

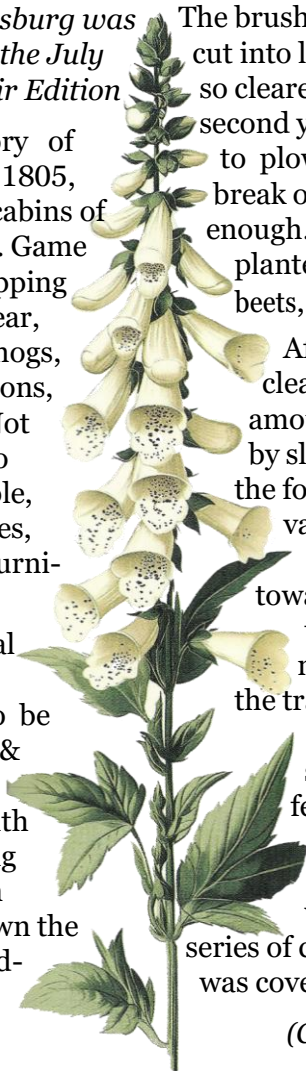


## A BRIEF History of Reynoldsburg by: Cornelia M. Parkinson

*A Brief History of Reynoldsburg was written fifty years ago for the July 4th, 1976, Courier Souvenir Edition*

The first authentic history of Reynoldsburg goes back to 1805, when there were a few log cabins of pioneers along the streams. Game was plentiful. Hunting, trapping and fishing yielded deer, bear, quail, doves, turkeys, wild hogs, woodchucks, skunks, raccoons, beaver & all kinds of fish. Not much of an animal went to waste: the hides, for example, were used for clothing, shoes, hats, game bags, harness, furniture and bed coverings.

Before vegetables and cereal grains could be planted the dense virgin forest had to be cleared of gigantic timbers & underbrush. The pioneer felled trees one at a time with a felling axe. A man working alone might spend a month doing nothing but chop down the trees in a single acre of hardwood forest.



The brush was piled into heaps, trunks cut into logging lengths, and the land so cleared was sown with grain. The second year some attempt was made to plow between the stumps and break off any roots which had rotted enough. Corn & potatoes could be planted, as well as beans, cabbage, beets, onions, parsnips and turnips.

After 15 or 20 acres had been cleared a tree at a time, a great amount could be cleared in a day by slashing. The slasher studied the forest to determine the prevailing winds, then began in 30-foot windrows, working toward the wind, to chop the trees near the bottom. As he neared the windward side of the tract, he cut deeper notches.

The last tree, a large one selected for a starter, was felled. This tree fell against the tree next to it, and on down through the entire windrow with a deafening series of crashes, until the cut strip was covered with fallen trees. Two

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good slashers working together could slash 20 acres in nine days.

For the first quarter-century of the settlement, it was necessary to go to Chillicothe, Lancaster or Zanesville to the mill, post office, or store. (There was a mill below the settlement of Hibernia until 1825, where those who knew about it could go.) Glass had to be obtained from Pittsburgh, so oiled paper did for windows.

## Indians Threaten the Pioneers

Indians provided perils aplenty for the settlers. The Shawnees had the strength of great numbers along the Scioto River valleys. Intermixed were the Wyandot, Delaware, Mingo and Miami, all of whom hunted over the territory now called Franklin County. The red man was distinctly hostile to the whites, and many stories have been told of white children in this area being kidnapped by Indians and never seen again; or of being converted to Indian life and not wishing to return to their own parents.

A story which appears in at least four of the old souvenir booklets bears repeating here: When the whites first settled in this neighborhood, the Indians had a large sugar camp near the present town site. Once, the Indians were boiling off the sap, when one of them, who had imbibed too freely of

fire water, lost his equilibrium and fell into one of the kettles of boiling syrup and lost his life. He was buried near the sugar camp and his grave fenced in with poles which stood for many years.

## The First Settlers

One account states that James Crawford, a Nova Scotian who became an American soldier, was the first to settle in this area.

During the Revolutionary War, many Canadians and Nova Scotians found life under the English unbearable, so they left their lands to join the American Colonists in the fight against English rule. After the war, the English labeled these people as deserters, confiscated their properties, declared them rebels and outlaws, and set prices on their heads. Under the circumstances, they could not return to claim their real estate, so they were stuck in a new land, penniless, and without property. In 1796 the U.S. Congress passed a law providing for 130,000 acres of Refugee Lands, to be given in tracts to these Canadian and Nova Scotian refugees for their military service.

James Crawford was granted a tract. He took possession in 1805 and built a log cabin near a stream (possibly the Little Jordan Run, as it was called by 1872) at the south end of Graham Road.

Over the next couple of decades there was a fair building boom in homes. With land at \$4 an acre, many decided to stay here. The first settler on the site of the

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village was a Mr. Daniel Dunihue. In 1816, he sold his land to John French. Before 1820, Joseph McIntyre, David Graham, William Ashton, Richard Rhoads, William Graham, John and Charles Medford from PA., Thomas Palmer from ME., John Edgar, John Lynch, Mathew Long from Nova Scotia, Benjamin Cornell, William McIntire, Zacharia Paul, William Thompson, Captain John Hanson, William McComb, Col. James Livingston, Robert Taylor of Truro, Nova Scotia, Daniel Ross, George Graham, John Cambridge, Elias Chester, Jeremiah Nay, George & Archibald Powell, David Pugh, Thomas Enlows, David Taylor, and others with their families had settled in the immediate area.

By that year Truro Township held 693 people.

### The National Road Builds a Town

In the mid-1820s the National Road (Cumberland Road) was started at Cumberland, MD, and extending after many years as far west as East St. Louis, IL. The Road came through here in the early 1830s and was finished to Columbus by 1836.

With the advent of the Road came workmen and their families (who lived in tents) and stagecoach and pony express service.

In November 1831, John French, who owned land bounded by Black Lick Creek & Jackson Avenue, Main Street & South Street, had his land surveyed by Jesse McLane and divided it into 55 lots for a town. Old histories state that he named it Frenchtown and that Abiather

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Vinton Taylor of Truro Township was the surveyor. This may be correct even though the county Plat Book map is titled "Reynoldsburgh Town Plat" and lists McLane as the surveyor.

At the completion of the survey a public sale of lots was held. Later came:

\* **Crawfords Addition**, 1832 14 lots

\* the Town of **Franfort** or **Frankfort**, 1834, 7 lots

\* **Samuel Osborn's Addition**, 1846, 6 lots

\* a **large annexation** south of Main St. in 1882 including Silent Home Cemetery

\* the **Radabaugh Addition**, 1892, 20 lots

\* and **Highland Terrace**, 1907, 119 lots.

There were many others not mentioned here.

### Business Grows Better Than Ever

The first hotel (called a tavern in those days) was built in 1832 by Michael Demorest. He sold to Benjamin Sells of Columbus, who ran the tavern for some time. In 1833 Mr. Demorest built a tavern which was run by the McEwen family for

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over 35 years. Emanuel Rhoads built a third tavern in 1835, on Main Street across from the United Presbyterian Church. Demorest's two hotels were known as the upper and lower taverns. The upper tavern stood on the site of the fire house just vacated on Main Street, and was connected to the building now housing Don Foltz Jewelers.

The lower tavern occupied the site of the Marathon Station at Lancaster Avenue & Main Street. The needs of the settlers and the road builders were met by James C. Reynolds, from Zanesville, who lived with the French family.

Reynolds ran the first store in the settlement, a sutler's store, selling tobacco, salt, overalls, work shoes, whisky and other grocery staples. His store was located in a hewed log cabin on the southeast corner of Jackson & Main. Reynolds built a steam grist mill on Black Lick Creek in the southern part of the town.

In 1833 Sylvanus Baldwin bought 100 acres in the township, with a sawmill on it, at Livingston Avenue and Big Walnut Creek. He then erected a grist mill there. In Reynoldsburg proper, Joseph McIntyre for many years operated a sawmill on Black Lick Creek.

About 1830, the stone quarry on Waggoner Road was opened by Henry Bessey. The stone was first quarried for bridging and fill on the National Road. About 1846 William

Forrester bought the quarry and erected a mill. In 1874 Hiram Dysart and Company established a tile factory at Reynoldsburg, later operated by Dysart and Henderlick.

## Reading, Writing And Religion

The first school in Truro Township was kept in a log cabin on the east bank of Big Walnut Creek, just south of Livingston Avenue. The first teacher, a Mr. McAfferty, taught about 1820. The first public school was Madison Township No. 8, formed in 1828.

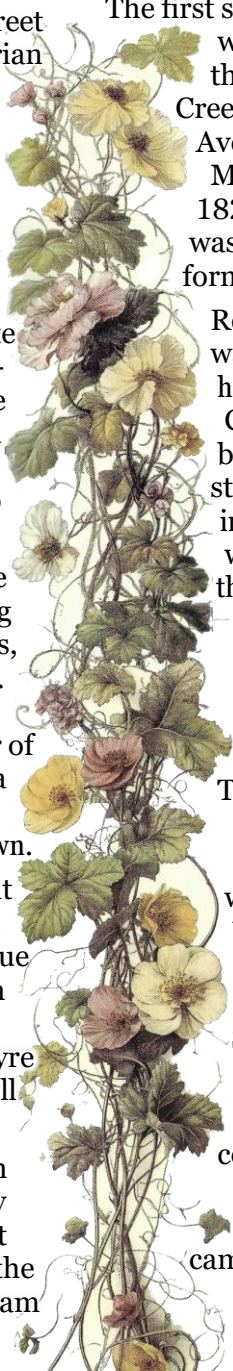
Reynoldsburg's first school was held in 1834 in a log house across from the Baptist Church. A frame school was built in 1845, then a two-story brick building was built in 1858. In 1868, the building which became the nucleus of the present Hannah J. Ashton School Building was completed.

## Union Academy First Public High School

The first public high school in the State of Ohio was established here in 1868. It was called the Reynoldsburg Union Academy (later, for a short time, it was called Truro Township High School).

Academy enrollment was 40 pupils from 4 districts combined into one. A graded school was established, then quite a rarity. Pupils came here from great distances and boarded with local

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families, going home only for long holidays and summer vacations. In 1871, six students graduated.

Reynoldsburg's first church congregation called themselves Seceders. (Later they became United Presbyterian.) The congregation was formed about 1818, in the home of James Graham with the Reverend Mr. Armstrong officiating. Their first pastor was Rev. Donaldson.. They built their church approximately at the same time, at Lancaster and Hebron Roads. (Hebron Rd. is now called Palmer, and apparently then extended to Lancaster Avenue.)

There was regular preaching in this church for about 40 years, then the congregation built a frame building at Jackson & Main Streets. This church burned in December 1946 and was rebuilt.

The Baptist Church, called Friendship Church, was organized by Elder Hanover at the home of John Coons in 1823. In 1834 they built the first church in town, the little brick church which, with remodelings in 1843 and later, still stands with its burying ground at the point of State Route 256 and Jackson Ave. The Reynoldsburg Methodist Church was organized in 1835 as a class, with a Mr. Lee as the leader. About 1836 they built a frame church near Jackson & Broadwyn.

In 1871 the congregation built the brick church in the 7400 block of East Main Street. The First Presbyterian Church (now Parkview) was formed in 1836 with the Reverend James Hoge, pastor of Franklinton Presbyterian Church, Reverend Elias Vandeman (who agreed to serve as the first minister for \$175

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per year for half time) and Elder John Long of the Truro Presbyterian Church officiating. The first meeting house was erected in 1840. In 1861 this church burned; but the same year the building was rebuilt. The building has been in continuous use. Today it is owned by the Knights of Columbus.

## The Burg Gets Postal Service

The Post Office was established here in 1833. James C. Reynolds was appointed Postmaster. He evidently served for 7 years as the next postmaster was Hiram Sibel, appointed in 1840. In the meantime, the people of Franklin County elected Reynolds a member of the Legislature of Ohio. He was allowed to occupy the seat his father had sat in as a legislator several years before.

Reynolds was influential in getting the town incorporated. In 1839 the Legislature chartered Reynoldsburg as a village. Its corporation government was organized in 1840, the first mayor being Abraham Johnston. The citizens of the town and vicinity held a public meeting and resolved to honor Reynolds (later

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Brigadier General Reynolds) by naming the town for him. The *h* at the end of *..burgh* dropped off long ago.

## John French's Little Town Prospers

The town grew rapidly, with its greatest period of prosperity in 1846-1847. It held considerable importance as a place of trade until the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was built three miles to the north in 1853. With the railroad a faster means of travel and shipping, the stages were discontinued on the National Road. Trade that our village had enjoyed went in part to the new little station village of Black Lick.

The town character changed again in 1902, with the advent of the Ohio Interurban Electric Railway through the town. Reynoldsburg thus regained

much of its former prestige and in 1910 was described as "one of the best thriving towns in the county."

The National Highway was rebuilt in 1910, and again in 1938. By 1940 there were about 600 inhabitants of the Burg.

The population started booming in 1954 when the large housing developments were begun (thanks to the start of Western Electric, Timken Roller Bearing, North American Rockwell, the Defense Construction & Supply Center, and Lane Aviation).

Brookside came first; then it was followed by Marabar, Huber Homes, Brice Estates, Briarcliff, Red Fox Hollow, Ludlow or Greentree, Blacklick Heights, Cobblestone Run, Rose Hill Estates, and Ramblebrook.

Today's population is about 18,000.



**I went line dancing last night. OK, it was a roadside sobriety test... same thing.**

## 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
- \$300-Lifetime Membership\*     \$1,500-Small Business Sponsor     \$5,000-Corporate Sponsorship

\* A Lifetime Membership can be for an individual or a family, and is paid one time only

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# 2026 CALENDAR

## MAY

**PUBLISH THE 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 – TUE – 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 – TUE – Western Electric Open House  
5pm-8pm
- 20 – WED – French Run School (RAIN Date)
- 25 – MON – Memorial Day Service 10am  
at SECEDER CEMETERY

## JUNE

- 16 – TUE – Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 20 – SAT – Open House 10:00am-2:00 pm
- 20 – SAT – DEADLINE FOR JULY COURIER
- 24 – WED – Pizza Cottage Fundraiser

## JULY

**PUBLISH THE JULY COURIER**

- 04 – SAT – JULY 4TH Parade –10:00am  
Reynoldsburg Community Association
- 14 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 18 – SAT – Open House 10:00am-2:00pm

## AUGUST

- 06 – THU – Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival  
4:00pm–10:00pm
- 07 – FRI – Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival  
4:00pm–10:00pm
- 08 – SAT – Rey Tomato Festival 11am-10pm
- 11 – TUE – Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- 15 – SAT – Open House 10:00am-2:00pm
- 20 – THU – DEADLINE FOR SEPT COURIER

## MAX'S BARBER SHOP

PHONE: (614) 861-9019

7379 EAST MAIN STEET  
REYNOLDSBURG, OH 43068

MON – FRI 9:00-5:45

SAT 8:00-12:00

CLOSED SUNDAY



# We Have TWO More School Tours This Spring!

## MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!!

- **May 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday-Taylor Road**
- **May 18<sup>th</sup> Monday-French Run**
- **May 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday-Rain Date**

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 artifacts in our Museum. Or, when the kids take a potty break, they will be less likely to

splash and play with the water in our drinking fountain afterward.

So Far, I have only received the following number of volunteers for the next two tours:

- Taylor Road – Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – **2 Volunteers**
- French Run – Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – **4 Volunteers**
- French Run **Rain Date** – Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> – **0 Volunteers**

French Run walks over, so if it rains, they will be coming two (2) days following the original date.. **Please - PLEASE - let me know if any of you are available for any or all of the May dates (14, 18, & 20).**

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**NEW MEMBERS!**

**NO NEW MEMBERS!!**

Oh Noooooooooo!!!

BUT- We DID retain some members we thought we Lost!!

Cindy Greiner-Individual

Harriet Wengert - Individual

**THANK YOU LADIES!!**



**Do you know someone who could use some Sunshine?**

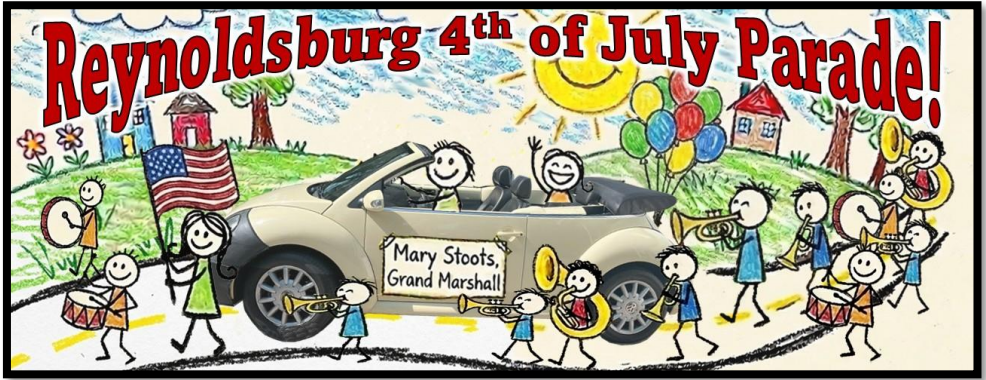
Contact Carol Deuber if you are aware of an RTHS member who could use a Get Well, Thinking of You, Sympathy, or any other type of card for some added sunshine in their life.

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**Write "SUNSHINE" in the subject line of your email:**

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# And the Grand Marshall for the Reynoldsburg America-250 July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade is...?



*The Reynoldsburg Community Association wrote such a wonderful nomination for me, that I had to share it. I don't typically brag about myself, but I'll gladly accept compliments from other community non-profit organizations. ~Mary Turner Stoots*

There is likely not a better way for Reynoldsburg to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, than by honoring a person so steeped in Reynoldsburg history, that they can link early settlers of Reynoldsburg to land grants awarded to Revolutionary War veterans.



Mary's family roots in Reynoldsburg go all the way back to 1863 when her maternal Great-Great-Grandparents came here. Mary's family lived on Rodebaugh Road, Bryden & Jackson, and ultimately on Waggoner Road, in the home Mary's father finished in 1956, and that Mary and her husband, Doug, still live in today. Mary's grandmother, mother and Mary herself, all graduated from Reynoldsburg High School in the classes of 1917, 1947, and 1970 respectively. Mary has served as the class database manager for the RHS Class of 1970, carefully tracking each graduate and helping to prepare for each class reunion for the past 56 years.



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For many years, Mary has diligently worked to raise awareness of, and to promote the vision, mission, and visibility of the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society (RTHS). Mary has led RTHS as its President for over 8 years and in this capacity, creates content for, and edits a bi-monthly newsletter, acts as the webmaster for [www.RTHS.info](http://www.RTHS.info), is the RTHS Facebook Administrator, and procures donations and sponsorships to fund improvements to the historical society museum.

One of Mary's most significant contributions has been, and continues to be, to Reynoldsburg's third-grade history curriculum. Since local history is a requirement mandated by the State of Ohio for every third-grade



student, Mary works with the school superintendents, elementary principals and teachers to arrange third grade tours of the RTHS museum and barn, Silent Home Cemetery, and the



the Cotner Community Historical Mural at the corner of Jackson and Main. She collaborates with Reynoldsburg leaders and businesses to raise funds for transporting the third-grade classes to the

tour venues and to develop and publish the classroom material, which consists of a workbook that each student gets to keep. A fun part of the curriculum is the third-grade Mini-Mural Exhibition.

Students from each 3rd grade class color and submit their rendering of the historic mural for judging and prizes. Mary collaborates with other historical organizations to further community understanding and appreciation of Reynoldsburg history. As one representative

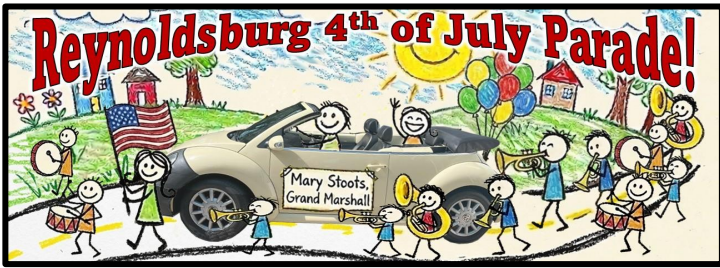
from the Mathias Ridenour Chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) describes it, whatever Mary is called upon to do, "she does it, and does it so well."

Mary will be presenting a keynote address, sponsored by the DAR Chapter, *The History of Reynoldsburg*, to kick off the America 250 Reynoldsburg celebration. Mary is a gifted storyteller and speaker, sharing her historical knowledge with humor and entertaining her audience in the process.

As a member of the Reynoldsburg Civic Club that was organized in 1922, Mary currently has the honor of being their Recording Secretary.

Mary has been a years-long participant  
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in the Memorial Day ceremony to honor Revolutionary War soldiers at Seceder Cemetery. She has also designed banners honoring these soldiers for the DAR Mathias Ridenour Chapter, to be displayed in downtown Reynoldsburg.

Mary is also a published author. She has co-authored two books on Reynoldsburg history, "Reynoldsburg High School from 1899 to 1970," and "Reynoldsburg And Truro Township" in the Arcadia Publisher's "Images of America" series.

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

THE Reynoldsburg-Truro  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**The History of Reynoldsburg**  
Presented by  
**Mary Turner Stoots**  
President of the Reynoldsburg-Truro  
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Sponsored by the Mathias Ridenour Chapter of the DAR

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**Thomas Torrence**  
1742-1828  
PVT - MA Regiment  
American Revolution

Mathias Ridenour Chapter DAR

Mary has been a tireless advocate for preserving historical sites in Reynoldsburg. She worked in tandem with the State of Ohio

Preservation Office in an effort to save the historic Hannah J. Ashton School Building and has worked to help save the Primitive Baptist Church. She has petitioned for fencing for the Methodist Hill Cemetery located by the VFW and for an accessibility path to the historic Seceder Cemetery.

Grand Marshall of Reynoldsburg's 4th of July parade.

~ The 2026 Reynoldsburg 4th of July Parade Grand Marshall Committee on behalf of the Reynoldsburg Community Association.

Sarah Reed Brass, author  
Anna Clendenen & Paul Yarger

# 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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Contact Info



Jim Slonaker (photographer) & Mary Turner Stoots attended the "STEM Family Night" at Summit Road Elementary on May 7th

## Do You Have an Idea?



**Bob Martin** (Select Fabrics) was at Christmas On The Town, and he was asking about the Card Party. The board talked about the work that goes into a card party, and what we decided was to put an article in the newsletter with a survey. Here are the questions:

- Do you have any Ideas for different types of Fundraising?
  - What audience do you wish to address?
  - Who is willing to Volunteer?
- How many do you think will be attending?

# Upcoming Events

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



Saturday - May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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*

**AMERICA 250**  
REYNOLDSBURG  
EST. 1875  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The poster features a portrait of Mary Turner Stoots on the left and a decorative background with the 'AMERICA 250' logo and 'REYNOLDSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY' text.



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

The poster has a decorative border and includes an illustration of a blue robotic arm holding a purple and red 'STEM' block.

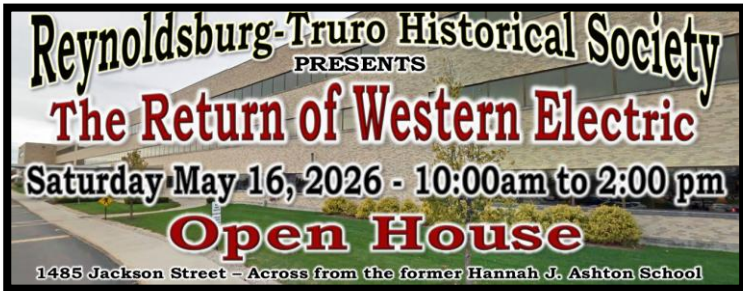
Family Stem Night is almost here! If any of you would like to join me, I will gladly save you a chair!

We would love to see you at this tour! Please Consider Volunteering! It's not difficult, and it's LOTS of fun!



**Taylor Road Elementary School Tour**  
Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The poster shows a yellow school bus with 'REYNOLDSBURG' on the side, parked in front of a white two-story house. Several white figures are standing near the bus.




**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

The poster features a photograph of a large, modern building with a sign that reads 'REYNOLDSBURG TRURO HISTORICAL SOCIETY'.

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

We would love to see you at this tour! If you have never done it before, please consider Volunteering!



**French Run Elementary School Tour**  
Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The poster shows a yellow school bus with 'REYNOLDSBURG' on the side, parked in front of a white two-story house. A large group of white figures is gathered in front of the house.

# Upcoming Events

**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 19<sup>th</sup> Western Electric Evening Open House! From 5:00 – 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**  
YOUR CHILDREN NEED TO SEE THE VFW COLOR GUARD CEREMONY AT ONE OF OUR CEMETERIES!  
**CEMETERY SCHEDULE:**  
9:30 SILENT HOME  
10:00 SECEDER  
10:30 HOLY CROSS  
11:30 FOREST LAWN

Be sure to visit us at the  
**Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society**  
**Museum Open House**  
Saturday, June 20, 2026  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Come to the Museum and take a walk back in time ...  
1485 Jackson Street (across from the Hannah J. Ashton School Building)

Join us for Open House! We will have snacks in the kitchen and people to talk to! We'd love to have some time to visit with you!

Come to the Pizza Cottage on SR256 and join us for a fundraiser! a flyer is enclosed for you to present to your server!

DOWNLOAD A FLYER FROM THE [RTHS.INFO](http://RTHS.INFO) WEBSITE  
**EAT PIZZA RAISE DOUGH** [www.RTHS.info](http://www.RTHS.info)  
**Wednesday June 24, 2026**  
**11:00 am to 8:00 pm**  
**Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society**  
at the **Pizza Cottage of Pickerington**  
1000 Old Diley Road - Facing State Route 256

**Reynoldsburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade!**  
Mary Stoots, Grand Marshall

Are you planning on coming to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade? Mary Stoots plans to ride in a VW bug convertible!  
Thank You Sheryl Knapp!

# We kicked off America 250!

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



## The History of Reynoldsburg

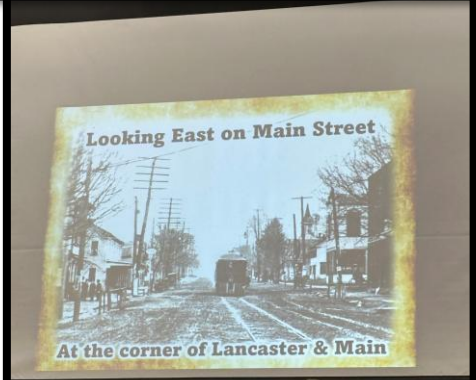
Presented by  
**Mary Turner Stoots**  
President of the Reynoldsburg-Truro  
Historical Society  
Sponsored by the Mathias Ridenour Chapter of the DAR



Linda Young is  
our favorite  
Revolutionary  
War Soldier

Mary stood up while  
she was introduced  
by the DAR Regent

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> was very well attended. We had a great crowd, and they asked a lot of insightful and good questions.



The Mathias Ridenour Chapter of the DAR served brownies in the lobby, and offered water to our

