

## *New Berlin Calendar of Events—2007*

- **BINGO** is played every Tuesday evening at the New Berlin American Legion beginning at 6:30 pm. Proceeds benefit New Berlin Little League Baseball and the New Berlin Recreational Park.
- **New Berlin Fire Company** meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall.
- **New Berlin Borough Council** meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at 700 Water Street.
- **New Berlin Lions Club** meets the third Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Firemen's Social Hall for dinner, business meeting, and program; no regular meetings in July and August.

### *April*

**Saturday, April 14.** New Berlin Activities Committee Chicken Barbeque: pick-up from 10:30 am until 12:30 pm at the Firemen's Field.

**Saturday, April 21.** Spring Yard & Stick Cleanup and Collection. Please have limbs and brush at curbside by 9:30 am for borough pickup. Twigs with greater than 7" diameters WILL NOT be picked up. Questions? Call Lester Hummel at 966-4705 or 966-2677.

**Saturday, April 21.** New Berlin Recreation Complex Cleanup sponsored by the Lower Penns Creek Watershed Association: 10 am until 12 noon.

### *May*

**Tuesday, May 1.** Night at Our Museum: open house for the community at the old courthouse museum from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

**Saturday, May 5.** New Berlin Spring Yard Sales

**Sunday, May 13.** Firemen's Mother's Day Dinner: serving turkey and ham dinners from 10:30 am until ? at the Firemen's Social Hall.

**Monday, May 28.** New Berlin Memorial Day Parade: 2:00 pm with service in the cemetery following the Market Street parade.

### *June*

**Saturday, June 9.** Strawberry Festival: 5 pm until 8 pm on the street and grounds of the New Berlin Community Center at the corner of Vine and High Streets.

**Sunday, June 17.** Firemen's Father's Day Dinner: serving chicken and waffles from 11:00 am until ? at the Firemen's Social Hall.

**Tuesday, June 26 through Saturday, June 30.** New Berlin Firemen's Carnival. Thursday night is parade night!

### *July*

**Sunday, July 1.** New Berlin Community Worship Service.

**Wednesday, July 4.** Annual New Berlin Independence Day Celebration with fireworks display.

**Saturday, July 7.** Rain date for fireworks display.

### *August*

**Saturday, August 4.** Community Summer Yard Sales.

**Saturday, August 25.** 37th Annual New Berlin Day!

### *Church Calendar*

**Emanuel United Church of Christ**, 326 Market Street. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Sunday School.

**Emanuel United Methodist Church**, Plum at High Street. Sunday worship at 10:15 am, preceded by Sunday School at 9:00 am.

**Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 308 Market Street. Sunday worship at 9:00 am, followed by Sunday School.

*More details will follow. Please consider this listing as your SAVE THE DATE notice.*



## A Night at *OUR* Museum

The current popular movie with a similar title reflects just what can happen when history comes alive! And perhaps you, too, thought that the treasures on the second floor of the post office at the corner of Market and Vine were a mere historical collection accumulating dust until the arrival of tours and the occasional visitor. *Not so.* The New Berlin Heritage Association encourages New Berliners of all ages (and their guests) to gather/ drop in on **Tuesday, May 1, 2007 between 7:00-8:30pm** to poke around the items of their community and heritage. Take an active part in New Berlin's ongoing collection of archives and see how these items are being organized and catalogued...and understand what a valuable resource this will be to those who wish to research local history and the history of their ancestors. Lend a hand on this evening to actually archive a few items. To keep the museum alive, we do need active participants! Also coming

*alive* this evening will be the spirited music of Harry D'Addario (born in 1908) played on Harry's actual restored violin by David Farmer's father who will be accompanied on another violin by his wife. Harry once said, "I was just a little shaver, and I'd sit by the side of Mr. Walters all evening...I used to ask him if I could touch a string or maybe hold the bow and he'd say, 'OK'...And then I said to him, 'I wonder if I could play someday?'" *And play he did!* History alive with some jammin' and fiddlin', memories reinvigorated, gathering with neighbors, and even a few refreshments...all on the night of May 1st.

## Talking About Jammin'

*Jams, preserves, homemade breads, church casseroles.* Most of us can envision at least one of this town's grandmotherly characters poised in her kitchen equipped with a rolling pin and a set of bowls (and probably no measuring spoons in sight because *she* cooked *by heart*), bedecked in her favorite apron. We at Heritage Association are on the prowl for a temporary collection of aprons for New Berlin Day in August, 2007. These aprons-- symbols of the families' domestic lives--will be the focus of the post office display, museum exhibit and the lead article in the New Berlin Day booklet this year, complete with the memories that accompany those kitchen sights (and sites)! John Showers, for example, claims that *he did marry his mother* when Nancy wears Grandma Molly's torn-at-the-pocket-corner faded feed sack apron (and she wears it often). The aroma of baked spaghetti...that's the most salient memory evoked at the sight of *that* apron. What memory percolates for you at the sight of *your* family's matriarchal apron? Carrying eggs, drying tears, dusting a table top? Do you have a particular holiday as Connie Bastian did when "the passing of the apron" occurred, almost without fanfare...when the holiday hostess was no longer the eldest mother? When were your family's apron strings untied? And John Showers wants us to include, "OR were they never untied!?"



## We Gather Together

The Heritage Association would like to bring to life those three words from an old familiar hymn sung many times in New Berlin's churches. Plans are "in the works" to sponsor an organ recital this year on New Berlin Day followed by a reunion of New Berliners who now reside outside the area who could convene for this day to visit and to re-ignite memories of the "way life used to be"...and, in ways, "still is" in our quaint village. Thoughts are now centering on hosting this gathering in the newly renovated Community Center on Vine Street. Ponder now and share your lists of invitees for this event with John Showers (966-1132 or john@newberlinpa.com) who is compiling a list for actual invitations. We're soliciting everyone's aid in contacting and connecting with folks from our past and bringing them to us once again this summer. We'll gather together; we'll count our blessings.

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# Singing bridge ends tour of duty.

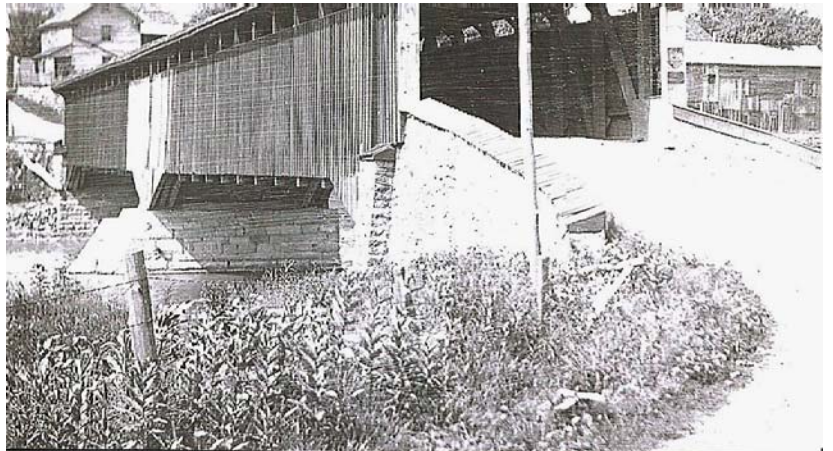
Penns Creek bridge replacement begins April 2007.

This year will not mark the first time that New Berlin has changed bridges into the southern entrance of town. The flood of 1936 eventually resulted in New Berlin's double span covered bridge being torn down. Built in 1878, with major repairs done by S.E. Benner in 1908, the covered bridge crossed Penns Creek at the existing bridge location to connect Union and Snyder Counties. While time permits, please view the remnants of the old covered structure...the middle pier and the old stone abutments. Also, permanently fix in your mind the sing-song, heard from many parts of town, of cars crossing the metal deck that will soon be only a memory of another bygone era of transportation.

The replacement of the existing aging Route 204 (Vine Street) Bridge over Penns Creek is ready to commence. A PennDOT contractor, Susquehanna Supply Company of Williamsport, will begin construction on a new three-span concrete-beam bridge, replacing the existing four-span bridge. The new bridge will be a prestressed concrete bridge on a slightly altered alignment. There is also miscellaneous paving, drainage, and intersection realignment to be accomplished.

Initial work scheduled is the demolition of a nearby building with the bridge work to follow. The bridge will be constructed in several distinct phases utilizing half-width construction. Traffic will be limited to one lane travel controlled by a temporary traffic signal. Traffic will be maintained on the existing bridge during most of the construction. Expect delays during hours of higher traffic. In October, a three-week detour will be implemented to complete the tie-ins from the new bridge to the existing roadways. A new intersection configuration on the Snyder County side will require south bound 204 traffic to stop if planning to continue south on 204 (actually a left turn at a T intersection).

The alignment of the new \$3,229,144 bridge will be slightly upstream from the existing bridge, with work scheduled to be completed by November 16, 2007.



## New Berlin Classifieds

**Volunteers needed.** Runners are needed at the New Berlin Recreation Association BINGO fundraisers held every Tuesday evening at the New Berlin Legion at 6:30 pm. Three and one-half hours to spare...to share? Even once a month? *Please* call Mary Ellen Egli (966-2805). Note that this is a fun-loving--albeit smoky--atmosphere.

**Memories wanted.** Those folks who have stories & memories of Harry D'Addario as he played his violin at parties, firehalls, and in the classroom, *please* contact David Farmer (966-6178). Preparations are being made for a future article.

**Aprons wanted.** Those folks who have family aprons begging to be a part of the heritage exhibit (with their personal stories to share), *please* contact Joan Maurer (834-1676), Nancy Showers (966-1132), or Sally Farmer (966-6178). Please note that we are seeking kitchen aprons as well as historical aprons of the trades such as carpentry and blacksmithing.

**Info wanted.** The next New Berlin Herald will be distributed in June, 2007. To submit info, *please* send to [john@newberlinpa.com](mailto:john@newberlinpa.com) or call 966-1132.

# The New Berlin Herald

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## *Something to crow about.... this Saturday, April 14th!*

There is still an opportunity this weekend to get your first New Berlin barbeque chicken fix for the Spring season! If you haven't yet ordered from a member of the New Berlin Activities Committee, chicken can be purchased at the Firemen's Field from 10:30 am until 12:30 pm on Saturday...as long as it lasts. Pre-orders not picked up will be sold at 12:30 pm. Halves are \$4.00 each and proceeds benefit New Berlin community activities.

New Berlin Resident  
New Berlin, PA 17855

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## What is The New Berlin Herald?

*It is said that a small town is like a large family. Like any family, however, communication is so very important. Consensus seems to be developing around town that some sort of communication device or newsletter would be most helpful in keeping citizens informed about life in the old neighborhood.*

*Various community organizations have been talking about trying to create something similar to The Millmont Times, a small community newsletter serving the Lewis Township area. Members of borough council have been working on the idea as well.*

*Out of this interest, The New Berlin Heritage Association and The New Berlin Activities Committee partnered to jumpstart and to pilot this effort. Nancy and John Showers agreed to pull the pieces together and spearhead the publication of several issues. Issue number one represents a limited first edition. **Stay tuned as to where The Herald goes!***