

Welcome Back, Siegrist Mill Covered Bridge!

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A historic covered bridge in the area has been given a rebirth of sorts.

The Siegrist Mill covered bridge, spanning Chickies Creek on a stretch of Siegrist Road between West Hempfield and Rapho townships, was officially reopened to traffic recently. A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place in the morning on July 22. Lancaster County commissioners Scott Martin, Dennis

Stuckey, and Craig Lehman were on hand to celebrate the reopening.

The old bridge, which was originally constructed in 1885, was swept away by floodwaters that rose due to Tropical Storm Lee in 2011. After what seemed like forever to some residents, the new bridge was completed, and area neighbors gathered to celebrate.

Members of the community were on hand to witness the ribbon cutting and
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The new Siegrist Mill covered bridge sits three feet higher than the previous bridge connecting Rapho and West Hempfield townships.