



*Amos Herr House Foundation  
And Historical Society*

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# Herr House Happenings

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**...Get Ready! ...Get Set!**



The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Amos Herr 5K Honey Run begins in Amos Herr Park on Sunday, August 22nd at 6 p.m. and is sponsored by Dutch Gold Honey of Lancaster. All proceeds benefit restoration projects at the 1852 Herr Family Homestead and fund Hempfield Area Recreation Commission scholarships.

The Sardina Dental Group will sponsor the Kids' Run for the fourth year, which attracts runners ranging from 5-11 years old.

Last year's event was the largest ever, with a record-setting field of 510 runners and walkers from all over the mid-state area participating. The Kids' Run drew 137 runners who participated in ¼ and ½ mile runs.

Last year's "Run to Remember" raised more than \$3,000 for LIVESTRONG®, the Lance Armstrong foundation, in memory of the late Fred Steele, Hempfield Rec Fitness Center employee. Runners can designate donations again this year and receive a special t-shirt for this donation.

An entry form is on page 4. Runner registration is also available online at [www.hempfieldrec.com](http://www.hempfieldrec.com) or by picking up entry forms at the Herr Family Homestead, Secret Sneaker, Inside Track, and Hempfield Rec Center. If pre-registered, Race Packet pick-up will be at the Herr Homestead on Saturday, August 21st from 1-3:30 p.m. See you at the Run!



*If you are interested in volunteering on the day of the event, please contact Laura Dalton at 898-3102 or [ldalton@hempfieldrec.com](mailto:ldalton@hempfieldrec.com).*

### **LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT? LOOK NO FURTHER!**

The Amos Herr House and Historical Foundation has cookbooks for sale in the gift shop. The cost is \$7.00 plus tax. There are many interesting recipes and old fashioned remedies including "Indigestion", "Hard Soap", "Erysipelas", "Cure for Croup", "To Make a Spice Poultice for Severe Cold on the Chest" and "Brine to Cure 25 lb. Beef" to mention a few. In addition to the old fashioned recipes, members of the Foundation along with Ethel and Emma Herr have recipes in the book. You may come to the House on weekends now through October from 1-4 p.m. to purchase the cookbook.

*...continued from our Spring newsletter*

## **Amos and Me – Memories from the Past**

*by David E. Bertzfield, Class of 1955*

My brother Ed and I spent much of our childhood on Amos' farm. We played on the farm even when he was not there. One time when Amos was not home, we took the old spring wagon (a four wheeled wagon that was designed to be pulled by one horse) out of the barn and pulled it to the top of the hill on the road along side of the house. We tied some rope to the shafts where the horse was supposed to be hitched; so that, we could guide it when we rode it down the hill. We rode the horseless wagon down the hill pulling on the ropes to guide it. The wagon was stopped by a willow tree that was at the bottom of the hill. Ed and I did not think far enough ahead, as the two of us were not strong enough to pull the wagon back up the hill to put it away before Amos came home. We had to wait for Amos to come home to get the wagon up the hill. We were afraid that Amos would be very cross with us. When Amos came home we told him what we had done. Amos calmly said that we were very lucky that we did not get hurt. He got the tractor and pulled the spring wagon up the hill and put it away. That ended our wagon riding.

As I mentioned before, my brother Ed and I helped Amos by working on the farm. One time when I was very young, Ed and I had helped Amos with something. Ed had done a lot more work than I had because he was older. Amos gave Ed three or four dollars pay. He turned and handed me a dollar. I was so surprised at receiving a dollar that I blurted out, "A whole dollar!" I had never gotten that much money before. Amos said, "Isn't that enough?" I was embarrassed and said, "Yes. That is plenty".

Ed and I would go into the barn and feed Jerry - a mule - ears of corn. We liked to watch Jerry turn the ear of corn with his lips when he ate the corn off the cob. I liked to pet Jerry on the nose. It was very soft. One day when I was six years old, Amos lifted me up and sat me on Jerry. I started to cry because I was so scared. Jerry was a big mule.

Sometimes Amos officiated at swim meets. Twice he took Ed and me along as spectators. Amos got a TV set several years before my family got a TV. He invited Ed and me over to his house a couple of nights a week to watch TV. Sometimes Amos would watch with us, and sometimes he would work on school work, correcting tests, etc.

Amos was a very strong man. He could pick up a hay bale and throw it about twelve feet. Amos had a very hearty laugh and a strong voice. He could call Ethel, his wife, from out at the barn or half a block from the house.

I helped Amos on the farm many years. When I was real young, Amos would set me in front of him and let me steer the tractor. That was a big thrill because I felt like I was driving it. Eventually I was old enough to drive the tractor by myself while the wagon was being loaded with hay, straw or tobacco. As I grew older, I drove the tractor while disking and harrowing the fields, getting them ready to plant the crops. Finally, I was old enough and big enough to drive the tractor while plowing.

Amos coached baseball at the high school. Sometimes the stitching on the balls would rip. He gave me several of the torn balls. I sewed the balls using the same type of stitching as the original stitching. Amos liked the repair work so much that

he hired me to repair several balls for the team. Amos gave my brother Ed and I our first baseball gloves. In fact that glove was the only glove I ever used.

Occasionally Amos would stop at our house while we were outside playing. He would play catch or shoot some basketball with us.

I visited the Herr Homestead today, February 6, 2008. As I approached the barn I saw the old manure spreader. The sight brought back a memory of the time when I was driving the tractor spreading manure. The manure spreader kicked a stone (that was buried in the manure) forward and hit me on the back of the head. It startled me for a minute. I was lucky

that it did not knock me out.

As I continued walking along the front of the barn, I rounded the corner of the corn crib and there it was, the tell tale remains of the 410 shot gun blast with which Amos had killed a thieving rat many years ago.

When Amos traveled, I fed the animals. Amos traveled several times while his mother was living. He did not want her to be alone at night, so I would sleep over in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor north west bedroom that is now an office.

Amos was a great friend and teacher. The plaque by Virginia E. Bailey on the front of Amos' house says it all. The plaque is quoted below:

1907 – 1987

#### A TRIBUTE TO AMOS HERR



Though no child could call him dad.  
 He as the best father this town had.  
 He taught history with a resounding voice;  
 A respectful attitude was our choice.  
 His old-fashioned discipline could make you crawl.  
 And praise from him made you feel ten feet tall.  
 As our coach he gave his all.  
 We learned far more than just how to play ball.  
 His unique laugh filled us with glee –  
 Not the type of person you call low key.  
 Amos showed concern in a positive way.  
 He gave this town a place to play.  
 As a world traveler he would provide  
 Amusing talks with every slide.  
 He loved his Lord and lived that way.  
 A gentle giant who could humbly pray.  
 We miss you, Amos – The villagers are sad.  
 You're the best father this town ever had.

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Jacob & Carolyn Miller, Grace Myers and Christopher Scott

#### WELCOME JUNIOR DOCENTS:

Ashley Jumbelick (12 years old) is in the 7th grade at Landisville Mille School.  
 She enjoys history, music and reading.

Ashley says that she can “feel” the House as she takes people on tours.

Corrine Struble (14 years old) is a freshman at Hempfield High School.  
 She enjoys history and reading.

**Entry Form (one per person)**

<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>Pre-Reg. by 8/13</b>	<b>Reg. after 8/13</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Kids' Fun Run w/T-Shirt	\$10.00	\$10.00*
<input type="checkbox"/> Kids' Fun Run no T-Shirt	\$5.00	\$5.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 5K Run w/T-Shirt	\$20.00	\$25.00*
<input type="checkbox"/> 5K Run no T-Shirt	\$13.00	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Run to Remember donation w/special T-Shirt; includes registration fee.	\$30.00	\$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Run to Remember donation in memory of Fred Steele; no race registration.	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Indicate Event/T-Shirt Size:**  
 Kids' Fun Run: 5 and under (1/4 mi.) 6-8 (1/4 mi.) 9-11 (1/2 mi.)  
 5K Run: 14 and under 15-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60 and over  
 Adult T-Shirt Size: S M L XL

Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*While supplies last.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment  
 Check (payable to HARC)  
 Visa  
 Master Card  
 Discover Card

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age (as of 8/22/2010): \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of my participation in the A. Herr 5K Run, I hereby for myself, my administrators, heirs, and assigns issue and release all claims for damage against the organizers of this event. I further state that I am in proper physical condition to participate in the event. I also permit the use of the aforementioned person's name and/or picture in media format for promotional purposes by the organizers.

Signature: Parent if participant a minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send Completed Form with payment to:  
 HARC  
 950 Church St.  
 Landisville, PA 17538  
 (717) 898-3102  
 www.hempfieldrec.com

5K Run Awards: Overall Male and Female, \$100 each. Additional cash awards for each age group based on number of participants.

Kids' Run Awards: Participants receive ribbons; gift certificates for top finishers.



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[www.HerrHomestead.org](http://www.HerrHomestead.org)

The house is now open for tours each weekend from 1p - 4p



**Amos R. Herr**