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Palmyra - Riverton AA

Opening Day

APRIL 12, 2014

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Take me out to the crowd celebrating the newly built grandstand at Riverton Memorial Park. Made possible chiefly by a grant from the Burlington County Municipal Park Development Program, it replaces the original 80-year-old Depression-era structure that witnessed countless baseball games before its demolition in early 2013.



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Plans for the new grandstand began in 2008, when it became clear that renovating the original wood and cinderblock was not practical. The masonry and brick grandstand now features a wheelchair-accessible elevator, bathrooms, and storage space.

Onlookers cheered as boys and girls of the Palmyra-Riverton Athletic Association in colorful uniforms paraded in from Palmyra's Legion Field and lined the baseball diamond.



seating for 50



Joe Creighton, Chairman of the Riverton Parks and Recreation Committee, and Mark Morris, opening day ceremony coordinator, thanked the many volunteers who made the building of the grandstand a reality. Taking the mound, Mayor Bill Brown, aided by a young player, threw out the first ball. Members of the Riverton School Chorus sang the Star Spangled Banner as the Palmyra-Riverton panther mascot looked on.



Joe Creighton



First pitch



Walter Croft

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RPS Chorus members

Borough Council members made it official by cutting the ribbon to open the grandstand and turn over a new page in Riverton's history.



Ribbon cutting

L to R: engineer Harry Fox; Borough Council members Bill Corby, Renee Azelby, Joe, Creighton, Mayor Bill Brown, Suzanne Cairns Wells; former member Jeff Myers



Bill Brown, Palmyra Panther, Bill Corbi



Coach Adam Yansick and his team



Head Coach Steve Falicki



Connor



*Hot dogs and baseball -
never gets old!*

The festive day included raffles and prizes, games, face painting, and a pie-in-the-face event featuring Head Coach Steve Falicki as the target of enthusiastic pie-throwing ball players. Hot dogs and hamburgers sizzled on the grill as all enjoyed the fine spring day.

story and photos by Susan Dechnik

For more on the history of the grandstand, try these links:

Historical Society of
Riverton newsletter

- [Gaslight News, Sept., 2011](#)

rivertonhistory.com

- [Groundbreaking for new grandstand April 13, 2013; the start of a new page in Riverton's history](#)

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- [Work progresses on Riverton's new grandstand July 28, 2013](#)

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- [Riverton's new grandstand shapes up as another construction milestone passes Oct. 7, 2013](#)

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