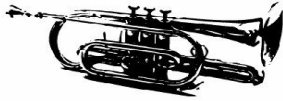
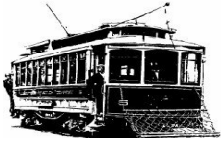


# NEW HOLLAND

## Area Historical Society



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## FFA Exhibit Debuts with a Reception for Over 40 Attendees

Submitted by Don Horning

When is a farmer not necessarily a farmer? The answer, when he or she is a member of an FFA Chapter! Over the years FFA, once known as “Future Farmers of America”, has become a widely heralded leadership curriculum, gaining respect from educators, business’, including agriculture and non-agricultural employers alike. When it became known that Garden Spot High School’s “Grassland Chapter” is celebrating 65 highly successful years, talks began which have resulted in a comprehensive Museum Exhibit honoring that tenure with an informative exhibit showing the chapter in action. You will see photos of past activities, memorabilia and explanations of the goals and successes of the local FFA.

The Exhibit was prepared by students under the direction of past Grassland Chapter member, Allison Zimmerman. The exhibit opened with a reception attended by past Grassland Chapter Graduates, present Chapter Members and Garden Spot High School Faculty, both retired and current.

Also in attendance were Student State FFA leaders and advisors and several Student National leaders and advisors who had spent the day with CNH [Case New Holland] Agriculture who coincidentally is celebrating 75 years of support to FFA Chapters both locally and nationally.

Plan to see this Student Exhibit and the New Holland Area Historical Societys’ supporting exhibits of FARM SALES AND EQUIPMENT and FARMS, BARNs AND MILLS. Regular Museum hours are Thursday and Saturday 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM or by appointment 717-538-3079.

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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.*



↑ Left to right-Nick Culbert Accounting Analyst CNH Capital, Aimee Culbert CNH New Holland Agriculture's Brand Communications Manager for North America and NHAHS board member, Dr. Robert Herr, Alayna Harrell, Brand Communications Specialist, Bob Lauffer

← Dr. Robert Herr and former student Earl L. Esch looking over a plethora of FFA memorabilia

↓ Bob Lauffer addresses the FFA reception



# GSHS Students, State and National FFA Student Officers, CNH Agriculture Sponsors and Invited Guests alike, enjoy the 65th Anniversary Exhibit.



# Early History of the Water Supply in New Holland

Submitted by Brian Frankhouser

In the very early years, before any local wells were dug, the residents in town went to the east end to gather and use water from the Myer farm (purchased by Jacob Ringwalt in 1768). This spring is now located in the Willows development, and the property has been meticulously restored by Dr. Keith Olin.

In The Three Earls, Frank Diffenderfer describes the events leading to the first well dug in the town proper. He reported that Emich Snyder drew straws with his neighbors and “the fates pointed out Snyder as the one appointed to do the work, and he did it.” Early deeds show that Emich Sneider (Snyder) purchased lot #11 of New Design from John Diffenderfer in 1773. This would have included land on both sides of the Horseshoe Road (Main Street) where the Styer & Evans building is now located (133/135/137 East Main Street) and to the west. Emich was a carpenter by trade and would have been very capable of completing the task. Snyder’s property was the last lot of New Design to be subdivided from the property across the street, which didn’t happen until 1908.

By the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there were town pumps located along the main street in town. Not every property had one, but the early deeds provided “water rights” to nearby neighbors. In A History of New Holland Pennsylvania, M. G. Weaver describes the location of each of these water sources, and it’s very possible that the well dug by Emich Snyder was accessed by the town pump located near Becker’s Harness Shop (132 East Main Street) on the south side of the street.

The New Holland Water Company received its charter in 1895, shortly before the town incorporated as a borough. T. M. Storb, E. C. Diller, Amos Rutter, and A. W. Snader recognized the need, and purchased land in the Welsh Mountains. The elevation of the reservoir was sufficient to provide water to our community by gravity. In August of 1895, as workers were digging to install the pipes on Main Street, they made an amazing discovery. About two feet below the road’s surface and slightly south of the middle of the turnpike at 132 East Main Street, they uncovered an old oak log that was setting on a stone foundation. Most likely, this was part of the dwelling purchased by Emich Snyder in 1773, or the well that he dug! The borough purchased the New Holland Water Company in 1919 and has maintained it ever since.



Although the town’s water company started in 1895, several of the streetside water pumps survived into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The last one was used into the 1920’s, and was located on the property now occupied by the fire company on East Main Street.

The old wooden pump with an iron handle that is shown was east of the Methodist Church, and at one time, was used by the Goshen pottery works. This photo was taken about 1906.

## Water Rates, Rules and Regulations of the New Holland Water Co.

SEC. 1. The following shall be the annual rates of Water Rents of the New Holland Water Company:

Bath Tub (private),	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$ 3.00
Bath Tub (public),	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.00
Barber Shop,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Bakery, exclusive of Dwelling,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.00
Bottling Works,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Special Rates.	
Building purposes — Brick per 1,000.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.05
— Stone per perch,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.05
— Plastering per 100 yards,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.50
Coach Works, with hose attachment,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Coach Works, without hose attachment,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Cows or Horses, for first one,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.00
Cows or Horses, for each additional one,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.75
Dwellings with one family, one story,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Dwellings, with one family, two stories,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.00
Dwellings, with one family, three stories,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.00
Dwellings, for each additional family,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Drug Store, with counter fountain 1-16 inch jet,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Drug Store, without counter-fountain,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.00
Drug Store, without counter-fountain, with pave-wash,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.00
Farms,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Special Rates.	
Hydrant in yard with hose attachment,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Hydrant in yard without hose attachment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.00
Hotels,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Special Rates.	
Ice Cream Saloons,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Livery Stables, not over five horses, Hydrant in yard or stable, with hose attachment for washing vehicles,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Livery Stables, without hose attachment,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Meter rates, per 1,000 gallons,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.35
Office, Store or Bank, with pave wash,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Office, Store or Bank, without pave-wash	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.00
Oyster Cellars or Restaurants,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Photographers,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.00
Slaughter Houses,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.00
Steam Purposes,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Special Rates.	
Water Closet (private),	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.00
Water Closet (public),	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8.00
No connection made for less than	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$5.00 per year.

All cases not herein provided for will be arranged by special contract between the consumer and the Company.

Annual water rates shown in the “Rules and Regulations of the New Holland Water Company” published in 1895. A typical New Holland homeowner who lived in a two-story house with a water closet (flush toilet) and bathtub was charged \$12 a year (or \$13 if they owned a horse).

## Volunteer Opportunities

The New Holland Area Historical Society (NHAHS) is an enthusiastic organization committed to the preservation of the rich history of the greater New Holland area and to finding creative ways to share that story with our community. To continue the legacy upon which this organization was founded, it takes a network of enthusiastic volunteers with a wide variety of skills and experience, as well as the willingness to commit time and energy to the effort. As we continue to grow and expand our efforts, we have more and varied opportunities for people interested in supporting the organization and its mission. If you have experience or interest in any of the following areas, we will welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can partner with you.

1. general technology
2. social media skills – website, Facebook, Instagram
3. grant writing
4. digital storytellers
5. museum cleaning
6. exhibit design and setup
7. assessing artifacts
8. newsletter preparation
9. basic property maintenance; electrical, plumbing, general repairs, painting, etc.
10. eBay sales of excess inventory
11. print media liaison
12. article writing
13. event planning
14. docent
15. writing articles, essays, or even a book

If you are interested, please send us an email at [NHAHS@nhhistorical.com](mailto:NHAHS@nhhistorical.com) or call 717-419-1511. Thanks for your consideration and support!

## NHAHS Supporters "What Sustains us"

### HERITAGE PARTNERS [\$1,000 and above]

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 Garden Spot Village Fred & Robin Groff Gene & Mary Lowry  
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### LEGACY PARTNERS [\$500 TO \$999]

Chester County Solid Waste Auth. New Holland Business Assoc.  
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Thomas Wentz III New Holland Lions Club East Earl Township Supervisors

### PARTNERS [\$100 TO \$499]

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### NEW HOLLAND AREA HISTORICAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Type of membership requested (please check one)

- Annual Personal/Household (\$20)  Annual Partner (\$100-\$499)
- Annual Legacy Partner (\$500-\$999)  Annual Heritage Partner (\$1000 & up)
- Lifetime membership (\$500) Personal or Household  Other gift \$\_\_\_\_\_

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2024 Membership Dues should be sent by check payable to NHAHS and mailed to NHAHS PO Box 464, New Holland PA 17557. If you have any questions regarding payment please send an email to [NHAHS@nhhistorical.com](mailto:NHAHS@nhhistorical.com) Thank you for your continued support

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This photo is from about 1990 showing the section of the Kauffman's Hardware Store where the Lickity Split Restaurant is now located 209 E. Main. Mitch and Gina Dissinger founded the restaurant in June 2010.

Mike Kauffman, grandson of Clyde and Evelyn Kauffman, is shown on the left side of the photo. Clyde and Evelyn started the store in 1946 after Clyde returned from serving in WWII

For perspective, if you are standing at the cash register in the restaurant, you are looking toward the back entrance.

## **The following programs are planned for 2024: Held in the Garden Spot Village Chapel 7 PM**

April 18

The "Voices of Amish Women in Lancaster County"

By Judy Stavisky

May 16

"The Scribbler"

Jack Brubaker talks about his life, local Heritage and his column

***June, July, August, No Programs***