



Winter view from French's Island.

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

As with every winter, the Borough struggles with plowing on our narrow streets, and the streets must be cleaned up in the event of an emergency—ambulance or fire. So, remember, if you shovel snow onto the street, we will plow it back to the side again. Every effort is made to remove excess snow (when we have several storms in a row) to the Borough building, but this is an added expense.

Please remember residents are responsible for cleaning their sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow fall.

Christmas trees will again be picked up the first 2 weeks in January. Please leave your undecorated tree curb side and Randy or Matt will pick it up.

Water & Sewer Authority

Earlier this year, the Authority hand delivered income surveys to all customers of the McVeytown sewer system. We got a good response but since we did not do a follow-up on unanswered surveys, we are required to do that follow-up now. Therefore, the Mifflin County Planning Department will be sending out before Christmas a follow-up letter to people who did not complete the first survey. Please take the couple of minutes to respond. It is very important that we qualify for grant money for this sewer project.

The first quarter 2016 water & sewer bills will reflect the 3rd step of the 5-year fee increase announced in 2013. The bill will be \$49.85 for water and \$84.98 for sewer or a total minimum bill of \$135.24.

McVeytown Borough Council Report

There is no easy way to say it, but in formulating the 2016 budget it became necessary to impose a 2 mill tax increase. This will equate to approximately \$60 per property owner and increase the general operating budget to around \$115,000. Council does not take lightly its responsibility to appropriate and spend *your* tax dollars wisely. The last such increase took place during the 2008 budget.

The Borough continues to face many budgetary challenges as costs continue to escalate. Some of the line items are as follows: employee payroll; snow removal and cindering, street maintenance, heating costs, street lights and other electrical costs, building and property maintenance, legal services and the ever increasing insurances (work comp-liability-property). In addition we financially support the Fire Company, Playground and Library.

So stop in the Borough Office and ask to review the budget and gain a better understanding of how your tax dollars are spent. This budget will come before Council for adoption at our December meeting and will take affect January 1, 2016.

Respectfully,

*Roland Fagan, Council Vice President
Budget Committee Member*

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

Be Prepared!

Get out your snow shovel!



Everything is free at McVeytown's annual Christmas Around the Square. It was held on the first Saturday evening in December. This year's event featured wagon rides to view the Christmas lights around town and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus. The treelighting was held at 6 p.m. It's the second year for our new tree, and we think it stands a little taller this year.

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 7 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 to town residents:

Borough workers will pick up discarded—and undecorated—Christmas trees during the first two weeks of January. Just place your tree by the curb and it will magically disappear!

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.

Kindest sympathies to the families and friends of two McVeytown residents who passed away recently:

George Piper

Anna Margaret Hambricht

George and Anna Margaret were very active in the community. They are greatly missed.

And also to the family and friends of
Jim Goss (RHS Class of 1966)



It's Our Business...

Salon Works offers services for a healthier, happier you!

Salon Works, located on the corner of South Market and Criswell streets in McVeytown, is owned by Michelle Hackenberry of Longfellow.

Salon Works offers professional hair cutting and styling for men, women and children. "Walk-ins are welcome," Michelle says.

Among the hair treatments performed at Salon Works are perms and specialty perms, a full line of hair coloring, including highlights, low lights and corrective color; plus electrolysis for permanent hair removal; and facial and body waxing.

Michelle also offers a wide variety of retail products for hair and skin care.

Recently, some changes took place at Salon Works. Candy McKnight of Mattawana took over Ann Peters' chair in October, after Ann and her husband Don, long-time pastor at Pine Glen Church of the Brethren, moved to Kittanning near Pittsburgh.

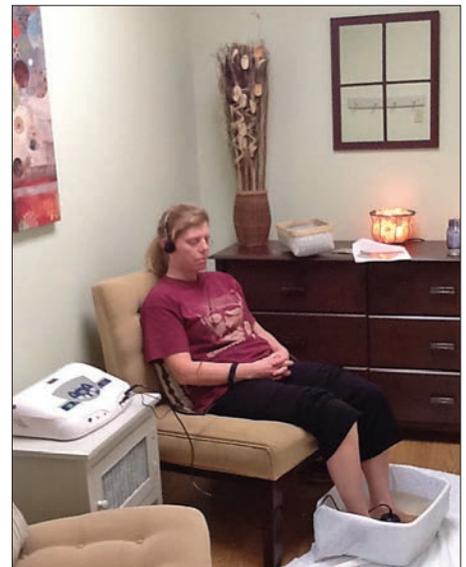
In addition, a new service—an Ionic Detox Foot Spa—is now set up in a room designed for privacy and relaxation during your treatment.

The detox system is explained in a brochure provided by the foot spa manufacturer. The causes of poison in our bodies range from toxic agents such as mercury fillings, x-ray exposure, use of recreational, prescription and non-prescription drugs, first or second-hand

smoke, herbicide and pesticide-treated foods to unsuspected ones such as bath and hair products, cosmetics, or lack of exercise, sunshine and clean air.

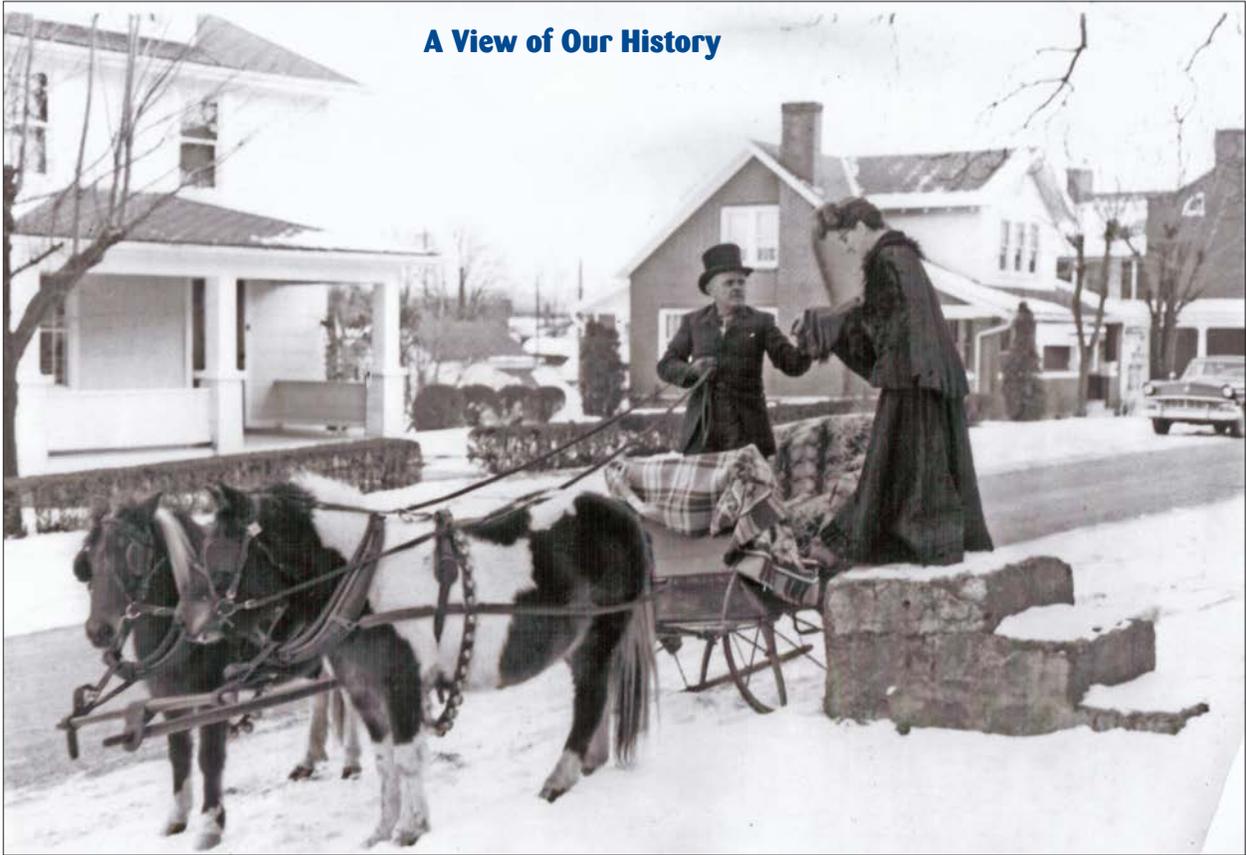
The brochure describes the symptoms of toxicity as: high cholesterol, low or high insulin levels, lack of energy, aches and pains, poor concentration, chronic fatigue, insomnia, weak immunity, loss of libido, bloating, obesity, diabetes, constipation, stress, anxiety and depression.

To set up a haircare appointment or schedule a foot spa, call 899-5271.



Chris Bratton, owner of Mike's O.I.P., relaxes as she receives an Ionic Detox Foot Spa at Salon Works.

A View of Our History



Jim White and his wife Gracie are dressed up for an old-fashioned sleigh ride in this vintage photo. Jim and Gracie's son Dave remembers that they purchased the sleigh around 1956-57. *(Editor's note: We're not sure when this photo was taken, but the car in the background looks to be about a 1957 Ford.)*

The scene is on East Market Street, at the steps in front of the Masonic Hall (the steps are still there!). "Gracie could not get into the

sleigh without the help of those steps," Helen White remembers. She and Dave purchased the sleigh from Jim's estate after he passed away in 1972.

They also share ownership of Jim's extensive sleigh bell collection with Charles and Susie (White) Heckman (Susie is Jim and Gracie's granddaughter). The collection includes the bells seen in the photo. "The bells range in size from tiny ones to bells

about the size of a softball," Helen says.

The house at left is now the home of Dean and Kay Dunmire. It was formerly owned by Kay's parents, John and Elsie Shottsberger. The house to the right belonged to Teen and Geraldine Fry, parents of Deborah (Fry) Fagan. Jim and Gracie White lived in the two-story brick house that's partially shown at the far right in the photo.

Brrrr! Get ready, 'cause here it comes!

by Sue Feathers

With snow only a forecast away, take time to remember the backyard. Snowmen appeared in all shapes and sizes, forts were protection from snowball fights, and Jos Gearhart's furnace ashes on our street were quickly covered, so we could sled all evening.

What was in your yard? We decided to make a dinosaur! Pictured in the early 1960s are (front to back): Richie Yale, Sue (Kauffman) Feathers, Cindy (Price) Martin, and Lee Price.

Photo was taken in the backyard of the home of Earl and Betty Kauffman on South Market Street.



Photos on this page shared by Sue Feathers.

Talk around Town...

Way to go!

On October 19th, the McVeytown Eagles midget football team won the Central Keystone League Championship with a 24-12 win over Midwest.

2015 was a dream season for the Eagles as they had 11 victories and no losses! The 12 points scored by Midwest in the championship game was the most scored against the McVeytown team this season. Congratulations Eagles!

Front row: Dalton Brouillette, Eli Pennebaker and Frank Weber. *Middle row:* Dylan Kurtz, Blane Dickson, Kayden Bartley, and Dylan Gibbons *Back row:* Coach Gwin Brower, Teagan Eddinger, Coach Sam Eddinger, Riley Alexander, Kelly Ferguson, Cody Shawver, Tommy Bender, and Coach Kenny Bartley.



We are the Eagles! We couldn't be any prouder.

And if you can't hear us, we'll yell a little louder!

The McVeytown Eagles' football games this year gave them something to cheer about, but when the Eagles Cheerleaders faced off in a competition with other cheer teams in the area, the girls proved to be just as successful as the boys.

On October 27, the cheer team won two trophies in a competition held at the Lewistown Middle School. For the second year in a row, they captured the coveted Spirit trophy. They also won the Routine trophy. Congratulations Eagles! *Photo shared by Nikki Eddinger.*



It's the Second Annual...

Ice Cream Cake Drop

...and you're invited!

Don't go out of town to party on New Year's Eve. Ring in 2016 with friends and neighbors right in your own backyard! (Actually, the event is held in the parking lot behind the Volunteer Firehouse.)

You won't want to miss Harshbarger's Sub 'N Malt's Second Annual Ice Cream Cake Drop to celebrate the start of 2016! The party, for all ages, begins at 10 p.m. It will feature D.J. music, dancing and food.

Don't use "cold feet" as an excuse to stay home. Portable heaters warm spots in the parking lot, or you can warm up next door in the Sub 'N Malt. "We will be open with a limited menu," Rhonda explains.

She encourages everyone to get there on time. "The first 50 people to arrive

on site will get a free T-shirt, hat or gift certificate. And everyone will get a single serving of ice cream cake at midnight!"

The Drop will be followed by an explosion of fireworks. What a great way to start off 2016!

Harshbarger's Sub 'N Malt is open seven days a week, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. They offer daily food specials, and great made-on-site ice cream and other cool food products. Eat in or take out.

Is your organization looking for an easyway to raise funds? Check out the Sub 'N Malt's *Fabulous Fundraiser Tuesday* program. Call either location (McVeytown: 717-899-7751; Mifflintown: 717-436-5386) for details.



Be there or be square!

Photo from last year's celebration.

About The McVeytown Journal

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