

## 59 Blawenburg Potpourri

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In this issue of Tales of Blawenburg, we share a potpourri of pictures, comments, and news related to Blawenburg.

### Some Things Never Change



This pastoral scene looks like a picture taken over 100 years ago, but it was taken within the past two years. Sheep are eating and resting on Greenflash Farm, the former Covenhoven Farm on Mountain View Road that was established in 1753. If you look at the center of the picture near the top, you can see the steeple of Blawenburg Church, which was built 191 years ago and established as the Dutch Reformed Church at Blawenburg in 1832.

This scene could look the same 50 years from now since the Gallup family put this land in Farmland Preservation several years ago. The land adjacent to it on the west side is Hobler Park, which is owned by Montgomery Township.

## A Moveable Feast



In another picture from the Greenflash Farm, we see free-range chickens. Their roost-on-wheels (aka, portable chicken hotel) is shown at the top of the picture. The roost is moved about the fields frequently to new locations, which are being organically restored with help from the chickens, sheep, and hogs.

## A Sign of the Times



You may have seen this banner in front of Blawenburg Church. The church has been conducting remote worship on Zoom and Facebook since the beginning of the pandemic, and it will continue for the foreseeable future. Outdoor worship will resume beginning March 7. It will alternate between Blawenburg Church and Griggstown Church at 11:00am. See the website shown on the banner for details.

## **Blawenburg Welcomes Blawenburg Bistro**



This building has quite a history, which has been discussed in Blog 17. It started as a store in the 1830s as Blawenburg became a stagecoach stop for people traveling along the Georgetown-Franklin Turnpike. It continued as a store and post office for many years. Within the past 60 years, it has been an antique shop, pet store, and newspaper office. Even more recently, it became a restaurant with several owners. It's been known as the Blawenburg Market and Catering Company, Blawenburg Café, and The Supper Club. The building has been sold by Jennifer Hartshorne Gilbert, who had owned it since 1985, and in March, it will open as the Blawenburg Bistro. Stay tuned for more information about the Bistro in the future.

## **Your Turn**

In a future blog, we would like to print more subscribers' recollections of Blawenburg Village. These prompts may help you recall a tale that others may enjoy.

- Did you grow up in or near Blawenburg? What was it like? What are some of your memories?
- Do you remember hearing stories about Blawenburg from family or friends? Recall them as best you can.
- Did something funny happen to you in Blawenburg? Tell us about it.

You can send us notes about your thoughts or more complete stories. Don't worry about spelling or grammar. We'll take care of that. Pictures are always great. Send your thoughts, whether it's a sentence or a story to [blawenburgtales@gmail.com](mailto:blawenburgtales@gmail.com).

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