



McVeytown is greening up!

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From the Borough Office Desktop *by Barbara Stiver, Borough Secretary*

The first day of spring was March 20th and a possible snow storm was predicted! That didn't happen, but if we get more snow, it certainly won't last. However, remnants of January's storm are still on the borough lot—lots of stones!

Remember, residents will be out enjoying the warmer weather so please clean up after your dog if you go walking.

Spring is also the time for clean-up. So let's get out there and clean up yards—front and back, remove junk from around our homes and get ready for...

Country Memories Day

The BIG day is May 28th. This will be the 30th year so let's spruce up the town! The Borough will pick up miscellaneous leaves and garden debris, starting the last Wednesday in April. If you need a pick-up sooner, call the Sewer Plant 899-7436.

Pottery night is May 5th, at the Borough Building—in time for Mother's Day.

McVeytown Borough Authority Update

The Authority has qualified for some grant money that will get us started on fixing the inflow problem. Plus, we are in the running for an additional grant that should cover the majority of the costs. BUT the State budget impasse is causing problems. We may be entitled to the money but if a budget isn't passed, there is no money to get.

The Authority is considering raising the late fee from 5% to 10%. We have the same people paying their water and sewage bills late, and with the fines we are paying to DEP (\$2,000 so far in 2016), we need to get our funds in.

If you have a minimum bill of \$135.30 and don't pay it until the next quarter's bill comes out, your late charges will be over \$40.00.

Remember the curfew. When it's 10 p.m., do you know where your children are?

Council meetings are held 6:30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday of each month, in the Borough Office, 10 N. Queen Street. Meetings are public.

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

The Rothrock Community Library continues to thrive due to the many loyal patrons and people who donate books, DVDs, money and time. We are up to 240 patrons in a little over a year, and have over 8,000 items to circulate.

People may donate books or money for books in memory/honor of someone. Magazine subscriptions can also be donated. Plus, if you subscribe to a magazine, consider donating your copy after you've finished reading it.

We would like to add to our audio book and DVD collections, so keep us in mind as you do your spring housecleaning.

Anyone who would like to do a story time or

has suggestions for a summer reading program, we are open to your ideas or willingness to participate.

We receive positive comments about our ongoing \$2/bag book sale. New titles are added weekly, so check it out regularly!

The library is in need of a tech savvy person to help with computer problems as they arise. Hopefully we will be purchasing two new computers when we receive our funds from the county.

We are accepting applications for volunteers. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

It's Bloom Time!

Take a nightly stroll around Town and see what's popping up!

March 24-26: Easter Flower Sale at the Firehouse. Benefits the McVeytown Ambulance. Starts Thursday at 8 a.m.

March 28: Easter Sunday

April 27: Borough workers will begin to pick up leaves and garden debris on Wednesdays.

May 5: Pottery night at the Borough Building. Pick up this year's Country Memories Day collectibles to give as Mother's Day gifts!

May 12: Mother's Day

May 28: Country Memories Day. It's the 30th Annual.

May 30: Memorial Day Parade. Please attend to support our Veterans and those who currently serve.

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.

Rothrock Community Library Hours
Tuesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Weekly Church Services

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

Reminder to town residents:

Time to spruce up the town for Country Memories Day!

McVeytown has a 10 p.m. curfew for underage children. The first siren at 9:45 is a reminder that kids need to be indoors when the second siren goes off at 10 p.m.

The *McVeytown Journal* can be downloaded from McVeytown Borough's website: www.mcveytownboro.com. It's free, so print and share, or email to family and friends!



News from Our Volunteers...

Community Matters



Update from McVeytown Ambulance

McVeytown Ambulance recently purchased a new 2015 Ford 450 super duty 4 x 4 at a cost of \$201,000.00. It replaced the 1998 Ford E-one. This is McVeytown's first 4-wheel drive ambulance. Due to getting stuck several times last year, it only makes sense given our rural area. McVeytown Ambulance provides service to McVeytown Borough, Oliver and Bratton townships, and the 717 portion of Wayne Township.

We are an all-Volunteer company, and are proud of the expert care that we provide to our neighbors and friends. We respond to approximately 550 to 700 emergency calls

per year. We maintain the high level of quality care through State certified EMTs and emergency medical responders.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help give back to the community. For more information, contact us 717-899-7473.

Samuel Alexander
President



Check out their facebook page!

How the Fire Department can save you money

The McVeytown Volunteer Fire Department can prevent you from losing your house to a fire.

Do you realize that the department's overall quality and performance can affect how much money you pay for home insurance?

According to the Insurance Information Institute, in the first decade of the 21st Century, insurance claims for fires totaled 120 billion dollars.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) provides a Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating for fire companies. Insurance companies use this rating to evaluate a community's fire protection services.

Fifty percent of the PPC rating is based on equipment, staffing, and training. As with everything else in the world today, the cost of equipping a fire department is always rising. If a fire department is not equipped with

proper apparatus or fire fighting equipment, it receives a lower PPC rating, which will in turn cause a rise to your insurance rating.

With these facts in mind, would it not be beneficial to financially support the McVeytown Fire Department, so they can have the means to have a lower PPC rating?

It is often said that one must spend a little money to save some money. By financially supporting the fire department you can save some on your insurance and possibly save a lot should you need the fire company in the event of a fire.

Let's work together to have a properly equipped Fire Department so we all can save in the long run!

McVeytown Volunteer
Fire Department Members



Check out their facebook page, too!

A letter from the president of the McVeytown Borough Council McVeytown Fire Company needs our support



Have you ever thought what it would be like if our McVeytown Fire Company was not there? Can you remember the times we had to wait for Lewistown Fire departments to respond to our emergencies?

Ever wonder if the Borough and Townships are involved with the Fire Company?

Elected officials of McVeytown Borough, and Oliver and Bratton townships were invited to a meeting at the firehouse, recently, to see the fire company's future plans, learn about the operations, and understand the expense involved to keep it operating.

The firehouse is located in McVeytown, and the borough is listed as the volunteer fire company's "employer." This means we carry workmen's compensation insurance for all fireman, and we have a responsibility to their safety while serving our community.

The two townships—Oliver

and Bratton—along with McVeytown Borough, contribute funds and share the costs of the workmen's compensation insurance.

However, even with contributions from the borough and both townships, the fire company finds that escalating equipment costs, and government mandates to update equipment, is causing a financial strain on our fire company.

Did you know that it costs close to \$6,500 to properly dress a fireman to perform his duties? This covers the coat, pants, boots, gloves and helmet.

That tank he places on his back to come into a burning house to look for victims? It cost \$3,500 a few years ago. In 2016, it costs close to \$6,000.

That is \$12,500 for a fireman to be properly outfitted to fight a house fire. Multiply that by as the number of fireman needed to perform the duty.

The fire company is taking

action to improve operating costs, cut expenses, and still meet the needs of the borough and townships they serve.

A new truck is coming. *Why?* you may ask, We asked that, too. We thought we have great looking trucks. Well here is the deal, our tanker is from 1978—looks great, but it is falling apart underneath.

The thinking of our volunteers is innovative—they plan to sell off two trucks—the tanker now, and another truck in the near future—and purchase a new tanker and pumper combined. Two trucks in one, which will reduce our fleet and our costs to operate.

My purpose is to make all of you aware of how important it is to support our fire company. The money they raise through fundraising, events held at the firehouse, plus funds contributed by the townships and the borough, is still not enough to keep up to date on what they

need to protect our communities. At this point, we do not advocate a new fire tax to meet the cost demand, but cannot rule it out in years to come.

The following paragraph is so important. We can still reach the goal if we all do as it states:

When you receive a letter from the fire company requesting a donation, think of the information above—and make a generous donation to keep our borough and townships protected by the finest firemen and fire company in the county—the McVeytown Volunteer Fire Company.

When you think of the hours our firemen serve, and the risks they take each time they answer a call for help...it's the least we can do.

Let's work together and be McVeytown Proud.

Sincerely,
Steve Feathers, President
McVeytown Borough Council

It's Our Business...

River Valley Hardware



offers general hardware, plumbing and electrical supplies; and tools (including lawn and garden tools for spring cleanup). Plus they stock Valspar paint and Cabot deck stains.

Need help with indoor cleaning? Rent a rug cleaner at River Valley. A new item to rent is a honey extractor, plus the store now stocks a line beekeeping supplies.

After chores are done, it's time for fun! Stop by River

Valley Hardware to rent a kayak for a leisurely ride on the Juniata!

Customers appreciate the home-baked goods offered on *The Cookie Jar* shelves to the left of the store's entrance.

Mamie explains how she got started in the baking business: "As a teenager, I helped my mom, Susie Peachey, bake cookies for open house at Riverside Greenhouse. The cookies were complimentary, but then customers asked to buy a dozen to take home, Mom set the price, and soon we had orders to fill.

"In Spring of 2004, Mom asked Anthony and me if we would like to do a partnership

with the baking. We said, 'Yes!'"

Susie decided to retire from the baking business in 2009. At the same time, Anthony and Mamie bought the hardware store from Gary and Linda Harshbarger. "We also were buying the brick house beside the store. The first time I stepped into the little addition to the house (formerly a hair salon), I thought it would be a great place to bake cookies!" Mamie said. "My dream was that if this would ever be my business, I would name it *The Cookie Jar*."

"By September 2010, we bought our oven and stainless steel tables. Dad helped us out with his extra mixer, bakery carts and pans. I got my bakery license and was ready to go!

"In January of 2011, I started baking pies and bread on Friday. Rasin-filled cookies and sand tarts are something our customers like all year long. Slowly we added more than just cookies. We now do moonpies, whoopie pies, sticky buns, cinnamon rolls and, our latest addition, apple dumplings—which soon turned into a favorite.

"I try to have raisin-filled cookies and dumplings on the shelf every day. As for other cookies, I start with them on Wednesday."

The Cookie Jar also sells glazed donuts from Stone House Bakery on Saturdays.

For special orders, call Mamie at 899-6850.

Meet the Yost Family—Anthony, Mamie and their six children: Melissa, Wyatt, Nicolai, Curtis, Isaac and Lilah.

Anthony and Mamie serve our community as proprietors of River Valley Hardware and The Cookie Jar. Both are located in one building, at the corner of Route 22 and Crisswell Street.

It's a one-stop shop where do-it-yourselfers can pick up tools and supplies needed for home repairs—plus get a sweet reward for the chores they plan to get done!



The hardware store

Country Memories Day Connections by Linda Wray Rupert



One day I was weeding in front of my house in York when a lady, her husband and dog walked by. She stopped to comment on my pink primroses. I had never met them, but had seen them walking by before. They introduced themselves as Wayne and Rita Smeltzor and their dog Sadie, and explained that they lived on the street below mine in our development.

Rita mentioned that she had seen such pretty flowers every year beside a house near a playground where they parked in McVeytown for Country Memories Day. She said she asked this little white-haired lady about the flowers and she told her that they were primroses.

My mouth hung open in shock. I told her that lady was my mother-in-law, Martha Lou Rupert, and asked her how she knew about Country Memories Day.

Rita said that they have a cabin near Huntingdon and they get *Common Ground Magazine* which advertises Country Memories Day, and they have attended

for many years. I responded that I grew up in McVeytown and that every year I go to Country Memories Day.

She added that in the past year (2007) the pink primroses were gone. Yes, I told her, my mother-in-law moved across the street to a one-story house in fall 2006. The new owners had planted other flowers.

In 2008, the Smeltzers met my mother-in-law. Through Country Memories Day, I met neighbors whom I had not known before. It is a small world after all!

Here's more proof:

I taught second grade at East York Elementary School in York Suburban School District. One year, a teacher named Dana Kitting was transferred to second grade in my school. It was our habit then to give birthday gifts. I gave Dana and the other teachers a carved wooden scene of a schoolteacher and students that I had bought at a stand on Country Memories Day. When I explained where I got them, Dana remarked that she goes to Country Memories Day each year.

Again, I was shocked that she would even know about it or McVeytown.

She explained that her husband is from Atkinson Mills, and they are good friends with Pete and Dawn Sunderland. The men golf, while their wives and kids go to Country Memories Day every year. Again—a small world!

Another teacher was familiar with McVeytown. She went there when her husband played softball there in the 1960s.

It's exciting to meet people who know my favorite place—my hometown of McVeytown.

Linda's parents were Merle and Vera Wray. She is married to Sheldon Rupert, son of Martha Lou and Craig Rupert.

Both Linda and Sheldon graduated from Rothrock High School. They live in York.



Front: Scorekeeper Irvin Allison, Lester "Lace" Miller, Craig Rupert, William "Bill" Rupert, Ira Rhodes, Paul Miller, Leroy "Hoodle" Harshbarger, Melvin "Slick" Hesser, Robert "Bob" Hesser and Paul Harshbarger. Back: Coach Merrill Rupert, Harold "Hoot" Corbin, Warren Gill, Orville Kauffman, Ira "Bud" Gates, Carl "Beefy" Allison, William "Bill" Shoemaker and Harry Allison.

Thanks to Carrol "Sis" Norton, Betty Kauffman and Sue Feathers for identifying the ballplayers.