

# Reedsville News

December 2011



## *A Community of Snow People*

Let's build snowmen on our front lawns. When the first packing snow falls - create, and don them with scarves and hats and faces that welcome the winter season with the fun of an attractive snowman or snow-woman in your front yard.

## **Christmas Trees for Sale!**

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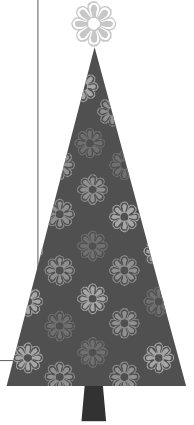
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## Reedsville News

The next Reedsville News deadline for the January issue is no later than noon on **December 16th**. Note, this due date is earlier than previous deadlines. Submissions can be emailed to [ragd@reedsville.org](mailto:ragd@reedsville.org)

*Thank you!*

My apologies to the Reedsville Wrestling Club and the AMVETS Post 1032 for missing their submissions in the previous issue.

Grain elevators once dotted our towns, villages, and cities, helping many area farmers' prosper. Let's go back to the village of Reedsville in 1872. The railroad recently made its way through the area and mills, factories and other businesses came to life with over 500 people calling the community their home. Local resident Peter Reinemann purchased land from Judge George Reed, the founder of Reedsville. Reinemann and Mr. Peter Hermann built an elevator and a warehouse for grain, located near where the Reinemann complex stands today. This photo was taken in the 1920s.

MCHS Note: Be sure to visit Pinecrest Historical Village on Saturday, December 10 and Sunday December 11, from 11 am to 3 pm for our annual A Holiday in History. For more information on our events, please visit our website at [www.mchistsoc.org](http://www.mchistsoc.org).

**Reedsville  
AMVET POST 1032**

**Annual**

**Breakfast with Santa  
Sunday December 4,**

**8:30am-1pm**

**All You Can Eat Pancakes**

**~ Regular or Potato ~**

**plus porkies and  
scrambled eggs**

**Adults: \$5.00,**

**6-12: \$4.00,**

**5 and under: Free**

## Reedsville Area Garden News

“Hat’s Off” to all the people who helped with the flower beds and big pots this summer. The areas were beautiful and well taken care of this year. Now it is time to decorate for Christmas. The pots will be filled with evergreens and holiday outdoor items. It is up to you to decorate your home and business. Let’s make the Village of Reedsville and surrounding area full of the holiday spirit.



### Perfect for the Holidays! Panther and Reedsville Sports Apparel

available at Jim’s Golf Cars located on Manitowoc Street, Reedsville. A variety of items are on display and ready for your team spirit to be shown with pride at your next sporting event or out and about in the community. New items are being ordered and any Panther apparel is an excellent gift giving idea for the little or big Panther on your holiday list.

If you have a request or any questions please call 920-905-3710.

**Panther Pride is Alive!**

## Friends of St. Patrick’s Holiday Party

The Friends of St. Patrick will hold their annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 18th at Deer Run Dining on South Main Street in Brillion. A delicious dinner of chicken and slow cooked ribs with all the trimmings will be served at 12:30 p.m.. Cocktails will be available at noon. The price is \$16.00 per person (tax & tip included). Reservations may be made by calling 754-4479, or 756-3471, by December 12th. Our annual meeting will be held on January 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at their Heritage House in Maple Grove. Plans will be made for their annual St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, and their 20th anniversary picnic celebration. Anyone interested in The Friends of St. Patrick are welcome to attend both events.

## Notes from the Village Hall

**Garbage Collection** during the holidays will be Friday, December 23rd and **Saturday**, December 31, 2011.

**Recycling Pick-Up:** December 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>th</sup>

**Nomination Papers** for Trustees can be picked up at the Clerk/Treasurer’s office during normal business hours. The completed forms need to be returned on or before January 3, 2012.

**Winter Parking Restrictions:** No person shall park any vehicle on any street or alley in the Village between two-thirty (2:30) AM to six (6) AM of any day from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have question on this, please contact the Reedsville Police Dept at 754-4656.

**New Fixed Charge Sewer Rate** will go into effect on December 20, 2011. The new fixed rate charge will increase from \$13.50 to \$15.00 a month. New rates sheets are available for pick-up in the lobby at the Reedsville Municipal Building.

**Payment of Property Taxes:** Real estate and personal property tax payments can be made in person at the Reedsville Municipal Building during normal business hours. Payments may also be made by sending a check to the following: Reedsville Municipal Building, Tax Collection, 217 Menasha St., Reedsville, WI 54230-8597. A receipt will only be sent back is you have included a self-addressed stamped envelop. All first installment taxes are due by January 31, 2012. All taxes must be paid by check or money order and made payable to the Village of Reedsville.

**Cat & Dog Licenses:** Unspayed females and unneutered males are \$10.00 each. Spayed females and neutered males are \$5.00 each. You must show proof of a valid rabies shot. Please make out a separate check for the licenses as it goes into a different account.

**Clerk/Treasurer’s Office Hours:** Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Friday 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Clerk/Treasurer’s office will be closed Dec. 19th thru Dec. 26th, and at noon on December 30th.

## News from the Village Pantry

Christmas is just weeks away! We are pleased to offer you some new items especially for the holidays. Our yogurt-coated snowflake pretzels, holiday drizzle pretzels, and iced gingerbread men are treats that are sure to please.

We also have a variety of chocolates & Christmas candies. Making your own treats? We have drizzling chocolates, nuts, flavorings, sprinkles and sanding sugars, a variety of baking chips, and spices.

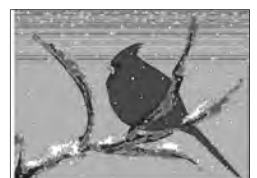


Visit our store for details on Christmas hams.

### The Village Pantry

19926 USH 10 - Reedsville

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## REEDSVILLE HISTORICAL BUILDING NEWS

The dining hall of St. Mary's will be all decorated for your viewing enjoyment on Saturday, December 3rd & Sunday, December 4th. The theme is "**Angels Among the Stars**". Come and see it - this is a FREE event.

NOTE: Do you have angels that you would like to display at our show? Call 754-4370.

Saturday, December 3rd we will have the show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. We will hold a brat/burger fry and a Christmas cookie and candy bake sale. If you wish to order your favorite ahead of time call 754-4370 by December 1st.

Sunday, December 4th will also have the bake sale accompanying the "Angels Among the Stars" show. Some arrangements and angels will be for sale. Come and view them to make your special gift selection. Dan Duckow will be present to his stain glass items and Theresa Worachek will demonstrate how to make a simple angel that could be used for favors or gifts this holiday. Come and see!

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### Hello Reedsville,

I have been here in the Village for almost two years serving as your Police Chief and I would like to say thank you for all you have done to help me learn the community since I started. The police department is here to assist, protect and serve you the citizens. I have found Reedsville residents to be kind, lovely and giving people. I was once again reminded of this several weeks ago. On October 20, 2011 we were presented with a donation of \$1500.00 from the members of St. John St James Ev. Lutheran Church. The congregation heard the department was in need of new portable radios so they started raising funds for this purpose. I was thrilled when I received the phone call stating they had done this for our department. Our radios are our life line when we are out on the street and this donation will assure we can communicate with our dispatch center and other area officers and departments. There are no words that can say thank you enough to those who donated to this cause.

One of the things we enjoy most as a department is being able to attend your events and interact with the people we serve. If you are having an event and would like us to attend please call the police department at 754-4656 and leave us a message. If schedules allow we will stop and visit with you. We will be attending quite a few events this month as the holiday season is fast approaching. We know the holidays are always a busy time of year and if you are going to be out of town and would like your house put on the house watch list or need permission for overnight guests to park on the street please feel free to call. Reedsville PD wants to wish all of you a very happy and safe holiday season.

-Chief Mignon

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### Corner House News

The Corner House is all decked out for the Christmas holiday.

We have many, many things for your home decorating, floral, and gift selection needs.

Poinsettias are here! We have small, medium, large sizes and several different colors. Poinsettia Day is December 12th.

Buy them for your business, home, church, or as gifts.

We do deliver in the village for free.

We have many gift items: swags, ceramics, stuffed animals, wooden pieces, candles, wreaths, and more. We have a new poly deco wreath in red, green, gold, silver, or brown. It may be decorated to your wishes or color scheme. It is a must see item. Remember your grandparents or godparents with a fresh flower centerpiece or holiday plant.

What a wonderful way to say, "I love you".

Do you need items to finish your decorating needs? We have a huge selection of ribbon, berries, Christmas ornaments, leaves, sparkles, lights, twigs, and bows. Why not put a decorated wreath outdoors. We have both fresh and artificial wreaths. Call today - 754-4370.

Chief Mignon, Pastor Tim Nommensen and member Nick Schrubble from St. John St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church



## VITAMIN D3

Once thought to have been conquered, vitamin D deficiency is now recognized as an epidemic in the United States. In fact, it is estimated that 50,000-70,000 people in the U.S. die prematurely from cancer each year due to insufficient vitamin D. The primary source of vitamin D for both children and adults is from sun exposure, not from diet. Very few foods naturally contain vitamin D (fatty fish, egg yolks, and liver) or are fortified with vitamin D.

Perhaps the most well-known function of vitamin D is to regulate calcium absorption and metabolism for bone health. Vitamin D promotes intestinal absorption of calcium and phosphorous, facilitates calcium transport, and reduces urinary calcium loss in order to keep calcium in the body and spare calcium stores in the bones. Vitamin D also promotes calcium deposition in bones and is required for the proper utilization of magnesium.

However, vitamin D also exerts profound effects on human immune function. Vitamin D acts as an immune system modulator, increasing the activity of macrophages (white blood cells that destroy bacteria, protozoa and tumor cells) and providing anti-inflammatory effects. Growing scientific evidence has also demonstrated an association between low levels of vitamin D and a greater risk of diseases such as hypertension, cardiovascular disease, depression, obesity, Type 1 diabetes, respiratory tract infections, osteoporosis, cancer, cystic fibrosis and autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus. Vitamin D deficiency has been found to cause widespread or isolated pain and is often misdiagnosed as fibromyalgia or chronic pain syndrome.

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Mary Ellen Kiel  
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- Paris
- Eiffel Tower
- Cathedral of Notre Dame
- Rouen (historic capital of Normandy)
- Historic beaches of Normandy

## MY 2nd FAVORITE HORSE AMBER

This is a true story that comes from deep inside my heart. Amber is dark brown with white going down her head. She is a Quarter Horse. After her close friend Ginger passed on, I went out to Sunrise to help Amber. I feel that I helped Mary Ellen save Amber, because whenever I went out to Sunrise, I crawled under the fence, and cut up some fresh greens for Amber, and I gave her lots of hugs, and a lot of attention to help her through the loneliness and depression she was under, from losing Ginger. Amber started to gain weight gradually, she started to get active again, she started eating, drinking, and eating in the pasture again. Her coat shines beautifully in the sun. Her mane and tail blowing in the wind. I've made a huge difference on Amber. When Amber and I are together, we have the special bond that Ginger and I had, it was like magic, because it happened so quickly. It's like Amber and I are inseparable. We've become very close friends like Ginger and I were. We've been together for a very long time Amber and I. I love and care a lot about Amber like I did with Ginger. I take good care of Amber. I groom her, I feed her, I take her for walks, I ride her, and I also pick up after her. Amber is my 2nd baby. When I go to Sunrise, Amber is very happy and cheerful. When I'm not at Sunrise, Amber is very sad and lonely. When I come back, she always has a smile on her face. Her ears stand up straight and tall as I walk into the pen and say hello. When I hug Amber, she hugs me back. Amber means a lot to me like Ginger did. Amber is a special horse to me like Ginger was. I think about them a lot. I have a lot of dreams about Amber like I did with Ginger. Amber and I have a special bond that neither one of us will ever forget like Ginger and I. Amber has changed a lot since I started taking care of her. She's always by my side. She's friendly and gentle like Ginger was. She doesn't get antsy like she did before. I spoil her a lot with horse treats, and mostly carrots, and once in a while apples. Sometimes I see Amber running and dancing in the pasture with Spencer. Amber is my 2nd dream horse. I have patience, I'm very friendly and gentle with horses, I have sensitivity, and time, those are keys I use to take care of Ginger, Amber, and the other horses also.

But just a little while ago, Amber has had a very serious illness, and has passed on October 7th, 2011. I will miss her a lot, and she will always be in my heart. I'm also happy for Amber, because she is not in pain and she is not suffering anymore. I love you Amber, I hope you and Ginger have fun together in horsey heaven.

We at Sunrise Horse Farm wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Sunrise Horse Farm, Inc.  
17226 Limekiln Rd.  
Reedsville, WI 54230  
920.772.4135

The December meeting of the **Reedsville Senior Citizens** will be on Tues. Dec. 20th at 1:30 P.M.. Everyone is invited to our Christmas Party and can bring a \$5.00 gift exchange. A potluck lunch will be served following the party. Those coming can bring a dish to pass.





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**“If I don’t ask ‘Why me?’ after my victories,  
I cannot ask ‘Why me?’ after my  
setbacks and disasters.”**  
*- Arthur Ashe*

**Remember the Village Star?**

Many years ago, in a small village called Reedsville, the Christmas spirit enveloped the streets and the villagers as well. There were large, dazzling evergreens at every intersection, decorating the main street with the joy that was felt from within. People really outdid themselves that year and you could tell that the wait for Christmas and all the promise and hope that it held was in full swing. It was that same year when Arthur Boettcher decided to make Reedsville a symbol of Christmas for all to see. A large, illuminated star was placed on top of the water tower to shine over Reedsville and its festive villagers. Arthur had placed the star up high in honor of his father, Herman, who had been a sheriff in the area for a long time.

Years had passed and, as Christmases came and went, the star’s light started to lose its luster as bulbs broke or burned out. Maintenance on the towering spectacle was near impossible and eventually the star just sat on top of the tower for years with no glow, no shine, and no sparkle. The years that the star stood dark were years that the villagers felt something was missing.

Leonard Miller owned a service station for 55 years across the street from the firehouse, which was located right next to the water tower that the star was perched on. Every time the firefighters went on a call, Leonard would help by running across the street and shutting the doors for them. Miller’s daughter, Betty (Dolezal) remembers that her Dad was a special and loving person. He spent a lot time with her at the station and taught her a lot about giving and community. Betty went on to become the Reedsville Village Clerk/Treasurer and served the community for several years. In 1986, the death of her father brought on an idea. Betty wanted to make a new Christmas Star to be placed up high in honor and memory of her kind and generous father and mother. Betty Dolezal funded the efforts to have the star made again and Reedsville Village Board Member, Norbert Schuh, designed a star with the bulbs protected from the weather by Plexiglas so only minimal maintenance would be necessary. The village hoisted the star to its previous home, the old water tower next to the old firehouse. Living near the water tower Betty remembered, “I would go to bed at night and see the star from my bedroom window. I knew Dad was looking down at me. I knew he was still with me.”

The Reedsville Christmas Star shone brightly for years. When it needed maintenance Norbert and his son Bill would take care of the star. The star was special to the village and those who lived nearby. It had become a visual reminder that home is not too far away, and for those who were visiting, it was a smile on a cold winter’s night and for those who traveled on highway 10, it was an old friend. A few years ago the old water tower had to be removed from the Village due to old age. When the tower was removed, so was the star. It now resides in the old firehouse museum, housed with other village historical artifacts. Yet, still to this day many villagers think that someday it would be nice to see that familiar, shining beacon calling to us once again, the season is upon us - Christmas is here.

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*- Stanislaw Jerzy Lec, writer*

## Reedsville School District Parents, Community Members and Taxpayers,

On Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> the School Board certified a tax levy of \$4,498,017 which resulted in a mill rate of \$13.88. This is a 16.7% increase in the mill rate over last year's rate of \$11.90. Relative to other districts in the area this is a significant increase both in the levy and the mill rate. I want to provide you, as community members and taxpayers, with background information as to why our mill rate has increased so significantly over the past three years.

During the 2008-2009 school year the mill rate for the Reedsville School District was \$8.47. In April 2009, the Administration and School Board presented the Reedsville School District community with a referendum which would allow for a remodeling of the high school at a cost of nearly 10 million dollars; and a second recurring referendum which allowed the district to exceed the revenue cap by \$350,000 for each of three years.

These referendums were presented to the public framed in the context that the long-term sustainability of the district was dependent upon the successful passing of the referendum. In subsequent voting, the building referendum passed with 56% of the vote, and the referendum to exceed revenue caps passed with 61% of the vote.

The projections at the time of the vote indicated that in order to pay for the building and operational levy override that the mill rate would raise from \$8.47 in 2008-2009 to \$10.13 in 2009-2010, to \$11.26 in 2010-2011 and \$12.29 in 2011-2012, and then stabilize from that point on. In actuality, the mill rate increased from \$8.47 in 2008-2009 to \$10.03 in 2009-2010, to \$11.90 in 2010-2011(which included an under levy of \$200,000), and to \$13.88 in the current year.

Why did the projections miss the mark? The projections were based upon a property value increase of 3% per year, and a continuation of state aide at the level which had been historically realized. As it turned out, the property level decreased over several years, and state aid has been dramatically reduced.

Recognizing that our taxpayers have made a substantial commitment to assuring the long-range health of the district, the administration and Board takes the role of financial stewardship very seriously. Total expenditures for the current school year have been reduced by over \$100,000. During the past year both certified and noncertified staff have increased their shared cost of health care premiums (to 12%) and are paying the employee full share of their retirement contribution to the Wisconsin Retirement Savings. This has resulted in an overall reduction in staff compensation and a savings to the taxpayer of approximately \$240,000. In addition, we have realized significant cost savings prior to the beginning of the school year by reducing staff and cutting costs relative to materials and supplies.

Going forward our district will make every effort possible to provide education to the scholars of the Reedsville School district, which reflect both high educational standards and fiscal responsibilities. The dramatic increases of the mill rate due to increases in the capital debt and levy override have run their course per the projections outlined at the time of the referendum.

We have beautiful schools that will be paid for in full in less than 12 years and will serve the young people of our communities for years to come. While we will still have real challenges in the long and short term, our district is in a position assure that it will serve the needs of our district community both today and long into the future.

Finally, thanks to all of our residents, taxpayers, and supporters. The commitment you have made is greatly appreciated by our scholars and the staff who serve them. The Reedsville School District has a long and proud legacy of serving our area communities. Your decision to support the referendums of three years ago have given assurance that we will be able to continue this legacy of service.

*-Dennis Raabe, Reedsville School Superintendent*



**"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."**

**—Anne Bradstreet**

### **OLD BAR EUCHRE**

**December 13th  
1:00 p.m.**

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**I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December  
A magical thing  
And sweet to remember.**

**'We are nearer to Spring  
Than we were in  
September,'**

**I heard a bird sing  
In the dark of December.**

**—Oliver Herford**

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