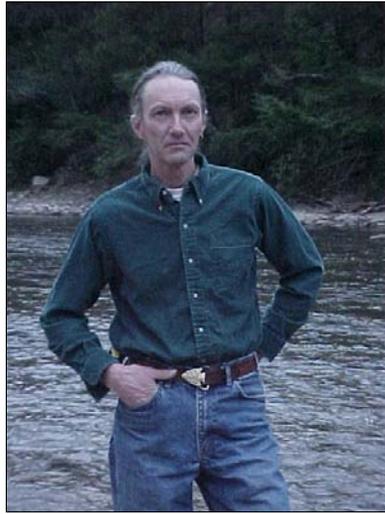




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Kim Mattern

Kim's Passion... Preserving Native American History

Kim Mattern, a resident of Penns Creek, Snyder County, has been fascinated with locating, identifying, and preserving local Native American artifacts since his early childhood. His interest began when he was six years old, as he accompanied his father and grandfather during their search for artifacts. They scoured the surface of newly plowed fields in search of relics from an era when Native Americans were the only people who inhabited Buffalo Valley.

At age eight, and without assistance, Kim Mattern went exploring for artifacts in the field behind the former Mid Way Restaurant alongside Route 104. Crawling on the ground on his hands and knees he discovered his first artifact. From that moment he was hooked. Mattern's interest in Native American's, and the artifacts they left behind, evolved into a childhood hobby, then an avocation, and today it is his passion.

Mattern's collection of Native American artifacts numbers in the thousands. With the exception of a few artifacts that he gave away, he has preserved every artifact he found. Cognizant of the fact that each artifact he discovers was last held by a Native American, Mattern considers each find "sacred." That awareness fosters a sense of kinship to the Natives who once called this area their home. It has also kindled a yearning to learn more about the people who once inhabited this region.

The Natives who lived, hunted, and fished in this area were a part of the Iroquois, which consisted of Five Nations. Those Nations included the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca. The Tuscaroras later became associated with those above to form the Sixth Nation. The tribes who inhabited much of the eastern United States prior to the arrival of the European settlers were bound together by a common language. Smaller clans, or families, in this area were known as the Susquehannocks, Lenni Lenape, or Delaware. Other than occasional skirmishes over hunting territories, these tribes coexisted peacefully among themselves, according to Mattern.

Some of the artifacts found in this area are made of material that is not native to this region. Those artifacts came from quarries or locations hundreds of miles away. Others are known to have come from sites outside of Pennsylvania. That knowledge begs the question – how did

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

Most times after mail count is over, I will go on vacation to recuperate!. This year was no exception, but unlike many years, I didn't go to Florida for spring training. My wife, daughter, and I went to Williamsburg, Virginia. We planned this trip to coincide with my daughters' senior year spring break from Lock Haven University. We all had a fun and relaxing time. We especially enjoyed going to Virginia Beach on a day when the temperature was 85 degrees! During off-season there, many people were walking their dogs on the beach, and we enjoyed watching them. With the warmer weather many dogs will be outside in our area also. They can present hazards for mail carriers. Last year, more than 3000 letter carriers were attacked while on the job delivering the nation's mail. Over 4.7 million Americans, mostly children, were bitten by dogs in the US last year. Please make sure your pet is properly restrained, if you own one, and make sure their vaccines are up to date. Bees, wasps, and hornets like warm weather also. They often make nests in cozy places, such as mail receptacles. Please check your mailbox periodically and remove any nests promptly so everyone can enjoy a safe spring!

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The bluff overlooking Penns Creek at the mouth of Switzer Run.

these artifacts arrive here? According to Mattern, the non-native artifacts that continue to be discovered were sometimes traded between tribes. Bartering between the clans, in conjunction with natural migration of the tribes explains the widespread distribution of Native American artifacts.

According to Mattern, the Native Americans were wise stewards of the land, the wildlife, and the natural resources that sustained them. They were also a proud people who lived in harmony with the natural world. The Natives viewed the land around them as common stock, bestowed upon them by the Great Spirit for the benefit of all. Rather than depleting all of the game species in the area they were living in, the entire colony would relocate to different location. They often returned to a former settlement once the wildlife populations had rebounded.

They were efficient hunters and trappers, and animals such as the whitetail deer and elk were a primary staple for the Natives. According to Mattern, after killing a deer or elk, the Native knelt alongside the animal and gave thanks to the Great Spirit for supplying sustenance to their family. Other sources of food

included birds, eggs, turtles, and fish. They also foraged for roots, nuts, berries, and grapes.

Many of the tools and weapons used by the Natives were made of stone. Trees were cut down and used for dugouts, logs for building purposes, and for firewood. Huts were made from saplings, which were bent over to form the framework for a domed roof. Roofing material was sometimes made of bark or animal skins. These were primitive structures, but they provided escape from the elements.

According to Mattern, the Natives also moved from one location to another during various times of the year. They had a camp that was used during the summer months, and a camp where they spent the winter. Since fresh clean water was a requirement for survival, they located alongside springs and streams.

Although there were larger communities along the Susquehanna River, a colony of Natives Americans located at the mouth of Switzer Run was one of the largest in this area, according to Mattern. This colony was located on a bluff overlooking Penns Creek in Limestone Township. A well-known site to artifact collectors, Mattern speculates that thousands of Native American artifacts have been removed from this site.

Between 300 and 500 Natives may have formed the clan, or family that lived alongside the Mahoney or Karoondinha, as the Natives referred to Penns Creek. During the era when the Natives inhabited this area, virgin timber towered over the landscape. To clear the understory of debris, they burned sections of the forest. In order to plant their crops such as corn, pumpkins, and beans, tall trees were removed to allow the sunlight to reach the ground. Although they did not remain on any particular site for more than 10 or 20 years, Mattern believes that the Switzer Run site was frequented over thousands of years.

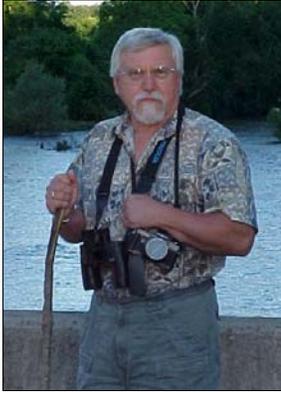
As someone who has organized and participated in a number of archeological digs in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Mattern is able to offer insight as to the appearance and customs of the Natives who lived in this region. Although he has yet to unearth the remains of a Native American in Union or Snyder County, human remains have been located at digs he assisted with in Lancaster County.

Debris piles, located at known sites, contain a variety of animal bones including deer, elk, owl, fish, beaver and squirrel. The condition of such bones depends largely on the type of soil where the debris pile was located. One of the primary reasons Mattern and others have concluded that bison never existed in Pennsylvania is because bones from these animals have never been located during an archeological dig within the state.

Describing the appearance of these Natives, Mattern stated that they were commonly dressed in long buckskins most of the year. During the summer months the males were shirtless, while wearing only a loincloth. During their hunting forays the men wore buckskins around their legs for protection. Both male and female tattooed their bodies by making small incisions and rubbing charcoal into the cut as a way of permanently marking their skin. Characteristics of more affluent Native Americans were those who wore showy beads around their necks.

According to Mattern, the Natives maintained a major path through the forest that ran from the Susquehanna River west through Union County and into Centre County. That path was connected to the colony of Natives that were located near the mouth of Switzer Run. As the path proceeded in a westerly direction it avoided the low lying swampy areas in favor of higher ground. If this path was intact today it would skirt the villages of Dice, Swengel, Millmont, and Laurelton, before pro-

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BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

“That’s an odd looking duck!” It happened on the last day of winter, a cold and windy day. I had reached the Covered Bridge and was leaning on it as I normally do. I began thinking about this century and a half old structure and the many changes that have occurred since it was built. Then I looked upstream and was reminded of something a Greek philosopher had said: “Man never steps into the same river twice.” The river is constantly changing, and, so too, is the world we live in. Where man fits into this changing world is of major importance. I thought of some Chinese landscape paintings I have seen. In these paintings there are usually depictions of soaring, mist-shrouded mountains. Somewhere in the scene is often a small speck, which usually is a lone monk in a rustic hut contemplating the grandeur of the scene. Man is a part of the scene, but just a part, and a small part at that. In the vast span of time, man’s existence is but a blink of the eye, and each individual’s time is barely a nanosecond. Some of us get more, some less. What we get is what we get. What we choose to do with this precious gift is up to each of us. We can do good in this life or we can do evil. We can make every second count or we can waste it all. It is a decision that is at the very core of who we are.

In the midst of these cosmic mental meanderings, I noticed a bird flying into my field of view. I remember thinking, ***“That’s an odd looking duck!”*** Instead of landing on the water as I had expected, it landed in a tree about twenty yards upstream. Shortly after this, another bird landed in a tree near the first duck. I focused my binoculars on the first duck and could just barely make out its outline. The duck had a coiffure, looking much like an English dandy with slicked-back hair. It was a male Wood Duck. The other duck was its female mate. The male is a beautiful, multi-colored bird with the distinctive green crest I had seen, while the female is a drab brown color with a distinctive white eye-patch. I watched the male bobbing its head up and down for several minutes, obviously some courtship behavior. It then flew into the same tree as the female. The cold from the wind was becoming too much to stand still any longer, so I started on my way. I can’t help it, but there is just something un-natural about a duck landing in a tree. I have seen those Wood Duck boxes around for years, but had never seen a duck land in a tree before. The Wood Duck boxes are an attempt to replace habitat man has taken away from the ducks. At one time the Wood Duck was the most populous of all ducks in the Eastern part of the country. The ducks’ natural nests are cavities in trees close to streams or ponds. The ducklings will hatch in the nest and then jump down to the ground and make their way to the water. See www.birds.cornell.edu or just enter ‘Wood Duck’ in *Google* and get over 15 million links!!!

The birds are continuing to return and they certainly are a welcome sight. The Red-winged Blackbirds, Common Grackles, Common Snipes and Phoebes have arrived. I saw a small band of Tree Swallows the day after that strange summer day we had at mid-month, but I think that was a fluke. The ‘Millmont’ Tree Swallows should be arriving the first week of April. It has been a cold March, but we know spring has ‘officially’ arrived and bird activity is increasing daily, so grab your binoculars and take it all in.

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ceeding to Weikert.

As the white people ventured into Native lands (referred to as the contact era), they were welcomed with open arms. The Natives were willing to share with them their food and their hospitality. They also traded animal hides and furs for items such as knives, metal axes, guns, and things made of glass. By 1755 approximately 25 white families had settled in the valley. Some of those families were located within the confines of what is now Limestone Township. Jacob King, alias Jean Jacques LeRoy, was one of the first settlers brave enough to bring his family into the remote wilderness region. He built his log cabin next to a spring located near the intersection of Ridge Road and Dice Road, south of Mifflinburg. The LeRoy family’s closest neighbor was the Leininger family.

By the 1750’s, a feeling of friendship and goodwill that prevailed for nearly 50 years between the white people and the Native people was beginning to unravel. The Natives believed the white settlers, who continued to encroach upon their ancestral

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LeRoy's Spring is the site where Jean Jacques LeRoy lost his life in October 1755, at the hands of several Native Americans. Anne Marie LeRoy, her brother John, and another young girl visiting with the family were then taken captive.

lands, cheated them. The feeling of mistrust and resentment among the Natives was about to explode into outright anger and hostility.

The Native Americans, who were forced off their lands, had entered into an alliance with the French in their ongoing battle with the British. In July 1755, the French defeated General Edward Braddock, and his troops, near Fort Duquesne. Braddock's defeat emboldened the Native Americans who were determined to run the white settlers off of their lands. In October 1755, the white settlers in this area were attacked in what has become known as the Penns Creek Massacre. All of the settlers were killed, captured, or driven out of the valley.

The first family to come under attack was the LeRoy family. Jacob LeRoy was killed near the spring, which now bears his name. He was then placed inside the door of his burning cabin. When his body was later found, only the upper torso had escaped the flames. Two tomahawks were lodged in his skull. The Natives who attacked the home captured Anne Marie LeRoy, her brother John, and a young girl who was visiting with the family. Two of the attackers then went to the Leininger homestead a short distance away. After demanding rum and tobacco, they killed the father and son. The two young sisters, Barbara and Regina Lein-

inger were taken captive. By the time the Natives returned to Kittanning, in western Pennsylvania, nineteen settlers were dead, ten were taken captive, and numerous others were wounded.

Following 3 ½ years of captivity, Anne Marie LeRoy, Barbara Leininger and several other prisoners planned and executed their escape, while living near the Ohio border. Their harrowing adventure has been preserved for posterity on pages 141 through 151 of the book entitled "Otzinachson" A history of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, published by John F. Meginness in Williamsport in 1889. This legendary narrative is a milestone in the early history of Buffalo Valley. This story and others, continue to fascinate and captivate those who are intrigued by the rich history that surrounds us.

The plight of the Native Americans who inhabited Buffalo Valley before the arrival of the European settlers is a subject near and dear to the heart of Kim Mattern. As an avocational archaeologist his desire to research, study, document, and preserve the cultural heritage of the Native Americans is an ongoing mission. Despite the fact that he holds no university degree, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission recognizes both his research methods and his work product.

With a goal of enticing young people to become more interested in Native American culture and heritage, Mattern enjoys presenting programs at schools and libraries. Getting young people interested is something that begins in the Mattern household, as he passes his knowledge, his expertise, and his passion for Native Americans on to his son, Nathan.

A resident of Penns Creek, Snyder County, Kim Mattern is the son of Billy Mattern of Mifflinburg and Emma Mattern of Penns Creek. A graduate of Middleburg High School, he is employed at the Union County Courthouse in Lewisburg. He has participated in numerous archeological digs, where accuracy and detail on each artifact recovered is processed, mapped, cataloged, and preserved for future research.

Sources: In addition to Kim Mattern other sources used in this article included "Otzinachson" A History of the West Branch Valley of the Susquehanna River, published by John F. Meginness in Williamsport, PA, 1889, Union County Sesquicentennial, Annals of Buffalo Valley 1755 - 1855, published by John Blair Linn in 1877, and reprinted by Reiner Publication, Swengel, PA in 1975, "The Story of a County" published in 1963, and "Alone Yet Not Alone" by Tracey Michelle Leininger, published by His Seasons, 2001.

Editors note: As a result of the Penns Creek Massacre, an exodus by all of the white settlers in the valley ensued. This is sometimes referred to as the Great Runaway. In 1780 and 1781, about twenty five years after the first exodus, Native Americans returned to this area to once again remove all of the white settlers. Many of these settlers were killed, captured or driven out. During these attacks John Foster Jr., George Etzweiler, James Chambers and Samuel McLoughlin were killed at French Jacobs Mill, near Forest Hill. Patrick Watson and his mother were killed near White Springs, while John Shively, Catherine and Anna Weyerbach (Weirbach), and others were taken captive in the west end of the county. In the next issue I will explore some of those interesting historical events.

"We know our lands have now become more valuable. The white people think we do not know their value; but we know that the land is everlasting, and the few goods we receive for it are soon worn out and gone." Canassatego



Jacob LeRoy Monument

A monument was erected by the Pennsylvania Historical Commission and the Union County Historical Society near the site of the LeRoy homestead in 1919. The bronze plaque reads as follows:

John Jacob LeRoy was killed by the Indians near this spot during the time of the Penns Creek Massacre, October 16, 1755. This was the first act of hostility by the Indians of the Province following the defeat of General Edward Braddock, July 9, 1755. A daughter of John Jacob LeRoy, Marie, and Barbara Leininger were taken captive at this time and taken to the Muskingum in Ohio, from which they escaped several years later and returned to Philadelphia.

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Debunking One Local Native American Myth

The photograph above was taken near the village of Dice, on Route 304 between Mifflinburg and New Berlin. It shows a large mound on the east side of the highway, north of Dice. A longstanding myth surrounding this mound is that it was a Native American burial site. Kim Mattern and I have both heard comments from people who claimed that this was the location where Natives buried their dead. Mattern made an onsite investigation of these claims a number of years ago. His study of this mound revealed that it is nothing more than a large area of stratified shale. When viewed from a wider angle it appears that the mound is actually an extension of the ridge to the west, and has merely been dissected by the state highway and a small stream that flows nearby. According to Mattern, Native Americans in this region interred their dead much like we do today. They dug a four to five foot hole in the ground, and laid the deceased in the opening before covering it over. While a burial site has yet to be discovered in Union County, Mattern has concluded that Native Americans are not buried at this mound near Dice.

Union County Historical Society Dinner & Program

CSI - Collective Strategies of Interpretation by Kim Mattern

At The Union County
Sportsmen's Club in Weikert
April 20, 2006

Researcher Kim Mattern will give a view of the interpretive frameworks for identifying Native American and early colonial artifacts, as well as contemporary and reproductive objects. He will discuss the techniques and tools used in any research, and utilization of special abilities within the scope of recognizing objects of antiquity.

Mattern is a highly regarded investigator of Native American history, culture and settlement in central Pennsylvania. He has an extensive collection of Native American artifacts, many acquired from his own fieldwork. A selection of his pieces was recently displayed at the Union County Courthouse, and will be shown at the program.

You are invited to bring objects that you would like to have further identified. These may be Native American or early American pieces.

The free program will follow a buffet dinner, with Roast Beef, Chicken, and Fish Entrees; Vegetables, Salad Bar, Desserts, Beverages and a Cash Bar. Dinner is \$13.00 per person. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Prepaid dinner reservations are required, and should be made by April 14. Directions to the Sportsmen's Club: Take Route 45 to the west end of Hartleton turning left onto Laurel Road.. Take Laurel Road to the village of Laurelton. At the intersection go straight on Weikert Road and proceed 5 miles to the Sportsmen's Club. For more information please contact the U. C. Historical Society at 524.8666.



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

Income Tax

April seemed like a good time to delve into the origins of the income tax. Federal income tax became law when the 16th Amendment was added in 1913. At that time it was a 6% levy on all people and corporations making \$500,000.00 dollars or more. When we became engaged in World War I there was a push to generate more revenue. The rate at which one paid taxes was lowered and an excess profit tax was added.

WWII saw another change in income tax. Exemptions were drastically reduced and the starting rate was drastically reduced. It was during this time that withholding taxes became the norm. Looking over our old tax returns I found the oldest one we had was for 1947. I'm not sure if we didn't file before that time or if I failed to keep a copy. Anyway, the 1947 return showed we paid the princely sum of six dollars for that fiscal year. This was the beginning of having to keep a depreciation schedule. Even with a Farm Form which listed all the income and expenses, and a depreciation sched-

ule the whole package consisted of four pages, counting the tax schedule and the instructions. There was a slight increase in the percentage of taxes as the 1950 dollar sum for \$5,000.00 was \$152.00 and the 1953 tax was \$195.00 for the same amount and for the same number of exemptions. Since the computation table with the forms stopped at \$5,000.00, 1953 was the last year they came on the back of the forms. Also there were no longer instructions with the form. I think that was the year I started going to tax school.

Nineteen fifty-six was the year we were all required to list social security numbers. Prior to that there was no space for the listing of social security numbers.

WWII also saw the introduction of estimating taxes. If you didn't have an employer who withheld taxes you were sent a package of withholding forms to be filled out quarterly, to be sent in with the quarterly amount you thought you might earn for the year.

Income tax was not new to many Americans. During the Civil War there was a temporary tax bill passed that was relaxed after the war was over. There was an attempt during the depression of the 1890's to pass a law, but it was defeated. However, in 1909 the Congress did pass a corporate union tax. The severity of the rates was called "socialist finance" by many. That tax was relaxed considerably during the 1920's. It might be noted that at that time there was a budgetary surplus and a substantial reduction of the war debt.

Some of the information I read says there is an estimate that ten to twenty percent of people don't pay their fair share of taxes, or some who don't pay at all. I have no way of knowing if this is true. But I'm sure if you believe that, you certainly have a hard time parting with the money for taxes.

Letters and Emails to the Editor

Tony, My name is Darrell Keister from Bellville, IL. I'm tracing my family tree with the help of Glenda Schaeffer. I was wondering if you had any information on Levi and Sarah (Sally Ann) Keister who are my GGGrandparents. My GGGrandfather was Perry E. Keister and was married to Anne Mae Rearick of Union County. Glenda sent me a copy of the TMT and I find it very interesting. I would like to subscribe by getting it over the internet if possible. Would appreciate any help on Levi and Sarah. Thanks
Darrell Keister, Belleville, IL

Hi Tony and Janice, We purchased a new computer and now can download and print Millmont Times. You can take me off your mail list. Please keep any money. You deserve it and more. We really look forward to reading Millmont Times each month and I pass it on to others. Keep up the great work.
Scott Sanders, Mifflinburg

Dear Tony, I doubt very much if Paddy Mountain was named for Patrick Watson, since he lived at White Springs. It is more likely the mountain was named for someone who lived near it. I read, or someone told me, that it was named for John (Paddy) Glover, an Irishman who lived in what is now Hartley Township, but I have no proof of that. Glover is buried in the Laurel Run Cemetery. (See R. VB. Lincoln's history of Hartley Township in Union County Heritage, Vol. XIV, pp. 11-13 where he discusses Paddy Mountain and John Glover, one of the earliest settlers).

We know a little something about the monument along Penns Creek that Jim Hostetler referred to in his letter to you. It is accessed by going downstream from Old Mingle Road, which dead ends at the creek; or by walking upstream from Poe Paddy Picnic Area. If using the latter route, first cross the railroad trestle where there is a cabin on your left, and continue

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Recipe of the Month

By Janice (Dorman) Shively

BLT Salad



4 Bacon Strips, diced
4 Cups Spring Mix Salad Greens
1 Medium Tomato, chopped
1/2 C. Cubed Cheddar Cheese
1/3 C. Mayonnaise
1 TBSP. Sugar
2 tsp. Cider Vinegar
Salt and Pepper to taste
1/2 C. Salad Croutons

In a skillet, or microwave, cook bacon until crisp. Drain on paper towels. In a salad bowl, combine the greens, tomato and cheese. In a small bowl, combine the mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar, salt and pepper. Pour over salad; toss to coat. Sprinkle with bacon and croutons. Yield: 4 servings

I found this recipe in a Quick Cooking Magazine, and it has quickly become a favorite when serving guests.

ENJOY!

Thank You!

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Thanks to everyone who renewed their subscriptions for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make this newsletter possible, and is greatly appreciated!!

Thanks also to Betty Catherman of Mifflinburg for allowing me to copy some old newspaper clippings and a photograph of my grandparents, Jacob and Florence Shively, Gail Erdley for submitting material relative to the death of Paddy Watson, Angela Fetterolf for sending me a index of her collection of obits, Marie (Boney) Sparks for donating a copy of the Salem School Class of 1928 (which will be published in a future issue of the newsletter), Billy Mattern for a copy of the pamphlet, "Then and Now" and for allowing me to make a copy of his self published work, "New Orleans and Back", Eugene Hoffman for sharing a copy of the magazine Keystone, which included Mike Bezilla's article on the L & T Railroad, Bep Steese and Leona Hackenburg for loaning me back issues of The Mifflinburg Telegraph, David Goehring for sending me a copy of "Upbeat" which included an article about the late Paul Keene, founder of Walnut Acres. I also want to thank the following people who offered assistance with my request for information relating to Burd's Store in Swengel: Delphia Shirk, David Diehl, Forest Wenrich, Bep Steese, and Kim Blyler.

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on a path along the creek back of the cabin for a short distance.

My dad pointed out the monument to us years ago, and told the story although we don't remember all the details. A group of young people were swimming in the creek near the railroad trestle as evening approached. The young man who drowned was a World War I, either a veteran or home on leave from same. (It was probably the former if Mr. Hostetler is correct about the date being in the 1920's.) I thought the young man dived from the bridge, but Matthew remembers his grandpa saying he drowned in the deep water near the trestle. (Matthew's memory is better than mine!) At any rate, it was an accident, and no mystery connected with it, but nevertheless a sad story.

Out theory is that someone in the swimming party had a connection to the people who owned the land or nearby cabin, since the monument was erected near there.

Maybe you will hear from someone who had the story passed down to them as we did, but who has a more accurate memory.

I know you won't have a problem locating the monument. Don't forget to take your camera! We failed to do that.

Best regards, Judy Wagner, Mifflinburg, PA

The Great Spirit is in all things, he is in the air we breathe. The Great Spirit is our Father, but the Earth is our Mother. She nourishes us, that which we put into the ground she returns to us....
Big Thunder (Bedagi) Wabanaki Algonquin

From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively (1870 - 1954) a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death: *Wednesday, April 9, 1941 - 33 degrees this morning at 6. 50 degrees at nine this evening. At ten o'clock this morning I went to Swengel, Clarence J. Catherman, son of Tobias and Elizabeth Catherman, was buried. Catherman was struck while walking along the highway a mile east of Kulpmont in company with Harold Kaler. Catherman was 20, born at Milton, March 8, 1921. He was a member of Co. L 109th Field Infantry, 28th Division at Indiantown Gap. The Chaplin and a number of members of the Co. were in charge at the grave. The Chaplin read the 13 chapter and made some remarks. I preached the sermon using the 13th Chapter of Cor. Already mentioned. Interment in adjoining cemetery. Clarence Catherman buried. I went back to the home from dinner. Tobias gave me \$3.00.*

This afternoon I dug some garden and planted onions, and this evening Mr. George Vanatta took me over to Bro. Flemings for the pig. Bro. Joe said he wanted to give us one, when we came over he was working night shift at Burnham, but his son David was there and gave us two pigs instead of one. Brother Starook brought us a two-way plough for us to try with the tractor Jacob is making for us out of a Chevrolet car.

Thursday April 10, 1941 - A very nice day. I was digging garden and planting onions and other seed. H.R. M. brought us some screenings about 8 bushels, at 40 cents per bushel. Edmund called after school. Edgar was here this evening. He stayed with grandma last evening while Mr. Vanatta and I went for the pigs. The following appeared in the Item today "Monday a license was issued to David G. Shively, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Shively, Millmont, and Marjorie Libby, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Libby, Millmont." David gets license. Jacob brought the tractor down this evening.

Union County Historical Society Events and Programs

May 13 - An all day bus tour of historic sites in Union County is scheduled. The Saturday tour will visit and learn about: the Buggy Museum in Mifflinburg, the Penns Creek massacre site, and our first county courthouse in New Berlin. A stop at Col. Slifer's Victorian home near Lewisburg, the White Deer train station, the site of Widow Smith's mill and more. Details will be made available in the spring. You can also visit the society's website: www.unioncountyhistoricalsociety.org

What's Happening at the 4-Bell Lutheran Church by Shirley Kerstetter

- * Members of the church will be making peanut butter and coconut Easter eggs each Monday through April 10th. Orders for the Easter eggs can be made by calling Bev Catherman at 922.1640, Tammy Boop at 966.1610, or Shirley Kerstetter at 966.0034.
- * Bible Study will be held at the church on the second Tuesday of every month. The group study will be begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 12 noon.
- * A Prayer and Healing Service will be held at the church on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- * The church will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 15 beginning at 10 a.m.

Blood Mobile

There will be a blood drive on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at St. George's Church, 999 Forest Hill Road, Mifflinburg, PA. All persons 17 and older, in good health, and who weigh at least 110 pounds are urged to come out and donate blood. Please bring photo ID. You can call 800. GIVE LIFE with eligibility questions.

Lewis Township News

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held March 9, 2006, 7:30 PM at the Lewis Township Municipal Building, Millmont. The following, being members of the board of authority named in the articles of incorporation, were present: Jim Sanders, Renda Shively, Steve Bilger, and Marge Schmader. Also present were Solicitor Melissa Lobos, HRG Rep. Rob Rowe and Plant Mgr. Walt Scholl.

The minutes were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was given. The checking account balance for February was \$11,805.29 and \$97,204.70 in CDs and were approved and filed for audit. Marge made a motion and Steve seconded it to have Renda look into getting the best rate for a CD that is mature - so moved. Steve made a motion to pay the bills and Clair seconded it - so moved.

CORRESPONDENCE: We received the bond for our treasurer, Renda Shively.

We also received a duplicate original of the Lewis Township Ordinance allowing the solicitors to collect their attorney's fees in billing from accounts.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Rob Rowe submitted a Hydraulic Loading Data report. It is on file. He also reported that the new price for transducers \$26,793. The old price was \$25,174. Renda made a motion to accept the price for the SBR Control System update. Steve seconded - so moved.

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The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one shows the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission sign along Route 104, south of Mifflinburg, which denotes the Penns Creek Massacre that occurred nearby.

Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

Feb. 16, 2006

Harvey and Ruth Horning of Millmont moved in with her sister, Mrs. Weaver Zimmerman of Mifflinburg. They had built a part onto the house so they each have their own part of the house.

Feb. 18, 2006

It is a cold and windy day for the equipment sale of John and Esther Zimmerman of Millmont. The girls and I stayed at home where it was warm. We made noodles most of the forenoon.

Feb. 19, 2006

Jonathan and Lucy Martin of Middleburg have a son named Daryl. He has one brother. Grandparents are Mervin and Annetta Martin and Amos and Elizabeth Hoover, all of Mifflinburg.

We visited at Ammon and Mary Martins this afternoon. Others were there, including Norman and Ella Mae Martin and family, and Orvie and Marie Zimmerman.

Wayne Horning, son of Samuel and Alice, and Michelle Martin, daughter of Lester and Marlene, have wedding plans for March 23, 2006.

Nathaniel Zimmerman (5) son of Erwin and Eva Zimmerman of Mifflinburg has a broken collarbone.

Feb. 23, 2006

Allen and Darlene Zimmerman of Millmont have a son named Louis. He has one brother and two sisters. Grandparents are Phares and Ada Zimmerman of Millmont, and Irvin and Esther Martin of Mifflinburg.

Alvin and Annie Nolt of Mifflinburg had a fire in their chicken manure storage shed. The firemen opened the side of the building to get to the fire. The same day Ervin and Martha Oberholtzer of Millmont had a trash fire that spread and got out of control. The fire company came to help.

Amos and Almeta Horning of Middleburg have a son named Curvin. He has three brothers and four sisters. Grandparents are Phares and Anna Horning of Mifflinburg and Milton and Edith Hurst of East Earl. We are happy that baby Curvin is healthy. His two year old sister is handicapped and he has siblings with MSUD.

Feb 25, 2006

Allen and Dorothy Reiff of Millmont have a son named Levi Aaron. He has five brothers and four sisters. Grandparents are Aaron and Laura Reiff of Millmont and Levi and Lydia Martin of Mifflinburg.

Elvin and Lucy Martin of Mifflinburg lost their building by fire. It started from a welder spark. They got their horse and buggy and tools out. A few pieces of equipment burned. The fire company was there, but it was very windy and the building burned quickly.

Feb. 28, 2006

Ervin and Martha Oberholtzer of Millmont have a daughter named Lizzie Beth. She has one sister. Grandparents are Harry and Alta Oberholtzer of Millmont and Alvin and Lizzie Sensenig of Mifflinburg.

Ben David Martin (18) son of Ben and Ethel Zimmerman of Mifflinburg, is recovering following surgery.

March 1, 2006

Paul Nolt (18) son of Harold and Lucy Nolt of Mifflinburg, was injured recently.

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Looking Back

The article below was published in the Mifflinburg Telegraph on April 22, 1921.

NINE FIRES BURN ABOUT 130 ACRES

Good Telephone Service, Roads and
Lookout Stations and Loyal Support
of Citizens Helped Check Fires

Because of the open winter and little snow this spring forest fire season promises to be the worst for a number of years on the Karoondinha District. Nine fires have already occurred with the bad fire season just starting. Because of good telephone service, roads, automobiles, and lookout stations and the support of loyal citizens all these fires have been checked before they made much headway and only 130 acres were burned.

The largest of these fires was caused by an east bound freight train about a mile east of Paddy Mountain Tunnel on April 5th. It burned a strip between the railroad and the top of the mountain where it was stopped and both sides closed in before daylight the next morning. The next day it was patrolled by a small crew of men and kept from breaking out. The following day the line was again inspected and considered safe.

Nine fires, part of them from careless smokers and brush burners is not a good record with the spring fire season only beginning. Trout season will soon be here with a small army of careless smokers in the woods. The Commissioner of Forestry has requested every sportsman not to smoke while traveling thru the woods or fishing. Are you a good enough sport to comply with this request and enjoy your smoke while in camp or while resting in a safe place?

Or are you the kind of sportsman that would, by your carelessness destroy the nests of the grouse, drive out the deer and spoil your hunting, destroy the forest cover that protects and makes possible your trout fishing, help bring on a timber famine and last but not least bring to posterity a famine like China has today.

We are counting on you to prevent fires on Karoondinha District and make a sportsmans paradise of it for future generations and a store house of timber that will never again be

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March 2, 2006

Today is wedding day for Jonathan Martin and Martha Ann Zimmerman, both of Mifflinburg. It is not very nice traveling weather for the people who came from out of the county, with freezing rain we have.

Pauline looked out the window and said, "The rain is coming down, and ice cubes....." (I'm glad the "ice cubes" are smaller than the ones we usually use!)

March 5, 2006

Noah and Rosella Oberholtzer have a daughter named Bernice. She has two brothers and one sister. Grandparents are Allen and Lucy Oberholtzer and Eli and Anna Shirk, all of Mifflinburg.

March 10, 2006

George and Edna Martin of Lewisburg are having a warm and sunny day for their public auction.

March 14, 2006

Levi and Susan Oberholtzer of Millmont have a son named Wayne. He has one brother and two sisters. Grandparents are Ivan and Martha Oberholtzer of Millmont and Mrs. Jonas Hoover of Ephrata.

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devastated.

S. T. Moore, chief engineer of the Department of Forestry visited the district during the past week. Calvin Hayes, of Hartleton, started surveying the west line of the forest near Livonia, with a full crew of men during this week. Robert R. Neefe, of Bureau of Operations, visited the new office in the Borough Building and seemed well pleased with the location.

Ranger Carl D. Motz, of Woodward, with a small crew of men were busy, part of last week, improving the park in the Seven Mile Narrows. The original old name was placed over the registration booth. Other new signs were put up. Much cleaning up was done and grass seed sown in the open spots. Posts placed to keep autos out of the park proper, a number of fine evergreen trees planted and other improvements made. It is hoped the public will take care of the trees and grass and help make and keep the place beautiful.

Bible Quiz

August Barnett, 1587 Pine Court, Harrisonburg, VA 22802, was the winner of the March Bible Quiz. As a result he won the \$10.00 cash prize. The answer to the question was Acts 2:16 - 21 and Joel 2: 28 - 32.

The person responsible for the Bible Quiz would like to thank all those who entered the March Bible quiz.

The Bible Quiz Question for April: What sign did God give to Hezekiah so that he would know that 15 years would be added to his life? Please include the Chapter and verse where the answer can be found.

A \$10 cash prize will be awarded to the person selected with the correct answer.

Send your answer to: Bible Quiz, P. O. Box 21, Millmont PA 17845. Please have your answer submitted by the 20th of the month.

Dawn yawned—

But from Earth's tomb,
Well sealed for doom,
Tear drenched in gloom,
Burst forth the slain One!
Grave garb on stone bed.
Napkin folded from His head
Keepers cold, appeared as dead.
Jesus claimed death done!

Who will?

Women's sanded feet
padding softly in the street.
Three, with morning, greet.
"Who will roll away the stone?"
Dawn's rays pierced the place of dread,
"He is not here; where is The Dead?"
Morning's rays have tinted red.
"What new grief for us?" they groan.

Now where?

Stricken by their empty room,
spices rich were carried home;
Magdalene remained alone.
Through her tears she saw a light.
Stooping down she peered inside
the tomb of death, now gaping wide.
Two men there sat side by side:
Angels dressed in brilliant white!

Still seeking—

Questions in her aching, burned.
With brimming, liquid sight, she turned
to ask a gardener if he'd learned
of the place her Lord was taken.
"Why weepest thou?"
"Whom seekest thou?"
"Behold me now."

His greeting left her shaken.

"Mary—" spoken.

Only One could speak like this!
That loving voice she could not miss;
the woman raised her face in bliss:
"Rabboni—teacher!" The One she sought!
With rapture, realization!
Bowing in oblation,
hailing her Salvation!

Christ's shed blood salvation bought!

Daylight reached—

Then did morning fling,
to those huddled in a ring,
Light upon their suffering?
"I have seen the Lord!" was Magdalene's cry.
Doubtful, but hoping,
grieving minds, groping:
when joy halted their moping.
Before dawn yawned, they could say, "So have I!"

Brenda M. Weaver
March 2006

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Rob said the Chapter 94 is due March 31, 2006. HRG will submit it.

He said there are no concerns with the plant – HRG isn't worried. We can still add 3 EDUs a year.

PLANT OPERATOR UPDATE: Walt Scholl reported that there are no major problems at the plant. The muskrats have been removed. He reported that the I & I is giving him fits, but the new computer will take care of that.

Walt will be off work starting March 21 for surgery. His nephew, who has helped Walt in the past, Steve Nogle and Jason Koch will cover for him for the 6 weeks he is off.

OLD BUSINESS: The delinquent account has been figured out. The check we received from them will be put in their account.

Marge made a motion to shorten the delinquent period for late sewer payments from 150 days to 90 days effective June 1, 2006. Seconded by Steve – so moved.

Marge made a motion to discontinue the vacancies effective June 1, 2006, to be corrected, if necessary, after discussing with Laurie Mast at Bank. Seconded by Renda – so moved.

Marge will draft a letter to be included with the April billing.

We received a notice of Sheriff Sale for the Himes property. We should receive the delinquent payment when the sale is made on April 12, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

The regular meeting of the Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association was held on March 28, 2006 in the Lewis Township Municipal Building. President Dawne Shreckengast called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members of the association who were present at this meeting, in addition to the president, included: Wendy Bilger, secretary; Sandi Failor, treasurer; Steve Bilger, Pauline Shively, Joanna Snyder, Joe Smith, Kim Smith, Joey Smith, and Janet Renninger.

Minutes: Copies of the minutes from the previous meeting were unavailable at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Sandi presented the treasurer's report. That report showed a balance in the checking account for \$4,246.20.

New Business: Kim Smith has a basketball net that she is donating to the Village Green. Steve Bilger and Shane Failor will look into erecting a pole for the basketball setup and two more poles for volleyball.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is planned for April 8 @ 2:00 PM. Pauline Shively and Kim Smith will shop for the prizes. Members will meet at the pavilion @ 12:30 to set up. Members will call residents to ask for donations of hard-boiled eggs for this event.

The tentative date for the next Village Green Association Chicken Barbeque and Yard Sale will be June 17, 2006. Dawne and Kim will be making calls to find another group willing to make our chicken and baked potatoes this year. Kim will also look into contacting someone to run games at the BBQ.

Wendy will contact D&L Pretzels of Mifflinburg about doing a fund-raiser for this year.

The next association meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2006 immediately following the Millmont Easter Egg Hunt @ 2:00 PM.

Dog I have Known & Owned, by Joe White

In my last article I left off with a dog I owned by the name of Moses. I would like to start off this article with another dog I owned by the name of "Clyde." You may wonder how I went from a dog named Moses to one named Clyde.

Well, we have to go back to Sternberg Road. One day my mother and one of my older sisters went looking to purchase a house trailer. They found an 8'x36'. The people selling it were getting a divorce, and used the trailer as a down payment on the first house that dad built. I remember dad telling me that it broke his heart because mother wanted to move. He also told me how he hid when the Baptists Sunday School bus came by to pick up my sisters and I for Sunday School. He hid behind the house because he was building it on Sunday. I remember living in the garage before the house was built, with an outside toilet and a hand-pump at the sink. Well I digress; I must get back to the story of Clyde.

We lived in two trailer parks before moving to Wolf Lake, Muskegon County, Michigan. At this time, I remember a few dogs, mostly the ones from my paper route, before moving to Wolf Lake.

When we moved to Wolf Lake, mom, dad, and the owners of the last trailer park had concerns about me living in such a place, because of its bad reputation. It was at the trailer park at age 13 where I learned how to make a buck. I mowed grass, washed garbage cans on Saturdays, and sold Christmas candles and matchstick crosses. My best customers were those of the Catholic faith. Be that as it may, my mother and dad thought it would be best to send me to Ebenezer Bible School at Rock Lake, Michigan, between Edmore and St. Lewis Streets on old Route 46. Not such a good idea; it was the first, but not the last school I was expelled from.

While I was at the school, I made fast friends with an older boy named David. He was well liked by everyone at the school. He was the first to get booted out of E. B. S., but not before nick naming all of the faculty and students. Clyde was the name he liked to use a lot. So, when dad got me a half-breed (half Irish setter and half pointer) I named him Clyde.

Clyde pulled my wagon filled with a tent, tent poles, and a 2 day supply of food two miles away to the camp we set up for a weekend of fun, reading comic books, and looking for whatever was in the creeks that branched off the Muskegon River. It was a real Huck Finn life.

About a year or two after receiving Clyde as a gift from dad, I started my own paper route. I was a real gullible kid in those days. I had been doing another boy's (Jack B.) paper route for some time, at 50 cents a day for delivering the newspaper to his 76 customers. One day he asked me if I would like to take the route for my very own. I was very excited. He said it would cost me 12 dollars. I was going to borrow the money from my Grandma Sterling, my mother's mother. She was living with us at the time in the 8'x36' trailer. My dad came to my rescue, and called the Muskegon Chronicle, and found out that Jack was ripping me off. I got the newspaper route for free.

After I started delivering the Chronicle an old World War I veteran named Frank M., a neighbor who was on my route, went hunting with my dad and I. We took Clyde along on his first run as a bird dog. It did not go too well. I mistook a blue racer for a rattlesnake and pumped it full of lead. It was the last time we went hunting with Clyde and Frank.

On this paper route I met Gunther and Bernidet, two dogs who belonged to Jack, Jill, and Kelly B. Bernidet was the older dog who like to bite boys on their bicycles, or ones who just walked by the house. Gunther was a housedog, and only came outside long enough to bark at you. I liked them both and had no problems with either one of them.

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When I was substituting for another boy's paper route I encountered the first St. Bernard I had ever seen in my life. I'll never forget the time it came running across the field towards me. I felt for my pocketknife. The dog lunged at me, knocked me to the ground, and slobbered all over my face. I had never seen mom and dad laugh so hard in my life after they heard that story.

So what became of Clyde? I was probably about 15 years old at the time, and started running with the older boys from the lake. I didn't have much time for Clyde anymore. Mom had to feed him for me since I was gone for 2 or 3 days at a time. Dad told me that if I wasn't going to take care of the dog I had to take him to the pound. The dog pound was on Evanston Avenue, approximately four miles away. Clyde had never ridden in a car, so he willingly followed me in a '62 Plymouth all the way to the dog pound, across Route 46, better known as Apple Avenue. I was sad at the time. Imagine the joy I felt when I got to the dog pound and they said that dad had called to say that I could keep Clyde. I think that I let Clyde ride home in the car that time.

At about age 18 I left home for a while. By this time Clyde had lost an eye after getting in a fight with a skunk. He didn't know me anymore when I returned home. It was Clyde's final trip to the dog pound.

Joe White, the author of this article, would like to thank Labreeska Sensenig, of Lewisburg, for her assistance.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 - Florence Kreps | 21 - Perry Swinehart |
| 2 - Kenneth Shuck | 21 - Dave Hopta |
| 4 - Edgar & Betty Shively - 1953 | 21 - Harold Hackenburg |
| 4 - Vicki Gordon | 22 - Dick VonNeida |
| 6 - Oscar & Ella Maust - 1957 | 24 - Margaret Boney |
| 7- June & Everett Bingaman - 1951 | 24 - Lucy Hoover |
| 8 - Lydia Ann Zimmerman | 25 - Glenn & Rita Kuhns - 1998 |
| 8 - Keturah Yoder | 25 - Donald & Kafy Long - 1968 |
| 9 - Norman Strickler | 26 - Baris & Karen Goktas - 2003 |
| 10 - Harold Zechman | 26 - Anna Brubaker |
| 11 - Lois Pick - 90th Birthday! | 26 - Miriam Galer |
| 11 - Elam Brubacker | 26 - Trudy Shively |
| 11 - Kathryn Shively | 27 - Harold Zechman |
| 11 - Anthony & Kay Guida - 1988 | 27 - David Shively |
| 12 - Kenneth Hugar | 28 - Susie Brubaker |
| 15 - Lauretta Brubaker | 28 - Theodore Catherman |
| 17 - Galen Kesiter | 28 - Robert Rowe, Jr. |
| 16 - Tyler Radel | 28 - Betty Klock |
| 16 - Joanna Snyder | 29 - Donald & Eleanor Hoy - 1965 |
| 18 - Mervin Kline | 30 - Donald & Renda Shively - 1977 |
| 19 - Joyce Bartolo | 30 - Polly Libby |
| 21 - Rich & Susan Hassenplug - 1973 | |

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