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Mt. Blanchard News

There have been some changes in the Village employees. We now have two Assistant Village Administrators, Tom Ludwig and Jerry Eatherton. Jerry retired from Cooper Tire and was looking for ways he could help our village. Tom Ludwig is not able to spend all the time necessary for his job, so they will share the position. We are happy that Jerry has become a part of our staff.

Alicia Tong accepted a new position with the Post Office in Findlay and will no longer be working here in Mt. Blanchard so she also left the post as Utility Clerk. Liz Myers has agreed to take the position.

Safety Reminder

When there are events in Mt. Blanchard, Main Street and some side streets may be closed. Please move any parked vehicles in the closed area and do not try to drive in those areas during the event. Thank you for your assistance.

Reminder:

Both Delaware Township and The Village of Mt. Blanchard have zoning ordinances. If you are going to make any renovations to your property, please check with the Village office or the township office to make sure your work meets zoning standards.

Communication is an important part of Our community. This newsletter is Being produced to improve our spread Of knowledge. It will be released quarterly With articles about the people and events not only in Mt. Blanchard but also at Riverdale. If you know of any events that Are occurring in the future that you would Like to see in this newsletter, please contact Liz Myers at 514-315-1209 or myers1225@yahoo.com.

Special Dates to Remember

POOL EVENTS: There will be two more free swim days, August 2nd and August 14th. Also on August 14th there will be the last night swim for this year.

POOL CLOSING: The last day of regular hours will be August 19, the day before school starts. It will be open on the weekends of August 22nd and 23rd and August 29th and 30th.

TRICK OR TREAT will be October 31st. Time to start thinking about a costume.

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE will be December 5th. It's never too early to think about Christmas.



Village Report

The Village of Mt. Blanchard started the summer with the Ohio High School State Hammer Throw Championship. Justin Carvalho, Dan Clements and Gavin Wilson coordinated the set up and management of this event. It was a rousing success, and they have been asked to host it again next year.

Gavin and his crew have been busy this summer with mowing, keeping the swimming pool clean and open, and trimming trees along Main Street and the alleyways.

Pit Toilet Update: the plumbing has passed. When the electrical work is passed all interior walls and ceiling will be finished

American Flag poles and flags were installed to all AEP poles on main street. This was donated from the Beautification Committee. You can read about it in another article on page 3. Hancock County Commissioners have passed building purchases. which will include, a concession stand, restrooms, a storage building and a shelter house for Hurricane Park. We are responsible for digging and pouring the footers and flat work around buildings. The buildings will arrive preconstructed and will be set on the footers.

Swimming Pool Update: The contractor plans on starting the project mid-September and finishing at the end of October. The floor will be refinished, and the mushroom will be repaired. Also pending are replacement of the sides and decks as well as a new concession stand.

The Village also received a grant to repair and replace all curbs, culverts, and gutters on Main Street. Hopefully it will begin soon. After completing this project, the state will resurface state route 37 through town.

Education in Mt. Blanchard

The residents of Mt. Blanchard have always supported the education and training of its children. Even before Mt. Blanchard became a community there was a school. In 1829 Robert Elder started a school in a log cabin with John Wolford as the teacher.

Throughout the years there were other schools built or housed in residents or churches. These schools were usually one room and were used to educate the children through the elementary years. There were also at least a dozen one room schoolhouses scattered throughout the townships of Amanda, Jackson, and Delaware. Many of these were also churches.

In 1868 the various schools in Mt. Blanchard were organized into Mt. Blanchard Union School, and in 1873, a red brick school building was erected on the site of Hurricane Park to house the school. This building had four rooms, two classrooms and a cloak room on the first floor and a large classroom on the second floor. This school not only educated elementary students but also high school students, the first outside of Findlay. The first graduation was May 23, 1879. Because of the continued growth, a new building was constructed on the same site in 1908. This new building, a yellow brick building, had three classrooms, a large hall and two furnace rooms in the basement and four rooms, four cloak rooms, and a large hall on the main floor. This building worked well until the 1920's when many of the township schools in Amanda, Jackson, and Delaware townships combined with the Mt. Blanchard School. A new building was completed in 1924. This school had 25 rooms on three floors. This is the building most older people remember because this building was in use until the consolidation of Riverdale.

There was one addition made to this building in 1950. An auditorium-gymnasium was erected and dedicated April 5, 1951.

In 1961 Mt. Blanchard, Wharton, and Forest consolidated to make Riverdale School System. Because the three communities were in three different counties, it was decided to build the school in the country close to the intersection of the three counties. The building was a 2 story building which was used until 2003 when the current building was constructed.

The current building is one story with 4 wings stretching out from the central building holding classrooms. The central part of the building houses the gymnasiums, the music rooms, the cafeteria, the library and the offices.

For those who are interested in learning more about the history of the schools, there is a History Room in the old building. To tour this area, please call the Riverdale Schools and coordinate with the District Office.

Flags

Thank you to everyone who donated polls and flags for the 250th Birthday Celebration of the USA! We had 56 flags along Main Street to honor each of the signers of the Declaration of Independence in 1776! 250 years is a great milestone for our wonderful country! The Beautification Committee bought the first 13 to honor the original colonies who fought the British for our independence.

Thanks to Gavin who helped Karen and me put up the flags in town. He was very patient with us as we kept adding more as people kept donating. Please note the listing of everyone who donated and those honored or remembered. We plan to keep them flying until Veteran's Day in November. Then they will be stored until next year for Memorial Day.

Thank you for sponsoring the flags!

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Jerry Stout
William (Bidge) & Mary Hickie
Kevin Roth, United States Army
Chelsea Grinzinc United States Air Force



Riverdale School Events

Aug 12	9:00 am and 1:00 pm	6th Grade Orientation
Aug 18	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	OPEN HOUSE
Aug 20	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	1st Day of School
Sep 7	All Day	Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
Sep 10	All Day	HPH Vaccine Clinic for 7th & 12th graders
Oct 12	All Day	NO SCHOOL
Oct 20	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Staff Flu/Covid Vaccine Clinic
Oct 22	All Day	End of First Quarter
Oct 22	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive
Oct 23	All Day	Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL
Nov 5	3:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Family Fun Night/Book Fair
Nov 6	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Music Dept. Quarter Auction
Nov 12	2:00 PM & 7:00 PM	2nd Grade Salute to America
Nov 23	All Day	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
Nov 24 - 27	All Day	Fall Break - NO SCHOOL
Nov 30	All Day	Classes Resume
Dec 9	2:00 PM	3rd Grade Music Program Matinee
Dec 10	2:00 PM & 7:00 PM	3rd Grade Music Program
Dec 18	1:00 PM	Early Release
Dec 21 - Jan 1		Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

School Board Meetings

Aug 3	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Board of Education Work Session
Aug 24	5:30 PM	Board of Education Meeting
Sept 28	5:30 PM	Board of Education Meeting
Oct 26	5:30 PM	Board of Education Meeting
Nov 19	5:30 PM	Board of Education Meeting
Dec 14	5:30 PM	Board of Education Meeting



Riverdale High School at Home Sports Schedule

Aug 22	10:00 AM	JV Football vs Ridgemont	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 28	7:00 PM	HS Football vs Bucyrus	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 4	7:00 PM	HS Football vs Leipsic	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 10	5:00 PM	JH Football vs Pandora-Gilboa	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 12	10:00 AM	JV Football vs Pandora-Gilboa	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 17	5:00 PM	JH Football vs McComb	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 19	10:00 AM	JV Football vs McComb	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 25	7:00 PM	HS Football vs Arcadia	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 1	5:00 PM	JH Football vs Arlington	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 3	10:00 AM	JV Football vs Arlington	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 8	5:00 PM	JH Football vs Van Buren	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 10	10:00 AM	JV Football vs Van Buren	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 16	7:00 PM	HS Football vs Ada – HOMECOMING	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 17	10:00 AM	JV Football AT Ada	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 23	7:00 PM	HS Football vs Elmwood (SR Night)	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 5	All Day	HS Cross Country	
Sep 10	5:00 PM	HS/JH Cross Country	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 17	9:00 AM	HS/JH Cross Country HOME	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 13	4:30 PM	HS Golf Sycamore Springs vs PG	
Aug 17	9:00 AM	HS Golf AT Sycamore Hills Golf Course (8 teams)	
Aug 18	10:00 AM	HS Golf AT Sycamore Springs Golf Course vs CC	
Aug 19	4:30 PM	HS Golf AT Sycamore Springs vs Carey	
Sep 2	4:30 PM	HS Golf vs Wynford	Sycamore Springs Golf Course
Sep 14	5:00 PM	HS Golf vs Calvary Christian	Sycamore Springs Golf Course
Oct 12	6:00 PM	HS Boys Golf vs Elida	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 1	6:00 PM	HS Girls & Boys Soccer	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 3	7:00 PM	HS Girls Soccer vs Jefferson	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 15	12:00 PM	HS Boys Soccer AT Lincolnview	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 17	7:00 PM	HS Girls Soccer vs Liberty-Benton	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 1	5:00 PM	HS Girls Soccer vs Anna	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 1	7:00 PM	HS Boys Soccer vs Mansfield Christian	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 3	5:00 PM	HS Boys Soccer vs Lima Central Catholic	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 12	3:00 PM	HS Girls Soccer vs Mansfield Christian	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 16	5:00 PM	HS Boys & Girls Soccer vs Ada	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 19	1:00 PM	HS Girls Soccer vs Springfield(Holland)	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 24	5:00 PM	HS Boys Soccer vs Van Buren	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 29	7:00 PM	HS Boys Soccer vs Fort Jennings	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 1	7:00 PM	HS Boys Soccer vs Cory-Rawson	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 5	5:00 PM	HS Girls Soccer vs Eastwood	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 5	7:00 PM	HS Boys Soccer vs Crestview	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 15	5:00 PM	HS Girls Soccer vs Wapakoneta	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 8	10:00 AM	Danbury Volleyball Scrimmage (JH, JV, and Varsity)	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 17	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs Mohawk	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 19	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs Old Fort	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 25	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs Carey	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 25	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs Cory-Rawson	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 26	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs Cory-Rawson	Riverdale Local Schools
Aug 29	11:00 AM	HS Volleyball vs Upper Sandusky	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 1	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs Hardin Northern	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 9	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs Elmwood	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 9	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs New Riegel	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 12	10:00 AM	HS Volleyball vs Wynford	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 14	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs Leipsic	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 16	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs Ada	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 21	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs McComb	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 23	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs Vanlue	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 28	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs Pandora-Gilboa	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 29	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs Kenton	Riverdale Local Schools
Sep 30	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs Van Buren	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 1	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs Temple Christian	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 5	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball vs Arcadia	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 7	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball vs Arlington	Riverdale Local Schools
Oct 10	11:00 AM	HS Volleyball vs Ridgedale	Riverdale Local Schools