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## A Message from Sheriff Eric J. Weaknecht

It's not a surprising sight to see spring arrive with snow stubbornly remaining on the sides of roads or blackened by dirt and plowed into parking lot spaces, still frozen despite warming temperatures. But the arrival of this past spring was different, for it was easy to see beyond the remnants of winter when, on March 20, a color more welcomed than the bright green of grass could be seen on light posts and telephone poles, on windows and doorways. Blue.



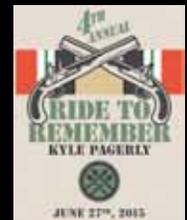
Blue ribbons, tightly wrapped around fixtures and on structures, had popped out overnight like spring flowers. Dubbed "Ribbons of Respect," the blue ribbons, tacked up by citizens of Berks County, boldly symbolize support of law enforcement in the wake

of continuous media reports detailing actual and alleged police misconduct. The actions of a few, justifiable or outrageous, have tainted impressions of honorable law enforcement. Even when a thorough investigation exonerates the actions of police, cries of prejudice and protection remain. Disregard and disrespect have become an open and acceptable way to think about and respond to law enforcement, but the blue ribbons tell us that not everyone feels this way, and that dedicated professionals who have sworn to uphold the law and protect citizens should not be made to feel like criminals in a bizarre trend to trash every decision a law officer makes, especially those decisions made while under pressure and in accordance with the training that officer receives.

The blue ribbons were displayed from March 20 to April 20, although a few still remain. Their presence still lingers as a reminder that negative perceptions, like the last days of winter, are only the opinions of some and that others want law enforcement everywhere to know they are appreciated.

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## Timothy McFarland

Deputy Tim McFarland, assigned to the Fugitive Warrants Division in the Berks County Sheriff's Office, is also a member of the US Marshals Task Force, the Berks County Emergency Response Team (BCERT), and the Sheriff's Office Honor Guard. McFarland's Captain says McFarland deserves to be recognized for his positive attitude and commitment to his duties.



McFarland graduated in 2008 from Kutztown University with a degree in Political Science and began working as a deputy sheriff in July of 2010. Always interested in law enforcement, he attended Camp Cadet as a youth and is now a counselor in that program. He believes in physical fitness and enjoys biking, skiing and many other outdoor activities. He was one of the first deputies to volunteer for bicycle patrol on the Schuylkill River Bike Trail (known as the Thun Trail) and became certified through IPMBA (International Police Mountain Bike Association) in 2013. McFarland can also be counted on as a member of the Berks County Sheriff's Office softball team when they face off against Spring Township Fire Department each year in the annual Kyle Pagerly Softball Tournament.

As a member of BCERT, McFarland and fellow BCERT team members were recently awarded an Official Commendation from the West Reading Police Department for their assistance in the rescue of two hostages held in their home at knifepoint.

McFarland has one son and is engaged to be married this July.

## KYLE PAGERLY

4th ANNUAL



RIDE TO REMEMBER

June 27, 2015 • To register, go to: [www.ridetorememberkylepagerly.com](http://www.ridetorememberkylepagerly.com) or call 484-955-2503



## Annual Tribute to Honor Deputy Kyle Pagerly in its Fourth Year

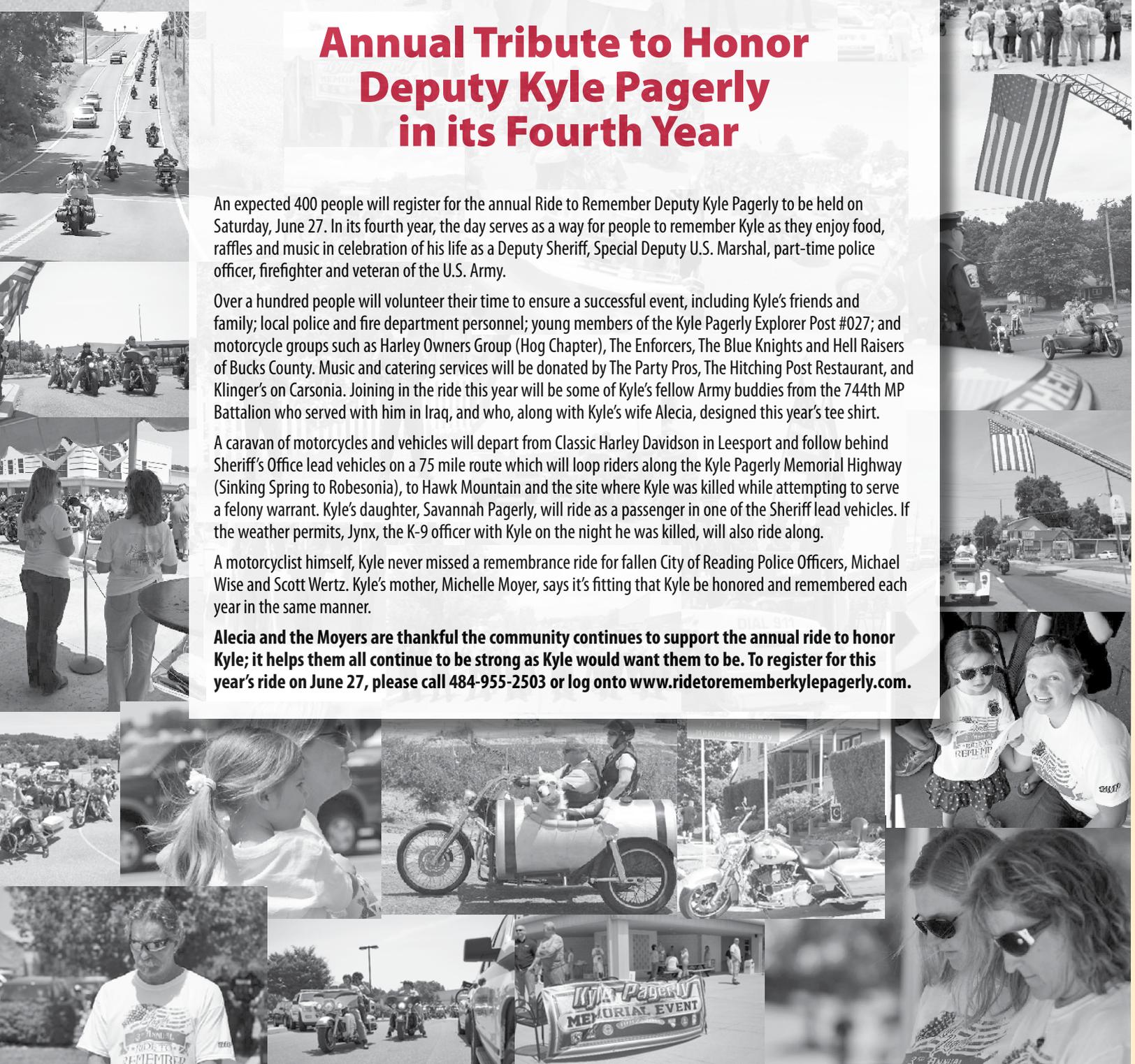
An expected 400 people will register for the annual Ride to Remember Deputy Kyle Pagerly to be held on Saturday, June 27. In its fourth year, the day serves as a way for people to remember Kyle as they enjoy food, raffles and music in celebration of his life as a Deputy Sheriff, Special Deputy U.S. Marshal, part-time police officer, firefighter and veteran of the U.S. Army.

Over a hundred people will volunteer their time to ensure a successful event, including Kyle's friends and family; local police and fire department personnel; young members of the Kyle Pagerly Explorer Post #027; and motorcycle groups such as Harley Owners Group (Hog Chapter), The Enforcers, The Blue Knights and Hell Raisers of Bucks County. Music and catering services will be donated by The Party Pros, The Hitching Post Restaurant, and Klinger's on Carsonia. Joining in the ride this year will be some of Kyle's fellow Army buddies from the 744th MP Battalion who served with him in Iraq, and who, along with Kyle's wife Alecia, designed this year's tee shirt.

A caravan of motorcycles and vehicles will depart from Classic Harley Davidson in Leesport and follow behind Sheriff's Office lead vehicles on a 75 mile route which will loop riders along the Kyle Pagerly Memorial Highway (Sinking Spring to Robesonia), to Hawk Mountain and the site where Kyle was killed while attempting to serve a felony warrant. Kyle's daughter, Savannah Pagerly, will ride as a passenger in one of the Sheriff lead vehicles. If the weather permits, Jynx, the K-9 officer with Kyle on the night he was killed, will also ride along.

A motorcyclist himself, Kyle never missed a remembrance ride for fallen City of Reading Police Officers, Michael Wise and Scott Wertz. Kyle's mother, Michelle Moyer, says it's fitting that Kyle be honored and remembered each year in the same manner.

**Alecia and the Moyers are thankful the community continues to support the annual ride to honor Kyle; it helps them all continue to be strong as Kyle would want them to be. To register for this year's ride on June 27, please call 484-955-2503 or log onto [www.ridetorememberkylepagerly.com](http://www.ridetorememberkylepagerly.com).**



# Change in Hours to Obtain License to Carry and Renewal of License to Carry Permits

(Excluding Holidays)

**Location:** Courthouse, 633 Court St., Reading, PA 19601

**Hours:** 8:30am to 4:30pm Weekdays (Closed 1pm to 2pm)

**Location:** Airport Substation - Reading Regional Airport Terminal Building, 2501 Bernville Rd., Reading - (610) 478-6240 x3232

**Hours:** 10:00am to 6:00pm (Closed 2pm to 3pm)  
 \*\*Substation is CLOSED the third Monday through Friday of each month\*\*

**Location:** Remote Locations (Third week of each month)

**Hours:** 11:00am to 5:00pm (Closed 2pm to 3pm)

**3rd Monday:** Birdsboro Borough Hall, 200 E. Main Street, Birdsboro, PA 19508

**3rd Tuesday:** Hamburg Borough Hall, 61 N. 3rd Street, Hamburg, PA 19526

**3rd Wednesday:** Wernersville Borough Hall, 100 N. Reber Street, Wernersville, PA 19565

**3rd Thursday:** Kutztown Borough, 45 Railroad Street, Kutztown, PA 19530

**3rd Friday:** Colebrookdale Township Building, 765 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, PA 19512



Photo compliments of Bill Uhrich, Reading Eagle

**Sheriff Weaknecht records public service announcement following series of attempted child abductions.**

To view PSA, log onto

**[www.youtube.com/user/RedKnightTV/videos](http://www.youtube.com/user/RedKnightTV/videos)**

**Child ID Me: June 13, 2015 • 1:00 to 8:00 pm**

**Strausstown "Fun in the Sun" Carnival, 44 East Avenue, Strausstown, PA 19559**

## Explorers Invited Guests To Annual Boy Scout Leadership Dinner

Members of the Kyle Pagerly Explorer Post #027 were invited guests at the Hawk Mountain Council Boy Scouts of America's 39th annual Leadership Dinner held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Wyomissing on February 24, 2015.

Post Explorers participated in the opening ceremony which includes presenting the Colors (carrying in the Pennsylvania and United States flags), and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem.

Stacia A. Hylton, Director of the U.S. Marshals Service and keynote speaker at this year's event, also serves as vice chairwoman of the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee for Scouting.



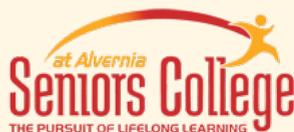
Stacia A. Hylton, director of the U.S. Marshals Service, and keynote speaker at the 39th Annual Boy Scouts of America Leadership Dinner pictured above with young members of the Kyle Pagerly Explorer Post #027



**Look at me! I'm now 3!**

Savannah Pagerly

# Sheriff Weaknecht Guest Speaker At Alvernia's Seniors College



Alvernia University's Seniors College hosts informational sessions on various topics throughout the year. Sheriff Weaknecht was a recent speaker during a series focusing on ethics in the field of criminal justice (a hot topic following intensive media coverage of nationwide occurrences involving police officers).

All speakers in the series discussed the challenge and conflict between professional standards of behavior and the acceptable system within the respective organizations.

Alvernia Seniors College offers daytime classes and activities throughout the year to registered members; membership is open to individuals age 55 and over.



**For more information on becoming a member, or to review a list of current and upcoming courses, log onto [www.alvernia.edu/academics/seniorscollege](http://www.alvernia.edu/academics/seniorscollege) or call 610-796-8357.**

## K-9 Training Decoy Requires Certification

**By: Matthew Mendenhall**  
*Captain K-9 Division*

The Berks County Sheriff's Office uses certified, skilled decoys for K-9 training. Currently, four sheriff deputies are trained to work as decoys during the bi-monthly K-9 in-service training. In order to become a decoy, candidates must go through a training course that consists of the following:

- **Developing a basic understanding of K-9 behavior and/or drives**
- **Sleeve presentation and bite suit skill**
- **Use of fluent motions to stimulate desired behaviors**
- **Communication between decoy and K-9**
- **Reducing the risk of injuring the K-9**
- **How to properly use training equipment**

A good decoy can be an asset to improving a K-9's performance. Every training session is loaded with behavioral feedback from the dog that the decoy must know to be able to effectively read and understand. The decoy is the one in control of that feedback. To avoid injury to the K-9, only experienced and trained decoys should work on aggression control with police K-9 teams. The decoy also helps to train the dog in patrol work such as tracking, building searches, vehicle stops and high risk entries. Utilization of a bite suit, hidden sleeve, muzzles, barrel sleeves and distraction tools are key to the successful training of a K-9 team.



*K-9 Rokk demonstrates apprehension skills with Decoy (Capt. Mendenhall)*

# Safety Tips

## SPRING FORWARD... Carefully!

Another frigid winter has come to an end which, for many, usually means spring cleaning and outdoor projects. While welcoming the warmer weather, please keep the following safety tips in mind when working outside:



- **Temperature** – it may be tempting to think that spring weather provides safety from heat-related illnesses, but depending on the exertion expended to complete outside projects, you should pay attention to signs of rising body temperature, headaches, dizziness, rapid pulse, nausea and confusion and take immediate steps to cool your body. Drink plenty of water.

- **Hands** – you should wear gloves to protect your hands from irritations, cuts and contaminants.
- **Skin** – use insect repellent and wear long sleeves, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunshades. Skin should also be protected with a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.
- **Follow** all instructions and warning labels on chemical and lawn and garden products.
- **Mowers and machinery** – wear long pants, sturdy shoes and safety goggles. Don't forget to protect your hearing when operating machinery (wear ear plugs if you find yourself having to raise your voice to talk to someone close by). It's also important to make sure all equipment is in proper working order and that you follow instructions and warning labels on all types of moving machinery.

**Added precautions taken in the spring can ensure added enjoyment of your labors all through the warmer months.**

## ON PATROL WITH BERKS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Did you know...



That children between the ages of 4 - 8 must be securely fastened in a safety seat belt system and in an appropriately fitting child booster seat while a motor vehicle is in operation?

Pa.C.S. Title 75, §4581(a)1.1

FINE: \$75.00 + 103.50 (Minimum Costs) = \$178.50

## BERKS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Most Wanted



**Name:** Michael Bashore  
**DOB:** 7/31/72  
**LKA:** 531 S. 1st St. Apt.2  
Reading, PA19601  
**Charges:** Possession of Drugs



**Name:** Angel Josue Salgado-Soto  
**DOB:** 1/28/1983  
**LKA:** 349 N. 11th St.  
Reading, A 19604  
**Charges:** Theft by Unlawful Taking,  
Receiving Stolen Property



**Name:** Noemi Santos  
**DOB:** 11/27/1980  
**LKA:** 922 N. 8th St.  
Reading, PA 19604  
**Charges:** Retail Theft, Theft by  
Deception



**Name:** Steven Swavely  
**DOB:** 5/6/1988  
**LKA:** 232 2nd St.  
Bernville, PA 19506  
**Charges:** Theft

*If you have information that can help apprehend any of the fugitives in this publication, call the Berks County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Tip Line at 610-478-6390 or Crime Alert Berks at 1-877-373-9913.*

*All your information will be kept confidential.*

# Deputies in the Berks County Sheriff's Office Enjoy Lunch Compliments of Mission BBQ!

**MISSION BBQ**  
The American Way.



Now Open at 1775 Papermill Road in Wyomissing  
(behind the Crowne Plaza Hotel)

It's not unusual to visit a chain restaurant that centers itself around a theme where photographs of famous people adorn the walls or perhaps images and decoration let diners feel transported to exotic areas. Mission BBQ centers itself around a theme as well, except those who adorn its restaurant walls are the men and women who put themselves out on the line every day and perform jobs few are called to do in environments that are often far from glamorous.

Mission BBQ wants to remind people every day that America's First Responders should be celebrated, for it is they who have sworn to protect and serve our communities and our country. Mission BBQ, which didn't officially open its new restaurant in Wyomissing until March 30, catered lunch for everyone in the Sheriff's Office this past February. They simply wanted to recognize the deputies for the job they do every day. On a larger scale, Mission BBQ wants to recognize all soldiers, firefighters, police officers and first responders and continually will do so through recognitions and fundraisers which generously give back to those who serve.

Some of the finest tasting BBQ can be enjoyed while dining in a patriotic dining room filled with tributes to those who've made the country great at Mission BBQ's newest restaurant at 1775 Papermill Road (behind the Crowne Plaza Hotel) in Wyomissing. Please stop by to help support Mission BBQ's efforts to recognize our country's brave men and women. For more information, log onto Mission BBQ's website at [mission-bbq.com](http://mission-bbq.com).



## Congratulations To Sergeant Timothy J. Moore

Sergeant Moore spent the first half of his law enforcement career as an officer with the Reading Police Department. He retired following 20 years of service and began working as a deputy sheriff with the Berks County Sheriff's Office on October 12, 2011. He was assigned to the Courts Division before being transferred to the Patrol Division in 2014.

As a Sergeant in the Patrol Division, Moore will supervise deputy sheriff personnel and is responsible for the assignments of personal and timely service of judicial documents such as protection from abuse orders, notices of personal property sales and real estate possession, and civil complaints. He will continue to assist in the physical possession of real estate and be involved in special details involving security and traffic control at the request of surrounding Berks County communities. Moore also serves as an Advisor with the Kyle Pagerly Explorer Post #027.

*Congratulations to Sergeant Timothy J. Moore who was promoted from the rank of Deputy Sheriff effective March 25, 2015.*



## Welcome – Sergeant Christopher Strunk

The Berks County Sheriff's Office welcomes Christopher Strunk who was hired as a sergeant in January, 2015 following a months-long search to fill a vacancy in the Central Processing Division.

Sergeant Strunk, a retired patrol sergeant from the City of Coatesville Police Department, received a number of commendations during his 18 year tenure. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Albright College and is a certified EMT with Elverson Emergency Medical Services. He is also an active volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America.

As one of the four sergeants assigned to Central Booking, Strunk is responsible for the timely processing, arraignment and transport of inmates and for ensuring effective communication with judges, central court staff, and outside agencies.

