
THE CURATOR

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It's a very strange time, but we're pressing on

It certainly has been a wild ride since the coronavirus first showed up, and we're hoping everyone is staying safe.

Because of the new restrictions on crowds, and just to be perfectly sure we're not spreading anything, we're cancelling the March meeting and the April 25 golf outing (thanks to Chad Gibson at Bunker Hill Golf Course for being so understanding).

If it's possible to hold a meeting in April, we will meet at 7 p.m. April 23 at Brunswick United Methodist Church. Dave Goodyear will speak about the only Brunswick Firefighter who died in the line of duty.

If it's not possible – keep watching the news either on a reliable channel 3,5,8,19, etc. or online (but be careful of false information) or in the newspapers like the Sun, Post or Gazette where facts are checked.

Hopefully, we will be back to some sort of normal by then, but if not, we'll just move things up again.

As of now, we plan to open the farmers markets on June 7 – but again, that might change depending on the status of the outbreak.

You can always call me, Sam Boyer, at home at 234-803-2224 for updates if you need to double check anything about the historical society plans. Or you can leave a message at the farm phone, 330-441-0292

and though I don't monitor the phone all the time, I will get back when I do remember.



Photo by Brian Lisik

Now for some good news

Our first soup supper was a huge success. Joyce Petchler, treasurer, tells us we cleared \$2,305.39, which is amazing. The funds will, of course, go to our new building fund. (Catch up on the building progress elsewhere in the newsletter).

Thank you to everyone who came to the event and for your support.

Mary Tulenko, Cindy Kintop and Marsha Pappalardo carried the ball on organizing, buying products, getting cooks, getting donations, setting up, etc. There is no way to thank them enough for their hard work.

We also want to give thanks to the soup makers who made the day delicious.

Deliciousness came from the kitchens of Brian Ousley (who won the people's choice award) Greg Crane, Gayle Hayas, Marsha Pappalardo, Mary Tulenko (yes, they both cooked and baked, too), Jim Kuhn, Cindy Trpak, Yolanda Tenney, Bev McGlammery

(who filled in at the last minute for someone who was ill), Martin Krist, Dave Wadsworth, Michael Kovack, Randy Mikolay, Linda Scarcella and Danielle Beck.

Each of those cooks made at least a roaster full of soup and donated it.

Thanks to the Brunswick Eagles for letting us their facility for our first try.

If you are out and about or know any of the people who contributed to our basket raffle, please thank them. They include: Marsha Pappalardo/Pampered Chef; The Grille Restaurant, Sheila Clapper, Comfort Inn Suites, Brunswick Drive Thru Beverage, Cindy Kintop/Forestwood Realty, Nancy Brown, Laura Kettering (Buckeye Library) Barb Johns, Katie Kintop, Brandon Rapp/Homestead Insurance, True Value Hardware, Petiti's Garden Center, B&B Trophy, Giant Eagle, Donut Lane, Rito's Bakery, the Liverpool Historical Society and 3M, Medina.

We would be remiss if we didn't also thank Cindie Schneider, who died just before the supper but was a tremendous help to us in planning the event. She was a bright star for the community and undoubtedly shining brightly in the heavens.

Thanks also to those who stepped up to help during the rush.

It seemed everywhere we went after the supper, we were being asked when we are holding the next one. Hopefully we might be able to do a fall harvest soup supper. But we'll definitely need a larger venue.

So, if you have a favorite soup, maybe think about joining in next time – just keep watching for news.

Thanks to all who renewed their membership already this year. We'll send reminders to those of you with later renewal dates.



Brian Ousley picked up his trophy at the big red barn.

Building progresses

If you've been out along Laurel Road, you probably have noticed that we have a building under roof. Everything was wrapped up on the first phase in January.

In March, contractors started work on the sewer/water lines both in and out of the building, even in the mud. Engelke Construction Services is in the midst of gaining bids (and donations of work or material) to finish the interior.

Joyce Petchler informed us that the state grant has \$25,649.33 remaining in our building fund and that we have just over \$65,000 in our restoration/building fund and if original estimates were correct, that should get us finished with the interior.

The moving of the front façade of Edwards isn't figured in, so hopefully the sale of bricks from Visintainer and Edwards when they are razed, will cover that cost.

Superintendent Michael Mayell is asking the school contractors to help wherever possible as we also bring bits and pieces to the building to re-create our classroom.



A little muddy, but work continues, west of the building



Trenches on the east and piles of dirt are becoming familiar sights at the farm

Of course, we have some repairs to do around the old buildings of the farm, as well. The handicapped ramp railings will need to

be replaced, we think. Our Wood Wizard, Rick Scheutzow, is looking into that. Some of our outbuildings will definitely need repairs and we are probably going to need to parge the basement walls again.

Our utility bills will undoubtedly rise with new heating/cooling/toilet facilities so that's where your membership dues come in. We also run the farm from the proceeds of the farmers market, so thanks for coming by, keeping our farmers and crafters in business and enjoying the farm.

Carol Foote, our chief tour guide, is looking forward to a new season and the National Junior Honor Society from the middle school promises to continue to help us out – both with the children's garden and as tour guides.

If you'd like to help, we certainly would appreciate it. Because Dennis Wunn is so busy with his involvement at the Eagles, he's unable to cook hot dogs for us on Sundays. If you're interested in helping out on Sundays (once we actually know when they start), please let Sam Boyer know.

Time for gardening:

Every year we're asked about the community gardens at Heritage Farm. If someone you know wants a garden, please let them know to go to the Brunswick Recreation Center (I suppose now you have to email them as the rec center is closed) and tell them you're interested.

If it's the same as last year (we haven't heard differently) it costs \$35 for Brunswick city residents and \$50 for non-residents for a plot. After it's tilled by the city in the spring, you add your fence, seeds and work toward harvesting.

The city has done it's best to prevent harmful sprays or fertilizer, so your food grown will be delicious and safe.

Patrons and sponsors Help keep us going

Thank you to those of you who have added something extra to your dues to help us continue collecting the precious artifacts of Brunswick's past.

So far this year, they include:

Richard & Darlene Beeching

Ken Chamers

Ernie and Cathryn Daiber

Judy Galo

Janice Gerda

Dave Goodyear/Spring Mist
Farms

Ruth Hagedorn

Steve Hambley

James and Gayle Hayas

Jody Hunter

Homestead Insurance

Rick and Barb John

Carol Jordan

Rosalie Kappeler

Carolyn Kinton

Dave LeHotan

Nick Lesnick

Bernice Miller

Don and Jan Moll

Roy and Cindy Montonaro

Jane Garson Reed

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Tom Rounds

Arlene Segó

Nancy Walters Sprowls

Michael and Mary Tulenko

Scott Wolff/Wolff Family
Foundation

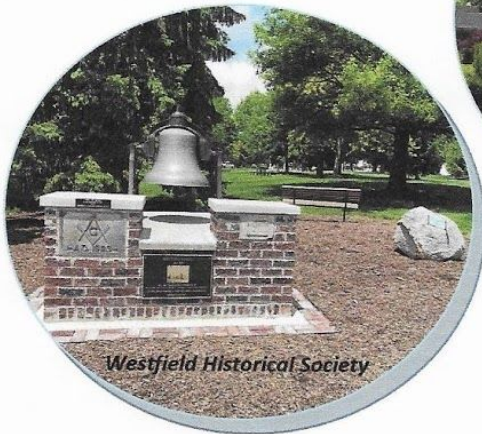
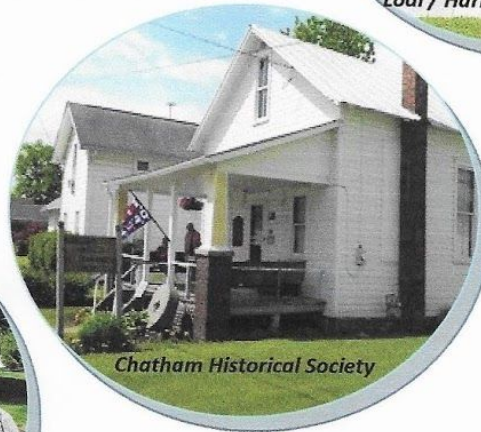
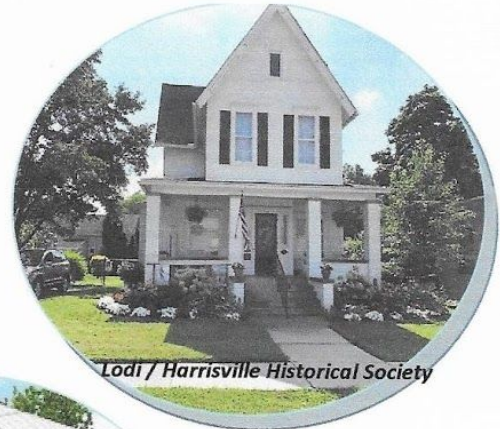
In case you haven't heard, we want you to know that Mickey Segó, son of the late Brunswick Schools music director and husband of Arlene, passed away suddenly at the end of last year. We want to thank Arlene for generously donating to the building fund.

We can't wait to see all of Al Segó's memorabilia in our new building.

**Please
Stay
Safe
And healthy
In this
Very
Unusual
Time in our
History**

Historical Council of Medina County
Dandelion Drive
A Journey in Time

SUNDAY
MAY 17, 2020
12PM - 5PM



Participating historical sites and museums will open their doors to all visitors for free tours of their facilities!

The 2020 tour includes:

Chatham Historical Society
Lodi / Harrisville Historical Society
Lodi Railroad Museum
Westfield Historical Society

For a map of the sites and other information on Medina County, please call the Medina County Visitors Bureau at (330) 722-5502.