

Reedsville News

January 2009

The Reedsville Manor Celebrates 40 Years



The Reedsville Manor was built in 1968 on the site of the former Miller Implement which was destroyed by a fire the previous year. The building houses 30 apartments.

The Manor is honoring their residents, employees, Housing Board, supporters and friends as they remember and celebrate the past 40 years. "The Manor has so much to offer besides for a comfortable, safe place to live," said Donna Eiles, Executive Director of the Reedsville Manor. "We have social nights including cards and bingo, and we get to know each other through our resident of the month program and our fun, community atmosphere. We also help bring health awareness to our residents through flu clinics, blood pressure checks, and a foot clinic to help maintain the well-being of our residents and the seniors in our community who are always welcome."

"We are a big part of the community! We want to thank everyone that was instrumental in founding this fine housing project. We also want to thank all the past and present people that graciously serve and have served as Commissioners on the Board of Directors. Thank you for your time and efforts. We also want to thank the residents of the Manor for being here," exclaimed Eiles. "The Manor is especially appreciative for resident Carla Natzke who has been a resident here since the Manor's founding, 40 years ago!"

The manor is an essential part of the community and a positive asset for the residents in the community. The community of Reedsville hopes to maintain the Manor here for many more years to come. Congratulations to the Reedsville Manor and those who have been essential in its creation and maintenance throughout the years!

Carla Natzke has been a resident at the Manor since it's origination in 1968. She stands in front of her needle point work that reads, "A person travels the world over in search of what one needs and returns home to find it". →

Leaders throughout the years of the Manor

Mary Olson and her mother Helen Phillips have been leaders throughout the years at the Manor. Mary Olson is the present Chairperson of the Board, appointed in November 1994. She has served on the board as a Commissioner since 1989. Her Mother, Helen Phillips, was the first Director of the Manor starting in November 1968 and was working part time there until her retirement in 1985. Another instrumental person at the Manor was Marion Winfrey who served 12 years as a Housing Commissioner and then nearly 10 years as Office Manager after that.

A list of those who have served as Commissioners and leaders in the development of the Manor and it's continued excellence throughout the years are as follows: Ben VadenAvond, Jan Barnard, Mary Kay Maertz, Carol Sloma, Jan Ohlemacher, Donna Eiles, Jim Foytik, Maureen Glasow, Diane Geiger, Jack Willems, John Worachek, Edward Reinemann, William Barnard, Robert Willems, Richard Benzshawel, Bob Meissner, Don Phillip, Margaret Suchan, Charles Walt, Dorothy Zarnoth, Gene Sievert, and Tom Wenzel.



Survey Says.....

No, Richard Dawson wasn't here and, although it was a lively meeting, it certainly was not a 'Family Feud'. I'm speaking about the public information meeting held on Wednesday, December 10. We had a great discussion on the challenges facing our school, and folks had a chance to fill out two surveys when the meeting ended.

The survey results? 87% of those attending favored increasing taxes to keep the school operational. 84% favored improving or replacing the high school facility.

In keeping with our commitment to keep the citizens of our district informed, this, and the next, article, will be devoted to providing information on the district's operational needs. Information on the facility needs and a summary of both challenges will be provided in March.

The challenge we face in having sufficient revenue to operate our school can be traced back to the Revenue Controls Law, enacted by the state legislature in 1993. Now in its 15th year, the intent of the law was to reduce property taxes and control school costs. It worked very well in reducing taxes. Reedsville's rate in 1994-95 was \$1.65 per \$1,000 of valuation. It is \$.82 per \$1,000 this year.

It didn't work as well in controlling school costs. Possibly one of the most harmful aspects of the law is that it assumes a one-to-one relationship between enrollment and costs; which makes no sense at all. When the school enrollment drops by one student, \$6,000 in revenue is also lost. On the expense side, we still run that bus route, we continue to turn on the lights and heat, prepare meals, and I have yet to see a discount on invoices from suppliers because that student is no longer here. I sure hope lawmakers do not believe that \$6,000 in fixed costs walks out the door with that student. If they do, I have this bridge in Brooklyn I've been trying to sell for several years.

Unfortunately, like 70% of Wisconsin schools, we are seeing declines in enrollment. Our revenue decreases, our fixed costs increase and the law prevents us from making up the difference. We are facing a projected \$300,000 shortfall next year and another \$300,000 for 2010-11. Our reserves will then be gone.

Since 2002-03, we have reduced expenses by about \$500,000. We are down to two sections in 4K through eighth grade. We have not replaced two teachers, one administrator and three support personnel. In order to reduce expenditures to meet the projected shortfalls, high school programs will be impacted. Losing elective courses would mean losing students because open enrollment is so easy. Losing students means less revenue, which will require more reductions. Simply put, we cannot cut our way out of this situation.

So, we have a state-created problem that requires a local solution. The only path the law allows school districts to pursue for survival is a referendum.

In the February issue I will provide information on the two types of referendums and the rationale used by the Board to make the choice.

As always, your comments are welcome. If you wish to contact me about this article, or any other aspect of the school, my email address is scrivner@reedsville.k12.wi.us. My phone number is 754-4341, and the address is 340 Manitowoc Street.

-Bob Scrivner
Reedsville School Superintendent

Notes from the Village Hall

Christmas Tree Pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2009. This is being done by the Reedsville Betterment Club. If you have a question or would like to assist with this, please contact Leroy or Judy Stahl.

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 be sent back only if you have included a self-addressed stamped envelop.** All first installment taxes are due by January 31, 2009. The Village appreciates all taxes be paid by check or money order made payable to the Village of Reedsville

Cat & Dog Licenses are due on or before April 1, 2009. 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.**

Snow & Ice Removal: The owner or occupant of any lot abutting on a public sidewalk shall clear their sidewalk of snow within twenty-four (24) hours after a snowfall and keep the same free of ice. If such snow or ice is not removed as required herein, the Street Commissioner shall cause the same to be done and the cost thereof assessed against the property owner pursuant to Sec. 66.60(16), WI Stat.

Clerk/Treasurer's Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The Clerk-Treasurer office will be closed January 1 & 2, 2009 for the Holidays.

Garbage Collection during the holidays will be Saturday, January 3, 2009. It will resume its normal collection on Friday, January 9, 2009.

Nomination Papers for Village President and Trustee 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 6, 2009.

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The Village Voice and Your Next Newsletter

The deadline for the February Reedsville News will be Friday, **January 16th**. Submissions must be in writing or e-mail and should include your 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.

Reedsville News
217 Menasha St.
Reedsville, WI 54230
ragd@reedsville.org

If you are a business or for profit organization, notices in the Reedsville News will cost \$2.00 per issue. The newsletter has grown to sometimes 6 pages a month and all proceeds go to the RAGD and support of this newsletter. All submissions must be received by the deadline or they will not be included in the following newsletter.

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Should it be in the summer or fall?

On a weeknight or weekend?

Give us your feedback or your support.

There will be an important meeting considering the future of Community Under the Stars on January 21st, 6:30pm at Fox & Hounds.

If you would like to contact someone regarding the event, call 901-9417 or email ragd@reedsville.org

Your opinion is important to us.

Aurora Clinic Reedsville

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, but do you know what cervical cancer is and how to prevent it? Women of any age are at risk, unless you've had a hysterectomy.

Cervical cancer happens like most other cancers; cells start to form abnormally in the cervix and the abnormal cells grow out of control. Abnormalities can be detected early through a yearly Pap test with a pelvic exam.

A Pap test involves taking a sample of cells from your cervix and having a specialist look at that sample for changes in cell structure. The sooner a problem is detected, the sooner it can be taken care of.

The Pap test can also check for human papillomavirus, or HPV, with our current methods of testing. Two strains of HPV are associated with cervical cancers.

HPV can affect both men and women, and the virus usually shows no symptoms. It is contracted through sexual or genital contact with an infected partner. The more partners one has increases his or her chances of contracting HPV.

However, not all HPVs cause cervical cancer--some cause genital warts and others go away on their own. In fact, most women will contract HPV, but the virus eliminates itself from the body and nothing happens. Even though the virus has the ability to go away on its own, it is essential to take precaution.

One way to protect yourself against human papillomavirus is to ask your doctor about the vaccine Gardasil. Gardasil protects against four strains of human papillomavirus: two that cause 70 percent of cervical cancers and two that cause 90 percent of genital warts. The vaccine is given in a series of three shots.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the vaccination for girls and young women ages 11 to 26. Girls and young women should get the vaccine before they become sexually active and are exposed to HPV.

I encourage you to consider the vaccination for yourself, a daughter, a niece, a friend or another loved one. It can save lives and prevent the spread of HPV.

On a separate note, Aurora Health Center in Reedsville has been open for one year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing us for your health care needs. I have enjoyed meeting each of my patients and look forward to continuing our relationship.

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



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Our wish list for 2009: volunteers - various duties, Hay, lumber to build stalls, feeders & shelters, and monetary donations.

You may contact us at:
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BLESSINGS TO ALL FOR A
WONDERFUL NEW YEAR



**"Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow."**

- Robert Frost, *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*