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U. H. Eisenhauer Photo Millmont PA.



Photographers, both amateur and professional, have witnessed many changes and technological advances in the world of photography during the past fifty years. Daguerreotype, tintype, wet plates, dry plates, and celluloid were some of the early methods of preserving photographic images. People taking pictures in the late 1800's and early 1900's using those primitive means discovered that photography was not only complicated, but cumbersome as well. The introduction of flexible film by George Eastman later revolutionized photography, thus allowing picture taking to be user friendly.

Although flexible roll film was widely available at the turn of the twentieth century, well-known Millmont photographer, Urs H. Eisenhauer (1851-1935) captured, developed, and preserved his photographic images on "dry plates." Dry plate negatives were merely pieces of glass (in a variety of sizes) coated with emulsion, or gelatin, and stored in a dark environment until they were ready for use. The dry plate method was considerably easier to use than the earlier "wet plate" method. Photographers using the wet plate method were required to dip the glass plate in a silver solution in a totally dark environment, thus making the glass plate light sensitive. Since the plate had to be exposed before the chemicals had a chance to dry, the photographer had to snap his subject immediately after dipping his glass plate. This process also required the photographer to carry with him a portable darkroom, along with all of the chemicals necessary to develop after exposure.

Eisenhauer, along with his contemporaries, Maurice Royer, Steven B. Horton, William G. Bierly, and John C. Slear, preserved many unique and interesting images of life in Central Pennsylvania. Slear did the vast majority of his photography work from his second floor studio located at 154 Chestnut Street in Mifflinburg. However, Royer, Horton, Bierly, and Eisenhauer traveled throughout the area taking their cameras to the people. In their 1996 book entitled "Rural Delivery Real Photo Postcards from Central Pennsylvania" authors Jody Blake and Jeannette Lansansky, described Urs H. Eisenhauer as "One of the area's most prolific postcard producers." Many of the images these early photographers captured on glass negatives were developed on the front side of postcards. The use of real photo postcards was a popular and convenient way of mailing correspondence, and was one way of sending a picture of their home, farm, or family members to friends and relatives.

A resident of Millmont for nearly thirty years, Eisenhauer is credited with photographing scenes of rural life of Union and Snyder Counties between 1908 and 1911. His subject matter consisted primarily of homes, farms, churches, hamlets, individuals, families, and occasionally included photographs of their pets as well. In the process he preserved slices of life in the rural and remote sections of the county. Eisenhauer also documented the reconstruction of the "Old Turnpike" (Route 45) between Mifflinburg and Lewisburg that was undertaken around

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

Don't forget the suntan lotion, the cooler, ...and the mail! It's vacation time. While you are preparing for your vacation, don't neglect your mail. Valuable mail, even bills, left unattended can burn a lot more than the sun! Loss of valuables and identity theft can be an expensive, inconvenient, and painful proposition. Unattended mail can be an invitation to burglars, a sign that you are not home, flashing like a neon sign; "Come on in and help yourself!" At the very least, arrange for a trusty neighbor to get your mail out of the mailbox and hold on to it for you while you are out of town. If you wish, if your vacation is 30 days or less, your carrier will hold your mail for you safely at the Post Office until you return. Stop by your local Post Office or ask your letter carrier for a "Vacation Hold Form" Fill it out and turn it in at least a week prior to your departure. All of your mail will be held until your return, and delivery will resume on the day you indicate on the form. If you normally get a lot of mail, you may want to stop by the Post Office when you return from vacation to pick up your mail. A new stamp issue in June will be the 2004 Olympic Games.

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1910. That series of photographs consisted of at least nine different views of the highway construction.

Eisenhauer earned his livelihood while working for Ruhl & Watson, (Millmont Box Factory) located directly across the railroad tracks from his Maple Street home. To augment his income, Eisenhauer traveled throughout the region taking photographs. He provided homeowners with a finished copy, along with a request to order duplicate prints at a specified price. One 1910 real photo postcard indicated his willingness to produce duplicates of an individual's farmhouse for the sum of 60 cents per dozen.



Susan Eisenhauer posed for this photograph at her home on Maple Street in Millmont. Note: the Millmont Box Factory in the distant background.

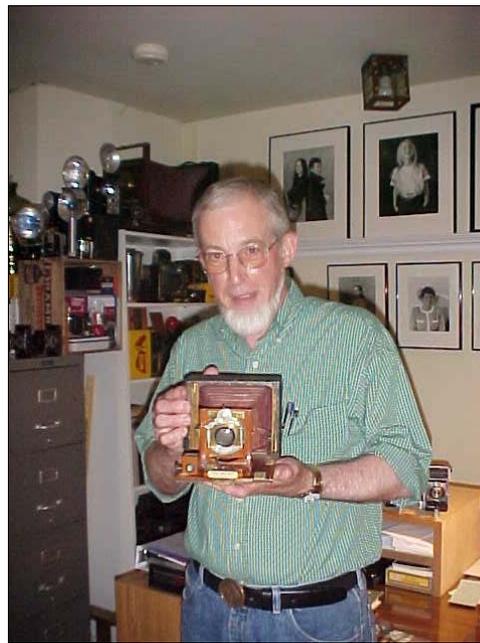
The darkroom Eisenhauer used was located in the barn at the rear of his Maple Street home. It was there that he developed his glass negatives, and reproduced those images onto 3½-inch by 5½-inch postcards. It was during this process that he also stamped on the front of many of his postcards his trade-

mark signature, "U.H. EISENHAUER PHOTO MILLMONT, PA."

Urs H. Eisenhauer, a native of Snyder County, was born on August 29, 1851. He was the third of twelve children of Henry and Esther (Aglar) Eisenhauer. In 1857 Henry moved his family from Snyder County onto a farm in the Kelly Crossroads area of Union County. As an adult Urs, like his father, continued in the farming trade. On February 18, 1886, he married Susan Wallize (1857-1930) of Turbotville, Northumberland County. Urs H. Eisenhauer was the father of five daughters and one son: Mary (Eisenhauer) Spotts, Sarah (Eisenhauer) Hafer, Bertha (Eisenhauer) Haupt, Catherine (Eisenhauer) Burns, Symira (Eisenhauer) Crabb, and Richard Eisenhauer.

In April 1900, Urs and Susan purchased a home on Maple Street in Millmont. They continued to live in this village until 1926, when they sold their home to George and Dora (Pick) Mitchell. Susan Eisenhauer died in 1930. Urs H. Eisenhauer passed away on October 17, 1935 at the home of his daughter, Mary Spotts, in West Buffalo Township, Union County. Both are buried in the Old Cedars Cemetery in Swengel.

Real photo postcards, regardless of the photographer, have become highly collectable in recent years. Gary Slear of Lewisburg, past President of the Union County Historical Society, is one of a growing number of enthusiasts who collect real photo postcards from the 1900's. Recently Slear informed me that he has been an avid postcard collector for nearly thirty years. He stated: "During that time I accumulated approximately 45 photo postcards taken by Eisenhauer. Altogether, I probably have around 3,000 cards from Union County. Photo postcards used to sell in the \$1 to \$3 range depending on subject matter. Today, a good photo card will start at \$10 up to \$25



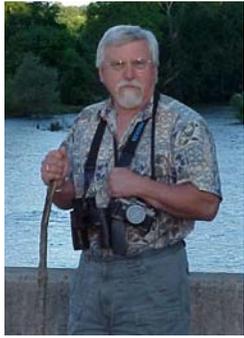
Jim R. Walter Jr., of 2015 Turkey Run Road, Millfiling, PA, has been collecting vintage cameras and photographic memorabilia since the early 1970's. Today his collection totals some 200 cameras of various makes, models, sizes, and shapes. In the photograph to the left, Walter is holding a box camera

manufactured by the Rochester Camera Company, which he purchased at a yard sale near Pleasant Grove. This "Cycle Poco" camera utilized dry plate glass negatives, and would be similar to the type of camera used by early twentieth century photographers, such as Urs H. Eisenhauer of Millmont. According to Walter, "cycle" was derived from the fact that many of the early photographers carried their box camera's in a leather pouch that hung from the handle bars of their bicycles. "Poco" means little, or small.

Walter demonstrated the rather lengthy process used by those early photographers in order to capture images of people and places utilizing the early box camera. Two gelatin coated glass plates were loaded into a wooden cartridge (in total darkness) and inserted in the rear compartment of the camera. Once the photographer had his subject in view it was necessary to get the subject into focus by maneuvering the lens, which was attached to the front section of the bellows. To allow for easier focusing, photographers often-times used a dark colored cloth hood to cover their head and face in order to get a better view of the subject through the ground glass in the back of the camera. Once the subject was focused a protective shield covering one of the glass plates was removed immediately prior to release of the shutter. The wooden cartridge was then removed and reinserted into the camera so that the second glass plate (on the opposite side) was ready to be exposed using the same process. According to Walter, the photographers leather camera pouch was capable of carrying about a half dozen wooden cartridges, or a total of 12 glass plates. The emulsion coated glass plates could then be developed in a darkroom.

As Walter described and explained the early photographic methods and processes used by photographers at the turn of the twentieth century, it is clear to see that taking pictures is much simpler today.

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BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

El Bandido with his mask of Zorro. Well, the Merry Month of May has turned into July! Those April showers have not only brought May flowers, but May showers as well. It has been a wet, hot month, but, in the words of folk optimism, “at least it isn’t snow!” With all this moisture the plants are doing great, especially my lawn.

On the first of May I was greeted by the familiar and distinctive call of *El Bandido with his mask of Zorro*. This small bird with a powerful voice is better known as the Common Yellowthroat, a member of the family of wood-warblers. It is an olive-brown bird, only about five inches in length, with a yellow throat and upper breast. The male has a bold, black facemask. Its call is variously represented as *witchity-witchity-witchity* or *which-is-it, which-is-it, which-is-it*, but to my ears it always sounds more like *ritzity-ritzity-ritzity*. I heard this bird for many years before I ever actually saw one. It is quite common, but normally hidden in the thick underbrush. I could be right next to it and not be able to see it. Get near to its nest, however, and the even more secretive, *Senora Bandido*, will magically appear. The pair will then attempt to lead the intruder away from the nest.

May is a busy month for birdwatchers. The Brown Thrashers, Indigo Buntings, Scarlet Tanagers, and Yellow Warblers have returned. Many of the migrating warblers were busily feeding in the treetops, stopping on their way north. Identifying warblers is a favorite pastime of many birdwatchers, but it gets very complicated. Recently, I was fortunate enough to witness a pair of Baltimore Orioles building their nest. I had thought the males built the nests before the females arrived, but it appears they both work on it. The male was on the inside of the pouch-like nest while the female was on the outside, stitching and weaving. Birds are building nests in every nook and cranny imaginable; there’s even one under one of my air conditioners.

While preparing for this month’s column I discovered a website that may be of interest to others fascinated by the world of birds. The site called *Familiar Birds* <http://birdsbybent.com> contains an edited e-book edition of a work written by Arthur Cleveland Bent (1866-1954), a prominent American ornithologist of the first half of the twentieth century. It contains much of the 21 volumes Bent published as *Life Histories of North American Birds* (1919-1968). Combining this resource with the *Birds of America* written by John James Audubon (1785-1851) a century earlier, gives us a wealth of information from two astute observers of bird behavior. Audubon’s book is available in its entirety (original illustrations included) at the Audubon Society’s website: http://www.audubon.org/bird/BoA/BOA_index.html. Compare the information in these two sources with your own experience and you have nearly two-hundred years of bird-watching knowledge, so grab your binoculars and take it all in.



Field Notes by Union County Wildlife Conservation Officer

Dirk B. Remensnyder

I received a call from my dispatch to contact a gentleman by the name of Charles Sauers. Dispatch said he wanted to see me in reference to getting my autograph. I thought this was funny because the last time anyone wanted my autograph was when I played college basketball; no one ever seems to want the autograph of a WCO because that usually happens when I issue someone a citation. Upon arriving at Charlie’s house, he invited me in to show me his project. He has some beautiful hand made Pennsylvania furniture that he spices up by giving it an outdoor theme. There on the tables, chairs, and benches he had inset pictures of Game News covers, Pa. Angler covers, and field notes from numerous WCO’s. He wanted to get autographs of all the WCO’s that he had field notes from and inset the autograph page in the table. Well, Charlie you got my autograph and as a bonus, here’s one more field note you can add to your collection. This one with your name on it.

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without even thinking. If the subject would happen to be a railroad station, let's say Millmont or Weikert, that would be \$75 to \$95. But portraits of people - NO. These would be only \$2 to \$5. Condition and subject is everything. A good rural scene with people doing outside activities would easily command \$45 to \$50. An ordinary house scene would be in the \$20 to \$25 range."

The world of photography has witnessed many remarkable and dramatic technological advances since the days when Urs H. Eisenhauer traveled throughout the region taking photographs. Innovations such as instant and digital photography, automatic focus and zoom, and one-hour film developing are improvements that many early photographers probably never envisioned. Those who enjoy collecting and viewing the handiwork of those early photographers are grateful they were able to master the arduous process. They have preserved for future generations pictographic images of rural life in the west end of Union County

My thanks to Jim Walter, 2015 Turkey Run Road, Mifflinburg; Delphia Shirk, Millmont; and Gary Slear, Lewisburg, PA. Other sources include the book entitled "Rural Delivery – Real Photo Postcards from Central Pennsylvania 1905 – 1935" by Jody Blake and Jeannette Lansansky and published by the Union County Historical Society in 1996.

Can You Identify Either Of These Eisenhauer Photos?



These two Eisenhauer real photo postcards were recently sent to me by subscriber Carl Catherman of 906 Market Street, Mifflinburg, PA. He is interested in gathering more information about both postcards. If you can provide him with any details about either photograph, please contact Carl at the address above, or call him at 966. 6236 (no afternoon calls), or you can email at: rcath@ptd.net



9-year old Holly Weaver and 12-year old Stan Weaver shown picking berries at Weaver's Strawberry Patch.

Ripe for the picking!

It's that time of year again – strawberry season! The green fields are brilliantly colored with deep red berries at Weavers Strawberry farm in Snyder County.

John and Brenda Weaver of Millmont, along with their children, will spend the next few weeks basically living in their temporary home (their camper) along Walnut Acres Road outside of Penns Creek.

The Weaver's sow a new field of strawberry plants annually. On Tuesday, May 25th they planted 15,000 plants on nearly 2 acres of fertile soil in preparation for next years harvest. They use a small tractor pulled planter unit that seats two people.

The seedlings are fed into the planter and placed in the soil.



Each field is harvested for three years.

We had the opportunity to enjoy some of those first of the season berries. And of course our taste buds were delighted!

There are numerous acres ready for picking now. Or you can purchase some already picked berries. Weaver's strawberry patch is located southeast of Penns Creek. Follow the signs at the intersection of Rt. 104 and Walnut Street in Penns Creek.

Jacks Mountain Trail Ride

By Pam Peffer

For the past seven years, on the first Sunday in June, a group of people, along with their horses, gather at the snowmobile parking area on Jacks Mt. (Rt. 235) for a ten mile trail ride to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Funds are raised by having sponsor's pledge as many dollars as they wish for each mile an individual and their horse rides.

At the close of the ride there is a picnic for all volunteers and riders involved, followed by a Chinese auction with items donated by riders and sponsors. All of the proceeds benefit the children's hospital.

This is always a great time for getting reacquainted with old friends and also making new ones.

Please help us to make this our best year ever. Sponsorships can be sent to Tom Guyer, RR1 Box 342 Middleburg, PA 17842

For more information about joining the ride, sponsorship, donating auction items, or just coming to help, contact Tom Guyer 570-837-3077 or Pam Peffer 570-922-1284.



Hartleton, PA - AS I REMEMBER IT 1930 - 1950

by Eleanor (Hoffman) Hoy

Memorial Day in Hartleton was a very special day. The night before people of the town brought their prize flowers from their gardens to be made into bouquets. The members of the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America from Millmont assembled in front of the Hartleton Grocery Store and arranged the flowers in small bouquets. They were kept fresh by putting the bouquets in zinc wash tubs with water in for the night. The next morning every boy and girl from town put on his or her best clothes and assembled in front of the store for the parade to the two cemeteries in town.

This was the day you were allowed to wear ankle socks after a winter of wearing those horrible brown ribbed cotton stockings girls had to wear to keep warm. In those days girls or women did not wear slacks or jeans. You also were allowed to wear white shoes for the start of the summer season on this day.

Each child was given a bouquet of flowers wrapped in wax paper so the water didn't drip on your nice clothes and we walked over to the Union Church Cemetery first and decorated the soldiers graves. Little did I know then that some of those were relatives of mine. Then we returned to the store, picked up another bouquet and walked up to the Hartleton Hill Cemetery with parents and town folks walking with us. There wasn't the traffic there is today through town on Route 45, this being the main route to Centre County. For some of the smaller children that was quite a hike and if you were wearing new shoes it generally resulted in a blister on your heel. Oh I almost forgot we were accompanied by the Millmont Band which was still in existence in the 1930's.

After decorating the graves of the soldiers there was always a service and speaker. Some speakers seemed to talk too long and it was hard to stand still that long and be quiet.

Another thing everyone did for Memorial Day was you had a holder with four or five little American flags which was attached to the radiator cap of your automobile.

After that long speech, or so it seemed, in the cemetery then it was that long walk back down the hill which often ended with one of your parents carrying the smaller children.

The day ended with a festival on the Greens in Millmont with the Millmont Band playing a concert for entertainment. A big attraction of the festival was the cake walk. You paid a nickel to walk around a roped area. The first child in line was given an American flag and you kept passing it back the line while the band played. When the music stopped the child holding the flag won a homemade cake of your choice which the local women donated. Every woman tried to bake a bigger cake than the other one for this festival.

Bible Quiz

Bonita Zimmerman of Alta Vista, IA, was the winner of the May Bible Quiz, and as a result, she won \$10. The answer was: "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." The answer can be found in Luke 6:31, and Matthew 7:12. The person responsible for the "Bible Quiz" has asked me to thank everyone who entered the contest last month including: Montana White, Mill Hall, PA; The Millmont United Methodist Youth Group, Rhoda Oberholtzer, Stevens, PA; Lucy Hoover, Lewisburg, PA; and Lena Susan, Mifflinburg, PA.

The Bible Quiz question for June is: Where in the Bible does it mention the calling of Jesus Christ's first disciples? The person whose name is drawn with the correct answer will receive \$10. Send your answers, along with your name and address to:

Bible Quiz
PO Box 8
Swengel, PA 17880

Please have your answer mailed to this address by the 20th of the month.

Congratulations to the following Mifflinburg Area High School graduates: Shanda Bingaman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bingaman, Shirk Road, Millmont; Luke Bilger, son of Steve and Wendy Bilger, Millmont; and Nathan Yoder, son of Israel and Elizabeth Yoder, Millmont.

Public meetings to be held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building

- ▶ Municipal Authority of Lewis Township, the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:30 p. m.
- ▶ Lewis Township Board of Supervisors, the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:30 p. m.
- ▶ The Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association, first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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

>Vacation Bible School will be held June 13—18 from 6:30—8:30 p.m. All area children are invited to attend!

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother

Rev. Theodore Hesburgh

Meanderings

by *Hertha S. Wehr*

On Education

The New York Times Weekly comes to me as a gift. It's always interesting to see what they consider the top stories of the week. Sometimes there are articles about current affairs, which can, or do not, add to what I've read in the daily paper or seen on TV.

The things I find to be of the most interest are articles about things we don't usually see on a regular basis. One such article dealt with a fossil found in a Pennsylvania road cut, (no location given). It seems science feels the two and a half inch bone appears to be a link between the fins of fish and the arms and legs of amphibians. They see it as a fish which could do "push-ups". Scientists feel the fish was getting ready for life on land. Of course this is a piece of science from 365 million years ago. Hmmm.

Another article which intrigued me was from Kenya. About a year ago Kenya declared primary school education would be free through grade eight.

A Mr. Margue who is 84 decided he wanted to learn to read and write. He had never had the opportunity as he was the keeper of his father's livestock. Later he was involved with supporting his own family. On the first day of school he did as much as possible to seem to fit in with the school atmosphere. He appeared in knee socks and a pair of blue trousers cut off above the knees to resemble the short pants worn by Kenyan schoolchildren.

Jane Obinchu, the headmistress thought he was joking when

he said he wanted to enroll in the first grade. Mr. Margue was insistent so she decided to give him a chance. At first the children, most of them 78 years younger, were amused by Mr. Margue. But over time they grew used to having a "Mzea", the Swahili honorific given to elders.

Kenyan officials were stunned that people beyond school age sought to take advantage of free primary education. At the school where Mr. Margue attends the enrollment exploded to 865 students. Mr. Maruge's class of 109 were in one first grade class.

Eventually the officials ruled that adults should enroll in adult education classes. Mr. Margue explained that he would feel intimidated in such an environment. A solution was found in a compromise. They moved Mr. Maruge into an adjacent classroom with special education students who receive individualized instruction. He is not embarrassed to be in the same school with two of his grandchildren. He dismisses critics with "Let those who want to make fun of me do it, I will continue to learn."

After reading the article I thought of all of America's people who are under educated. The world sees us as a throw-away society, which we are. Not only do we throw away resources that could be utilized but we throw away opportunities, especially opportunities to learn.

We already have free education through high school. Why do we have drop-outs? Why have we failed to impress people with the joy of learning? Is life too easy, are parents too lax with children? No easy answers to any of the questions.

High school commencement is the end of formal schooling for many people and that's fine if you feel you have had enough of learning in a formal classroom setting. But commencement means to commence. It's the beginning of adult life and I hope you have, or are, commencing to learn about the people around you, the world in which you live, what makes "things tick", why and how other people think, and how and why they come to certain conclusions. And I hope you are doing it with joy.

Union County West End Ambulance Membership Drive

The Union County West End Ambulance service is now conducting its annual membership drive. Membership forms should be received soon if not already in your possession. If your address is incorrect, please correct it when returning your card. If you have not received one, they can be picked up at the Laurelton or Weikert Post Offices.

Ambulance membership is separate from the paramedics membership. It provides transportation while the paramedics provide advanced medical care the ambulance personnel cannot provide. Although your insurance may be billed, you are not responsible for any portion not paid by insurance if you have a membership card. Our expenses far exceed what insurance might pay. Please help us to provide the best service possible by having an ambulance membership which is good for one year, through June 1, 2005.

In the event of an emergency, it will be much easier and faster for your local ambulance service to locate you if you have your house clearly marked with 3-inch or higher numbers and / or have your mailbox properly labeled.

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one is a view of several homes alongside Penn Street in Millmont. The photograph was taken about 1909 by well-known Millmont photographer, U. H. Eisenhauer. Eisenhauer snapped this photograph at the intersection of Second Street and Penn Street (looking east). A story about Eisenhauer is featured in this issue of The Millmont Times. As a resident of Millmont, Eisenhauer had an opportunity to preserve numerous views of the small village, as well as a number of the residents who lived in town. Delphia Shirk of Millmont has been collecting real photo postcards for many years, and her collection contains numerous Eisenhauer photos.

The Village Antique Mall

By Sharm Liddick



The luring aroma of Lavender and the striking displays of antiques and crafts beckon you as you enter the doors at "The Village Antique Mall" in Hartleton. You only need to take a few steps into the 10,500 square foot building to know you've found a place to explore, find hidden treasures from the days of long ago and enjoying reminiscing and talking with owners, Terry and Alice

Hanselman. "I grew up in Mifflinburg, lived in Colorado and wanted to 'come home', Terry Hanselman states. "When I was a kid I loved to find dumps in the fields and mountains and dig around in them!" His love for 'buried treasurers' continued when he was in his teens in the Mifflinburg School District. He took activity classes and learned the history of furnishings from the early 1700 and 1800's. "Mr. Boyer, one of my Mifflinburg High School teachers, was an inspiration for me and I knew this was what I wanted to do."

Alice, a native of Boals Mills, and Terry combined their love of antiques and collectable and welcome visitors to their *Village Antique Co-Op Mall* in the heart of downtown Hartleton. "We have 52 booths of featured antiques such as: Porcelain, furnishings from the 1700's, primitives, quilts, linens and the largest collection of graniteware in the state. Several of the booths also feature Sports Memorabilia and we have a separate section of the building we call "Craft Alley", Most of the dealers and crafters are from the local area. We grew up here, we live here and we enjoy the people and want to support our community." Terry states.



Terry Hanselman stands before a display featuring an original painting of Buster Brown, a rare Depression Glass oil lamp and a 1937 Granite plate at "The Village Antique

"When we decided to open the mall we thought we would move into the front 5,000 square foot area. By the second week it was full and we had a waiting list of dealers who wanted to move in! Although we're still working at preparing the back rooms for occupancy we are operating at full capacity. We love what we do and we love meeting the people, other dealers from State College, Millheim and many other Central

Pennsylvania areas.

Terry Irwin smiles as he gazes at his "Classic Thymes" room full of custom made wreaths, garlands, swags and trees. "I've known Terry and Alice for 17 years. They are go-getters, good people and I'm proud to be part of this business venture."

Terry is another local Artisan whose beautiful (artificial) greens are made in his own workshops by skilled artisans. The shop is colorfully filled with custom arrangements of grapevine, huckleberry and birch vases, dried and silk flowers interspersed with antique and craft furniture and decorating ideas. "The Village Antique Mall" is on Route 45, 15 miles west of Lewisburg, 35 miles east of State College and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

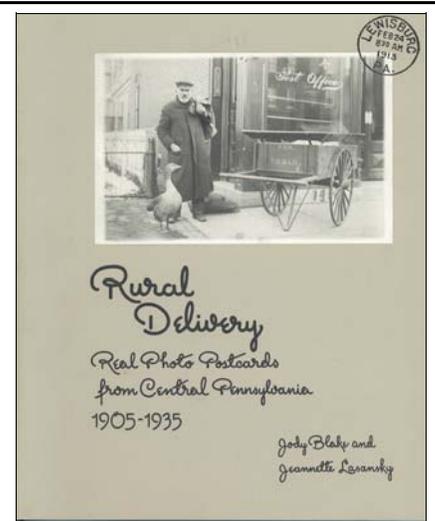


Terry Hanselman, owner of The Village Antique Mall, has the state's largest collection of (new) graniteware from the late 1940's. They were in storage in the British Colonies and were recently brought to the United States. His collection was featured in the September issue (2003) of "Country Living" magazine.

Walks with Dad

By Brenda Weaver

Take me for a walk, Dad,
for I will soon be grown.
I need to have some time with you;
the seeds will soon be sown.
Swing me high on your strong shoulders,
bounce me on your knee.
Sing a little song with me,
help me climb this tree.
May we share some little secrets?
Promise you'll be there.
I need to know you love me
and feel your tender care.
Time is passing quickly, Dad
and growing up is hard.
Do you ever wonder if our
relationship is marred?
I want some independence
but I need some guidance too.
O.K., let's walk and talk again
just like we used to do.
I know you have concern for me
I hear it when you pray.
Stick with me through these rough times,
this too shall pass some day.
Come, let's take a walk, Dad,
now that I am grown.
I need to have some time with you,
just you and I alone.
What about this business venture?
I need someone's advice.
Again I thank you for the prayers
of you and Mom—that's nice.
Father and child have changed to friends,
it seems - What is the key?
I have to wonder if it came
from taking walks with me!



To purchase a copy of *Rural Delivery Real Photo Postcards from Central PA, 1905—1935* by Jody Blake and Jeannette Lasansky, please contact The Union Country Historical Society at 524-8666.

Penlines from my Kitchen to Yours

By Lucy Hoover

April 13

Mrs. Luke Hoover of Mifflinburg had surgery. Friends are having a sunshine package shower for the family.

April 14

Clair & Lucinda Zimmerman of Mifflinburg have a 2nd son, named Glen. Grandparents are Aaron & Susan Zimmerman of Lewisburg, and Daniel & Alice Burkholder of Mifflinburg.

Floyd & Katie Martin's Amy of Mifflinburg had surgery this week at the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. She will have her 12th birthday while recovering. Cards can be sent to: Amy Martin, 2080 Swengel Rd., Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

April 18

We were glad to see that Mrs. Ivan Nolt, Sr. of Mifflinburg was well enough to attend church. She had surgery a few weeks ago.

April 20

They are having a "working bee" to put trusses up on the new building that is being built to make more storage space for metal roofing at Zimmerman's Harness Shop of Millmont.

April 21

Daniel & Esther Nolt of Lewisburg have a 3rd daughter, named Abigail. She also has 2 brothers. Grandparents are Floyd & Jane Nolt of New Holland, and Reuben & Ella Reiff of Ephrata.

April 23

When brother Chris came to work this morning he brought Wilma and the 3 girls along to our house for the day.

April 24

Curvin went to the annual consignment sale in Mifflinburg. Tonight our family was invited to Parent Hoover's for a 7:00 supper in honor of newlyweds, Michael & Jemima Hoover.

April 25

Jerry & Elva Martin have a son named Leroy. He has 1 sister. Grandparents are Mrs. Leroy Martin of Mifflinburg, and Amos & Emma Nolt of Lewisburg.

This afternoon Curvin, along with his Dad, 2 brothers, and a nephew went to Mechanicsburg to visit a former neighbor, Clarence Boop, at the Country Meadow Home. But when they got there only his wife was there. And they also visited Clarence then at the Holy Spirit Hospital, not far from the home. While the men were visiting, Mrs. John Isaac and 4 children were here at our house for the afternoon and stayed for supper. We had an invitation to Alvin & Lizzie Sensenig (of Mifflinburg) tonight to meet Aaron & Marietta Martin of Wisconsin. Our desire was to be there, but Pauline was feverish so we stayed home instead.

Abram & Emma Zimmerman of Mifflinburg had the wedding reception for their son, Weaver, of Wisconsin.

April 26

Eugene & Christine Martin of Mifflinburg became first time parents. They have a son named Shannon Ray. Grandparents are Irvin & Esther Martin of Mifflinburg, and Paul & Louise Reiff of Mifflinburg.

April 27

Ruth Sauder of Kutztown is moving in with my mother. During the day she will be staying with an elderly lady not far from Mom's house.

Mom and Ruth first learned to know each other 33 years ago when I was a

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Looking Back

The article below was originally published in one of the local newspapers on . It is copied here verbatim.

MILLMONT

From the Mifflinburg Telegraph.

The Fire Excitement of Monday

On Monday last about 3 o'clock P.M., the timber land of Ryan, Thompson & Co., on Buffalo Mountain about 6 miles northwest of Mifflinburg, was discovered on fire by the employees of the company in their upper camp, near which the fire started. No one is positive how it originated, but some suspect that it was the work of an incendiary.

It quickly spread, destroying vast quantities of bark in that neighborhood and also some lumber, in value, it is said about \$3,000. Rapidly the flames coursed eastward in line with the big mill of the Company, when the foreman in charge, Mr. Messamer, became alarmed for its safety, and with the "Dinkey" locomotive and gondola car, he came to this place for assistance. About 125 men, provided with buckets, boarded the gondola, and were quickly taken to the fire - this about dusk - where they did valiant and successful work in staying the flames. Meanwhile Mr. Messamer had telegraphed to Lewisburg authorities for their steamer and firemen, which soon met with an affirmative response, and about ten minutes of nine the train from Lewisburg, with steamer, hose carriage and about 60 brave firemen on board, arrived in this place. The "Dinkey" took them in chare and, in due season, had them out at the mill. By this time, however, the mill was considered out of danger, thanks to a favorable wind and the hard work of the first delegation that reached the ground, and the workmen of the Company. Therefore it was found unnecessary to unload the steamer, the willingness, however, of the Lewisburg boys to do and dare for the Company's property, spoke volumes in their favor. They returned to this place a little past midnight and were lodged at the hotels and private houses of citizens. In the morning (Tuesday) they were breakfasted at the expense of the Company at Mr. Cox's hotel, 57 of them having accepted the invitation. They returned home on the 8 o'clock train. Doubtless Messers. Ryan, T. & Co. will manifest their appreciation of the proffered help on the part of the Fire Dept. of Lewisburg in a still more emphatic and practical way, especially if said firm should learn that these boys are striving hard to obtain funds to furnish their room becomingly.

At this writing, Tuesday noon, all danger seems to have passed, although the first is not yet entirely extinguished.

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newborn baby. Mom had not planned on having a maid. But then Dad had a large boil on his knee and the other children got the measles. So, Mom borrowed someone else's maid for a few weeks. Over the years, visits & letters were exchanged. And when Curvin & I married, Ruth came the day before and baked bread for our wedding. She is a first cousin to both Curvin's Dad & Mom. Today I went with a vanload of others to spend the day in New York with family.

April 28

Pauline and I visited at Amos & Almeta Horning of Middleburg.

Levi and Susan Oberholtzer of Millmont are now living in their new house, just a little ways down the road from where they used to live with Susan's brother, Warren Hoover. He will have the house to himself now.

Abram & Wilma Zimmerman's eleven-year-old John of Mifflinburg is at home from a 2-day stay in the hospital.

May 1

There were yard sales at the Buffalo Valley Produce Auction. Items were donated, and the income was put in our church treasury to help members pay their hospital bills, if needed.

May 2

Tonight we had heavy rains and our electricity was off for an hour.

May 3

Mom Hoover was here to help quilt an appliquéd "Heart of Roses" quilt. Her legs are much better.

Tonight the neighbor is having his field plowed with 2 five bottom plows & tractors following each other. I guess these are spring-time rush days for the farmers.

Curvin went with other men to a township meeting about enlarging a building in our area. It has been approved.

May 4

Linford Zeiset (Jonas) of Lewisburg, who works here at our ship, had surgery.

May 6

There are many yard sales in our area. The girls and I went to Chris & Wilma Brubacker to help her with her store and yard sale. Mom Hoover was also there to help. We had a lot of customers.

May 7

We were awakened by thundershowers during the night. During the day it was humid. We had our school picnic. The children, and their Dad's, played baseball.

It was time to elect a new School Director for the next 3 years. Vernon Martin of Lewisburg was voted in.

May 8

The last day of school, and also "Pet Day." We allowed Marie to go to school with Elsie. They wanted to take our 9-year old dog, Skippy, as their pet. But Skippy would just turn around and sit down for the girls. So I walked nearly all the way to school with them. The chicken that Timothy Martin (Steven) took along laid an egg on a jacket in the school's basement.

May 9

A visiting minister, Wayne Zimmerman, of Shippensburg was at church this forenoon. John Isaac & Erla Hoover Family, & Chris and Wilma Brubacker Family were here for lunch. In the afternoon some of us went to visit Linford Zeiset.

May 10

My cousin, Mahlon & Ada Burkholder of Dundee, New York, have their 6th daughter, named Anna (same as her Grandmother). They also have one son.

Elton & Delores Horning's son, John Mark, of Middleburg is home from the hospital. He had an ear infection after he came home, but is doing well otherwise.

Thank You!!

I'd like to thank the following people for their donations toward the publication of this newsletter:

The people listed below have agreed to accept this newsletter over the Internet as a PDF, thus allowing me to reduce the monthly expenses associated with printing and mailing this publication. My heartfelt thanks to: David L. Benfer Jr., Hartleton; Bonnie Roush, Mifflinburg; Rev. Ralph Unroe of Milton; Fred & Susan Johnson; Rodney and Marcy Long of Hartleton; Brenda Hubbert, Mifflinburg; and Dawn & Ken Martin, New Berlin. Anyone interested in signing up to receive a color version of the newsletter each month at no charge is urged to contact: tshively@evenlink.com

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My thanks to Jonathan Bastian of Mifflinburg for presenting me with a copy of his book entitled "The Pardee Lumber Mill at Pardee." Copies are available by contacting Jonathan at 393 Oil Well Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844, or you can contact him at rockman@jdweb.com. My thanks also to Dr. Donald Mayes, 360 Maple Ave., Hershey, PA for providing me with a copy of his collection of "Tight End" photographs in book form, as well as on CD. Thaks also to Delight Showalter of Millmont for providing me with a copy of a photograph of Joseph Parry-Hill. As always, my thanks to Pauline Shively, Weller Lane, Millmont for help with the newsletter.



The Editor Finds a Wife

By Brenda Weaver

A balmy May ninth enjoyed the smile of the sun until late afternoon. Friends of the bride and groom glanced nervously skyward as clouds gathered over the little towns of Millmont and Hartleton. The little, red brick church waited expectantly, its windowsills dressed with votives and vines. If the one hundred and sixty-three year old walls could have spoken, they no doubt would have congratulated each other on their fine accomplishment. Not only were they soon to witness the marriage of Janice Dorman and Tony Shively, they had been instrumental in the very introduction of the couple.

Ask Pat Bennett, of Hartleton, and she will beam as she tells how she suggested to Tony that he meet with Janice. "She knows a lot about the Union Church, and she could help you with *The Millmont*

Times." So it was fitting that the couple marry in the church that Janice cared about for so many years, and Tony used as a reason to meet with her for the first time.

Strains of music from a CD complemented the sounds of the first raindrops as they pattered on church's new tin roof. Rivulets of rain on the windows caught the glow of candlelight and shimmered it across the panes. The old floorboards and pews creaked as family members took their seats and waited excitedly for the service to begin.

If the couple's friends had been in attendance the church could not have held them all. Concerned that they might cause hard feelings by inviting some and not others, the couple decided to invite immediate families only. While our editor, TLS, has many friends and is comfortable with words, he is less than comfortable with large groups of people and cameras. As for Janice and her family, this was the second wedding in as many days; her brother, Matthew Dorman, was married on Saturday, the eighth.

Karen Goktas, Janice's sister, was asked to be the matron of honor. A large part of Tony's and Janice's decision to marry in May was based on Karen's ability to attend the wedding. She lives in England and was grateful to attend both weddings on one trip to the United States. Janice's other sister, Brenda Klingman, was selected as bridesmaid. Randy Baylor, friend and co-worker of the groom, served as best man. Sean Klingman, nephew of the bride, and Tyler Radel, nephew of the groom, had the privilege of handing out the ceremony programs, graced with a lovely photo of The Union Church of Hartleton at dawn.

After the bridal party procession, Tony and Janice walked together down the aisle to "I Will Be Here," sung as a solo by Janice's sister, Karen. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Richard VonNeida, great uncle of the bride. No one knew, as they listened in rapt attention to the meditation and exchange of vows, that this minister would say goodbye to his own wife in two short days. After years of loving her and caring for her crippled body, he gave evidence to the deep meaning of the words "... for better or for worse, in sickness and in health..."

When Tony and Janice exchanged vows the groom was in for some surprises. While becoming his wife, Janice recited a poem after which she calmly and lovingly sang a solo to him. "If You Could See What I See" from the lips of his new bride was a precious treasure to the awestruck groom.

Prior to being introduced as Mr. and Mrs. Tony Shively, Rev. Henry Dorman, the bride's father, came forward and offered a beautiful prayer of blessing over the couple.

Smiling broadly, the wedding party followed the newlyweds down the aisle and out the doors of the happy church. God had lightened the rain to a fine mist and, in the bride's words: "It provided a beautiful benediction to our wedding." Who would disagree? Even those of us who were at home praying for sunshine know that marriage is a mixture of both sunshine and rain.

The bride and groom then returned to the church to usher their guests out individually, handing each one a long-stemmed rose and thanking them for coming.

The old church walls must have smiled at the beauty of it all.

A reception followed at the Country Cupboard Restaurant for the nearly forty guests. There it was Tony's turn to surprise Janice with a carefully crafted groom's speech. His mother, Pauline Shively, chuckled warmly as she told me about it. "He told us all how he did just like his Father and her Father had done: 'Bill went a mile up the road to Hartleton to find his wife, Pauline. Henry went a mile up the road to Hartleton to find his wife, Linda. And I went a mile up the road to Hartleton to find Janice.'"

I suppose two little Pennsylvania towns, Millmont and Hartleton, and a quaint, red brick church will always hold a place of regard in the Dorman and Shively families. And the couple's friends, who wished them well and delighted in their joy, could honor the bride and groom in their decisions and thank the Lord for His provision.

After a four day honeymoon to an undisclosed location, Tony and Janice returned to their jobs at Pennsylvania House and Pik Rite. They look forward to an extended honeymoon in Vermont's autumn splendor this October. We wish them well!

A final note: I have written this account of Tony and Janice's wedding with their blessing, gathering information from them and their family members. I count it an honor to do so. Considering the response they received from the article about their

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Lewis Township News

Village Green Recreation Association - No meeting was held in April.

Lewis Township Board of Supervisors - Minutes not available.

Municipal Authority of Lewis Township - Minutes from the April 6, 2004 meeting

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held on April 6, 2004 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, Ken Bair, Ken Strowbridge, Steve Bilger and Marge Schmader. Also present were Solicitor Melissa Lobos, HRG Rep. Rob Rowe, Plant Manager Walt Scholl and Supervisor Doug Peffer.

>The minutes were approved as printed.

>HEARING OF VISITORS: Doug Peffer asked the board who we thought should pay for the fence at the sewer plant – the people on the sewer or the taxpayers of Lewis Twp. The Township holds the insurance on the plant. The township owns the plant under the present lease. We are in default under the present lease – the lease needs changes. Attorney Boop sent a letter to Pennvest without the changes Melissa suggested, stating that we, the Authority, would agree to it. We will wait to hear from Pennvest to see if they require additional changes. Attorney Boop needs to respond to Melissa's letter to him.

>The treasurer's report was given. The checking account balance was \$31,089.05 and \$127,726.74 in CDs and was approved and filed for audit. A motion was made by Ken Strowbridge and seconded by Steve Bilger to pay the bills – so moved. Kilmer Agency had made a mistake on the cost of the Bond for Ken Bair. It should have been \$300.00 instead of \$400.00+. Marge made a motion to pay the \$300.00 bill for the bond on Ken Bair. The motion seconded by Ken Strowbridge – so moved.

>CORRESPONDENCE: HRG sent the NPDES Renewal report and public notices, which will be posted at the Twp. Building and the Post Office. Also, they sent a copy of the notarized NPDES Permit; and, our 2003 Chapter 94 Wasteload Management Reports.

DEP sent a letter of acceptance for the NPDES Report. Also, they sent a letter stating they reviewed our annual wasteload management report and it was found to be complete and accurate. The letter received from the Commonwealth of PA Public Protection and Recreation Comptroller's Office, who was checking the balance of our loan to Pennvest as of Dec. 31, 2003. It was confirmed. (Balance as of Dec. 31, 2003 - \$129,877.14) We received a letter from Melissa Lobos to Attorney Boop re: request for changes in the lease agreement; a subsequent letter sent to Pennvest stating we did not agree with Attorney Boop's letter he had sent to Pennvest; and, a copy of a letter Melissa sent to Tom Boop re: his letter to Pennvest without our knowledge. A letter was received from Mifflinburg Bank stating that our accounts had an aggregate total in excess of the \$100,000.00 FDIC insurance coverage. They suggested different securities that they will pledge to if it is acceptable to us. Melissa will check out the securities for us.

>ENGINEER'S REPORT: Rob Rowe had aerial photos of the plant and surrounding marshes, etc. The old as-builts don't match with Walt Scholl's measurements. The problem is that no pins are shown on the original drawings or the as-builts. Rob also gave us a sample of a bid document for the fence. Marge made a motion to accept HRG's fence proposal for bids, with change of no barbed wire, pending our solicitor's review. Seconded by Ken Bair – so moved.

>PLANT OPERATOR UPDATE: Walt Scholl reported the monitoring wells need installed. If it doesn't dry up, we will have to get stone and make a road so the drill that has been stuck since last fall, can be gotten out. Ken Bair made a motion for Walt to get someone in to put stone down to get out drill and do the wells. Seconded by Steve Bilger – so moved.

Walt also reported that we need chlorine – he will take care of it. The seals on the motor pumps for the SBRs are bad. He will need someone to repack them. Walt will get prices and report back to us.

>OLD BUSINESS: The liens that were filed on three properties by Melissa Lobos still have not been found. The liens were put on back in 1993 or 1994 before the authority was formed. Marge told Supv. Sanders their solicitor should have info on them since he had to be the one who put the liens on the properties. We would like to get these taken care of so they can be taken off the records, if possible. Mr. Sanders will check into this matter.

>NEW BUSINESS: None

Minutes from the May 4, 2004 meeting

>The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lew Township was held on May 4, 2004 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, Ken Bair, Steve Bilger and Marge Schmader. Also present were Solicitors Ray and Melissa Lobos, HRG Rep. Rob Rowe, Plant Manager Walt Scholl, and Joe White.

>The minutes were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was given. The checking account balance was \$32,143.06 and \$128,780.75 in CD's and was approved and filed for audit. A motion was made by Steve Bilger to pay the bills and seconded by Marge Schmader—so moved.

>CORRESPONDENCE: We received a letter from Tom Boop, solicitor for the Township supervisors, stating that they will defer acting on the matter of turning the sewer plant over to the Authority until they hear from Pennvest. DEP wrote stating that no disinfection was occurring to the effluent and that we were in violation. Walt Scholl said he talked to DEP the day after Mr. Sonntag inspected the plant. It was taken care of the next day.

>ENGINEER'S REPORT: Rob Rowe reported that they finished bid specs on the fence for the plant. He gave the specs to Melissa. She will advertise and we will open the bids at our next meeting.

>PLANT OPERATOR UPDATE: Walt reported work needs to be done on marshes and meadows. He also said the circulation pump for the SBR's broke down. The base was patched to get the system running again. McClawson's will get us a pump. We will have a spare if one can be repacked. It will take 5 to 8 weeks to get the pumps and it will cost \$23,400.00. Marge made a motion to approve expenditure on pumps, roof, and etc. of \$23,400.00. Ken Bair seconded—so moved. Walt also stated that the NPDES permit limits are getting to our normal summer limits. It will probably go over our limits and we will be in violation. Rob Rowe will let DEP know about it. Walt bought a tractor to clean the marshes and meadows, distribution trenches, etc. He will charge us rental cost when he uses it. Marge made a motion to pay rent for the use of his tractor when needed and Steve Bilger seconded—so moved. Walt said the new hook-on located on Libby Road was inspected and approved. New hook-ons should have an asphalt sealant put on saddle. HRG will work up specs for future hook-on saddles. A road was built to drill site for a monitoring well and another will be built to the marshes and meadows. The monitoring well was cleaned out at the same time. Both SBR's are working. Walt is harvesting the sides of the marshes now to help re-seeding.

>OLD BUSINESS: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Witmer are delinquent on their account. Marge will let Melissa know total and she will have a letter sent to them.

>NEW BUSINESS: It is time for our audit. Marge talked to Mr. Parker and he will pick up files on May 18, 2004. He also stated that we need to advertise for an auditor since his 3-year contract is up this year. We will do so at the beginning of next year. Mr. Parker is willing to do a 3-year contract bid again.

The Laurelton Women's Club will be taking orders for the Laurelton Village and the Millmont Covered Bridge crocks. The Millmont Covered Bridge was the first crock made and due to requests for it, the crock will be available by order. Also available are a few of the Millmont Mill and Lincoln Chapel. The cost for the crocks is \$25 each. To order call Bev Catherman, 922-1640 or Carolyn Stamm, 922-1997.

Change of Address

If your mailing or Internet address is changing, please let me know in advance so that I can make the necessary changes. Thank You.

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engagement, I knew that you, readers of *The Millmont Times*, would love to read about their wedding. Join with me in praising God for another marriage that has the matchless opportunity to paint a picture of Christ's love for the church.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it...For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband. Ephesians 5:25,31,32.

Congratulations Tony and Janice Shively! Welcome to Millmont, Janice! Enjoy co-editing you two!

Note to readers: Tony tells me Janice is a great asset to TMT and a fast typist. But please excuse Mr. and Mrs. Shively if your *Millmont Times* arrives late, it has been a busy, happy month for them. --Brenda Weaver

June Anniversaries

Elwood and Leah Showalter will be celebrating their 56th wedding anniversary on June 12th. Theodore and Carolyn Catherman will be celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 15th. June 19th is the 22nd anniversary of John and Brenda Weavers marriage. On June 20th, Bernie and Marge Schmader will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Vernon and Becky Schramm will celebrate their 14th wedding anniversary on June 30th.

People celebrating a birthday during June

Amos O. Zimmerman, June 3	John Weaver, June 20
Adin Zimmerman, June 4	Dale Hartman, June 20
Holly Weaver, June 5	Father's Day, June 20
Thomas Boop, June 6	Chelynn, Bingaman, June 21
Lori Weaver, June 7	Nathan Siegrist, June 24
Landon Schramm, June 7	Lindy Mattern, June 24
Kay Guida, June 9	June Bingaman, June 29
Edward Susan, June 11	
Helen Susan, June 13	
Robert Stroup, June 14	
Flag Day, June 14	
Mark Shreckengast, June 13	
Venessa Walter, June 18	

Four generations celebrate Weikert Heritage Days



Pictured above are from left to right, Jonathan Bastian and his Father, Jeff Bastian of Oil Well Rd., Mifflinburg, Jeff's Mother, Connie Bastian, of Weikert, and Connie's Mother, Leona Wirt, of Sunbury. They all attended and shared information about local history during Weikert Heritage Days on May 15, 2004 at the Hartley Township Community Center, Laurelton.

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