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BHS music comes to life with donations

Former Brunswick residents, Mickey and Arlene Sego, visited Heritage Farm on July 3 from their home in Williamsburg, Va., on their way to attend the signing of Mickey's new book created for the Berea Historical Society.

They came bearing more wonderful memories of the Brunswick music program -- even more than they had already donated to the Brunswick Historical Society from the collection of long-time Brunswick music director Albert Sego.



Sego came to Medina County in 1948, traveling from school to school throughout Medina County for many years before being permanently assigned to Brunswick.

This time, the artifacts they brought included records, photos, clippings and even some spirit wear. Everything is so interesting. It will be great for the historical society's new building housing school memorabilia.

What a wonderful gift to the community in addition to many other things they previously found and donated including all those reel-to-reel audio tapes of the bands from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s that Ed Barczyk has been digitizing for us.



Way up in the air, that's our lead musician, Ken Uram installing new, more modern speakers at the barn so our guests can hear music wherever they are during farmers markets.

The latest on our building

As of this writing, the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, from which we will receive our state grant, has good news. The staff has given its approval to our project and it will now be voted upon by the commission at its next meeting. Once approved, we can begin the bidding process.

The final touches are being put on the architectural drawings needed for bidding. Once they are OK'd by our board and our project manager, Engelke Construction Services, we will be able to plan a groundbreaking ceremony. Hopefully, it will all come together soon.

We're grateful to you for enhancing the collection

There are so many people to thank for their generous donations to our collection. That's one of the reasons why we need the new building – another structure with heat and air conditioning for items that can't be left in the freeze and thaw of our other historic buildings.

In the barn right now you'll see a teacher's typing desk with the manual typewriter attached to the pull-up -- kind of like the old Singer sewing machines. Thanks to Marilyn Ziegler for that --- it will be a great addition to our re-created classroom in the new building. She also donated a beautiful tapestry.

Jeff Nau has been giving us lots of his time to go through all our school artifacts to decide what should be displayed and what should be filed. He recently earned his master's degree in archaeology and is helping us as he looks for a job in his field.

The students of the National Junior Honor Society have been putting in many hours at the farm helping with the children's garden and farmers markets and even into the farmhouse learning to be a docent. Thanks to all and especially to Kaylee Hearn who continues to volunteer (and bring friends) even though she's a high schooler.

Carol Gannon brought in a treasure trove of items from her mom (BHS class of 1940 and grandmother (BHS class of 1928), from the Morton family – complete with report cards, an autograph book, a commencement invitation, photos and a lot of other things that will be wonderful in our new building.

eBay even provided some papers. Thanks to people contacting Sam Boyer, we were able to bid on and win a packet of papers from Truman Chidsey from a document hunter in California. Truman's great-granddaughter, Carol Chidsey Burgner, said there are some Chidsey family members in California, so that's probably how they got there.

Coming events

July 25 – Historical Society meeting at 7 p.m. in the big red barn at Heritage Farm. All are invited to this month's business meeting.

Aug. 4 -- It's time for another family event and for the first time, Heritage Farm will host a "Touch a Truck" complete with police and fire equipment, a semi, tractor and more. The vehicles will be there from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The kiddos are also invited to come in their favorite costumes for a parade through the farm at noon. Admission and parking are always free.

Aug. 22 -- at 7 p.m. the Liverpool Historical Society will give a short presentation about their September spirit walk, followed by the business meeting.

Sept. 8 – Join us at 4:30 p.m. at Bunker Hill Golf Course event center to learn how all of us can help raise awareness and dollars for our building project. It's all in anticipation of an Old School Golf Outing next April 25. All our work comes ahead of that and we just need volunteers for about an hour every 2 months. Chad Gibson even has free appetizers and soft drinks for those who attend.

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Vendors Geri Jolly and Catherine Vitti at the farmers market.

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Shortly after the costume contest, we'll hold our first-ever butterfly release from our butterfly garden. The butterfly garden and the bee hives at Heritage Farm are to encourage these insects to continue living in the area. Without these pollinators there would be no crops to enjoy.

Sept. 21 – A fun evening for anyone who loves trivia – We're sponsoring an Old School Trivia Night from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Diamond Event Center, 1480 Pearl Road (right across the street from the old school!)

Enjoy dinner, cash bar, lots of fun local trivia and more. Former Brunswick Memorial School Principal, Judy Galo and her fellow 1976 BHS graduate, Barb Buser are chairing the event.

Seating is limited. Tickets are \$50. Watch for your chance to buy tickets online at brunswickhistory.com and in the local newspapers.

Oct. 5-6 – It's time for our annual Heritage Farm Pumpkin Festival. Hopefully, the weather won't have ruined the pumpkin crop, but plan free activities like the hayrides, crafts and music. There will be some 50 vendors with lots of great items to buy for Christmas, birthdays and any other special occasions. Everything is unique and we have the friendliest vendors!

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days, rain or shine. If you would like to be a vendor you can email us at brunswickareahistory@gmail.com for details. All contracts must be in by Aug.31.

Oct. 13 – The final farmer's market of the year at Heritage Farm.

Oct. 24 – The final Historical Society meeting of the year at the Big Red Barn. We'll wrap up meetings until January, so watch for meeting notices in your emails and in local newspapers.

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Christmas in July was a big hit

Kids of all ages got to enjoy Christmas in July on July 14. The celebration was a little early this year because Frank Pace was ready to take Santa to the North Pole. Ken Uram played Christmas music and vendors decorated. It was fun when even the most shy reacted to ringing the jingle bells. Kudos to Katie Georgekopoulos for making all the arrangements for the visit.



Danimal was fantastical

This young lady's elaborate headpiece came from the imagination of Danimal the Clown who entertained kids waiting for Santa.