owned several businesses that she was active in as a manager. In 1980 We moved to Dallas where she kept busy at the First Presbyterian church in their "Mother's Day Out" program.

She was always known as Mrs. Clean by our neighbors and friends and was a friend of all animals. She was a jazz fan and also enjoyed sports car racing. I think her biggest thrill was Paul Newman asking if she would keep

his beer cold in our cooler at a race in Connecticut. She was a wonderful wife and mother and I was blessed to spend six decades with her. I could go on but I would end up never finishing which is why this is so late getting back to you.

Mary, I apologize for not informing you of Marsha passing away on December 2, 2018 in Dallas. During a regular physical checkup in July a small spot was found on her lung. She chose not to have a biopsy and by early September she was admitted to the hospital and found the cancer had metastasized in her brain. We chose to have a home hospice with the assistance of Faith Presbyterian Hospice. She passed away peacefully in her sleep December 2nd leaving her daughter Rebecca Hennessey, son William, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She said she was ready and prepared to go and was in good spirits to the end. I would appreciate you letting our friends and old neighbors back home know that she is no longer with us.



August 12, 1920
February 1, 1919

Ruth Elaine Hopkins Pack

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Memorial Services were held at 1:00PM on March 9, 2019 at Kimes Chapel, Parkside at Wesley Ridge, 2229 Taylor Park Drive, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The Family received friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ruth's memory to Wesley Hospice, 4588 Wesley Woods Blvd., Suite 2A, New Albany, Ohio 43054.

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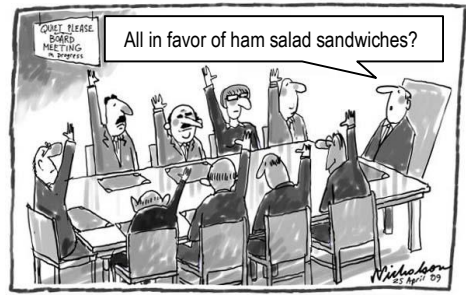
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Medical Terms You Haven't Heard Lately

- **gastakutus** = malady occurring when your innards are in awful bad shape
- **logoes of the bogoes** = distorted eyesight after one too many
- **galloping fantods** = emotional unease, similar to the willies, the huddles and mutters, or the screamin' meemies
- **green-apple quickstep** = no definition needed at this time

SUPPORT LOCAL HISTORY

Join the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society

Individual - \$20 Family - \$25 Sustaining - \$30 Contributing - \$50 Life Membership - \$300

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Make Check Payable to RTHS and mail to: RTHS, Box 144, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Invite your friends to join!

Wilma Mae (Wiswell) Turner
 June 13, 1929 – February 9, 2019

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

She wanted a Party!

When: Saturday May 11, 2019

Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

**Where: Groveport Town Hall
 Second Floor Ballroom**

Address: 648 Main Street, Groveport OH 43125

*Parking on the Street and at the Ace Hardware next door
 There is an Elevator to the 2nd Floor Ballroom towards the rear of the building*



On January 9th, my parents celebrated 70 years of marriage together. Exactly one month later, she was gone.

This woman raised three red-headed, ornery, kids. She was the 'Energizer Bunny.' She never knew a stranger. And she loved to sing. She had a beautiful and powerful soprano voice. We both were in the Sweet Adelines together for a while until she moved to Florida. After she left, I stayed in the organization for over 30 years. She taught me not to be a quitter (obviously), and she taught me to

believe that if you work hard enough, you can achieve anything. ~ *Mary Turner Stoots*

Wilma Mae (Wiswell) Turner, age 89, passed away peacefully at the Brandley House Hospice Facility in Summerfield, Florida, surrounded by friends on Saturday, February 9, 2019.

Wilma, the youngest of three children in her family, was born June 13, 1929. She is a 1947 graduate of Reynoldsburg High School; a member of the National Honor Society; a long-time member of the Columbus Chorus of Sweet Adelines; and a lifetime member of the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society. She was an accomplished quilter with the ribbons to prove it and a founding member of the Woods & Lakes four o'clock 'Wine Time.' Wilma never knew a stranger and was a spitfire notable for the masterful way she managed every situation as the obvious person in charge.

Her career in the grocery business scanned decades. She started out working at her father's Red & White Store, "Wiswell's Market," at the age of twelve. After 20 years her father retired, so she went to work with her brother, Bill, at the Wetherell Dairy Store, eventually ending up at the Great Eastern Big Bear Store in Whitehall, Ohio.

She was a loving wife, mother, sister, aunt, sister-in-law and mother-in-law. She will be deeply missed by those left behind. Wilma is preceded in death by her parents Garry and Maude Wiswell, siblings William Wiswell and Mary Ann Huntwork.

Wilma is survived by her loving husband for the last seventy years, Jack; daughters, Jeannine (Tom Ressler) and Mary (Doug) Stoots; her dedicated son Tom, who was her primary caregiver; adopted daughter, Celia (Victor Secuya) Castillo, numerous nieces, nephews, and all the wonderful people of

the Woods & Lakes Airpark whom she adopted as her own. The Turner family would like to thank the staff and caregivers at Brandley House Hospice facility for their tender and loving care.

Wilma's family will celebrate her life with friends and extended family on **Saturday, May 11, 2019** at the **Groveport Town Hall**, 648 Main Street, Groveport, Ohio 43125 in the second floor Ballroom from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Parking is available on the street and next door at the Ace Hardware Store.

Donations may be made in Wilma's name to either the Brandley House Hospice Facility at 17395 SE 109th Terrace Rd, Summerfield, FL 34491 or the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society, PO Box 144, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.



JANUARY 9, 1949 to JANUARY 9, 2019



BOARDROOM

BRIEFS

by Mary Turner Stoots

The following is a summary from the Board Meeting that was held on February 26, 2018.

Our Board Meetings are all open to the membership and you are always welcome to join us:

- 14 Sympathy cards were sent to various members within 7 families and 4 Get Well cards sent by the Sunshine Committee
- The French Run third-grade tour was scheduled for 04/05 with a rain date of 04/12
- The Rose Hill third-grade tour is scheduled for 03/20 with a 03/21 Rain Date
- A vote was taken to approve the cost of installation for the garage roof and approved unanimously
- The Vendor-Only Yard Sale will take place on June 15. An article will go in the March *Courier* with specifics
- So far, the RTHS Facebook page has reached 282,005 people
- Upcoming Events include:
 - 03/16 – Open House
 - 03/20 – Rose Hill School Tour
 - 03/26 – General Meeting
 - 04/05 – French Run Tour
 - 04/16 – Board Meeting
 - 04/20 – Open House Helping Hands Shower

- 04/23 – Board Game & Card Party
- 05/18 – Western Electric Open House

- It was suggested contacting members of the Livingston House Society and extending invitations to our events
- A Calling Committee was suggested
- Several Web inquiries were received
 - Kim Grim – Rose Hill Dairy Inquiry
 - Steve Schenk – Please invite our members to a tribute on 06/23 at JFK Park to commemorate the heroism of Bo Merringer and Harold Schenk 50 years ago
- The 2019 Calendar was distributed with additions:
 - 06/23 – Tribute to Bo Merringer and Harold Schenk
- Carr Newman - donated various articles of children and adult clothing dating from 1803-1809

A BIG THANK YOU to:

Jim & Judy Diuguid for taking care of the Newman collection

Suzy Miller for donating YTD Corresponding Secretary expenses

Wendy Wheatley Raftery for donating all of the YTD postage and other card expenses for the Sunshine Committee

Kim Fisher for shoveling snow off the sidewalks and leaving food for us to use at home

Cheryl Foley – for taking the president to meet with the class at Baldwin Jr. High School regarding the YMCA Timeline Project

- All agenda items were covered.
- Motion to Adjourn at 7:50 pm
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2019



Betty Ann Tolley

February 22, 1935
To January 24, 2019

Betty, Betty, Betty. The first time I met you, I was at the RTHS Christmas Party. I was new to the organization. You sat down beside me and said (with a West Virginia twang), "I'm Betty Tolley. I'm from West Virginia. Who the heck are you?" Then you laughed.

You were a fixture at every RTHS open house, yard sale, and pig roast. You were Ivalee's sidekick, and you loved a bargain! We will miss the tiny little lady that always had a smile on her face, and we'll remember her as the woman who attempted to fund RTHS with her Gift Shop purchases alone. Rest in peace dear Betty - Now, who will bring the potato chips?

~Mary Turner Stoots

Betty Ann Tolley, age 83, of Reynoldsburg, OH, formerly of Ripley, WV, passed away Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Mt. Carmel East Hospital. She was born in coal country in Mammoth, WV on February 22, 1935 to the late James and Ada Poling.

In West Virginia, she was a long-time Avon representative for many years. She enjoyed clogging with her husband at the live stock market in Fairplain, WV. They also loved ramp-hunting trips and dug them every spring in the mountains of West Virginia. Enjoyed the Fourth of July festivities in Ripley and the Arts and Crafts Fair out at Cedar Lakes fairgrounds.

In Ohio, she was an active member of the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society. Loved a good thrift store find and every Wednesday looked forward to her weekly Lotto scratch off ticket. She would have many garage sales a year—mainly in the summer and fall. Looked forward to starting a good conversation, for

she never knew a stranger. Her friends and neighbors meant the world to her.

She is survived by her son, John D. Tolley (Bonnie) of Pickerington, Ohio; brother, Paul Poling (Vivian) of Ripley, WV; grandchildren, Zachary Tolley of Columbus, OH, Kyndall Smith (Albert); great grandchildren, Jayden and Emerson Smith of Canal Winchester, OH and loved by many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her loving husband John F. Tolley, brothers Noel, Howard and sister Francis Poling. Also, her beloved terrier Annie.

She went peacefully on her own terms and those who knew her know she wouldn't have it any other way. The family has requested bright colors to be worn in celebration of her life.

Family and friends called Monday, January 28, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-9pm at the Waybright Funeral Home in Ripley, WV. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 29 at 11am at Waybright Funeral Home. Burial at Pine Hill Cemetery, Ripley.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made from her Columbus, Ohio friends to the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society, PO Box 144, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. In West Virginia to the Jackson County Animal Shelter, 86 County Farm Road, Cottageville, WV 25239. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by visiting the following: www.waybrightfuneralhome.com

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Help Support the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society while enjoying a night of fun!

BOARD GAME & CARD PARTY!



Tuesday, April 23, 2019

5:30pm – 8:00pm

Tickets are only \$5 each*

Where: Reynoldsburg Senior Center

1520 Davidson Drive

Reynoldsburg OH 43068

Your \$5 Ticket includes:

- Pizza & Side Dish Buffet
- Non-Alcoholic Drinks
- Door Prizes



Questions?

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Feel Free to Participate in our Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle!

BUY TICKETS BY MAIL: Make your check payable to RTHS and mail it NO

LATER Than 04/16/18 to: RTHS, PO Box 144, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

WRITE "CARD PARTY" IN THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK!!!

** All proceeds benefit the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society, which is self-supporting and receives no funding from the City of Reynoldsburg*

THIS EVENT IS THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR! Our facility costs between \$13,000 and \$15,000 to maintain each year. As an added expense, we had to purchase a new roof for the garage that will be installed this Spring.

The Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society (RTHS) is sponsoring a Board Game & Card Party on Tuesday, April 23 at the Reynoldsburg Senior Center, 1520 Davidson Drive, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SENIOR TO PARTICIPATE.** This game night is open to **EVERYONE.**

OUT OF TOWN/STATE SUPPORTERS: Tell your Reynoldsburg or Central Ohio friends. I know you have some. OR Buy some tickets as a donation to RTHS (See 'Buy Tickets by Mail' instructions above). If you can't come, don't worry! We will be more than happy to eat your share of the pizza!

LOCAL SUPPORTERS: Tell your friends and neighbors about the party!