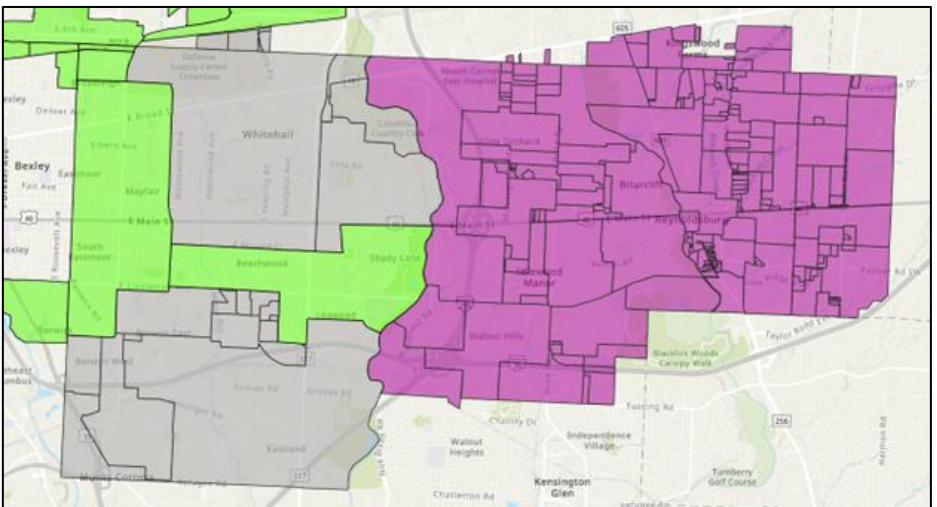




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In 1954, the City of Columbus annexed 1,200 acres of Truro Township along Livingston Avenue. This annexation raised a stir because it cut the Truro Township School District in two, as shown in the map below. But ultimately, the Franklin County Prosecutor upheld the annexation's legality. (See "Taxation Turf War in Truro Township," Volume 50, Issue 3.)



Columbus City Schools (green), Truro Township Schools (discontiguous gray areas), and Reynoldsburg Schools (purple) in 1954.

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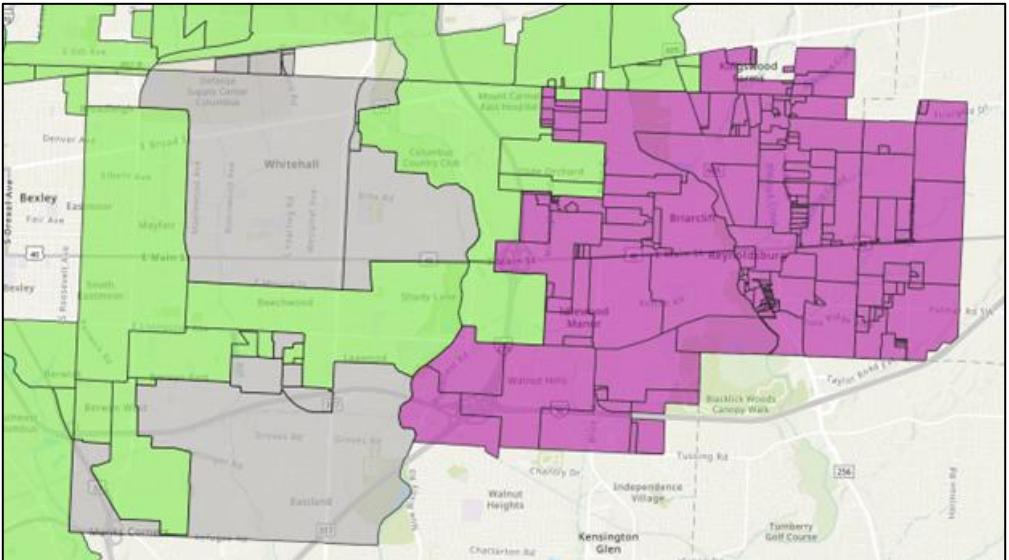
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A year earlier, though, the voters of Ohio had approved a constitutional amendment creating a State Board of Education, set to become operational two years later. So for much of 1955, the legislature was hammering out details of the State Board's membership and respon-

sibilities. Disputes like the one where Columbus School District cut the Truro Township School District in half seemed like exactly the kind of thing this new State Board ought to be able to settle going forward. So starting in November of 1955, territory annexed by a city would no longer automatically get transferred into that city's school district; that determination would be made by the State Board.

In 1956, the City of Columbus continued to annex pieces of Truro Township, and the State Board dutifully transferred them into the Columbus City School District. (Also, during that time, the Whitehall Corporation became the City of Whitehall, so the Truro Township School District was renamed the Whitehall City School District.)



Columbus City Schools (green), Whitehall City Schools (discontiguous gray areas), and Reynoldsburg Schools (purple) in 1957

In May of 1957, the City of Columbus annexed all the rest of the southern half of Truro Township, amounting to about 2,750 acres. The municipal approvals were complete by September of 1957, and then it was time for

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the State Board to transfer those acres into the Columbus City School District. However, by this time, the State Board was becoming increasingly concerned about larger school districts weakening the property tax base of smaller school districts by claiming tax-



rich, newly annexed areas. The State Board had just adopted a policy of protecting smaller school districts, so it balked at approving this transfer.

But if it didn't approve the transfer, dire consequences loomed. Whitehall School District had a higher tax rate than Columbus Schools did, and if Whitehall residents had to pay those higher Whitehall school taxes **and** Columbus city taxes **and** Franklin County taxes, they would be paying more than 10 mills of property tax without ever having voted to approve them. That would violate the Ohio Constitution. If that happened, the county auditor would come in and lower city and county taxes for the entire county to get everyone's rates into compliance. Franklin County would forfeit about \$500,000 per year; Columbus and Whitehall together would lose another \$400,000.

Annex Policy May Cost County Half Million

By MARY MCGAREY

The State Board of Education's new policy on school transfers may "come home to roost" in Franklin County next Monday to cost Whitehall, Columbus and Franklin County a half-million dollars a year loss in taxes.

State Supt. E. E. Holt will recommend to the board that it turn down the request to transfer 2754 acres of newly-annexed city territory to the city school district.	District and has a present tax valuation of \$2,200,000.
	IF THE TRANSFER to the school district isn't approved by the state board, the annual tax loss will be \$507,500

Around this time, a State Board decision from summer 1956 was turning out to have similar tax consequences (see "Truro Township Taxation Turf War"). The State Board had refused to make a transfer because it would have violated the contiguity of Jefferson Township School District. Now, with rising stakes, the

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THE STATE BOARD STEPS IN

By: Neal Whitman

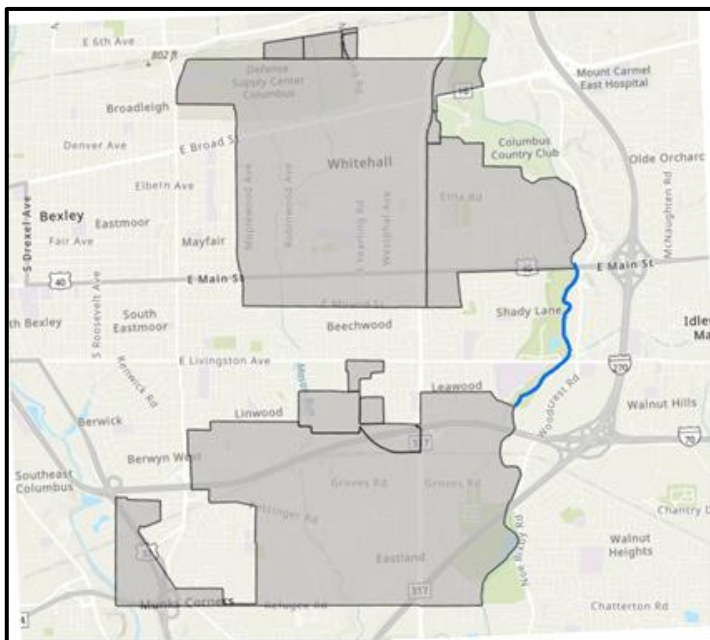
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State Board was waiting to hear from the state attorney general himself on whether school districts did or did not have to be contiguous. In November 1957, he agreed with them: State law required that school districts be contiguous.

The Columbus legal team seized on this idea. Their attorney, Harrison Smith, told the State Board, in so many words, “Hey, last year you refused to transfer a chunk of territory to the Columbus School District because it would have split up Jefferson Township Schools, and school districts have to be contiguous. Furthermore, the AG agrees with you. This time, we’re looking at a school district that has already been split up. Really, these 2,750 acres shouldn’t even be in the Whitehall School District in the first place, and if you insist on keeping them there, we could sue you for abusing your discretion.”

Upon hearing this, the Whitehall school board could have said, “You guys were the ones that tore our school district in half in the first place!” Instead, they took a different tack. They argued, in essence, “Oh, school districts have to be contiguous? Guess what: we **are** contiguous!” How? The banks of Big Walnut Creek! The northern and southern halves of Whitehall School District were connected, they claimed, by a stretch of the western bank of Big Walnut Creek.

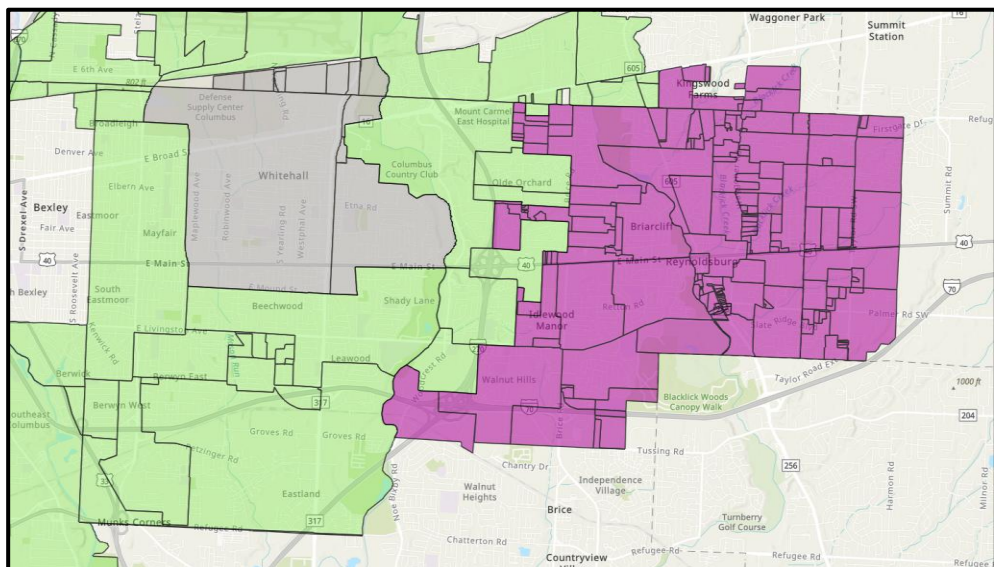
Whitehall City School District in 1957: The blue line makes it one contiguous area after all!



This argument didn't fly, and on December 31, 1957, the State Board grudgingly approved the transfer of the southern half of the Whitehall School District to Columbus City Schools. They had to ask, though: Why does the City of Columbus keep annexing huge swaths of land without thinking about the taxation issues for the school districts involved? Harrison Smith's response: "We're stupid. That is true." (Exact words.)



That stupidity gained 2,750 acres for the Columbus City School District. The Whitehall City School District became a contiguous school district again, now confined to the Whitehall City limits.



Columbus City Schools (green), Whitehall City Schools (gray), and Reynoldsburg Schools (purple) in 1958

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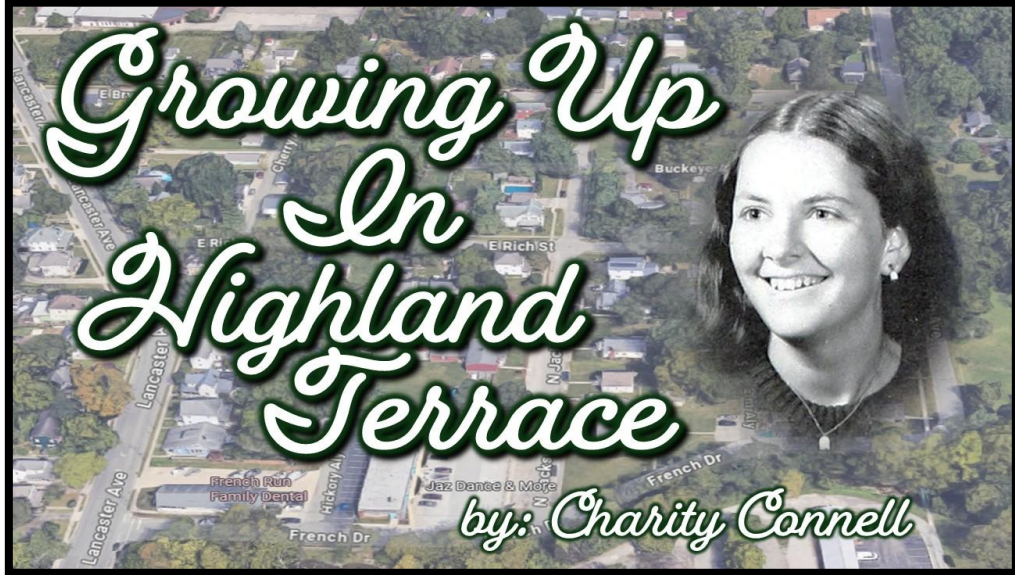
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Growing up in Highland Terrace
by: Charity Connell

I Grew up in Highland Terrace. It was called “the New Addition” back in the day before the first housing development (Brookside), came into town during 1955. And, - they continued to refer to it as the ‘New Addition’ for many years after!

Highland Terrace is just North of Main Street, and consists of five streets that are bordered on the west side by Lancaster Avenue, which runs parallel to Blacklick Creek. The streets running east and west are French Run, Rich Street, and Bryden Road. Jackson Avenue, and Epworth Avenue run North and South. Also included are four (4) alleys named Elm, Hickory, Cherry, and Buckeye Alley.

Bryden Road is where my Dad’s (Ralph Connell’s) parents built a

house in 1937 when my Dad was 12 years old. It is an Alladin house called the Marshfield. This is the house my sister Sarah and I were raised in and that I now live in.

Three generations in this home. Not bad, as the Alladin homes were purchased from a catalog, and it was advertised as the *Alladin “Built in a Day” House Catalog*.



We all lived in a wonderful neighborhood. There are still quite a few families on Bryden Road that have family members living in their original family homes.

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All of us neighborhood kids: Tom, Rick, Chris, and Sarah and I were always outside playing. No sitting with game boys, tablets, or cell phones. Even though we did have a television. We were not glued to it except Saturday mornings for cartoons. We would be out riding our bikes all over the neighborhood and up into Brookside. If we all took a few spills rounding a corner too sharp, we survived. No Helmets back in those days. Put Band-Aids on our knees and elbows and we were back outside riding again.

We played softball in a couple different yards. Back then we had basketball hoops on the back of all our garages above the garage doors in the alley.

There were no fences back then, so we were in and out of each other's houses.

We would have birthday parties, cookouts, and Dad always had a fish fry with fish he caught in Canada and Minnesota.

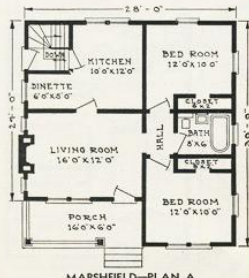
In the Summer, us kids wanted to sleep outside, but 11:00 or so, one of Dad's friends, or all three of his buddies, would kinda scare us so we would all end up back in our own houses. I don't think that



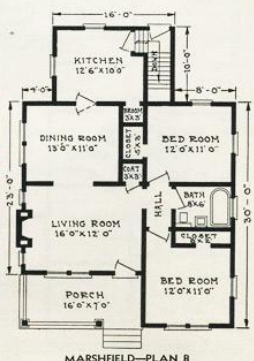
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The modern trend in home building has definitely turned to Small, Convenient Houses. Lower Investment Costs - - - Lower Maintenance Costs and Easier Housekeeping all favor small homes.



THE MARSHFIELD	
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Plan A	110
Plan B	140
Wood Lath—Plan A	73
Plan B	68
Asphalt Strip Shingles in place of Roll Roofing—Plan A	56
Plan B	68



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our parents wanted to stay up all night checking on us.

French Run Elementary was a place we always went to play and go into the woods back to the creek. Swinging on the grape vines over the creek. It's a wonder none of us got hurt. We were fearless then. I always got Poison Ivy from the woods.

We would play in the creek by the two footbridges, wading in the water looking under rocks while trying to catch minnows and crawdads.

In the winter we would sled, build igloos, make snow angels, and of course, snowball fights. We only went in because we were wet and needed to dry out our coats and gloves, but then, right back out again.

I remember Mom saying to Sarah and I, "Don't come home crying for every whipstitch, because the boys pulled your hair, or pushed you! Stand up for yourself!"

I so wish kids could have the childhood we had. We all still stay in touch. I wouldn't change it for anything.

Highland Terrace was, and I think it still is, a great little neighborhood to grow up in.

- The End -

Herbert Mills Interviews

I was speaking to my contact at Herbert Mills Elementary a few weeks ago, and I asked her why they don't do the interviews anymore. She said that after Covid, they never started them back up again, but she would love to initiate the project this coming school year and do interviews in the Fall. I'm not sure yet how they will be structured for this Fall.

Originally, we would go to the third-grade classrooms and let the kids ask questions, then about every 20 minutes or so, we would switch classrooms. Later on, we just stayed in one classroom for the entire session. The last time I went, there were three or four of us in the lunchroom with ALL of the third-graders, and the teacher would pick who asked the questions.

The requirements to participate are very easy:

- Have you lived in Reynoldsburg for at least 50 years?
- Or – Has your family lived in Reynoldsburg for at least 50 years?
- Reynoldsburg High School Alumni are welcome, but graduating from RHS is not a requirement.

Please let me know if you are interested because I don't necessarily want to open this up to the public unless I have to. We'll need 10 or 12 volunteers, because they have four Classes of third-graders. Please Let me know if you are interested! ~ Mary Stoots

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Mt. Carmel Lobby Sculpture

I was at Mt. Carmel Hospital a couple of weeks ago, and I just happened to look up to find this incredible sculpture!

So - I took a picture of it to share with all of you! I don't know who the artist is, because I am too short to try and read the plaque on the wall near the lower left side of the sculpture.



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MARCH

Publish March Courier

- 06 – FRI – Judging for Mini-Mural
Coloring Contest 10:00-12:00
- 07 – SAT – Harriet Tubman Day
- 17 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 21 – SAT – Open House – Mini-Mural Art
Exhibition 10:00am-2:00pm
- 25 – WED – Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

APRIL

- 14 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 18 – SAT – Open House – Helping Hands
Shower 10:00am-2:00pm
- 20 – MON – *Deadline - May 2026 Courier*
- 29 – WED – Slate Ridge 3rd Grade Tour

MAY

Publish May Courier

- 02 – SAT – America-250 Presentation by
Mary Turner Stoots at City Hall
11:00am
- 07 – THU – Family Stem Night @ Summit
Elementary 5:30-7:30pm
- 12 – TUES – Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 14 – THU – Taylor Road School Tour
- 16 – SAT – Western Electric Open House
10:00am-2:00pm
- 18 – MON – French Run School Tour
- 19 – TUES – French Run School Tour
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- 19 – TUES – Western Electric Open
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- 25 – MON – Memorial Day Service 10am
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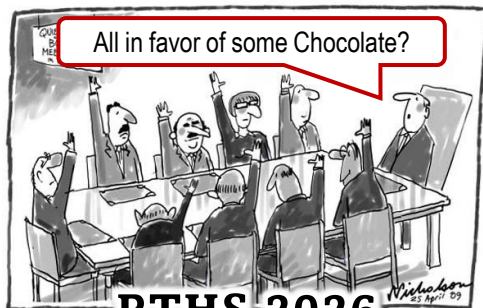
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CLOSED SUNDAY



Upcoming Events

Be sure to visit us at the
Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
Have a Happy
St. Patrick's Day
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Have a Safe and
Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

Our March Open House on the 21st will actually be a Mini-Mural Artist Exhibition!

visit us at the
Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
For the 3rd Grade Mini-Mural Exhibition
Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 10am to 2pm
RTHS Museum - 1485 Jackson Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
(across from the former Hannah J. Ashton School)

Support the
Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
Download Our Flyer and Eat at
Texas Roadhouse
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
4:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Take our flyer (Attached) to the restaurant and show it to your server so RTHS will get 10% of the Sales!

Bring your non-perishable food items to Open House on April 18th!

Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
Museum Open House
Saturday, April 18, 2026
Helping Hands
We are collecting canned and non-perishable food items
NO Frozen or Fresh food items please
10:00am to 2:00pm
1485 Jackson Street (across from the Hannah Ashton Middle School)

Be sure to visit us at the
Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, April 18, 2026
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
1485 Jackson Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068

Join us for our April 18th Open House! We would love to show you our exhibits and share some snacks!

We hope you have a VERY Happy Easter!

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Mailing address: Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
P.O. Box 144, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

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Upcoming Events

Your President will be kicking off America-250 with a presentation at City Hall!

Saturday - May 2nd, 2026
 11:00 am - City Hall - 7232 E. Main St.

The History of Reynoldsburg

Presented by **Mary Turner Stoots**
President of the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society




Family Stem Night
 May 7, 2026
 5:00pm - 7:00pm
 Summit Road Elementary School




Family Stem Night is almost here! If any of you would like to join me, I will gladly save you a chair!

We hope to see you for our May 16th Western Electric Open House! From 10:00am - 2:00pm. Come and enjoy the Museum along with a snack!

Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
 PRESENTS
The Return of Western Electric
 Saturday May 16, 2026 - 10:00am to 2:00 pm
Open House
 1485 Jackson Street - Across from the former Hannah J. Ashton School



Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society
 PRESENTS
The Return of Western Electric
 Tuesday May 19, 2026 - 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Open House
 1485 Jackson Street - Across from the former Hannah J. Ashton School



We hope to see you for our May 19th Western Electric Open House! From 5:00pm - 8:00pm. Come and see our W.E. Displays

Come and watch the Color Guard do a Military Salute at 10:00am at the Seceder Cemetery behind the BibiBop Asian Grill!

Memorial Day - May 25, 2026

VFW Post #9473
Color Guard

CEMETERY SCHEDULE:
 9:30 SILENT HOME
 10:00 SECEDER
 10:30 HOLY CROSS
 11:30 FOREST LAWN

YOUR CHILDREN NEED TO SEE THE VFW COLOR GUARD CEREMONY AT ONE OF OUR CEMETERIES!

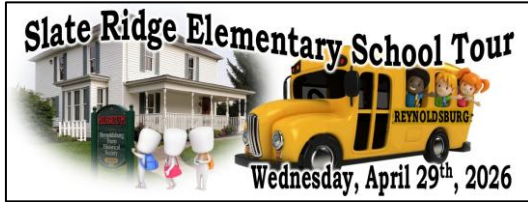


We Have Three More School Tours This Spring!

Mark These Dates On Your Calendar!

April 29th – Slate Ridge ■ May 14th Taylor Road ■ May 18th French Run

If you haven't ever volunteered to help during a school tour, then you have no idea how much **fun** that you are missing! There aren't any requirements to the job. You don't have to know a lot about history, and you're not required to possess the physical stamina to walk back and forth down the alley guiding classes of kids to



the mural. We already have a few people who like to do those types of tasks. Maybe we just need you to sit in a chair in the corner of a room. The more adults we have in a room, the more likely it is that



little fingers will stay in the pockets of their owners, and off of the arti-



facts in our Museum. Or, when the kids take a potty break, they they will be less likely to splash and play with the water in our drinking fountain afterwards.



Sunshine Committee
Do you know someone who needs some Sunshine?
Contact **Carol Deuber** 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
Cell: (614) 581-7048
Write **"SUNSHINE"** in the subject line of your email:
cadeuber@gmail.com



Slate Ridge Mural Coloring Contest Winners!

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Diana Jean Hazy

1938 - 2026

Diana, former owner of **Green Gables Restaurant** with her husband John Hazy, was known for baking her famous homemade pies. She was also known for her extraordinary talent with cake decorating, painting, ceramics, flower arrangements, making jewelry, and oil paintings. She leaves behind a very large family and will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be forever loved and dearly missed.

Diana Jean Hazy, 87, of Gaffney, South Carolina was born on August 14, 1938, in Columbus, Ohio. She lived many years in Reynoldsburg, Ohio and Port Saint Lucie, Florida.

Daughter of late Robert H. Daily and Florence I. Daily. Preceded in death by brother Howard Daily. Survived by brother Roger Daily, sister-in-law Dorothy Daily, children Dan Hazy (Victoria and Daniel), Robert Hazy (Travis, Calvin and Brandon), Roxanna and Russ Kelso (John and Michael C.), Teresa Hazy (Tabatha, Marlene, and Jeffrey), Irene and Bud Walters (Maria, Nicholas, Raelynn, Kyle and Korey), Julie and Wayne Goings (Michael T., Cory, Cailley, Aubrey, Nick and Tiffany) and great grand-children (Stacia, Joey, Levi, Blaze, Liam, Julian, Sabrina, Rebecca, Jonathan, Cayden, Bryson, Olivia, Noah, Dez and Brayden)

The family requests that in lieu of flowers that a donation be made to the charity of your choosing.

Join the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society

Members enjoy a bi-monthly newsletter, directory, gift shop discounts, a vote at general meetings, and the knowledge that they are supporting the preservation of Reynoldsburg history

Membership dues categories are as follows:

- \$30-Individual \$40-Household \$50-Sustaining \$75-Contributing \$150-Promoter
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* A Lifetime Membership can be for an individual or a family, and is paid one time only

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On February 13th, and we started promptly at 10:00am and we worked all day making ribbons and matting pictures for our **3rd-Grade Art Exhibition** that will take place on March 21st, during our Open House 10am-2pm PLEASE Stop by to Visit!

CREATING AWARDS





**Kendall
Edward
Weeks
1955-2026**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

**Saturday, March 14 at 12:00pm
Unity Presbyterian Church
6969 East Livingston Avenue**

Kendall, but I reached out to his Pastor. Who sent out this message to the congregation at Unity Presbyterian Church on Tuesday morning, February 24th:

“I’m heartbroken to share with you that our friend and brother Kendall Weeks passed away this evening [February 23rd] at Mt. Carmel East.

**Kendall Edward Weeks
December 1955 – February
23, 2026**

Kendall Weeks was one of our Founding/Charter Members. He led tours when the RTHS museum was over Connell’s Hardware, and his family lived in Reynoldsburg for many generations.

Martha, George and Kendall lived next door to me when I lived on Lancaster Avenue for about five years during the early 1980s, so I got to know them a little bit, even though they tended to be pretty reclusive.

If you ever had a conversation with Kendall, you could appreciate how brilliant he was. He was extremely well-spoken, to the point where I would lose track of time while listening to him. I am so glad that I had the privilege of being his audience during my time at the museum. Kendall knew more about the history of Reynoldsburg than the majority of people who live here.

Currently there is no obituary for

Out of abiding respect for Kendall’s privacy, I won’t say much, but I hope it will bring you some comfort to know that he had people who knew and loved him at his side when he passed.

There will be lots more to say about losing Kendall, but for now, let’s just grieve the loss of our friend, and give thanks to God for everything that made Kendall, Kendall, and thank God that he can now rest and be at peace.

I wrote to pastor Andy and he replied as follows: *Thank you for reaching out. It’s so good to know there are still so many people who care about Kendall.*

We’ll be holding a Memorial Service for Kendall”

**Saturday, March 14 at 12:00pm
Unity Presbyterian Church
6969 E Livingston Ave
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068**

I will keep you all updated if I receive any additional information about Kendall.



The pricing below is for Members and Non-Members.
 Any Questions? Contact Mary Stoots at:
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 Or you can call her at (614) 560-4987

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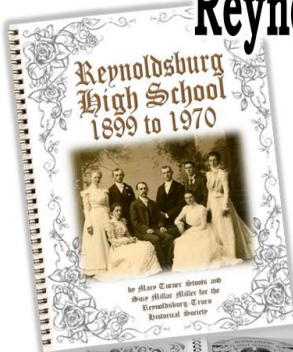
A compilation of RHS class pictures published for the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society

\$37.00 for Non-Members*

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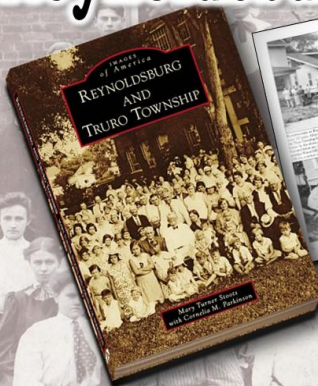
**A Free Membership will be given to Non-Members through 12/31/2026 for the purchase of a book, which includes a Bi-Monthly issue of the Courier Newsletter to be delivered by Email ONLY (no hard copies)*



by Mary Turner Stoots and Suzy Millar Miller

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