

Reedsville News

February 2010

Mark Your Calendar for a Special Event! A Great Way to Spend Valentine's Day



On Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th, the Reedsville Lions Club is holding a Sweetheart Dinner and Dance, at Redeckers Rustic Inn in Kellnersville. A chicken and ham dinner will be served at noon, followed by a dance from 1:30 to 4:30pm. Music will be provided by the Jerry Krueger Band.

Tickets are available from Lion Members or by calling Lion Joe at 754-4214, Lion Bob at 756-9320, Lion Jim at 754-4918 or lion Bob at 588-0507. Dinner and Dance tickets are \$20.00 each, Dance only tickets are \$5.00 each. Door prizes, raffles and other contests will be available.



Reedsville Lions Club gives back through monetary donations and community service. Proceeds from this event will be used for Reedsville Lions activities which include; Wisconsin Lions Camp for youth and adults with special needs, Leader Dog, eyeglasses local and international, Badger Boy sponsorship, annual local high school scholarships, annual Halloween party, Reedsville Citizen of the Year Award, diabetes education and many other local projects.



Reedsville Fire Department
Salvation Army Bell Ringers:

Brandon Maertz,
Jeremy Foytik, Michelle
Foytik, Todd Maertz, Tim
Denor, Ritalyn Schuh, Jason
Schuh, Dean Bubolz, Tom
Pitz, Jeff Christell, Wade
Kasper, Landon Kasper,
Riley Kasper, Brad Busse,
Mike Pautz, and Andy
Hoeffler.

Reedsville Fire Fighters

The Reedsville Fire Department helped out the salvation army by ringing bells again this year. They rang at Wal-Mart on 12/5 from 9am - 9pm. During that time they raised over \$2000. Members of the department created an electric bell ringing device with flashing lights to attract people and it really worked! They also rang bells at Festival Foods for 12 hours on 12/19 and raised \$1000!



Notes from the Village Hall

February Spring Primary Election

There will be Spring Primary Election on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Polls will be open at the Reedsville Municipal Building, 217 Menasha St., from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Voter Registration Information

The Village of Reedsville asks voters to bring their Drivers License or Social Security card with them to the polling place if you have not already registered. The federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) and Wisconsin State Statutes require all voters in Wisconsin to be registered in order to vote after January 1, 2006.

Recycling Pick-Up: February 12th & 26th, 2010

Be sure to fill out the survey on the back of this newsletter to help our community. Thank you.

Local Fish Fry

The American Legion Auxiliary post 199 will be sponsoring a Fish Fry at the American Legion Drews-Blazer Post #88 Club House, located at 705 Jay Street, Manitowoc. Enjoy a delicious meal on Friday, February 19th we will be serving from 4:30-9:00 P.M. The menu includes a variety of fish - fried and baked, shrimp and homemade desserts. All profits go to support Veterans and The American Legion Auxiliary programs. Come out and support the Auxiliary.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the "Breakfast With Santa" and to everyone who attended. Your support was greatly appreciated.
-Amvets Post 1032
Karl F. Bubolz, Commander

Super Bowl Party!!!

Sunday, February 7th

Huge Luncheon - FREE

Drink Specials

Come in and watch the game
with all of your friends!

Fox & Hounds

On the corner of 3rd and
Manitowoc Street - 754-4086

**Support your local schools
and businesses with your
presence and participation.
Together we will succeed.**



Corner House News

February brings many happy occasions to people in our area.

Valentine's Day - Sunday, February 14th
We will be celebrating it February 10th - 15 at the Corner House. We will have a big supply of fresh flowers: roses, carnations, daisies, mums, tulips, lilies, and much more. We also have balloons, candy, gifts, and stuffed animals.

Remember your spouse, children, grandparents, godparents, and special people in your lives with flowers, gifts, and more. Call 754-4370 for ideas, your orders, and deliveries. Do it TODAY!

The week of February 12 - 16 is Mardi Gras Week in Reedsville. Visit your local businesses for beads, surprises, and fun. The Corner House has beads and other Mardi Gras materials for sale.

Monday, February 22 is George Washington's birthday. Anything red will be on sale at the Corner House. Come in and pick up a special item for your home, office or business, and surprise a secret pal too.

NEED MORE ENERGY? HAS YOUR "GET UP AND GO" GOT UP AND LEFT?

If you are lacking in the energy you want and need, increase your "get up and go" by following these practical suggestions and using Nature's Sunshine Products.

1. Eat Whole, Live Foods...they don't call today's highly processed foods "junk" for nothing. Avoid refined sugars, flour and oils, convenience foods with additives, fast foods and canned foods.
2. Get Enough Sleep.... no supplement, stimulant or diet will make up for lack of sleep. If you are tired but having trouble sleeping, consider Nervous Fatigue Formula.
3. Increase Cellular Energy Production.....if you need something to increase your energy level, take something that enhances the ability of your cells to produce energy. Target Endurance or Cellular Energy help build energy reserves and stamina.
4. Revive that low thyroid with Thyroid Activator or Thyroid Support.
5. Strengthen those tired adrenals with Nervous Fatigue Formula or Adrenal Support.
6. Build up that "iron-poor" blood with I-X or Blood Build.
7. Knock down low-grade infections with VS-C or Silver Shield.
8. Relax those stiff, tense muscles with Magnesium Complex.
9. Blast the blood sugar blues with Super Algae or HY-A.
10. Clean out the system with Enviro-Detox or All Cell Detox.

For more information and a free newsletter on this topic, contact me at:

Roadway To Health

Mary Ellen Kiel

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February specials - Any of the mentioned products in the newsletter - 25% off the retail price

Behnke's Country Center

Hello from Dennis and Lynn Behnke and Behnke's Country Center -

We would like to take time to share with you our thoughts, ideas, and plans to utilize a wonderful facility in a great community.

Having grown up either in or near Reedsville, Dennis and Lynn have learned to appreciate small town friendship and hospitality. We'd like to incorporate that home town feeling in our business adventure. Whether it is to help you plan that special family gathering or provide room for your meetings, seminars, or any other community based function.

Our goal is provide a warm, friendly environment where people can come and enjoy the day, weekend, or week and experience what Reedsville is all about. We welcome your calls, questions, and suggestions as we hopefully turn an empty building into a vibrant part of the Reedsville community.

Look for information on our Sweet-Retreat Weekend, available for that special lady in your life. Gift certificates available for Valentine's Day.

Book your event at our place!!! Give us a call for availability - 920-756-3907. Thank you Reedsville for the great opportunity to join your community.

-Dennis and Lynn Behnke

**Fox & Hounds
Sunday Country Breakfast
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays
of the month. 9am - 1pm**

**Two fresh double yolk eggs and hash browns,
with bacon, ham, sausage, or liver sausage.**

All the great price of \$4.50.

**Located on the corner of 3rd
and Manitowoc Street - 754-4086.**

Lexi's Family Daycare

Openings for all ages. Reedsville/Whitelaw
area - 2 miles north of Hwy 10.

Hours 6:30am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

6 years experience, references available.

For more information, please call 754-4324

**Reedsville Athletic Association Tournaments
are coming to town - You Can Help!**

The biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the
corner for the Reedsville Athletic Association
(RAA). On March 6th & 7th we will bring 24
basketball teams, 4th-6th grade boys, to town.

It is the annual RAA/RAYS youth
basketball tournament.

These tournaments are a huge undertaking and we
are asking for Reedsville district residents to lend
us a hand in making this a success. We are looking
for one person to take admissions and four or five
to help run the concession stand on Saturday from
8am - 8:30pm. If you can help four hours or one
hour, it will be very much appreciated.

If March 6 & 7 does not fit your schedule, we also
have close to 40 girls teams in grades 4 - 8 coming
March 26 thru 28. The final day of tournaments
will be Saturday, April 3rd, when we host sixteen
7th & 8th grade boys teams. All profits from these
tournaments is used to promote youth sports and
upgrade facilities in the Reedsville area. If you
have any questions please ask any active RAA or
RAYS member. They include Jim Brandt, Cory
Kiekhafer, Kevin Wendland, Al Dietrich, Jamie
Mangin, Dan Bratz, Aaron Frederick, Scott
Bloemer, John Sloma, Tom Oconnell, Gary
Brochtrup, Tom Dvoracheck, Tom Wenzel,
Gloria Bubolz, and Roxanne Roffers.

Our meetings are 6:30pm on the second
Wednesday of the month at Fox & Hounds (in
winter) and at the concession stand in summer.

All are welcome. Thank you.

A New Year and a new healthy you?

The New Year is a time to look back at last year, and more
importantly, look forward to the coming year. It's an opportunity
to reflect on the changes we want to make and resolve to follow
through on in the coming months.

Our thoughts often turn to self-improvement, especially diet,
exercise and lifestyle changes.

If you're like many people, you've made resolutions in the past to
lose weight, quit smoking, eat healthy foods and exercise
regularly. However, old habits and unhealthy behaviors are
difficult to change.

Here are some thoughts and suggestions to help keep your
resolutions throughout 2010 and beyond.

Goal: Lose Weight and Get in Shape

With every year of your life, you have more to gain from being
physically active. Exercise keeps you healthy and makes you
look and feel better.

Why not make this the year to get in shape?

Resolve to get moving at least 30 minutes a day to maintain
health (even longer to promote weight loss). Go for a walk with
the dog or take a hike with a friend. When you have a exercise
partner, you can motivate each other. Any type of physical
activity counts.

Please consult with your primary care provider before embarking
on a strenuous exercise program, especially if you are over 40
years old.

Goal: Quit Smoking

Becoming a non-smoker is probably one of the best resolutions
you could ever make.

If you have resolved to make this the year that you quit smoking,
over-the-counter nicotine replacement therapy now increases the
chances you'll succeed.

Even if you've tried to quit before without success, don't be
discouraged. On average, smokers try about four times before
they quit for good.

There are various free support services, hotlines and smoking
cessation classes to help you kick the smoking habit. Call the
Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT-NOW to get
started.

You can make 2010 a good year full of healthy changes, if you
begin with reasonable resolutions and set a few achievable goals.

Happy New Year!

*Denise Brilliant, NP, is a nurse practitioner at Aurora Health
Center in Reedsville. To schedule an appointment, call
920-754-4337.*

Valentine Specials

- ♥ Surf & Turf
- ♥ King Prime Rib
- ♥ Shrimp/Tenderloins

Plus full menu available
*Complimentary champagne
Included with every dinner.*

Fox & Hounds

Saturday, February 13th

Make reservations - 754-4086

It is FISH TIME Again!

Reedsville Sportsman Club will start serving Friday night fish again from February 5th - March 26th. We will be serving from 4pm - 8:30pm.

Carry-outs are available 754-4884.

We will be serving chicken strips with ranch dressing and French fries as a new item this year.

Like always your patronage is very much appreciated and we will give you a good meal at a great price with fast service.

Thank you for your support.

The Reedsville Sportsman Club

Adopt-A-Hydrant

The winter months bring a special concern to the Reedsville Fire Department. Winter snowfall with the plowing of snow can often hide fire hydrants under a large amount of snow making them difficult to find quickly. In the event of a fire, firefighters have to locate and shovel out fire hydrants before hooking up to them.

Precious time is lost. Please don't let your neighborhood fire hydrant remain "undercover".

The hydrants are normally cleaned out by the Village Street Department, but due to budget and time restraints it can go several days before being cleaned out. We are asking that you help protect yourself and your neighbor by "adopting" the fire hydrant closest to your residence or business and keep it clear of snow.

We need a 3 foot clearance on all sides. When shoveling snow please be aware of vehicle traffic. Do not stand in the street and be careful not to slip and fall out into the roadway.

If you notice a hydrant that needs to be cleaned out, and are unable to "adopt" it, please contact the Village Street Department at 754-4371, so they can take care of it.

Wishing you a Blessed and Safe 2010!

Reedsville Fire Department

The Village Voice and Your Next Newsletter

Your Village Voice is always welcome!

The deadline for the March Reedsville News will be **February 19th**. Submissions must be in writing or e-mail and should include contact information. Your Village Voice is welcome! Do you have an announcement from your family (new addition, anniversary, wedding, etc.), your business, or organization? Do you have a "Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down", or something to add to the Community Calendar? Please submit your news or opinion to the below contact and include your

contact information.

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Valu Pro Power Center - Reedsville



Some of the greater things in life are
unseen that is why you close your
eyes when you kiss, cry, or dream...

Dr. Seuss

Preservation of St. Mary's

Everyone is invited to our upcoming annual meeting in March. The date will be set at our February 4th board meeting. Details of the date and place will be announced in the March newsletter.

A reminder to people in the area, St. Mary's Historical Building (615 Menasha Street) is available to rent for dinners, parties, and other events or functions. The upper area is available for weddings, concerts, and meetings. Contact Theresa Worachek - call 754-4370.

The kitchen at the historical building is a certified kitchen by state standards. Therefore, it may be used to bake, cook, can or prepare food for retail sale. If you wish to use the facilities please call 754-4370 to learn more about it.

Starting a New Year

Notes from Reedsville School Superintendent, Robert Scrivner

The end of December brings, not only a celebration of a famous birth, but also a notice in our mailboxes that it is time to pay for services provided by our local government units.

Due to the passage of two referendums and reductions in state support for public education, most taxpayers anticipated an increase in their taxes dedicated to the school. The amount and percentage of the increase was, however, a surprise, with increases ranging from 22% to the high 40%'s.

The following is an explanation of how it happened. While it will not change anything, nor will it create any happiness, it is important that you know the reasons.

The surprise we discovered when we opened our tax statements is not unique to Reedsville. Quoting a front-page article, titled *Property Assessment Reform Looms*, in the January 2 issue of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel:

“The amount of property taxes needed to finance local government isn’t the only explanation for your tax bill’s bottom line this year – the value assigned by the local assessor – is the other big determining factor.

No matter what the tax levy adds up to, a taxpayer whose property is unfairly assessed ends up paying an unfair share of the taxes. Given Wisconsin’s complex two-tiered property assessment system, where local assessors set values that are then “equalized” to full market value by the state, taxpayers may have a hard time knowing what’s fair and what isn’t.

Citing inequities, a lack of uniformity, and inefficiency that occurs when 1,851 jurisdictions – more than any other state, by far, - are responsible for setting property values, the state Department of Revenue wants to make far-reaching changes to the system”

The article goes on to cover what some of the reforms would be (72 counties = 72 jurisdictions, for example), the hurdles that must be overcome to get there and how long it might take.

So, it’s a statewide issue and involves two different values, assessed and equalized. Local jurisdictions (not including school districts) determine the assessed and the state determines the equalized.

How does that affect us? By state law, school districts must certify their levy by November 1. The only number available then is the equalized value. Those values become available in December. Robert Baird, Inc. did their projections for presentations about the impact of the two referendums. Those projections were also based on equalized values.

At the informational meetings, held prior to the April vote, we projected that taxes would rise by \$1.66/\$1,000 of valuation; using a 3% increase in equalized valuation. The actual increase was 6.44% and the increase came in at \$1.55/\$1,000 of valuation. So, we actually beat the projections by a dime for every \$1,000. How is that possible, given our tax bills? The answer is assessed values.

Assessed values are partly determined by new construction and sales of existing homes and usually closely track equalized values. Not this year. Equalized values grew by 6.44%, but assessed values only rose 1.57%.

That gap means that the levy was applied to a much smaller number, which we did not have in February or in October, resulting in a greater dollar and percentage increase.

Let’s return to the Journal Sentinel, “No matter what the tax levy adds up to, a taxpayer whose property is unfairly assessed ends up paying an unfair share of the taxes.”

Example. There are nine municipalities in the Reedsville School District. In municipality A, there is a home that has a fair market value of \$500,000, yet is assessed at \$325,000. That \$175,000 difference is essentially spread among all the property owners. This results in some paying more than they should and others less.

So, the importance of current and accurate assessments cannot be overstated.

For the record, the total dollar increase in school property taxes was \$684,884, up 25.98%. Of that, \$611,370, or 89.27%, was due to passage of the two referendums. The remaining \$74,515, or 10.73%, resulted from the state cutting aid to schools. The mil levy went from 8.47 to 10.02, or a 1.55 increase.

As I said at the beginning, the information contained in this article will not change the levy, nor will it make you happy. But, you needed to know, as Paul Harvey used to say, “... the rest of the story”.

The convoluted formulas used to determine taxes are beyond our control, both as individuals and as local government representatives. With 1,851 different Wisconsin jurisdictions determining taxable valuations, it should be evident to our elected representatives in Madison that change is needed and needed soon. Maybe it is not evident to them because their constituents have not told them. That too should change.

SUNRISE HORSE FARM

We would like to take this opportunity to share more about our program here at Sunrise. Our mission statement is:
Encouraging youth to find hope in tomorrow

The farm aims to reach out to area children and teens that need a place to be accepted and find hope. Children learn responsibility by grooming and feeding the horses, along with other farm chores. There is no charge for the program so we operate solely on charitable contributions.

We try to have a monthly Family Gathering with program participants and their families enjoying a meal together. In December, we had 30 people attend our Christmas Gathering for food, fun, and fellowship. At the January gathering it will be a time of scrapbooking for the children and teens using pictures of their experiences here at Sunrise. February 14 will be our Valentine's Day party and we will have fun painting ceramics. To be a part of the program at Sunrise or to volunteer, please contact us at 920-772-4135. As always, we are in need of a supply of small hay bales.

Thank you for your support which enables us to reach out to the children and teens.

Reedsville Utility Department Water Softener Survey

The DNR has regulations concerning the amount of chlorides that our wastewater treatment facility can discharge. Currently we are attempting to determine where our chlorides are coming from. One way we can do this is to find out how many homeowners have water softeners. Please complete this survey and return it to the Clerk-Treasurer's office by March 15, 2010. We appreciate your time in completing this short survey.

Reedsville Village Board

Name: _____

Property Address: _____

1. Do you have a water softener?
 Yes No

If you answered No, please return the survey
and skip the remaining questions.

2. Approximately how old is the softener? _____

3. Is your water softener run by a timer, set to regenerate at specific times, not based on water usage?
 Yes No

4. Is your water softener the "on-demand" type that only regenerates when it is necessary?
 Yes No

LAKE TOWN AND COUNTRY

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garages, each a 2 1/2 car. At \$59,900, you should not be renting!

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Fox & Hounds Announces Lenten Specials

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