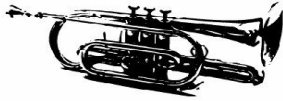
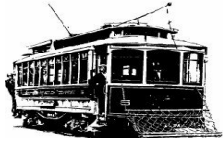


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THE GRANDE DAME GETS A FACELIFT

Submitted by Don Horning

There are numerous historic buildings that can be seen around New Holland. To name a few, think St. Stephen Church or the numerous red brick houses with two chimneys on each gable end. (They are scattered along Main Street between Custer and Brimmer Avenues so look up as you drive by!) Add the former Ringwald Tavern (across from the laundromat) on East Main. But owing to the prominent location on the busy corner of North Railroad and East Main, the New Holland Area Historical Building, home of the Museum on Main is the “Grand Dame” of them all! Built and added onto at various times beginning late in the 1700’s and on through the 1800’s, this building has been the center of local commerce and activities for many years. It has been noted by Historians as being one of the oldest continuously used commercial buildings in Lancaster County. The most prevalent use was a string of hardware stores, the most well-known, and also the most recent, being the Kauffman Hardware Store! But, for years she was beginning to show the effects of age. Specifically, the brick mortar was getting brittle. Wanting to keep this historical treasure for future generations to come, a decision was made to undertake this daunting task and at the same time retire the mortgage! These efforts would secure the building’s place in local history for this and future generations!

Larry Shirk consented to organize the fund raising effort. That effort proved successful! The people of New Holland rallied around and supported these twin goals, the result being first, the retirement of the mortgage. Then, in the spring of 2022, a contractor was secured and work began with the brick re-pointing on the North side of the building being completed. In late September, the bricks were repointed on the West side of the building thereby completing the project. The photos included here show the results – but- you must see for yourself! Some day when the afternoon sun is lighting the West gable end, take a look at how this “Grande Dame” of a building might have looked in the mid 1800’s! And, to take pride in “Your Treasure”! After all, this building is really the “Spiritual Possession” of the citizens of the New Holland and surrounding areas! We at NHAHS hope you take pride in this building like we do!

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The mission of the New Holland Area Historical Society is to collect, organize, and preserve information and historical materials that give insight to understanding the life and times of the New Holland area and to share these findings with others through Museum exhibits, lectures, and educational outreach programs.

Below are thanks to all who made this possible and apologies in advance if this list omits someone worthy of mention.

The many, many residents and friends whose contributions made this possible.

The owner Leon Martin and his dedicated employees of Heritage Stone, Inc.

The Borough of New Holland Street Department and Borough Manager Dick Fulcher for assistance in traffic flow.

The New Holland Special Fire Police who directed traffic and ably kept us “incident free.”

Board Member and Neighboring Business owner Josh Stauffer whose parking lot was temporarily an Equipment Staging Area.

The tenants of our Business Suites who were inconvenienced – Edward Jones, Safe Place Counselling, Jenny Lyns Shop and Lickity Split Business Office (who also “fueled” the workers with afternoon milk-shakes.)



The photo above is what the west side of the building [Railroad Avenue] looked like before the brickwork was started. The photo to the right highlights some of the really bad areas that needed repair.

All photos included in this story are courtesy of Carter W Ulrich



The photo on the right shows the incredible difference between what the pointing between the bricks before restoration and after. This also shows the type of lift that was used for the workers. Actually there were two lifts like this being used at once to get the job done quickly. Also notice at the very top they did not restore the pointing around those bricks because it appears that it was already in good shape.

The photo below shows three quarters of the building restored.





The finished product! They even repointed around the foundation stones next to the sidewalk



Randy Baxter



Karen Sheesley



Borough Guy

Thanks to our special fire police for directing traffic during the restoration week!

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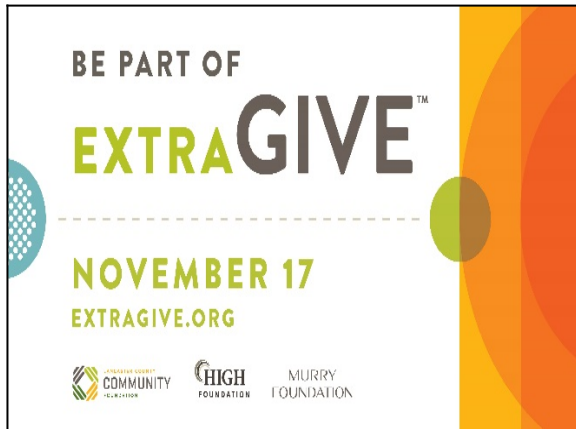
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The New Holland Area Historical Society is participating in this year's ExtraGive program and would like to encourage you to support our mission to preserve the history of the New Holland area.

We need your help! Please join our campaign and help us reach our goal of \$10,000 and 100 donors! We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference. Get ready to give! On November 17, visit extragive.org and make a donation to us and/or to any of the great participating nonprofit organizations in your community. All giving will end at 11:59PM on November 17, so make sure to your gift in on time. Questions? If you have any questions or would like more information, let us know. [Add your contact information]. Thank you in advance for your generosity to our organization!

There are no programs the rest of 2023 and January 2024. They will restart in February 2024 at Garden Spot Village

**The New Holland Area Historical Society Museum
207 E. Main St. is open Thursdays and Saturday 10-2**