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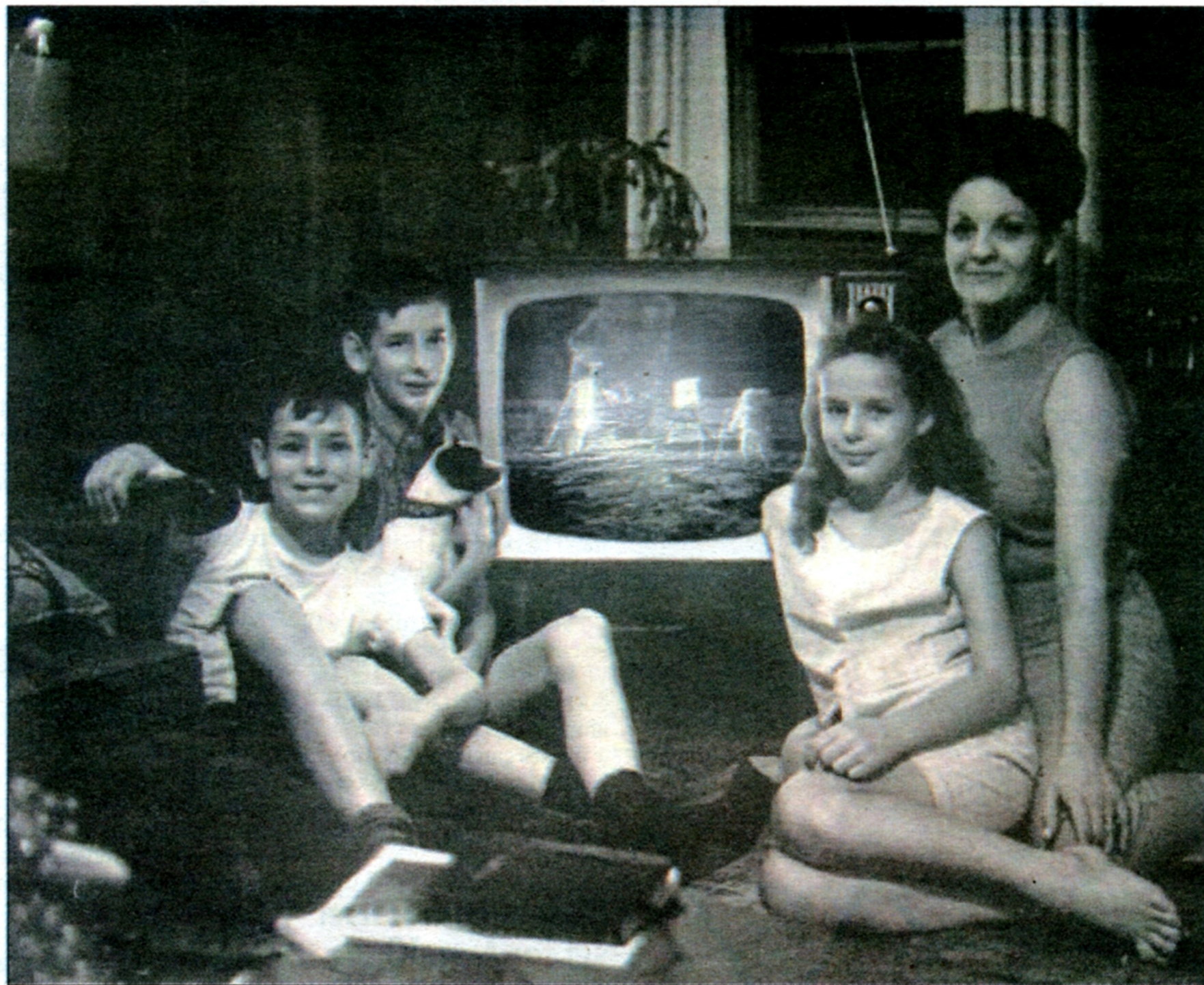
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Bob Bickers and his brother, sister and mother sit around the television on July 20, 1969 — when Apollo 11 astronauts landed on the moon. Bob Bickers is pictured with the family's dog, sitting behind his younger brother.

## Apollo 11 anniversary celebrated

*Murrysville space enthusiast shares moon landing exhibit*

BY DILLON CARR

A self-described space enthusiast from Murrysville is commemorating the 50 years since a man landed on the moon by sharing his art, inspired by seeing the Apollo mission live on television in 1969.

The Monroeville Public Library is displaying Bob Bickers' artwork through July. He will attend an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. July 20.

Also on exhibit are his collected memorabilia from the era, including newspaper clippings, magazines, posters, figurines and patches.

The gallery is free and open to the public. Artwork will be available for sale.

Bickers, 63, was 13 when he watched Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin step onto Earth's moon.

"When I was watching it, my hands were just completely sweaty," Bickers said. "It was just a bare-knuckle kind of experience. I mean it was almost like

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## Murrysville man to share exhibit

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a dream later that evening — there were people actually on the moon."

He said his father snapped photos of the historic event that was broadcast on television. The most prominent photograph features himself, his brother, sister and mother sitting around the television —

which is showing live footage of the moon landing.

Bickers said he grew up enthralled by space exploration, reading books on the Apollo missions and keeping up with news about them. He bought newspapers the week before and after the Apollo 11 mission and collected other memorabilia throughout the years.

His interest in space cor-

related with a love for art, and throughout the years, he developed the craft of painting while also working as a full-time attorney with a practice in Murrysville.

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