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*Council meetings are held on  
the 2nd Tuesday each month at  
6:30 p.m. in the Borough Office  
10 N. Queen Street.  
Meetings are open to the public.*

## Update from the Borough Office

by Barbara Stiver, Borough Secretary

### Borough Council Report

Summertime and the living is easy. It's nice to see neighbors out walking in the mornings and evenings. Kids are out riding bikes or roller skating all day and chasing lightening bugs at night. Some things never change!

Here are just a few reminders that apply to that old saying, "The way to have good neighbors is to be a good one."

If you walk your dog, please take a bag along to clean up after it. We all know dogs have to "go," but people don't appreciate having to clean up messes in their yards.

In summer, we are tempted to burn more. Please remember to burn only paper. Plastic, diapers, rugs, etc. are garbage. The Mifflin County Solid Waste Authority will take large items, just call 242-3301. Some residents have health issues so be considerate.

There is a 10 p.m. curfew, so know where your children are when you hear the siren. Kids love to run everywhere, but need to be respectful of their neighbors' property. Take them to the playground and let them run amuck there!

Remember that standing water is a breeding place for mosquitoes. Help keep the Zika virus out of McVeytown! None of us want the skin rashes, muscle and joint pains, and headaches

associated with it. So dump out those stagnant water containers.

By the way, yellow lines mean no parking. But we all knew that, right?

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Planning any building or remodeling this summer? Call Matt Stringer (899-7436) for an Assessment and/or Building Permit. Matt will know what you will need and answer your questions.

The Community Yard Sale is July 16th. It's a great day to look for bargains. and socialize with your neighbors!

### McVeytown Borough Authority

The Authority is still waiting to hear if we have gotten the competitive \$700,000 grant to take care of the inflow and infiltration issues. We expect to hear this summer. Meanwhile, we continue to pay fines when there is an overflow at the Wray Pump Station. This year we paid \$2,000.00.

We are waiting to hear from PENNVEST concerning financing for the new well. We are hoping for grant money with this project also.

The sewer project is the top priority since we are paying fines and we have a deadline looming to close off the overflow pipe.



West Market Street home of George and Jill Welsh.



Photo by former resident Hannah Ashbach of Duluth, Minnesota. She and her sister Hailey were here for two weeks in June.

**Remember to fly your flag on July 4th!**

**July 5 thru July 29:** Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Supervised activities at the Rothrock Playground for kids ages 5-12. Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult (18 and older).

**July 16:** Yard Sale Day.

The more who participate, the more fun it is for everyone!

**Support Our Fire Company!**

Bingo at the Firehouse is held on the second Tuesday and last Friday of each month. Doors open at 4:30; games begin at 6:30. But schedules can change, so check the sign in front of the Firehouse to confirm.

**McVeytown Community Library Hours**

Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Weekly Church Services**

McVeytown United Methodist Church  
Pat Bollinger, Pastor 899-7866  
Worship - 9:20 a.m.  
Sunday School - 10:45 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship - Sat., 6:30 p.m.

McVeytown Presbyterian Church  
Scott Andrews, Pastor 899-6861  
Sunday School - 9 a.m.  
Worship - 10 a.m.

**Reminder:** There is a 10 p.m. curfew for underage children. A siren at 9:45 is a reminder that kids need to be indoors when the curfew siren goes off at 10 p.m.

**The McVeytown Journal**

...can be downloaded from McVeytown Borough's website: [www.mcveytownboro.com](http://www.mcveytownboro.com). It's free, so print and share, or email to family and friends!

To share your comments, photos, stories or events listings in the newsletter, email [sfsf23@verizon.net](mailto:sfsf23@verizon.net) or mail to Newsletter Editor, PO Box 321, McVeytown PA 17051.

**Do you remember...**

Note to kids: *Read this and learn about the 'Good Ol' Days*

Former resident Leonard Stine wants to know if anyone remembers the special lunches served to schoolchildren in the basement of the Presbyterian Church during the war years.

Actually, our citizens do remember!

"Once or twice a year, they would serve us hot dogs and baked beans in the church basement, and it was delicious," Joyce Sunderland recalls.

"We walked in pairs down the walk—and we had to behave! It was a big deal. We kids looked forward to the lunches. We paid a small amount, no more than 10 or 15 cents."

Betty Kauffman remembers that the Presbyterian Women's Aid Society sponsored the lunches. "The money went towards a school cafeteria," she says.

And the kids' nickels and dimes mattered! The cafeteria opened in the

McVeytown Elementary School (now the Borough building) in 1946.

Mary Gearhart and Janet Kauffman were the cooks. For a time, they served 350 children each day. High school students ate there, too, until an addition containing the cafeteria/gynasium was built at Rothrock High School.

Though Mary and Janet were the only paid cafeteria workers, they had help from the students.

"Every fifth week, you helped in the cafeteria," Joyce remembers. Students cleared tables, scraped dishes, and took out the trash. "If you helped, you got lunch for free the entire week!"

She remembers another special day each school year. "The day before Thanksgiving, Mary and Janet served real roast turkey with all the trimmings. It was *sooo* good!"

**It's Our Business...**

**Much more than a pizza shop!**

Chris Bratton remembers when the first pizza shop opened in McVeytown. The Original Italian Pizza Shop opened in 1989, in a building located on the corner of Route 522 and John Street, where Kish Bank's parking lot is now.

Chris was one of its first employees. She continued to work for the pizza shop when it moved to its current location by the square in 1992, and when Mike Cherry purchased the business in 1998 and renamed it Mike's OIP,

When Mike passed away in 2003, his sister Karen became the owner. She sold it to Chris and Jim Bratton in 2005.

Chris has been dishing out food in McVeytown for 27 years. "I started working when I was 19," she says. "I watched a lot of kids grow up, and now I am watching their kids grow up," she laughs. Mike's OIP is a favorite place for both kids and adults to grab a bite to eat. Choose from

an assortment of toppings on a 14 or 16-inch pizza, or buy it by the slice! Mike's OIP also has specialty 16-inch pizzas—Buffalo

Chicken, BBQ Chicken or All Meat pizzas.

Mike's OIP serves more than pizza. Choose from a wide variety of hot or cold subs. Their salads and dinners come with a loaf of delicious freshly baked homemade bread. Spagetti with homemade meatballs dinners are available on Friday nights.

Plan to go out to eat at Mike's OIP on Tasty Tuesdays for great "eat-in only" specials from 4 to 9 p.m. Check out their monthly and daily specials for awesome savings, too.

Too rushed to eat out? Call Mike's OIP @ 899-7133 for take-outs. And when you pick up your order, tell Chris that you saw her in the *McVeytown Journal*!



Open Tuesday thru Sunday  
11 a.m to 9 p.m  
Closed on Monday



Rothrock Playground Authority ...

## We're Getting in Shape!

by Barbara Stiver and Doug Roles

The playground's annual summer program for children ages 5-12 starts on Tuesday, July 5. The four-week program runs Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Supervisors are Morgan Kauffman and Carley Dunmire. Registration information will be provided on the first day. Children under age five must be accompanied by an adult over 18.

The playground building is now available for event rentals. Construction of a restroom was completed in the spring 2015, and a kitchenette was added this spring. Picnic tables are available for seating and eating. If you would like to look it over, contact one of the Rothrock Playground Authority members: Doug Roles, 814-599-4954; Barbara Stiver, 250-4452; Joe Cross, 320-2868 or Angie Brouillette, 348-8842. Fee is \$50.

One of the three Oliver Township seats on the authority is vacant. (The other two seats are from McVeytown Borough.) If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact one of the authority members.

Though steady progress has been made in the past few years, we still have renovation work to accomplish at the building, ball fields and tennis and basketball courts.

The authority has not had to request additional tax revenue from the borough or the township, thanks to fundraising efforts, grant funding and the generosity of community members.

The authority meets at 6 p.m.. second Thursday of the month, at the playground building.

Our two big events each year are the spring cleanup day and the United Way Day of Caring project in fall. If you would like to volunteer with these events or have some free time to help mow or clean, please feel free to contact us.

*Barbara is the McVeytown Borough Secretary. Doug Roles is president of the Rothrock Playground Authority.*



Photos by Doug Roles

*Top photos:* Barb Stiver, Borough Secretary (far right in right photo) did more than supervise Walmart employees who volunteered on the United Way's Day of Caring. She used her own muscles to roll paint on the ceiling! A big thanks to all who helped.

*Bottom photo:* Rothrock Playground's new kitchenette is available for community members to use—and we want you to use it. Planning a reunion or celebration? It costs just \$50 to rent the playground building, so give us a call! (See article at left for more information and phone numbers.)

## Library News and Notes by Deb Himes, Volunteer Librarian

The Rothrock Community Library is growing—291 cardholders and 8,646 titles on the shelves! We've added new children's titles, especially beginning-to-read books. Check them out!

Steph Byler of McVeytown volunteered to be our IT person. She currently is researching new computers for the library.

We now have WiFi internet service, which can be accessed outside the building and on the playground behind it. Network name is "Library" and the password is "rothrock."

Need copies made? The library fees are

only 25¢ for black & white; 50¢ for color.

McVeytown United Methodist Church is sponsoring a summer reading program. Prizes are awarded as reading logs are completed. The program ends August 21. There will be a drawing for a Kindle Fire. The church is also sponsoring a Movie Night on Monday, July 11 at 8 p.m.

There are still Tuesday storytimes available: July 12, 26 and August 9, 16, from 10:30 to 11:30. You can pre-register at the library.

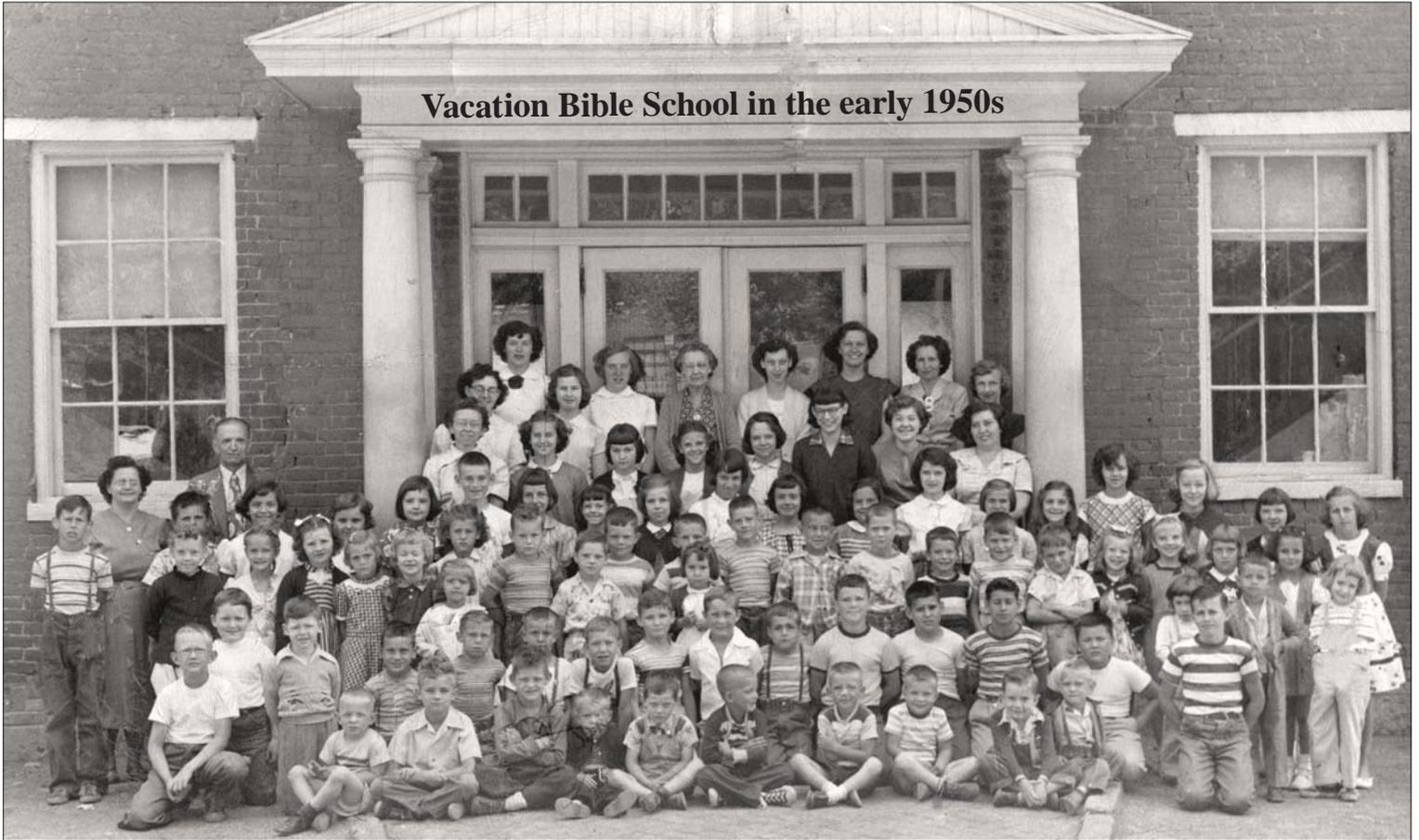
Book donations are welcome! Be sure to stop by our book sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

during McVeytown's Yard Sale Day on July 16th. Fill a bag for \$2. Bring a bag or we'll provide one.

The library was fortunate to make it through the first year with the help of McVeytown Borough and some very generous donations. We were fortunate to receive funds from the Mifflin County Commissioners.

It would be nice if members of our community thanked the commissioners—in person, with a note, or by calling the Open Line. Please let them know how much we appreciate their support.

## Vacation Bible School in the early 1950s



*First row:* 1-Rus Freed, 2-Rich Freed, 3-Keith Spickler, 4-Blaine Narehood, Jr., 5-?, 6-Ben Casner, 7-John Kauffman, 8-Herb Yeo, 9-Clyde Rupert, 10-Danny Knepp, 11-Tom Harbst

*Second row:* 1-Jerry Wooding, 2-John Hamilton, 3-Paul Bingaman, 4-Larry Rupert, 5-Bobby Deavor, 6- Lee Allison, 7-Billy Sausser, 8-Sammy Heckman, 9-Tom Notestine, 10-Ronald "Snip" Pecht, 11-Fred Notestine, 12- Gerald Deaver, 13-George Minnick, 14-?, 15-Dave Deaver, 16-Jane Wooding

*Third row:* 1-Betty Sunderland, 2-Sara Jane Stewart, 3-Leanna Bingaman, 4- Mary Freed, 5- Brenda Rittenhouse, 6-Sara Deaver, 7-Fritz Rupert, 8-Christopher Day, 9-Robert "Pork" Pecht, 10-Lee French, 11-Dennis McCarl, 12-Neil Spigelmyer, 13-Jim Moist, 14-Tommy Day, 15-George Piper, 16-Ron Freed, 17-Patsy Rager, 18-Connie Rager, 19-Brenda Casner, 20-Mary Kenep, 21-Judy Harbst

*Fourth row:* 1-Stanley Dunmire, 2-Raymond Mort, 3-Betty Lynn, 4-Nancy (Harshbarger) Pepper, 5-Linda Clark, 6-Alex Day, 7-Sue Henry, 8-Judy Hambright, 9-Dorothy (Sunderland) Stryker, 10-Sue (Clark) Grassmyer, 11-Kathy Smith, 12-Betty Cavanaugh, 13-Kay (Stewart) Peterson, 14-Janice Deavor, 15-Shirley Shotsberger?, 16- ? Weaver, 17-Shirley Sunderland

*Fifth row:* Sally Mort and Rev. Frank Crawford. 1-Romaine Hambright, 2-Ann Mundy, 3-Susie Rogers, 4-Marie Mundy, 5-Kay (Shotsberger) Dunmire, 6-Donna Marks, 7-Marjorie Moist, 8- Virgie Youtzy

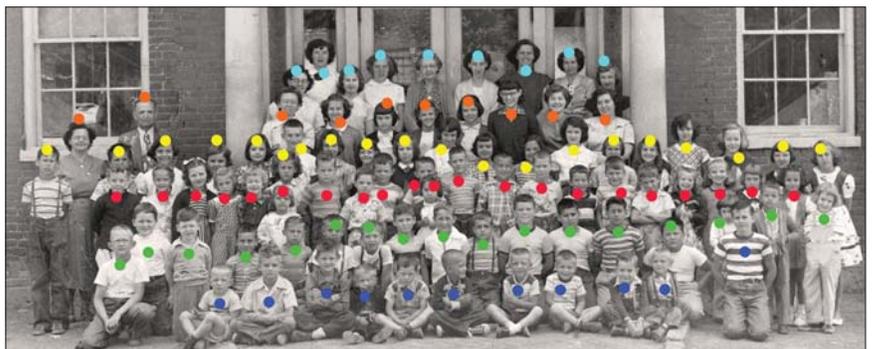
*Sixth row:* 1-Joyce Devore, 2-Lois Stewart, 3-Jean Notestine, 4-Arlene Kauffman, 5-Clara Beers, 6-Carol Frye, 7-Shirley Rutherford Yoder, 8-Vema Harbst, 9-Dorothy Rodkey

*Note: If you can name any of the unidentified children, or correct any misidentifications, please let us know!*

## A Scene from Our Past

Shared by Rich Freed

This photo was sent to me and I sent it around to several people in town to see if we could identify everyone in it. As you can see, the rows are not well defined, and we still don't know who some of the kids are. We know it was a Vacation Bible School in the 50's, and several churches were involved from the community and the surrounding area. Some of the names might even be incorrect. But it was the best we could to. At least enjoy the photo.



*You may have to get out your magnifying glass! Colors correspondence to what row each child is in, starting from the bottom. Blue dots are first row; green dots, second row; etc.*

The photo was taken in front of the former McVeytown Elementary School, which is now the Borough Building. The Rothrock Community Library is also located there.