

**CURATOR'S REPORT**  
**THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**APRIL 13, 2021**



**LARRY & GALE HAY**  
**DENNIS & CHERYL HAY**

**“HIGHMANOR FARM”**

**BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP**

# WE'VE OPENED OUR DOORS AGAIN TO THE PUBLIC! SPRING HAS ARRIVED!

**O**n Saturday morning, April 3, 2021, the doors of the Berlin Area Historical Society were again re-opened to the public after four months of being closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As the crocus was springing into life on the adjoining lawn heralding the arrival of spring, the birds were chirping, and our volunteers were excited about welcoming visitors and the usual gang of volunteers back to our facilities.

Although our doors were closed to the public between December 3, 2020 and April 3, 2021, our dedicated volunteers and various officers and board members stopped in regularly to transact business, work on organizing displays, and respond to the mail, pay bills and to prepare and mail the spring issue of the Memos. The board was also able to meet again on March 9, 2021 to make plans for

the busy spring and summer activities of the society. All of our officers were re-elected to another year of service.

A special thank-you goes out to all our faithful volunteers who have continued to serve during the months we were closed to the public. As this was written, Karl Brick was re-painting the Berlin Area Historical Society's sign out front of our office and genealogy building – a sign that was originally created by the late Lee Donner.



## LEE LOWRY'S LIBRARY AND BOOK CASE DELIVERED!

**D**uring the early afternoon hours of April 5, 2021, the large library of books collected through the years by Lee Lowry of State College and which have been donated to our society were delivered by Janet (Brant) Raupach-Cowher and her husband, David Cowher, also of State College. Three boxes filled with Lee's books as well as a bookcase were added to our archives by the generosity of Lee, a native of the Shanksville area and a member of BAHS, who has re-located to a new community.

The titles of the many books are on record at the Berlin Area Historical Society. As this was being written, we were awaiting a print-out of the titles and authors of Lee's admirable collection.

Janet and Dave Cowher, both members of our society, were traveling through the area on their way to their farm in the Mance area. Janet grew up at that farm as the daughter of John A. and Mabel (Keefer) Brant. Janet's first husband, the late Dale Raupach was also a native of Northampton Township.

While visiting BAHS, Robert Platt assisted Janet in researching one of her ancestors. It was a delight to visit with Janet and Dave. Janet and BAHS President Leanne (Shober) Calvert were high school classmates at the Berlin Brothersvalley High School.



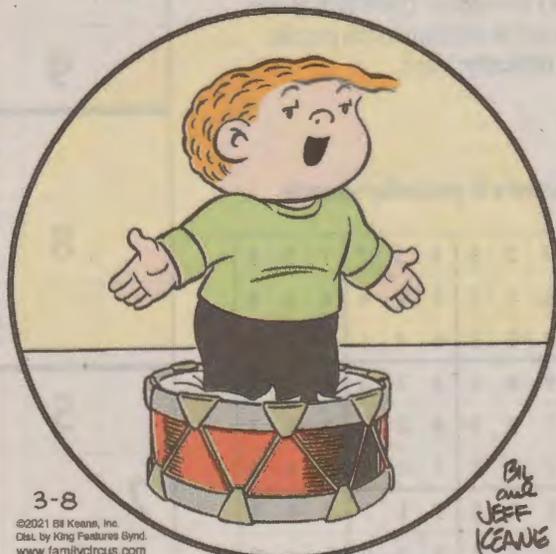
## REPAIRS MADE TO THE DRUM OF THE FORMER NORTHAMPTON CONCERT BAND!



Some months ago Jeremy Brick presented the drum used by the former Northampton Concert Band to the Berlin Area Historical Society. The outer covering of the drum was torn and badly needed repairs. Those repairs have been made and paid for by the Berlin Area Historical Society. The drum is now being displayed at BAHS. Jeremy's great grandpa, Edison G. Brick – formerly of Johnsburg – was a member of the Northampton Township Concert Band.

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"I must be really growing up.  
My drum won't hold me anymore."

### DONATIONS:

**John Will** donated two old ledgers kept by E. M. Knepper in addition to a 1929 Auto Trails Atlas of the Pennsylvania Indemnity Corporation. **Mary (Shaffer) Engle** donated a group picture and record books from the former Valley Senior Extension Club. **Christine (Trent) Blubaugh** donated three videos: 1987 Berlin Sesquicentennial Celebration - Parts I and II and the 1937 Centennial celebration. **David Countryman** donated advertising items: Ken Lafferty Chevrolet ice scrapers and a funnel plus a rain gauge from the highland Mutual Insurance Company.

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE – DAVID DICKEY!



**A** large picture of David Dickey of “Belfast Farm” in Brothersvalley Township was donated to BAHS by Christine (Trent) Blubaugh. His descendants Jonathan and Jen Dickey and their sons currently own and reside in the farm house where David Dickey and his wife, Anna Mary (Braucher) Dickey once resided.

David Dickey (1811 – 1893) was a former school teacher, long-time Justice of the Peace - operating out of his farm home, and a long-time farmer. His family farm adjoined “Highmanor Farm” featured on the cover of our April Curator’s Report.

This branch of the Dickey family continues to hold family reunions in August each year. Recent reunions have been hosted by Jonathan and Jen (Glessner) Dickey at their farm along the Salco Road. Christine Blubaugh’s family – the Jerome Dickey clan – also gathers each summer at the Berlin Community Grove.

## DONATIONS FROM CURT AND DOROTHY SHAULIS IN MEMORY OF MARGUERITE (SCHROCK) SHAULIS!

The following items have been donated by Curt and Dorothy Shaulis in memory of Curt’s mother, Marguerite (Schrock) Shaulis. They include items that belonged to the Shaulis and Merle Schrock families: The story of the American Flag by Marguerite Schrock, a drafting set, a perimeter measure, a slide rule, three connecting mirrors, two pipes and a holder, a paper cutter, bonnets, a Glade Reformed Church (1938) souvenir, a collection of books, and a children’s elementary reader – The New Guess Who.

**BEAUTIFUL NEW QUILT FOR THE 2021 RAFFLE**



**LOOK AT THE BEAUTIFUL NEW QUILT THAT TAMMY ROHRS HAS OBTAINED FOR OUR 2021 RAFFLE PROJECT!**



**BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SAYS "GOODBYE" TO WINTER 2020-2021!**

**Good to be returning to a more normal life style! ----David R. Hay, Curator**