

# CURATOR'S REPORT

## THE BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OCTOBER 14, 2014

This is a two-month report since we didn't have our September meeting. Instead we held another successful dinner meeting at the Berlin Community Building where we had approximately 220 members and friends in attendance. This year we presented miniature flashlights with the engraving of the Berlin Area Historical Society to each person present for the banquet. It was good to see many special persons at the meeting including "Dee" Glessner, who traveled all the way from Texas to attend the meeting and to spend several days visiting friends in the area. "Dee" is a 1948 graduate of Berlin Brothersvalley High School. He grew up on his parents' farm in Brothersvalley Township.

### TRAVELING FROM TEXAS FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER MEETING!



WILLARD "DEE" GLESSNER OF TEXAS AND BOARD MEMBER LEANNE CALVERT

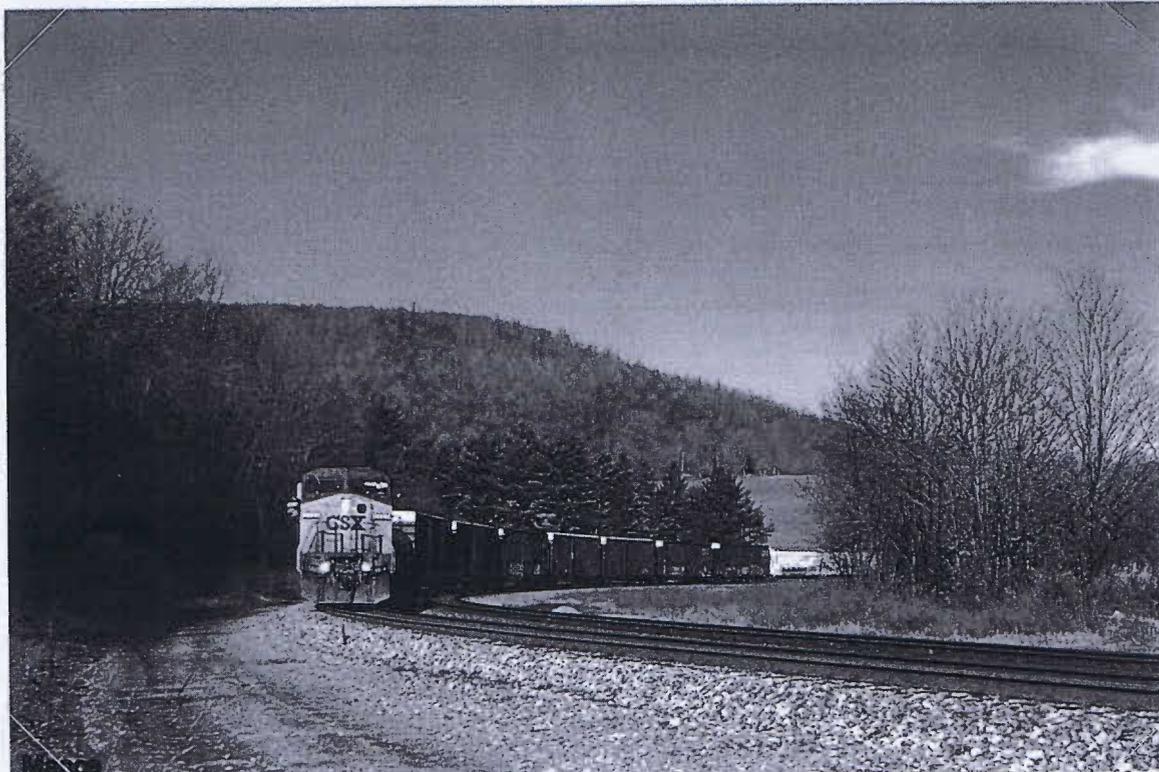
**Raymond O. Murphy** donated an Elson Reader in memory of the Clarence G. and Violet Carver family of Roxbury. **Anna May Weighley** has donated George Wetmiller's coin purse and the November 1937 issue of the school newspaper titled This 'That. **Beth Ohler** donated Grange books while **Mary Ann Cotter** donated four snow pictures. The **family of Poss and Ruth Gindlesperger** donated the Sept. 20, 1901 issue of the Berlin Record and the July 1905 Sanborn Map of Berlin. **Carolyn Custer** donated the 1961 dedication program for Berlin's elementary school.

# FRED BITTNER DONATES NUMEROUS PHOTOS

Fred Bittner of Berlin has donated a **large collection** of personal photos and copies of older photos from his personal collection. A few of Fred's pictures are included with this report. One picture was a framed copy of the one-room Glade School, which is now displayed at the school house. Another was a framed picture of the Mt. Zion "Hay's" UCC Church and there was an advertisement marked Jean Wentz (Gerber) for a BBHS Art Exhibit held many years ago. We appreciate the many special photos that Fred has donated. Here are two of Fred's many special photos:

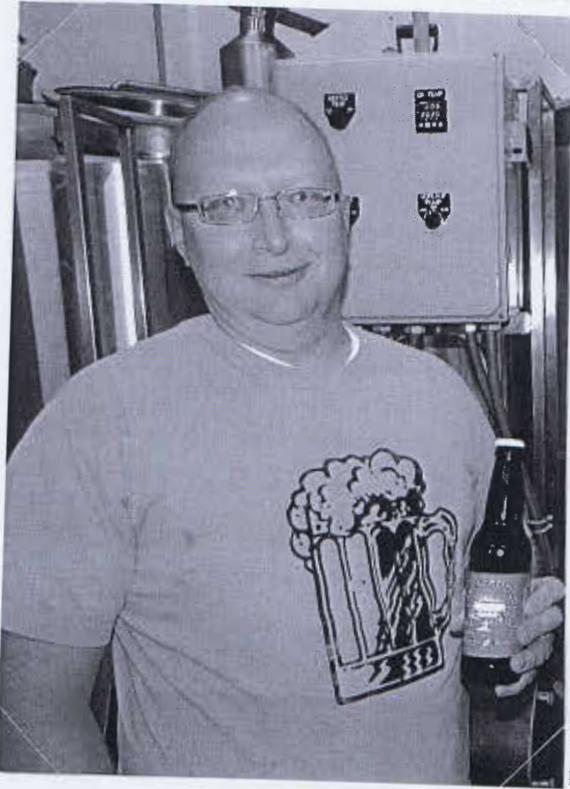


**THE GLESSNER COVERED BRIDGE – STONYCREEK TOWNSHIP**



**TRAIN TRAVELING THROUGH THE MANCE AREA**

# GEORGE WALKER AND HIS WHITEHORSE BREWING COMPANY



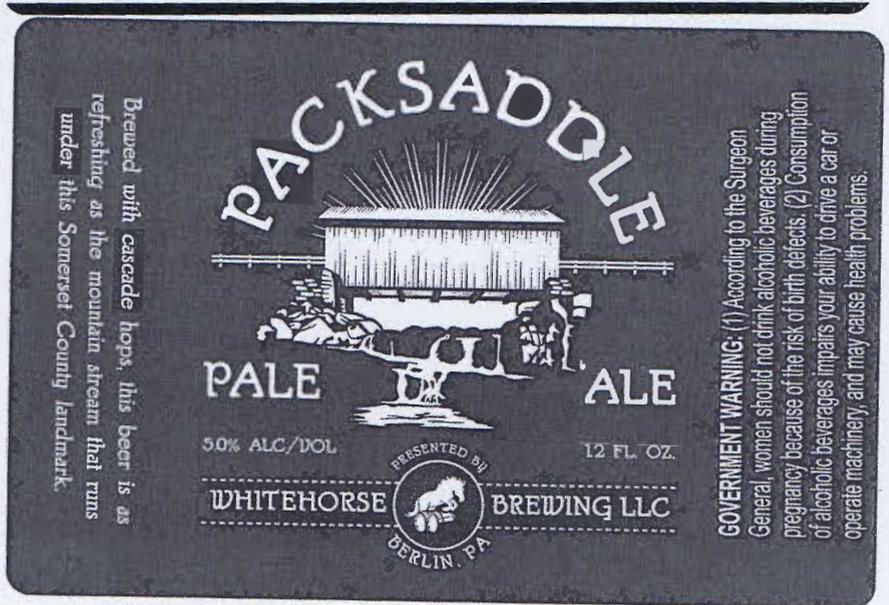
**GEORGE WALKER**

has donated four labels that are used on the products that are produced at his family's Whitehorse Brewing LLG along Diamond Street in Berlin.



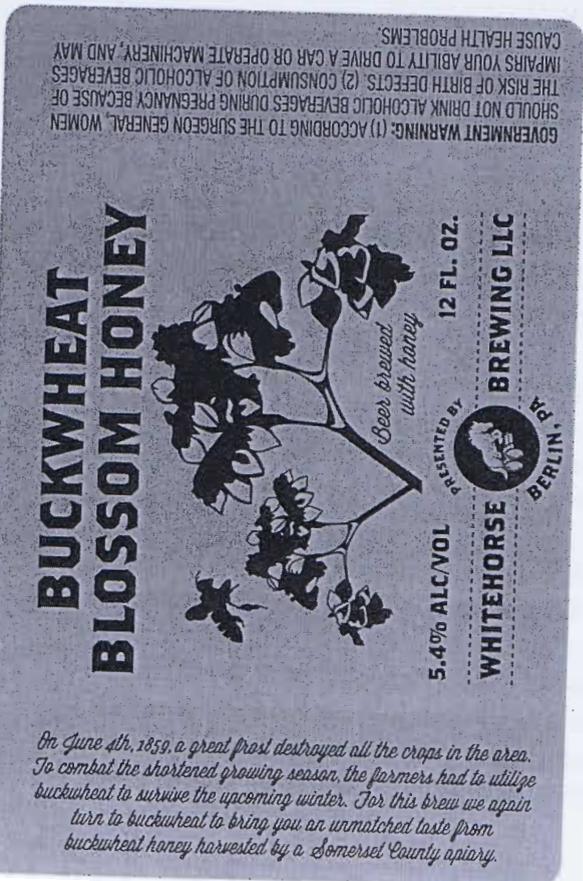
**PILSNER**

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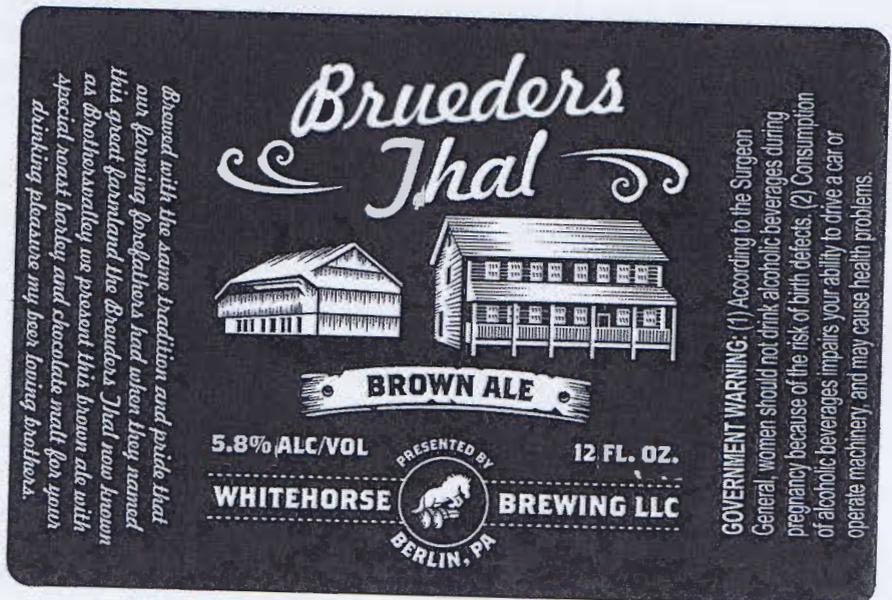
Brewed with cascade hops, this beer is as refreshing as the mountain stream that runs under this Somerset County landmark.

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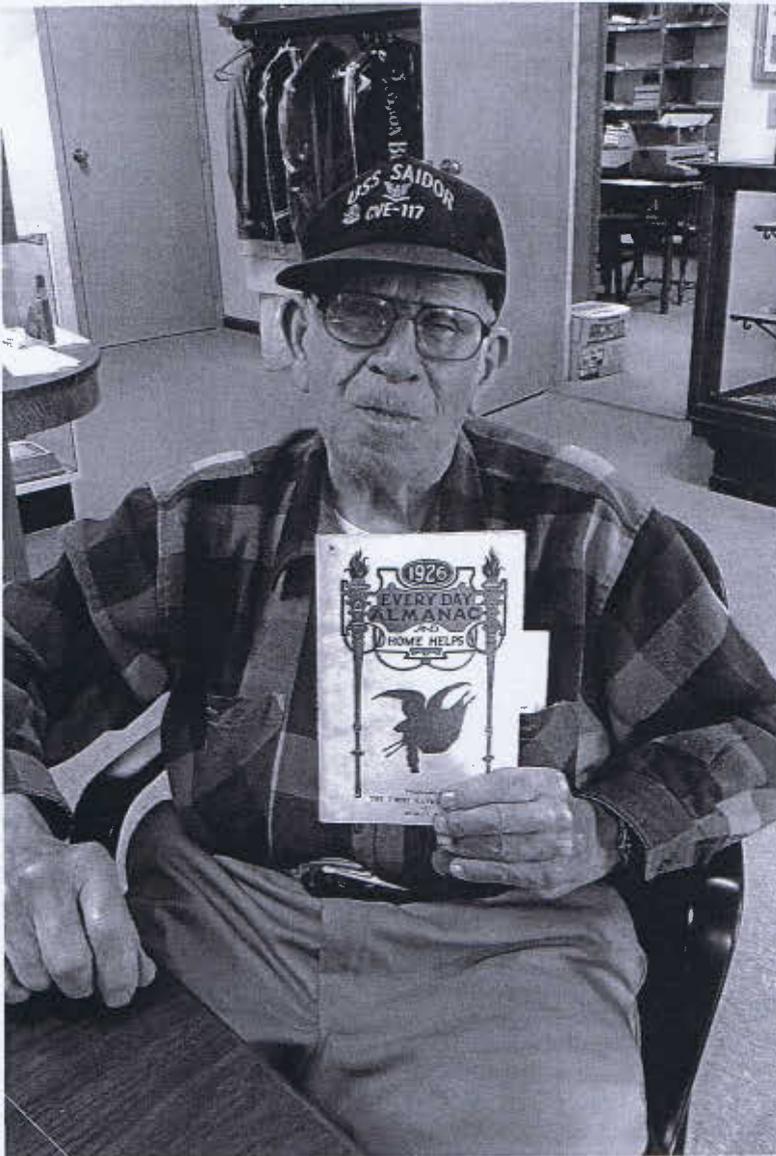
On June 4th, 1859, a great frost destroyed all the crops in the area. To combat the shortened growing season, the farmers had to utilize buckwheat to survive the upcoming winter. For this brew we again turn to buckwheat to bring you an unmatched taste from buckwheat honey harvested by a Somerset County apiary.



Brewed with the same tradition and pride that our farming forebears had when they named this great farmland the Brueders Thal now known as Shoofemansley we present this brown ale with special yeast, barley and chocolate malt for your drinking pleasure my beer loving Shoofemans.

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## DONATIONS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE FROM NEAR AND FAR!



**R. DONALD WILLIAMS**



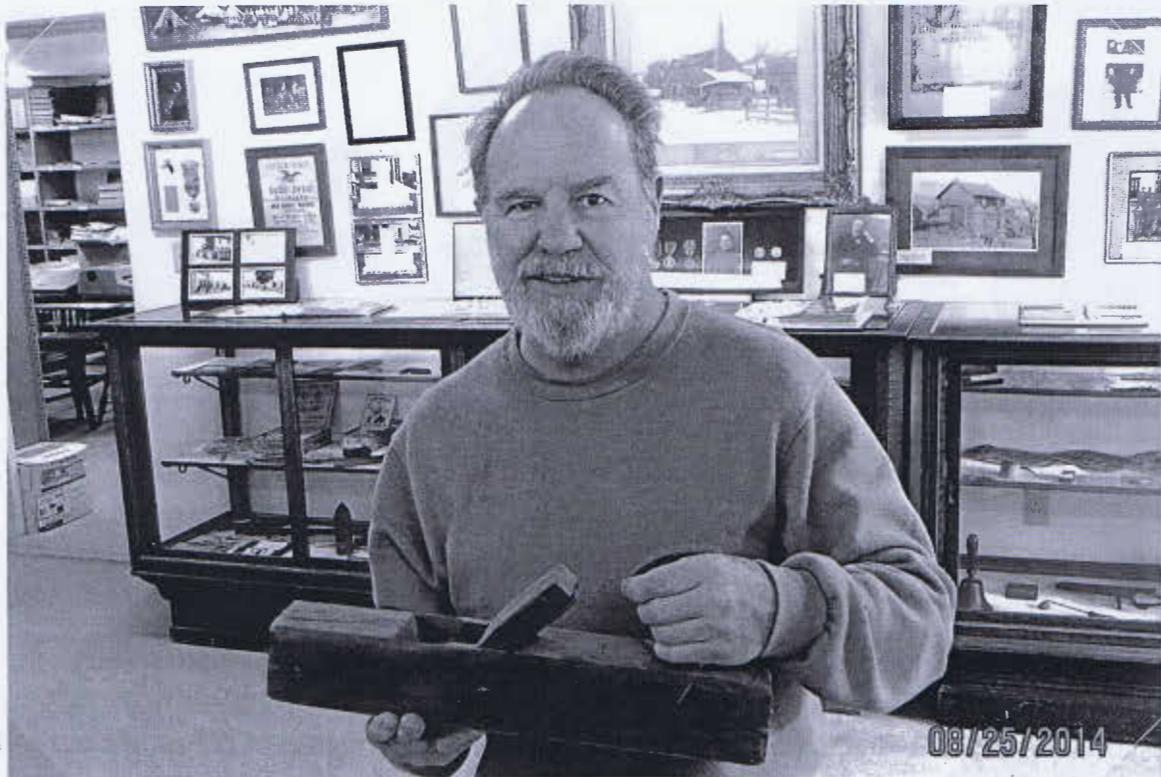
**DOROTHY BITTNER**

**R. Donald Williams**, who turned 90 years old in late September, displays a 1926 almanac from the First National Bank of Berlin that he has donated to BAHS. **Dorothy (Hittie) Bittner** displays an old Berlin picture that she has donated. She has also donated her late husband, Bob Bittner's 1950s Pennsylvania Game Commission jacket and several other Berlin photos.

**Linda McClintock** donated a safe deposit key holder from the former Philson National Bank, Joe Lambert's Book of Worship, and a New Testament given to Margaret Dupstadt. **Allison Zimmerman** donated a picture of her mother, the late Mary Lou (Flick) Zimmerman, as well as the crown, shoes, gown, bolero jacket and a coat Mary Lou wore as Berlin's 1937 Home week queen.

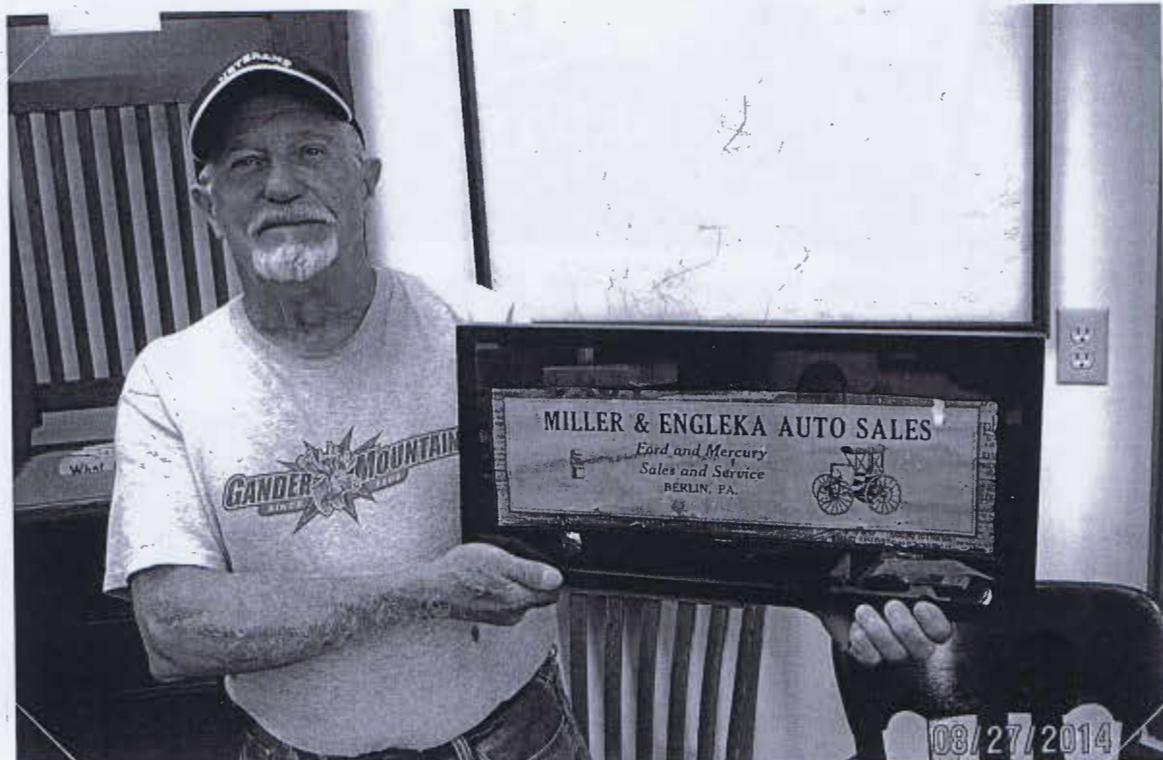
**Leanne Calvert** donated a Shanksville band cape that belonged to the late Larue (Kimmel) Walker. We received a 2014 updated plat map for the Pike Cemetery. **Mike Merrill** donated a wooden pulley that was likely from the Berlin Pulley Works. **Ed Landis** donated a cough remedy bottle from the former Brallier's Drug Store. **Bill Keller** donated miscellaneous books and items. **Anna May Weighley** donated a pile of Hi-Views and the Mountain-Ear (school newspapers) from the late 30s and early 1940s. **George Custer** donated miscellaneous items that belonged to the late Ira Weigle. **Raymond Murphy** donated a spelling book while Don Weighley donated a Berlin coke bottle.

## DON RAYMAN DONATES WOODEN PLANE AND OTHER TREASURES!



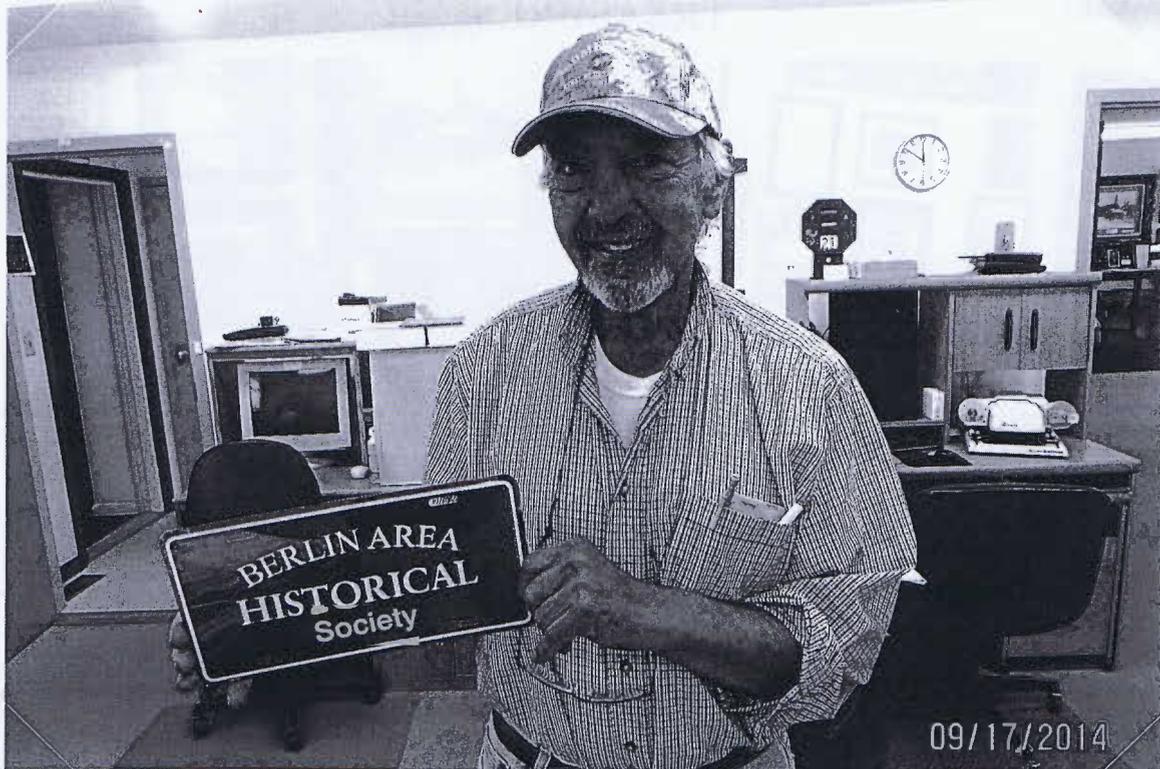
**DON RAYMAN**, Class of 1966 at BBHS, donated this wooden plane, a wooden mallet, old glass fire extinguishers, hatchets, a drawknife, and a wood file to the Berlin Area Historical Society

## MILLER AND ENGLEKA AUTO SALES



Board member **LARRY PRITTS** donated this **Miller & Engleka Auto Sales** advertisement, which we salvaged from a torn calendar, and framed to remember a long-time Berlin Area auto business. Partners in the firm were Karl Miller and Donald Engleka.

## NEW BERLIN AREA HISTORICAL SIGNS HAVE ARRIVED



Board member **ROY OGBURN** displays the new BAHS automobile signs. They are available at \$5.00 each. They make nice gifts to give to family members or friends!

## COUGHENOUR'S HOME COOKING RESTAURANT



Larry DePhillips has donated this Coughenour's Home Cooking Restaurant sign. Becky (Walters) Coughenour operated this restaurant for a short time at 629 Main Street in Berlin (in the building where Schrock's Travel is currently located.)

## SPINNING WHEEL DONATED TO BAHS!



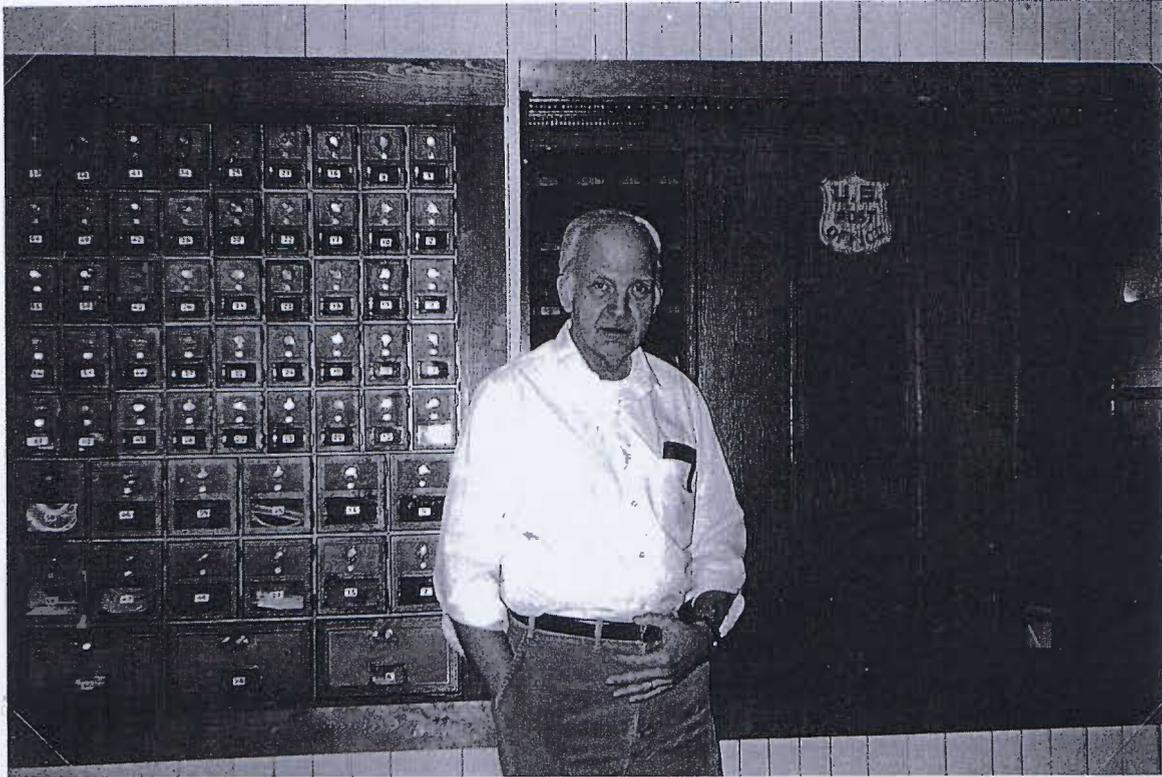
Richard and Arlene Dupstadt visited BAHS and presented us with the above spinning wheel as a present from Dick's sister, Erma Payne.

## THE GLADE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE

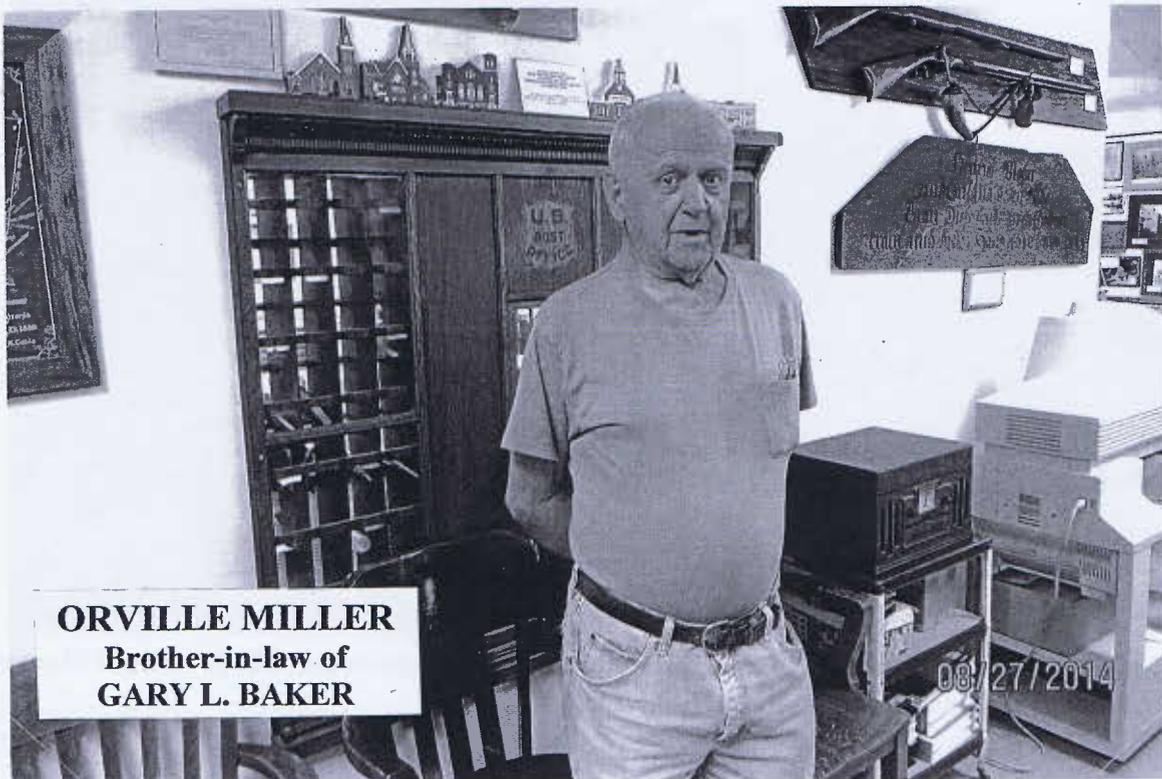


Looking refreshed and ready to host visitors is the one-room Glade School House near Unity United Church of Christ in Stonycreek Township.

# GARY L. BAKER – FORMER FAIRHOPE POST MASTER!

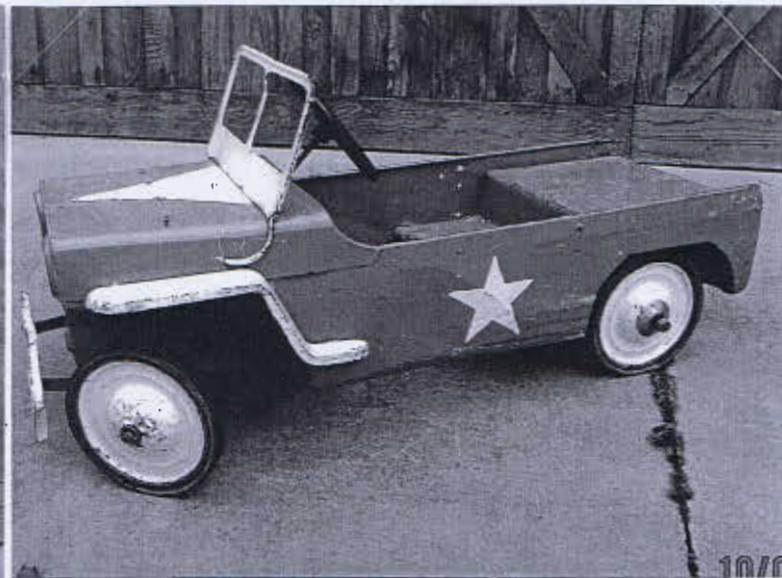
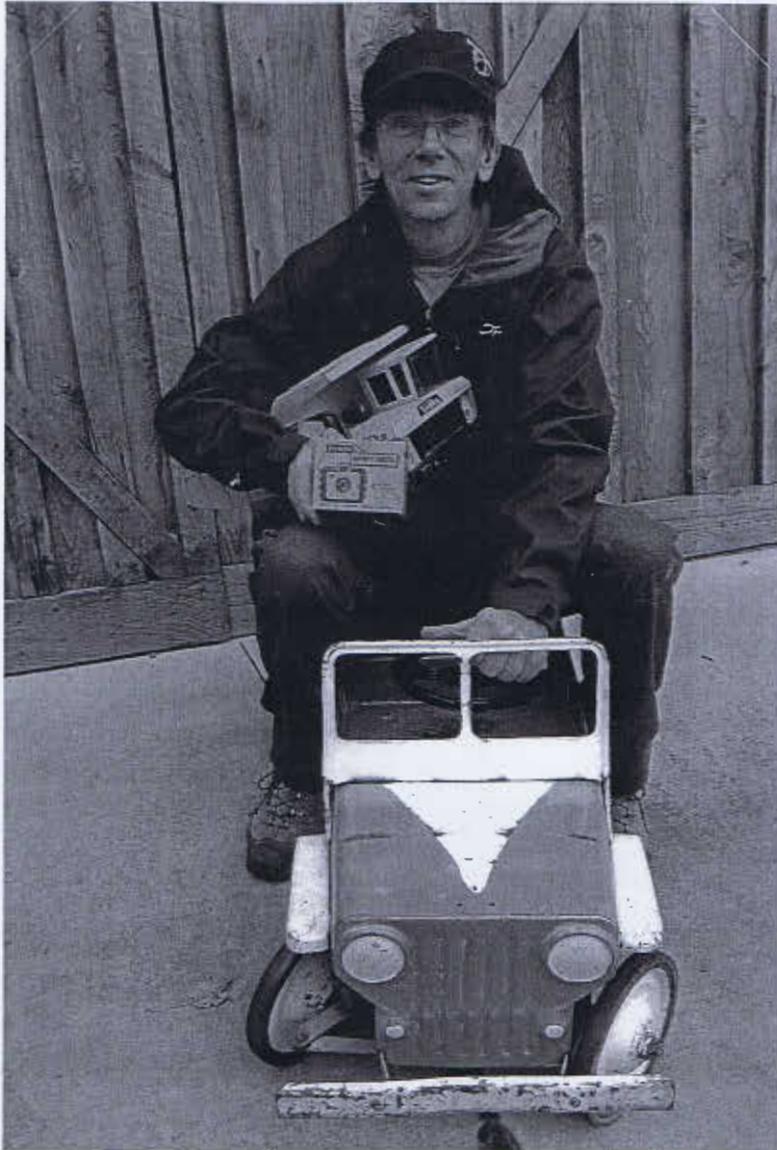


This picture of **Gary L. Baker** (1937-1995) was recently donated by Bob Platt of the Fairhope Post Office. It was taken while Gary was serving as the Fairhope Postmaster. The post office box section and window is shown in the background when it was in use at the Fairhope Post Office. It was donated to the Berlin Area Historical Society on October 22, 1996, after which it was built into the wall between our office and the meeting/display rooms. Prior to Gary L. Baker serving as postmaster at the Fairhope Post Office, he had owned and operated Baker's Tavern in Fairhope Township. Before being installed at the Fairhope Post Office, the same box section was used at the Philson Station Post Office in Northampton Township. Gary L. Baker's brother-in-law, **Orville Miller** is shown standing in front of the same post office box section at the Berlin Area Historical Society on August 27, 2014.



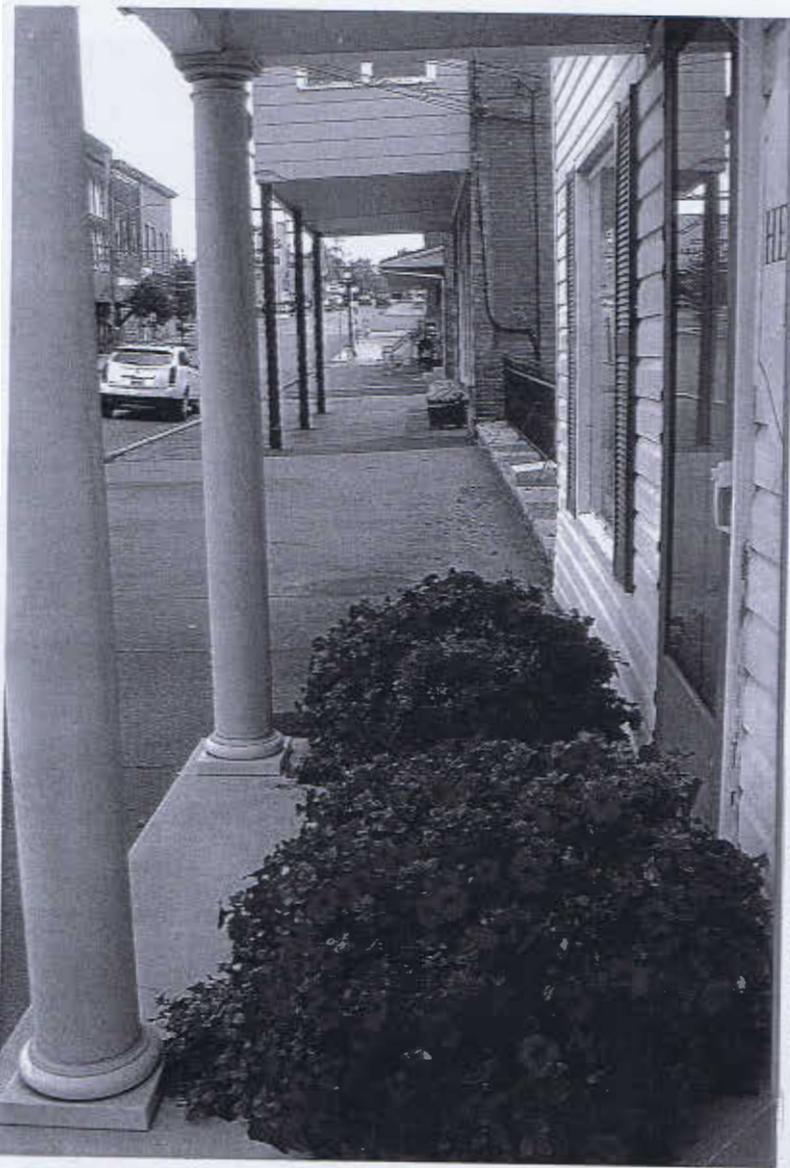
**ORVILLE MILLER**  
Brother-in-law of  
**GARY L. BAKER**

## ITEMS DAN COSLIC HAS PLACED ON LOAN AND LIKELY TO DONATE SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE!



**Dan Coslic and his dad, Lester Coslic** visited the Berlin Area Historical Society on October 8, 2014 to place a number of childhood toys and collectibles on loan at BAHS (with the idea of likely donating them sometime in the future.) Dan brought the following items back to Berlin from Seattle, Washington: Several metal Tonka toys from the early 1960s. They included a Tonka Mighty truck, a Tonka high lift, and a Tonka hydraulic loader and trailer. On loan is a vintage pedal car that was given to Dan Coslic when he was one year old in 1964 by his grandfather Harry Suder. Dan's collection included a Kodak Brownie Holiday camera with its original box and a 1961 Rand McNelly Road Atlas. There are a number of Avon collectibles including a 1969 Avon Snoopy as well as Charlie Brown and Snoopy and Dog House soap dispensers from the late 1960s. Dan also included a variety of older newspapers that include the story of the Kennedy Brothers' Assassinations (JFK and Robert); President Eisenhower's death; the 1969 edition when Man first walked on the moon; and the 1974 edition when President Nixon resigned. **Tommy Croner** has donated several old *Berlin Record* newspapers. **Doyle E. Paul** has donated a 2014 Berlin Community Fair premium booklet. **Danny Hay** donated the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary program for BBHS's Class of 1969. **Jeanne Suehr** donated a women's etching in wood, Irene Shultz various miscellaneous items, and **Gwen Ottaviano** a newspaper clipping showing the 1910 pupils of the Glessner one-room school in Stonycreek Township.

# BEAUTIFUL PETUNIAS AT THE HERITAGE HAUS! BOYS AND THEIR TOYS!



The petunias in front of the Heritage Haus were beautiful this summer and fall. A special thanks to Carol and Ken Miller for the beautiful flowers in the front of the house as well as the beautiful flowers in the area of Pious Springs and around the historical spring house.

We've had an exciting summer and are appreciative of the many heirlooms and collectibles that have been donated to us during recent months. Want List: Pictures of identified persons with their childhood toys.

David R. Hay, Curator