

Local Feature

Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center



Growing up in Holmes County, I thought I knew quite a bit about my Amish neighbors. I found, however, through a recent visit

to the Amish and Mennonite Heritage Center that there was much more to learn. As stated by their mission statement, the center is a great resource for accurate information and interpretation regarding the history, faith, culture and lifestyle of the Amish, Mennonite and Hutterite people. The 27-year-old center, located on the outskirts of Berlin, Ohio, houses several informational attractions and a unique gift shop where curious travelers can browse the area's largest selection of books by and about the Amish and Mennonites. Works by artist Heinz Gaugel as well as local crafts are on display in the gallery.

Main attractions include the South Bunker Hill one-room school house, recently moved to the site, a beautifully restored Conestoga wagon that carried early settlers to the area, and the Cyclorama.



The Cyclorama, the center's main attraction, is a ten foot tall, two hundred sixty five foot long painting by Heinz Gaugel. The painting is housed in a climate controlled circular room where guided tours are conducted throughout the day by local Amish and Mennonite guides who give a detailed



explanation of the history depicted in the painting. This work of art depicts the history of Amish, Mennonite and

Hutterite people from the resurrection of Christ to the present.

The Center receives between 25 to 28 thousand guests per year and is open year-round Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and has extended summer hours. For more information, visit www.behalt.com.

Broker Highlight

Managing Wealth in an Unpredictable Market

Karl Schlabach is one of the excellent individuals in the Hummel Group financial services team and is managing Hummel Wealth



Management, our investment management company. Growing up on a farm in Holmes County taught him dedication and hard work. With Karl, serving a customer always begins with listening first and finding a solution. The goal is to make the client's wealth grow and help them keep it by lowering the portfolio risk and increasing returns above market averages.

Our goal is to protect our clients by finding and maintaining a selection of non-correlated asset categories and by meeting regularly to monitor the activity of those individual pieces. Our process, with any investor, is to carefully view their current point in life and assess their future needs so that we can build a strategy that matches ability to invest with current market risk.

Our agents apply the same caring approach to IRA's, Annuities, Life Insurance and 401K Plans where every customer is unique and their needs must be balanced with the current circumstance. Establishing a relationship with someone you trust is very important and keeping that relationship for years is easy with our firm because our agents stay with us.

Hummel Healthy Hints by Kathy Mullen

Grilled Veggies

With gardens producing fresh vegetables and road side stands popping up everywhere, this is a tasty addition to dinner that is fast and easy. Just add your favorite meat and serve.

- 4 zucchini cut diagonally into ½ in. thick slices
- 3 each red and yellow peppers cut into 1/2in. wide strips
- 1/4cup Kraft Zesty Italian dressing
- 1/4cup Kraft 100% grated parmesan cheese

Preheat grill to medium. Place veggies in a grill basket. Grill 10 minutes or until crisp tender, turning occasionally. Place in large bowl. Add dressing, toss to coat. Sprinkle with cheese. This serves eight.

Variation: to decrease calories try a low calorie Italian dressing and low fat or fat free parmesan cheese. If no grill basket is available, cover part of the grill with heavy duty aluminum foil before preheating and spray with cooking spray. Place veggies on foil, keeping them away from raw meat. Grill as directed.

Insurance 101

When it Rains it Pours

This summer has seen some of the worst flooding the Midwest has seen in years. Flooding has happened in many parts of the country in the past 12 months.

Many are surprised to find that their homeowner's insurance policy does not cover flood damage. A separate policy for coverage must be purchased. This insurance may not break your budget. For fairly low risk areas, preferred-risk premiums can run approximately \$30 per month. The average cost nationwide is less than \$500 annually.

Flood insurance may not cover the contents in the basement. The Flood policy can include two parts: coverage for the dwelling and coverage for the contents. Most contents stored in the basement are not covered except for a washer and dryer.

Just because your mortgage company didn't require you to have flood insurance doesn't mean you shouldn't consider it.

Agency Updates

Hummel Group is continuing to add staff to better serve our clients. We are fortunate to live in a community with a tradition of solid work ethics and are blessed with outstanding employees. Please join us in welcoming

Hummel Berlin

Andrew Miller: life and financial services department. Andrew recently graduated from Bluffton University and lives in Sugarcreek OH.

RE Miller Orrville

Goldie Yoder: personal lines department. Goldie resides in Kidron with her husband Steve and comes to us after six years with the Marlin Zook agency in Dalton.

Hank Reifsnnyder: life and financial services department. Hank is starting with us full time after completing a year of teaching at Dalton H.S. Hank resides in Orrville with his wife Megan and son Brock.

Scott Nussbaum: life and financial services department. Scott is a Kidron native who is returning to the area from Goshen IN, where he was a career agent with Ohio National Life Insurance Co. He is living in Kidron with his wife Bethany.

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