



Donald Hoy (right) was assisted by a number of school age boys, including Glenn Trutt (left), during the nineteen years he delivered milk door to door for Wehr's Dairy. Photograph, circa 1952, courtesy of the author.

Life as a Young Milkman 1942 – 1961

by Donald Hoy

My first job as a milkman was for Wehr's Dairy, which was located along Route 45, east of Mifflinburg. John and Ruth (Fairchild) Wehr owned several farms and had a large herd of Holstein cattle. They started the dairy business by bottling whole milk and delivering it door to door.

Eventually they began to pasteurize and homogenize their milk. As time went on they churned ice cream and opened a dairy store. That business eventually turned into a full time restaurant. The restaurant served many chicken and waffle dinners following sporting events at the Mifflinburg High

School. It soon became a favorite place to hang out and enjoy a sundae, milkshake, or just ice cream in a cone or dish.

Karl Wehr, John and Ruth's son, was in charge of the milk delivery route when I began working for him. Milk was delivered door to door 365 days per year, for 8 cents per quart of whole milk (with the cream on top). Karl picked me up at my parent's home at 5:30 a.m. so that I could assist him in the delivery of bottled milk to homes throughout Mifflinburg. Each weekday morning Karl would leave me off at the schoolhouse so I would not be late for my classes.

My home was located at 43 Chestnut Street, which at that time was the first house at the east

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

It's finally spring! Trees are ready to bud, flowers will soon bloom. It's time to put winter behind us and make everything around the house and yard look its best. Don't forget to take a look at your mailbox. Many times, the mailbox is the first thing people see when they come to visit you. An attractive, well-maintained mailbox adds to the beauty of your home and our community, and protects your mail from the elements.

Here are some spring cleaning tips for you and your mailbox:

If your mailbox is mounted on a pole or post, check its stability and make sure it is properly anchored.

Your mailbox identifies your address, not only for the letter carrier but for the police, the fire department, emergency workers and other service providers. It is a good idea to have your address on both sides of the box so that people who need to find you can do so.

Check the door and its hinges. Make sure it closes properly to keep your mail in and the wind and rain out.

Do you see any sharp edges or nails sticking out? Protect your own hands as well as those of your carrier by correcting the situation. Also sand and repaint your mailbox if it's rusty.

First Class postage will be raised to 41 cents beginning May 14, 2007. No one likes price hikes, consumers or businesses, but many factors have contributed to raise the rates since January 2006. Fuel costs have been the biggest contributor to the new rates. New 41 cent stamps will be available shortly, along with the new "Forever" stamp, that will be good for first class postage indefinitely.

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The old adage - *neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds* - written by the 5th century Greek historian, Herodotus - may have been adopted by the U. S. Postal Service, but it applied equally to the door to door milkman of yore. Donald Hoy, and those who delivered milk for Wehr's dairy, could certainly attest to that.

Photographs courtesy of the author.

end of Mifflinburg. It has since been torn down and that location is now used as a parking area for the Mifflinburg Church of the Nazarene.

Following my graduation from Mifflinburg High School in 1945, Wehr turned the milk delivery route over to me so he could spend more time working on his farm. Five classmates who graduated with me were from Millmont, including Galen Graham, George Wert, Jr., Deane Shively, Lois Vanatta, and the late Edgar Shively.

Once Wehr's began the pasteurizing process, the milk delivery route in Mifflinburg was Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Bill Wehr, Karl's brother, was responsible for all milk deliveries west of Mifflinburg. The delivery days for that route were Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This route was later turned over to me. I was happy to get that route since it no longer required me to work on Sunday's.

My milk route west of Mifflinburg included the Borough of Hartleton and the villages of Pleasant Grove, Laurelton, Weikert, Glen Iron, Millmont, Swengel, and Penns Creek. I also delivered milk to the restaurant at Hairy John's Park and continued west to Woodward, Aaronsburg, Millheim, and Spring Mills where I placed milk for resale in the general stores.

Delivering milk was much easier once the glass milk bottles were replaced with cartons. Not only was it easier to deliver, but there were no longer any empties that needed to be picked up and returned. I recall one occasion when Wehr's received a telephone call from a Millmont resident about picking up empty glass milk bottles that were stored in the basement of a home. When we arrived at the home we discovered that this customer, who had passed away, had over 300 milk bottles stashed in the cellar. (I can almost hear some of you milk bottle collectors crying.)

Back in "the good old days" customers would think nothing of putting a dollar, or even a five dollar bill, in an empty milk bottle. I would leave the change under the full bottle of milk at their doorstep. You would not believe some of the notes I found in empty milk bottles that were left on the porch. One example was the person who wrote this to me: "Went away for the day, door is unlocked, please put milk in refrigerator." I recall another note from a customer in Laurelton that said "Put milk in refrigerator and get the small dish of strawberries out and eat them - spoon and sugar are on the table."

I continued to work for Wehr's Dairy when the business was operated by John Wehr's sons, Nevin and Howard.

As the large grocery chains, such as IGA and Weis Markets, came to Mifflinburg and competition from other dairies grew, Wehr's door to door milk delivery slowly began to fade. My route was also changed. Howard Wehr took over the route, which included stores in Mifflinburg as well as the schools. My milk delivery route consisted of homes and businesses located at Mazeppa, Cowan, and Forest Hill, including Walker's Store west of the Forest House on Route 192.

When I began delivering milk on a daily basis I had the help of several school aged boys. The names of some of those boys who assisted me included Glenn Trutt, Tim Klose, Roger Hoffman, George "Sunny" Vanatta, and Harry Harter. Glenn Trutt continued on as a milk deliveryman for Wehr's after he graduated.

Being a milk deliveryman did not come without risk. During the nineteen years I spent as a milkman I recall one occasion when I was bitten by a dog. I also recall an incident when I slipped and fell on the ice while delivering milk to a customer in White Springs. I dislocated my shoulder as a result. I also spent one year in the Army during the time I was employed by Wehr's Dairy.

I had an opportunity to meet so many wonderful people during my years working for Wehr's Dairy. While passing some people driving their cars or trucks day after day, we often waved to each other, even though we never had an opportunity to meet. The summertime was hot, and during the wintertime it was cold with lots of snow, but how wonderful to be outdoors and enjoy life with the customers and friends.

Editor's Note: My thanks to Donald Hoy of Mifflinburg for sharing his memories as a Wehr's Dairy deliveryman, and to his wife, Eleanor (Hoffman) Hoy, for typing the story and submitting it to The Millmont Times for publication.

BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick



“Enough already!” The only thing predictable about March is its unpredictability; the month of the Vernal Equinox has been a meteorological roller-coaster ride. Early in the month we had the massive ice breakup along Penns Creek. The next morning I couldn’t even get out of town for my walk because of the flooding. In a normal winter the Creek freezes and thaws throughout the season, but this year we had all our severe cold weather in February. This produced a solid ice mass for miles up and down the Creek without any breaks. With the coming of an unusually heavy rainfall early in March, the water simply had nowhere to go. I wish I could have seen and heard that massive event. Large slabs of ice were scattered helter-skelter everywhere along the Creek for many miles. It looked like the ice had been blown out of the water by a bomb. I was standing among the ice debris a week later, when I saw a large bird flying over the Creek—it was another Bald Eagle. The Creek was finally ‘open for fishing’ again, but the Eagle was not alone. It was being pursued by two pesky Crows. They were constantly dive-bombing the poor, obviously distraught Eagle. I have seen Crows ‘tree’ a Bald Eagle before, but this was the first time I actually watched them pursuing one. By mid-month we had a real tease with seventy degree weather, only to get slammed again with eight to ten inches of snow. **“Enough already!”** I thought. This was not a light late winter snowfall; this was wet, heavy stuff!

The weather, of course, doesn’t stop the inevitable return of the birds. The Robins, Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles have already arrived and spread out on their breeding grounds. The last heavy snow forced many of the new arrivals to local bird feeders. Many people were surprised by how many Brown-headed Cowbirds were at their feeders. As I was walking along Shirk Road, I heard a strange sound overhead. It was, frankly, disorienting—I was hearing the liquid, fluid sound of running water coming from the top of a tree! I looked up to see about twenty of these Cowbirds, males and females. As I listened to that sound, I was reminded of my youth in northern Minnesota. I always loved (and still do) the coming of spring. When the days started to lengthen and the sun began to melt the mountains of snow from our seemingly endless winters, rivers of snowmelt would run down the streets. We would play in this running water for hours. I loved the feel of the warm sunshine on my face and the smell of the spring breeze. It’s amazing how carefree those days were.

The sounds of spring are everywhere, and the activity of the birds has quickened. I have seen several pairs of Bluebirds starting to investigate tree and fencepost cavities for nesting. The Cardinals can be heard calling early in the morning and throughout the day nearly everywhere. I saw a pair of Eastern Meadowlarks in the field near the Covered Bridge, and pairs of Wood Ducks in the streams nearby. I even saw a Sharp-shinned Hawk along Canada Drive with its distinctive banded long tail. I had watched a pair of Red-tailed Hawks nesting in the same spot along Shirk Road for many years, but last year their nest finally blew down in one of the big windstorms. I have located another nest nearby, but it is much farther from the road and is difficult to see. There is a pair nesting there now; the female started sitting in the nest in late February. This is just a glimpse of what is happening out there. Many, many more birds will be arriving shortly, so grab your binoculars and take it all in.



This familiar scene was visible for miles along the banks of Penns Creek following the heavy rains in early March. This photograph shows large chunks of ice along the banks of the creek near Shade’s Wigwam on Canada Drive, one week after the event. Photograph courtesy of Jim McCormick.



A peek into the life of....

Matilda "Tillie" Folk

G. Matilda "Tillie" (Catherman) Folk of rural Millmont was born April 6, 1909, the eldest of two children to Oliver and Sara Alice (Benny) Catherman. Tillie was born in the farmhouse located at 490 Orchard Road. By the time she was two years old, the family moved to the John Spigelmyer farm, located at 364 Swengel Road.

Although she had a brother, Harold, who was about six years younger, Tillie referred to herself as the "boy" when it came to assisting her father with the farm chores. Unlike most girls her age, Tillie chose to work side by side with her father in the fields and in the orchard. She milked the cows, tended to the poultry and other animals on the 90-acre family farm. She was able to operate any of the horse drawn implements used on the farm. Her decision to work outdoors was something her mother took in stride.

During the early 1900's the primary access road to the Catherman farmhouse north-east of Swengel was located off of Route 45, near Rock Oak. Therefore, Tillie attended the Pike School. On May 12, 1926 she graduated from the Lewis Township High School during commencement services held at the M. E. Church in Millmont.

That graduating class consisted of three students, Matilda (Catherman) Folk, Pearl Kaler, and Hazel (Troutman) Reynolds.

Tillie spent the summer of 1927 at Bloomsburg Normal School, and began teaching later that year at Spring Creek School, near Pleasant Grove. Following a short stint (one term) as a teacher she obtained employment at the Danville State Hospital. It was there that she met Bruce Folk, whom she married on September 19, 1929.

Bruce and Tillie went to housekeeping on a farm near Beaver Springs, in Snyder County. Tillie was once again back in her element, milking cows and assisting her husband with the farm chores. It wasn't long after Tillie married Bruce that she realized that she did not know a whole lot about housekeeping, and cooking in particular. "When I got married I couldn't boil water without burning it" she quipped during a November 1997 interview I conducted with her in her home off Hassenplug Road, just west of Lincoln Park.

After a year on the Snyder County farm, they moved to Union County where Bruce took the position of Herdsman at the Laurelton State Village. He remained there until about 1954 when health concerns forced him to retire.

Bruce (who passed away in 1958), and Tillie had three children: Ann L. Willard, Linda Folk, (who passed away on December 4, 1993), and Lyle E. "Pete" Folk. Tillie has eleven grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Tillie developed an interest in patchwork quilting years ago. As a result she handcrafted and presented quilts to each of her children and all eleven of her grandchildren. Some of the quilts were made from dress material that belonged to her mother. She has also made and donated quilts to the Laurelton Women's Club, which have been raffled off as fundraisers. She also enjoys tending to her house plants, including her potted African violets.

Despite the fact that she is no longer able to drive an automobile, this nonagenarian lives independently. Neighbors, friends, and relatives are happy to lend a hand whenever appointments or routine trips require her to leave her home.

As I quickly learned during my interview, Tillie possesses a sharp, clear, and retentive memory. Beverly Catherman, who has been assisting with housecleaning responsibilities for more than 25 years at the Folk residence, referred to Tillie as a "very wise person." The aphorism that declares, "With age comes wisdom" is a valid one. It is certainly true in the case of Matilda "Tillie" Folk, who at 98 years of age is without question a very wise lady.

If you would care to send Tillie a birthday greeting you may do so by writing to her at 145 Hassenplug Road, Millmont, PA 17845.

Editor's Note: My thanks to Tillie for allowing me to audio tape the November 28, 1997 interview with her, to Beverly Catherman for providing me with information for this article, to Jean Folk for sending me a copy of the 1926 Lewis Township High School graduation photograph, and to Tracey Beaver for supplying the current photograph of Tillie.



The 1926 Lewis Township High School graduation class and their instructors. Front row left to right: Teachers, Rita Bleistone, Principal R. F. Fetterolf, and Assistant Principal Marlin W.L. Boop. Back row: Pearl M. Kaler, G. Matilda "Tillie" Catherman, and Hazel E. Troutman.

Penns Creek Angler

by Bruce Fisher

April is a month of renewal for all anglers. Little boys and girls, and big boys and girls, wait all year for the trout season opener. Children will go fishing with their fathers and mothers at the same spot they have used for generations. Families will go to camp and renew friendships cemented over many fishing seasons. Opening day holds a special magic that's just like Christmas morning. I've seen the excitement in young children as they reel in their first fish and the friendly competition between the seasoned veterans. Even if it snows a few inches, anglers will line the creek banks to usher in the new season. April 15 is just a couple of weeks away and Penns Creek will be alive again with angler's, young and old.

Opening day will pass, and by the middle of April the trees will start to bud and the landscape will brighten with signs of spring. Canadian Geese, Mallards and Mergansers will pair up and pick nest sites. Every flower has its turn to sprout from the earth and bloom, and every fly has its time to hatch. Some of the more knowledgeable fisherman can forecast the fly hatches just by seeing certain flowers bloom. This year may be somewhat different with the unseasonably hot and cold weather. I have yet to see the Brown Stoneflies I talked about in last months article. But things will eventually fall into their proper sequence.

By late April it's time for the Hendrickson's to make their annual appearance. Last season they hatched about a week after opening day. This is a large fly about the size of a nickel in height, and is the biggest fly to hatch to this point in the year. The hatching will occur daily sometime between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Hatch times can be altered by air and water temperature. If it's cold the hatch will happen later in the afternoon, and if it's hot the hatch will occur earlier in the day. It might be a good idea to spend some time on the water to get a feel for what is going on.

This fly, as well as many others, has several names: Red Quill, Light Hendrickson and Dark Hendrickson. The reason for this is the male and female Hendrickson's are different colors and sizes. The female is larger by 25%, has smaller dark eyes and the body color is yellowish red. The male is a rusty brown with large red eyes. Both have beautiful dark gray wings, three tails and the body is between 9-12 mm long. You can see the fly's dark gray wing coming downstream for a long distance and so can the fish. The hatch will last almost 10 days and then it will be gone for another year. I included a picture of a male and a female Hendrickson photographed on April 17, 2005.

Hope to see you on the water.

Editor's Note: Penns Creek Angler is located at 17745 Old Turnpike Road (intersection of Route 45 and Fairground Road) and offers angling and hunting supplies, custom rods and repairs, lodging, and fly tying courses. Telephone 570.922.1053, or visit www.pennscreekeangler.com



Shown in the top photo is the female Hendrickson, and the bottom photo is the male. Photographs courtesy of Bruce Fisher.



Field Notes, by WCO Dirk Remensnyder

Steve Vansant has had front row seats recently to predator / prey interactions. It seems that a Bald Eagle has been flying up the river near Steve's house every evening searching for its next meal. The first time Steve watched the Eagle it was successful at taking on and making a Canada Goose its meal. The next night the Eagle decided to try for a Goose again but after a knock down drag out, and getting flogged repeatedly, the Eagle decided it didn't want a Goose dinner two nights in a row. The third night the Eagle must not have wanted such a fight as he settled for a squirrel.

Hunter Education Courses will be held at the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club as follows:

Course # 1 begins Thursday April 26 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) and continues on Friday April 27 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.). This course concludes on Saturday April 28 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

The second Hunter Education Course at BVSC begins on Thursday August 9 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) and continues on Friday August 10 (6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.). This course concludes on Saturday August 11 (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

The Union County Sportsmen's Club will hold a Hunter Education Course on Monday June 4 (6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.) and continues on Tuesday June 5 (6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.). This course concludes on Wednesday June 6 (6:00 p.m. - 10 p.m.).



Meanderings by Hertha S. Wehr

Old Farmer's Almanac

I first became interested in "The Old Farmer's Almanac" when I read a book published by Judson Hale. He published the book which dealt with two hundred years of the best of the Almanacs.

Some of the things I learned were instructive, some funny, and some just plain interesting. The Almanac was first published in 1792, when George Washington was president. Robert B. Thomas was the first editor. Even though he has been deceased many years (about 150) and there have been eleven editors of the Almanac since then, no one has ever appeared as the editor except Robert B. Thomas. He was a man held in high esteem.

The Almanac was first published to give farmers an idea of what they could expect in the way of weather. In Dublin, NH there is a black box in the offices of Yankee Publishing, who now publishes The Almanac. This box is where the secrets of Mr. Thomas's weather forecasting are kept. We are told this box contains many years of watching the cycles of weather and other studies of "the heavens" which enables the yearly forecasts to be made.

Since an almanac was the one publication a farmer was sure to buy in the eighteenth century, it contained advice on many subjects, some of which I will relate. But first let's deal with the weather. In June of 1953 there was a tornado in Worcester, Mass. The Almanac predicted there would be a "heavy squall, and that's not all." There is a picture of some of the destruction which occurred. Several other instances of where the Almanac was "right on" in the forecasting are given.

I turned to the phases of the moon and how to govern planting and harvesting. I do recall my dad saying that you never put in fence posts in the up-side of the moon as they will gradually work out of the ground. All of his fences were constructed in the down-side of the moon. I also remember him consulting the Almanac for planting times, especially

corn.

Let me quote a paragraph from a 1994 copy. *The new and first-quarter phases, known as the light of the Moon, are considered good for planting above-ground crops, putting down sod, grafting trees, and transplanting. From full Moon through the last quarter, or the dark of the Moon, is the best time for killing weeds, thinning, pruning, mowing, cutting timber, and planting below-ground crops. Dare I wait for a full moon to trim the apple tree or attack that weed patch? Or, shall I do it when help is available and I have the ambition?*

Other things I discovered in that precious little book are the ebb and flow of the tides, time of sunrise and sunset for the whole year. (I don't think they thought about daylight saving time then, thank heaven) and a whole lot more I was interested in but didn't always understand. I also found a table for figuring out what day of the week any event occurred. They also went into how the calendar finally got to the one we use today, it took a lot of "fooling around."

Some of the funny things were not always in the very old books. This one comes from a 1977 issue. It seemed like a good way to end the column.

Dear Stanley,

I write to let you know I am still alive. I am writing slowly, as I know you don't read fast.

You won't know the house when you come home—we moved. We had trouble moving, especially the bed—the man wouldn't let us take it in the taxi, and we were afraid we might wake your father. He has a nice new job and very responsible. He has about five hundred people under him—he cuts the grass at the cemetery.

Our neighbors, the Browns, started keeping pigs—we got wind of it yesterday.

I got my appendix out and a dishwasher put in. There is a washing machine in the new house here, but it don't work too good. Last week I put fourteen shirts in the washer and pulled that chain. They whirled around real good but then disappeared. I think something is wrong with the machine.

Your uncle Dick drowned last week in a whiskey vat at the distillery. Four of his work mates dived in to save him, but he fought them off bravely. We cremated his body the next day and just got the fire out this morning.

It rained only twice last week—once for three days and once for four days. Monday was so windy that our chicken laid the same egg four times.

I got a letter from the undertaker this morning. He said if we don't make up the installments on your grandmother's grave, up she comes.

Your loving mother, Stella

P.S. I was going to send you \$10.00, but I had already sealed the envelope.

Union County Bicentennial

While 2013 may seem like a long way off, it will be here before you know it. Preparations for a county wide bi-centennial celebration were recently launched at a recent breakfast meeting held at the Country Cupboard Restaurant. If you, or your organization, would like to play an active role in the upcoming celebration you are encouraged to attend a public meeting scheduled to be held at the Union County Government Center conference room on May 22 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone. The Union County Historical Society will have a display of it's collection of memorabilia preserved from the county's Sesquicentennial celebration, which took place in 1963.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the following people for making monetary donations toward the publication of this newsletter: Shirley Kerstetter, Mifflinburg; John & Lorene Sholter, Mifflinburg; Duain Shaw, Millmont; and Joe & Glenda Murphy, Millmont.

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Welcome to the following new mail subscribers: Shirley Klingman, Mifflinburg; Richard Isenberg, Kenosha, WI; and Theron W. Conrad, Sunbury.

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 Theron W. Conrad, (age 83) of Sunbury for visiting with me on March 26th. During his visit he shared many of the fond memories he has of Millmont, Swengel, Hartleton, Weikert, and Laurel Park. From 1928 until 1941 he and his family vacationed at various summer homes or cottages near, or alongside, Penns Creek. I plan to share the interesting information he provided me in a future issue of The Millmont Times.

Press Release

Courtesy of Elisabeth Lynch, Project Director, Clinton County CleanScapes

Caring community members joined Clinton County CleanScapes, the Union County Conservation District and the Lower Penns Creek Watershed Association members in removing illegally dumped trash from the stream banks of Penns Creek, south of Millmont in Lewis Township on March 10. The area is a well utilized recreational haven for trout fishing and before their combined effort, this area was a visual eyesore in an area renown for picturesque American farms and forested streamside lands. In total the 20 volunteers collected 1.75 tons (3,675 lbs.) of trash that included used burn barrels, household and contractor debris. Thirty six dumped tires were collected and recovered for recycling by Penn Dot. At the close of the event the participants were treated to homemade desserts and refreshments, complements of the Watershed Association.



Funding for this community project was made possible in part by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, DCNR, DCED & Dominion. Clinton Co. CleanScapes will organize 4 additional cleanups this spring followed by 3 in the summer. If you have a littered waterway or landscape that needs restoring or you are interested in joining CCC as a supporting member or volunteering for the next community action event visit www.clintoncountypa.com or contact CCC's Project Director at 570-893-4123 or elynych@clintoncountypa.com.

For information about the Lower Penns Creek Watershed Association you can contact Snyder County Conservation District, P.O. Box 293, New Berlin, PA 17855, or visit their the web site at:

www.pennscreekwatershed.org

Clinton Co. CleanScapes, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping communities clean up our waterways and landscapes since 2000.

What's Happening at Christ's United Lutheran Church by Shirley Kerstetter

Continuing each Monday through Easter, members of the church will be selling chocolate covered peanut butter eggs and chocolate covered coconut eggs. For information about ordering you can contact Shirley at 966.0034.

The church will be sponsoring an Easter egg hunt at the church on Saturday April 7 at 10:00 a.m.

The annual chicken barbecue will be held at the church on Saturday April 28 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Menu includes one half chicken, choice of potato salad or applesauce, baked beans, buttered roll, cake and drink (not available with take outs). Adult platters are priced at \$7, children's platters (which consist of one quarter piece of chicken) are priced at \$3, and single halves are priced at \$4. A limited number of walk-in-meals will be available. Take outs are also available. Tickets can be purchased at the church or at the office of The Mifflinburg Telegraph. For more information you can call 966.4091 or 922.1860.

Recipe of the Month

By Janice (Dorman) Shively

Whoopie Pies

1 C. Crisco shortening
2 C. sugar
2 whole eggs + 2 egg yolks
1 C. sour milk
1 C. hot water
2 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
1 C. baking cocoa
2 tsp. vanilla
4 ½ - 5 C. flour

Combine ingredients in large mixing bowl. Mix well with electric mixer. With a cookie scoop or by rounded tsp., drop onto floured cookie sheet and bake at 350° x 12 - 15 minutes. Remove to rack and allow to cool completely before frosting.

I use a traditional filling recipe, but have included a marshmallow cream filling recipe, which is egg white free, that I've used too. The marshmallow cream filling is not as sweet as the traditional whoopie pie filling.

This recipe will make about 30 whoopie pies.

Traditional Whoopie Pie Filling:

2 egg whites, unbeaten
2 tsp. vanilla
4 T. flour
1 ½ C. Crisco shortening
1 lb. (2 ¾ C.) confectioner's sugar
4 T. milk

Combine all ingredients and beat on high with electric mixer until light and fluffy.

Marshmallow Cream Filling:

½ C. Butter
7 oz. jar marshmallow cream
1 C. confectioner's sugar
¼ C. Crisco shortening
1 tsp. vanilla

Combine all ingredients and beat on high with electric mixer until light and fluffy.

This recipe was shared with me when I was in ninth grade, by Mary Hassinger of Hartleton. From time to time her daughter, Kelly, would arrive at the bus-stop with a delicious whoopie pie in hand. I've been making these whoopie pies ever since. At Easter time, I add food coloring to the filling. It adds a colorful touch to the whoopie pies. These freeze well: wrap each whoopie pie in plastic wrap, and store in a large Ziploc bag or airtight container.

ENJOY!



History of Hartleton

Author and historian, Mary Belle Lontz, is planning to write a book commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Borough of Hartleton. Some items of interest to her are the Wilson family, the Pontius House, the Baker Home, businesses, schools, and churches. Residents, both current and former, who would be willing to share their memories are encouraged to contact Mary Belle Lontz at: 409 JPM Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837. You can also contact The Millmont Times at 570.922.4297, or email: millmonttimes@dejazzd.com. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated!

Annual Yard Sale Day

Hartleton Borough will be holding the 19th annual yard sale day on Saturday, April 28, 2007. In conjunction with the yard sales, there will be a chicken BBQ held at the community park. Chicken halves (\$4.00) and dinners (\$6.00) will be available from 10:30 until 1:00 or until sold out. There will also be a raffle drawing that will be held at 1:00 at the park. If you would like to purchase BBQ tickets, or raffle tickets, please call Sue Snyder (922-1754), Joyce Loss (922-1357), or Wendy Styers (922-1892) or stop by Dormans Country Store in Hartleton. Proceeds are used to maintain the community park.

Letters and E-mails to the Editor

I would like to submit a subscription request for the Millmont Times via the internet. My name is Nancy Baldwin and my father, David G. Goehring, who is the president of the Union County Historical Society, and my mother, Anne Goehring live in Lewisburg, PA. My father's family has an extensive family history in Union County, and I have spent every summer of my life along the banks of Penns Creek outside of Weikert. I currently live in Pittsburgh, PA with my husband and two children, whom I am making sure have the same opportunities that I had growing up along Penns Creek. My father sends me the Millmont Times monthly and I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to read about and keep up with the current events in the area, as well as the history lessons!! My hope is that some day I can follow in the footsteps of my parents and live in the Union County area.

I am unsure of the cost, so could you please let me know what the subscription fee is and I will be more than happy to pay.
Respectfully,

Nancy Baldwin, Pittsburgh, PA

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Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

February 17, 2007

We all went to the wedding of brother Merle Hoover and Melissa Shaffer, and then to the Family Life Center where the reception was held. Merle's brothers and sisters from Kentucky, Iowa, and New York were here for the wedding too. Tonight all of the Hoover families were invited to our house for supper.

Adin Zimmerman does not feel well, and may have had a stroke.

February 18

Leroy Horning, son of Samuel and Alice, and Mary Ann Martin, daughter of Linus and Irene Martin, are published to marry on March 22, 2007.

The Brubacker family's were all invited to Harry and Alta Oberholtzer's home for lunch.

Today it is three years since dad (Milton Brubacker) died.

*When someone you love, becomes a memory,
The memory becomes a treasure.*

February 23

Lewis Hoover was at Miller's Saw Shop, while he was inside, the horse got loose, and went through a board fence, and over a shrub, that it rolled the buggy. The horse stayed there until help arrived.

Ammon Zimmerman (29) was trying to help a cow get up in the cow-stable. He slipped and broke a rib when he hit the concrete edge of the gutter.

February 25

Jason (10) son of Harold and Marian of Millmont has a broken leg.

Wayne and Michelle Horning have a son named Travis. He is their first child. Grandparents are Samuel and Alice Horning, and Lester and Marlene Martin.

February 28

Jonathan and Barbara Ann Martin have a daughter named Janice. She is their first child. Grandparents are Thomas and Lydia Martin and Allen and Lovina Zimmerman.

March 1

Laurie Beth (8 weeks old) daughter of Jerry and Lorraine Hoover came home from Hershey Medical Center last week. She was hospitalized since birth. A nurse from Lewisburg comes out to check on her every day. Laurie Beth weighs 7 pounds now. The doctors recommend that no children come to see her, or adults who have a cold or flu symptoms.

March 3

Elton and Delores Horning have a baby named Emma. She has two brothers and two sisters. Grandparents are Phares and Anna Horning and Lester and Martha Nolt.

March 4

Lloyd and Lorraine Zimmerman have a daughter named Rose Anne. She has five brothers and two sisters. Grandparents are Lloyd and Emma Zimmerman and Moses and Anna Sensenig.

This evening we went to the viewing of Betty Grace Kurtz (78) at the

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Looking Back

The article below was originally published in The Mifflinburg Telegraph on March 25, 1921.

MILLMONT

Mr. Harry Adams, wife and son, and Mrs. Aul and wife of Scranton and Bruce Adams, wife and son, of Sunbury, spent Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. Adams' parents.

Mrs. Neese of Hartleton spent Thursday with Mrs. Schreckengast and family.

Mrs. Quiskai Speese of Sunbury called on friends in this place Sunday.

Cloyd Mitchell and family moved in the U. H. Eisenhower home on Friday of last week.

Ed Showalter and family of Swengel and their son, Lawrence, of Harrisburg, spent Sunday with their son and brother, Clark Showalter, and wife.

Mrs. Charles Catherman of Centre Hall is spending a few days with her husband's parents, O. Catherman and wife.

Mrs. Luther Kerstetter and daughter of Renovo spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Catherman, this past week.

On Thursday Mrs. Ned Adams entertained her Sunday school class and a few other friends. Those present were Mrs. Oscar Catherman, Mrs. Grant Catherman, Mrs. Charles Kaler, Mrs. Roy Adams and daughter Florence, Mrs. Frank Blackford, Mrs. Calvin Catherman, Mrs. Samuel Adams, Mrs. Clark Showalter, Mrs. Eisenhower, Mrs. Harry Mitchell, Mrs. Kate Heller of Altoona, and Mrs. Shively. An oyster supper was served at about ten o'clock. At a reasonable hour all retired to their homes and report having a splendid time.

Mrs. John Bartley of Laurelton and Mrs. Ralph Shirk of Glen Iron spent Wednesday with the S. W. Adams family.

Dorsey Miller of Harrisburg spent Tuesday in this place.

Mrs. Ed Confer and children and John Snyder and family of Lewisburg spent over Sunday with E. Catherman and family.

Mr. Ruhl and family spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Clyde Mitchell.

Mrs. Jacob Shively spent Tuesday with her parents on South Side.

Elmer Catherman and family moved on Saturday from the Abraham Grove property into his own home.

Elmer Beaver moved from the Bailey farm west of this place to the Calvin Rearick farm, along Penns Creek on Tuesday and Luther Boyer of Driesbach moved on the farm vacated by Mr. Beaver.

Remembrance

Dorothy (Bilger) Shively, 87, a lifelong resident of Laurelton, most recently of 400 Merri Lane, Mifflinburg, for three years, and of Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village, Lewisburg, since January, passed away at 3:35 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2007, at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

She was born Jan. 5, 1920, in Middleburg, a daughter of the late Arthur and Eva (Markel) Bilger. On April 4, 1941, in Hartleton, she married Joseph I. Shively, who preceded her in death Nov. 1, 1987.

Ms. Shively was a 1937 graduate of Laurelton High School. She was employed as an attendant at the Laurelton State School for 23 years.

Ms. Shively attended the Christ Community Church, Glen Iron.

She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, baking cakes, traveling, camping, and especially the time she had with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Carol F. and Larry J. Wilson of Millmont, Joan S. and Terry L. Shemory of Mifflinburg, and Rhonda S. and Harry E. Maurer of Selinsgrove; two sisters, Marian Bilger of Lewisburg, and Francis Wertz of Millmont; six grandchildren, Rebecca Forcheskie, Angela Walter, Terri Jo Brittain, Adam Shemory, Jason Maurer, and Aaron Maurer; and eight great-grandchildren, Jonathon Forcheskie, Kayla Forcheskie, Tyler Walter, Vanessa Walter, Tamara Brittain, Blayne Brittain, Morgan Shemory, and Blake Shemory.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Benjamin Bilger; and one sister, Jeanetta Shirk.

Burial was in the Lincoln Chapel Cemetery.

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Boyer Mennonite Church. Many people came to show their sympathy.

March 8

Mary Martin of Millmont came home from the hospital after a six day stay.

March 15

Adin Zimmerman was able to go to his granddaughter Grace, and Paul Weaver's wedding. He stays mostly at home this last month.

Wellness Presentations

Newsletter subscriber Billie Jo Raker of Mifflinburg has announced the schedule of upcoming Wellness programs that will be held at the Carriage Corner Restaurant in Mifflinburg and at the Daily Grind Coffee Shop in Vicksburg.

Tuesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at The Daily Grind Coffee Shop.

Monday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage Corner (Upstairs).

For more information you can contact Billie Jo Raker at the following email address: bjraker@dejazzd.com

Blessings from the Bible

Brenda Weaver

"The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing."

Proverbs 20:4

Persistence is a positive character quality. I see it in my husband when he heads to the strawberry field, hoe in hand. I try to develop it in myself as I follow him, sometimes reluctantly. We encourage it in our children, whether they are at the beginning of a long, weedy row of strawberries or struggling over a homework assignment.

Crocuses always remind me of persistence. Despite the cold weather they bloom at the first signs of spring, and they persist in opening their fragile petals against the last throws of winter. Native to the Alps, these cheery flowers push aside cold soil and smile at the sun when they are not covered in snow.

At our home on Penn Street in Millmont, tiny crocuses burst out of their southern-exposed bed quite early. I often wonder which former homeowner planted the first bulbs of the flowers we now enjoy. They greet us and passersby with delicate beauty, a welcome sight after the harshness of winter. This year a few had the courage to bloom in January when warm temperatures prevailed. February stalled their blooms, but in March they persisted again, even under snow. One day my snow shovel uncovered a cluster of crocuses that were growing between the cracks of the sidewalk. After being covered in eight inches of snow, they jumped back to their dutiful blooming. I hope we can remember the persistence of crocuses when we take up our hoes in a few weeks!

Christian parents find that adding Scripture to their admonitions puts "muscle" behind their words of encouragement or rebuke. Can you think of Bible verses that encourage persistence or discourage laziness? Add them to these:

"Laziness brings on deep sleep, and the shiftless man goes hungry." Proverbs 19:15 (NIV)

"Do not love sleep or you will grow poor; stay awake and you will have food to spare." Proverbs 20:13 (NIV)

"For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." Psalm 128:2

"That if any would not work, neither should he eat." 2 Thessalonians 3:10b

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9

Prayer: *Lord, may we learn—and teach our children—the value of persistence.*

From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively, born in White Springs in 1870 and a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death in 1954:

Monday April 10, 1933. Temperature from 40 to 55 degrees, cloudy. Worked in the garage this morning then attended the funeral of Edward Showalter, father of Professor Showalter of Swengel. Funeral at ten o'clock. Text was the beatitudes. I remained for lunch. Helped mother with the house cleaning this p.m. Lizzie Moyer Bingaman was at the funeral today. Had not seen her for years. We went to school together at White Springs.

Wednesday April 12, 1933. Snow and rainy. Worked in the garage. Mr. Clark Showalter gave me \$3.00 for officiating at his fathers funeral.

Friday April 14, 1933. Temperatures 35 to 65 degrees today. Clear, beautiful Good Friday. I worked in the garage and later cut down several trees in Jacob's yard.

Saturday April 15, 1933. Temperatures 50 to 55 degrees and cloudy today. Worked in the garage and later helped mother about the house.

Sunday April 16, 1933. Lowell Thomas said over the radio that 30 out of the last 50 Easters were wet. Present at church 113, collection \$3.56. Contributions were given to missions. Time was taken for Easter services today. I spoke about 10 minutes. Brother taught my class. Had prayer with Mrs. Daniel Boop. She just came home from the hospital. I gave Stella Kahler a certificate today. We were to Mervyn Mench's for dinner. Sammy was there too. Toward evening we started for Bunkertown. The house was crowded, about 50 communed in the basement. Brother Buffenmyer officiated in the main audience room. Bro. Shelly spoke a while too. Bro. Ditmer officiated in the basement. I assisted Brother Ditmer and Mervyn assisted Brother Buffenmyer. Arrived home about 11:00 p.m.

Lewis Township News

MINUTES OF MEETING BOARD OF THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF LEWIS TOWNSHIP

Courtesy of Renda Shively

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held February 8, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. at the Lewis Township Municipal Building in Millmont. The following being members of the board of authority named in the articles of incorporation were present: Jim Sanders, Clair Kaler, Renda Shively and Don Shively. Also in attendance were: Solicitor Melissa Lobos, Rob Rowe, HRG, Plant Manager Walt Scholl, Alan Wagner and Clyde Garman.

HEARING OF VISITORS: Alan Wagner was present to discuss a possible subdivision of Mr. Garman's land located at Swengel. They were inquiring about the possibility of 4 hookups. Mr. Wagner showed the authority a preliminary subdivision map. After much decision Mr. Garman was informed that at this time hookups were available.

READING OF MINUTES: Don Shively made a motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting seconded by Clair Kaler. So moved.

Don Shively made a motion to accept the minutes of the January reorganization meeting seconded by Clair Kaler. So moved.

TREASURER'S REPORT and INVOICES: The treasurer's report was presented. Checking account balance for January 31st was \$17,108.55. CD's total \$98,608.51. The total assets are \$115,717.06. The total of the invoices to be paid was \$5,073.99. A motion was made by Don Shively and seconded by Clair Kaler to approve the treasurer's report and invoices. So moved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Discussion was held concerning a letter sent to a homeowner about a delinquent account. Don Shively made a motion to start judgment against the homeowner if it was not brought up to date within the 30 day time period, seconded by Clair Kaler, so moved.

PLANT OPERATOR'S REPORT: Walt said he was having a problem with the SBR jet. The one side is plugging up.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Discussion was held concerning a new wet well. The approximate cost given by the engineer to add a second wet well is \$30,000.00.

Rob then explained the different estimates that were given to correct the problem with the tiling in the road to the sewer plant. The costs ranged from \$50,000.00 to \$175,000.

Don Shively made a motion that a representative from HRG come to the next meeting to discuss the estimates and alternatives that were submitted, Seconded by Clair Kaler. So moved.

OLD BUSINESS: Walt Scholl spoke to Joe White concerning the hookups. Joe will cap off the hookup followed by Walt inspecting it.

NEW BUSINESS: Attorney Lobos informed the Board that after the last meeting, she received a phone call concerning the availability of additional grant money. They application needed to be submitted before the next meeting.

Don Shively made a motion to ratify the grant money applied for, seconded by Clair Kaler. So moved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one shows the Administration Building, or "A Building," at the site of the former Laurelton Center. This property is now owned by Mountain Valley Incorporated.

On March 22 Millmont residents were serenaded for the first time this year by Spring Peepers..... a welcome sign of spring.

Moving?

If you are planning to move or if your post office mailing address is about to change, please notify me immediately at P. O. Box 3, Millmont, PA 17845. This newsletter is distributed each month by bulk rate, and will not be forwarded by the U. S. Postal Service to your new address. If there are any changes in your postal mailing address, or your email address, please call me at (570) 922.4297 or email me at: millmonttimes@dejazzd.com

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 – Allen Rishel | 21 – Harold Hackenburg |
| 1 – Florence Kreps | 21 - Richard & Susan Hassenplug - 1973 |
| 2 – Kenneth Shuck | 22 – Dick VonNeida |
| 4 – Vicki Gordon | 24 – Margaret Boney |
| 5 - Larry & Carol Wilson - 1966 | 24 – Lucy Hoover |
| 5 – Lilee Dorman | 25 - Donald & Kathy Long - 1968 |
| 6 – Matilda Folk | 25 - Glenn & Rita Kuhns - 1998 |
| 6 - Oscar & Ella Maust - 1957 | 26 – Randall Erdly |
| 7 - Everett & June Bingaman - 1951 | 26 – Anna Brubaker |
| 8 – Lydia Ann Zimmerman | 26 – Trudy Shively |
| 8 – Keturah Yoder | 26 - Karen & Baris Goktas - 2003 |
| 9 – Norman Strickler | 27 – Harold Zechman |
| 10 - Harold Zechman | 27 – David Shively |
| 11 – Lois Pick 1916 | 28 – Susie Brubaker |
| 11 – Elam Brubacker | 28 – Theodore Catherman |
| 11 – Kathryn Shively | 28 – Robert Rowe, Jr. |
| 11 - Anthony & Kay Guida - 1988 | 28 – Betty Klock |
| 12 – Kenneth Hugar | 29 - Donald & Eleanor Hoy - 1965 |
| 15 – Lauretta Brubaker | 30 – Polly Libby |
| 17 – Galen Kesiter | 30 - Donald G. & Renda Shively - 1977 |
| 16 – Larry Wilson | |
| 16 – Tyler Radel | |
| 16 – Joanna Snyder | |
| 18 – Kenneth Blyler | |
| 18 – Mervin Kline | |
| 19 – Joyce Bartolo | |
| 21 - Perry Swinehart | |
| 21 – Dave Hopta | |

In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Oscar and Ella Maust, on April 6, their children would appreciate it if those who know them would send anniversary wishes to them at:

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Maust
1190 Canada Drive
Millmont, PA 17845

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