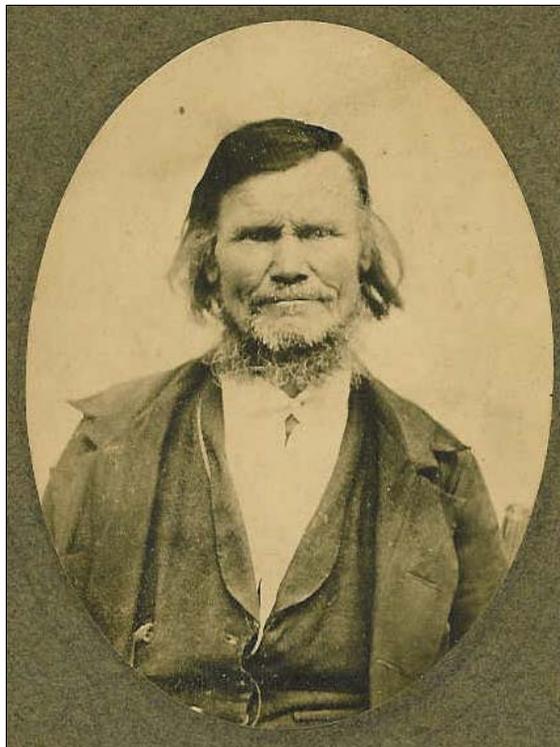




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A Picture Worth a Thousand Words



I wish I knew who coined the phrase “A picture is worth a thousand words.” That old cliché came to mind after seeing the photograph to the left for the very first time. My initial encounter with this photograph occurred more than one year ago. I have been intrigued by it ever since.

In August 2002, I conducted an oral interview with the late Frank R. Long. He made mention of some items in his possession that once belonged to his grandparents, the late Morris and Ella (Sholter) Long. Frank’s grandparents were long time residents of Millmont at the time of their deaths in the 1950’s. Long indicated that among the items he preserved were a family Bible, some newspaper clippings, and old photographs. Apparently Frank recognized my desire to view this material. Within days, he delivered a suitcase containing the family mementos to me.

Immediately, I began examining the contents of the suitcase, relishing the possibility of finding items of interest. I was not disappointed. As an avid collector of newspaper clippings, obituaries, and photographs pertaining to the west end of Union County, I was elated with what I found.

The photograph of this disheveled old timer instantly caught my attention. It was evident from the imprint on the matting that a professional photographer from Harrisburg had taken the portrait. I flipped the matted print to the reverse side in the hope of finding a name, initials, or date when the picture was taken. However, there was nothing. There were no clues to this man’s identity.

Upon returning the suitcase and its contents to Long, I held the photograph of the old timer in front of him and asked if he knew the man’s name. Long’s reply of “No” was not what I had hoped for. Nonetheless, I thanked him for allowing me to copy the material, and I departed without learning the name of this old timer.

Unexpectedly, within several weeks I had an occasion to see that same photograph.

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith



Spring flowers will be blooming in the Millmont Post Office very shortly! We will be selling them for \$7.40 for a bunch of 20; stamps that is! A new booklet of Spring flowers stamps will go on sale nationwide in March. Other new releases will include the North East Deciduous Forest stamps on a pane of 10, on March 3rd. They should be very nice. The stamps that I personally will be looking forward to will be the Muppet stamps, featuring Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and many other of the Muppet characters! These will be very popular with children and adults! I will be sure to order extra to meet demand. If you have been to the Millmont Post Office lately, I’m sure you have noticed how bright the new lights and lowered ceilings have made the lobby and workplace.

The walls will also be painted shortly and should also contribute to improving the appearance of the office! Stop in soon and see the difference and check out the new stamps!

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This time I was visiting with Emilie F. Jansma, noted Weikert Historian, in her summer cottage at Little Mountain. As Jansma shared her collection of west end photographs, I spied a photograph identical to the one that Long had in his collection. I pointed to it and asked, "Who is that?" Jansma quipped – "John Sholter."

The image of John Sholter on this photograph is striking. Now that I had a name to go with the face, I yearned to learn more about this person. When I discovered that Sholter died in 1882, I realized that uncovering information about him could be difficult. To learn more about Sholter, I turned to Leona Wirt of Sunbury, and Emile F. Jansma of State College. Wirt is John Sholter's great-granddaughter. Emilie Jansma is as familiar with the history of the "Tight End" of Union County as anyone I know.

John Sholter was born February 2, 1810. His arrival in the "Tight End" occurred prior to the 1840 census. He married Catherine Goodlander, daughter of Benjamin and Mary E. Goodlander. Catherine was born November 1, 1810. The Sholter and Goodlander families were among the earliest settlers in the west end. Pomeroy and Beers 1868 Atlas of Union and Snyder Counties shows the location of the J. Sholter home in the area now known as Weikert. According to Leona Wirt, her great-grandparents home was located in the vicinity of the present day Weikert Post Office.

Census records also indicated that John's occupation was a "day laborer and carpenter." Leona Wirt, a nonagenarian, stated that in addition to farming to support his family, her great-grandfather also timbered in the mountains near Weikert. John and Catherine Sholter were the parents of nine children: Mary C., Sarahan, Henry, Margaret R., Martha Jane, Hannah M., Benjamin F., William, and George.

Leona Wirt is a daughter of the late Asa and Vera Sholter. She recalled, as a child, attending the Hironimus Church, west of Weikert. She remembered hearing David Johnson (another pioneer of the west end) relate his memories of John Sholter walking to church. In the mid 19th century, residents of the "Tight End" were obligated to travel some distance in order to attend Sunday services. A trip from Weikert to a church in Laurelton was about six miles. John Sholter, who was a Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years, oftentimes walked to church barefooted. According to Leona, it wasn't until Sholter entered the door of Lincoln Chapel that he slipped his shoes on.

John Sholter passed away on January 20, 1882, twelve days shy of his 72nd birthday. His burial in the Hironimus Church cemetery was one of the earliest, since that church had only been established two years prior to his death. Catherine (Goodlander) Sholter, noted for being a pipe smoker, died February 20, 1884 at age 74. She is buried alongside her husband in the cemetery next to the picturesque church that is still used today. That graveyard holds the remains of five generations of the Sholter family.

The date when the photograph of John Sholter was taken remains a mystery. Leona Wirt stated that a professional photographer in Harrisburg captured John's image while he was visiting his daughter, Jane (Sholter) Snook. Wirt stated, "She wasn't at all ashamed to take her father to be photographed – just the way he was."

John Sholter's appearance on this photograph is telling. Life for pioneer families must have been a struggle. Yet John Sholter persevered and overcame the difficulties and hardships of the era in which he lived.

Perhaps you have old photographs that have little or no value to you. They may have belonged to your parents and grandparents and be hidden in boxes, stashed in the attic, or tucked in a family Bible. If you do, preserve them. Despite the fact that it can be difficult to identify the people and places, your old photographs may some day prove invaluable to others, and may be worth a thousand words - or more.

Behind every face there is a story, and it can be exciting to piece that story together. John Sholter, whose passing occurred 113 years ago, is one such story. I only regret that I did not make it a priority to tell Frank Long the name of the man in the photograph. As it turned out, that old timer was his great-great-grandfather, John Sholter of Weikert.



Time and the elements have taken their toll on John and Catherine (Goodlander) Sholter's headstones in the Hironimus Church cemetery. However, as I spread the fresh fallen snow across the face of their headstones, their names and dates became legible.

My thanks to the late Frank R. Long; Weikert Historian, Emilie Jansma, State College; Leona (Sholter) Wirt, Sunbury and Weikert; Connie (Wirt) Bastian, Weikert; Glenda (Shively) Sheaffer, Mifflinburg, and Dr. Donald Mayes, Weikert.

Editors Note: Perhaps you have some old photographs, newspaper clippings, deeds, documents or other items of interest that pertain to the west end of Union County. If you do, and if you are willing to share that material, there are several historians that would be excited to review and copy that material. Emilie F. Jansma, Jonathan Bastian, Jean Jolly, Dr. Donald Mayes, and myself are continually collecting and preserving such items. If you would like to help any of the historians listed above you may do so by contacting the

editor of The Millmont Times at P. O. Box 3, Millmont, PA 17845, by phone at 922.4297, or email to: tshively@dejazzd.com



BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

“...like the faint, playful laughter of Wagner’s *Rhinemaidens*... .” It’s all about the light--that’s what I thought to myself on a morning walk in early February. As the sun moves northward on the horizons and the days lengthen, everything changes. The leaf-buds are thickening and the skunk cabbage is pushing up through the frozen earth. The birds, too, know it’s time--their activities have changed and increased. The Titmice, House Finches and Cardinals have all started to call, and the woodpeckers have started their rhythmic drumming. It all signals the joyous return of the spring migrants—and there they were: Common Mergansers on Penns Creek and a flock of Robins almost two weeks early. I watched a group of about twenty Robins flying in the thick underbrush along Canada Drive. They and a small band of Cedar Waxwings were feeding on the left-over berries on the shrubs and vines. I noticed there were some immature Robins (they still had their spots) rummaging on the frozen ground and drinking from the ice fringed stream. On President’s Day I saw a group of black birds flying in the snow-covered cornfield. As I looked more closely, I could tell it was a small flock of Red-winged Blackbirds, male and female. I had long suspected that there were a few pairs that came before all the others. The males usually arrive at the very end of February, sometimes in large mixed flocks with the Common Grackles; the majority of female Red-winged Blackbirds arrive weeks later. The local Canada Geese are already pairing off and noisily establishing nesting sites.

There is a species of bird I have followed for several years now. I had first noticed them most often in the winter. I would see them flying in flocks in the open plowed fields, but I never seemed to be able to get a good look at them. They would fly up as I walked by and land some distance away and seemingly disappear on the ground. As they flew over they sounded “*like the faint, playful laughter of Wagner’s Rhinemaidens*... .” “Tee-hee....., tee-hee....., tee-hee... .” One cold winter morning, I had reached the point on Davis Road where the field is just at eye level. I noticed one of these birds land and could see its profile against the sky. As I focused my binoculars, I could see the ‘horn’ of the little bird moving in the breeze--it was a Horned Lark. This is another of our Permanent Residents and is the bird I alluded to last time. Now that I have come to know them better, I am not quite sure why I had so much trouble identifying them in the first place. They actually are a fairly common bird, and can be seen in many places. The Horned Lark is a bird about the size of the Eastern Bluebird. It has incredible camouflaging coloration, blending into the plowed fields perfectly. It has pale brown back coloring with a black chest and face patch, a yellow throat, and small black ‘horns’, which are actually feathers above each eye. They are most easily seen right after a fresh snowfall, when they come to the road to drink the melting snow--sometimes scores of them can be seen. The Horned Lark was originally a bird of the Prairie, but has moved eastward and northward with the opening of the forests. They are one of the earliest nesting birds, starting as early as March; building their nests in the clumps of earth in open, barren fields. Add this bird to your check list.

We may have many weeks of winter left, but the signs of spring are everywhere. The birds are singing and the migrants are arriving daily, so fine-tune your ears, grab your binoculars and take it all in.

Harbinger of Spring!

By Bill Bastian, Weikert, PA

As spring approaches, be on the lookout for small white flowering trees in lightly wooded areas here in the West End. They are called Serviceberries, named because, in the spring, circuit-riding preachers arrived in rural mountains to perform wedding ceremonies. In some locales they were known as Shadblow or Shadbush, because their bloom coincides with the shad spawning runs. But the most widely known name is Juneberry, because of the clusters of pea-sized fruits that are born in the month that bears its name. These berries are relished by several species of birds and mammals. A writer in *Birder’s World* describes Juneberries as her “favorite” bird attracting tree. So be on the lookout for this “Harbinger of Spring!”



Congratulations Shanda!
 Mark and Mary Bingaman of Shirk Road, Millmont, PA are proud to announce that their daughter, Shanda, was recently named to the Deans List at Lock Haven University for the Fall 2004 semester. Shanda, a freshman at the university, had a grade point average of 3.94 at the conclusion of her first semester. Shanda, a 2004 graduate of Mifflinburg Area High School, is majoring in Elementary Education.

WAY TO GO SHANDA!

Recipe of the Month
By Janice (Dorman) Shively
Ham Loaves

- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 C. milk
- 4 C. dry bread crumbs
- 2 lb. fresh sausage
- 2 lb. ground* fully cooked ham
- 1 ½ C. packed brown sugar
- ¾ C. water
- ½ C. vinegar
- 1 tsp. ground mustard

In a bowl, combine eggs, milk, and dry bread crumbs. Crumble sausage and ham over mixture and mix well. Shape into 12 oval mini-loaves, using 1 cup of mixture for each.

Place in an un-greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. baking pan. Combine brown sugar, water, vinegar, and mustard; pour over the loaves.

Bake loaves, uncovered, at 350° for one hour and 15 minutes or until meat thermometer reads 160° - 170°, basting every 15 – 20 minutes.

Yield: 12 servings.

*I buy a 2-lb. piece of deli cooked ham and then grind it in my food processor.

ENJOY!

The Lewis Township Board of Supervisors is searching for a community minded citizen willing to serve on the township's municipal authority. If you are currently connected to the township's wastewater treatment facility, and you are interested in getting involved in your local community, the supervisors would like to hear from you. You can call Henry Sanders at 922.1202, Doug Pepper at 922.1284, or Wayne Klingman.

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one is a view of Main Street in Hartleton, circa 1960.

Letters to the Editor

Jan. 22, 05. Tony: Please find check for \$8.00 enclosed. Although we use the Internet to receive our copy of The Millmont Times, we want to give you this money. We enjoy the paper a lot, and hope that you can continue to publish it. Thank you! Forrey and Mary Ellen Hoffman. (Editor's note: Thank you Forrey and Mary Ellen, and thanks for offering to show me the Rex Company item from your collection).

February 8, 2005. Dear Editor: Greetings from Central Florida. On behalf of my wife Ruth and myself, I wish to thank you for the very fine publication of The Millmont Times. My sister Lois and Bob Smerek gave us a gift subscription. We really enjoy reading each issue. My wife, Ruth Kuhns Deetz, was born and raised in Millmont. Her father, Clayton Kuhns, farmed there for many years and later in life had one of the finest peach and apple orchards in the area. We are acquainted with many people in that area. It's so good to be refreshed with precious memories. Thank you for providing the outstanding publication. Sincerely, Earl L. Deetz Jr., Kissimmee, Florida.

2-21-05 Dear Tony, My father and I were very pleased with his first issue of "The Millmont Times". As you know, it was a birthday gift for him. What is so ironic, is that only a week or two prior he had been talking to us about Rev. John Yeisley. Your article about him was very interesting and informative. We appreciate your efforts in keeping local history alive. With thanks, Bonnie Bilger, Millmont.

Bible Quiz

Marion Keithan, 201 Mifflin Place, Mifflinburg, PA 17844, was the winner of the February Bible Quiz. The correct answer to the question was "Jehoram." He was Jehosaphats first born son. The individual responsible for the Bible Quiz each month would like to thank the following people for submitting an answer to the question: Millmont Methodist Church Youth Group, Mary Kahl, Lena Susan, and Lisa Martin.

The Bible Quiz question for March: Instead of sacrificing his son Isaac, Abraham sacrificed this animal? The person selected with the correct answer will receive \$10. Send your answer along with your name and address to: Bible Quiz, Post Office Box 8, Swengel, PA 17880.

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

Passage



Frank Long, with a view of his farm in the background, is remembered by many for his generous personality, friendly smile, courteous wave, and life-long love of farming.

Franklin Reamer Long, 82, of 531 Millmont Road, entered into eternal rest at 1:40 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2005, at Geisinger Medical Center, Mahoning Township. He was a patient at that hospital since February 12.

Frank was born in the duplex located at 119 Maple Street in Millmont on June 10, 1922, the son of the late Benjamin and Eva (Reamer) Long. Benjamin and Eva Long tenant farmed at several locations in Lewis and Hartley Townships. The first farm they moved onto was the "Harry Mitchell" farm, located south of the Red Covered Bridge, west of Millmont. It was while living there that five-year-old Frank got his first taste of farming. From that point on, farming was in his blood, and his passion for farming continued up until his passing.

The Long family later tenant farmed at the "Aumiller" farm near Lincoln Chapel, the "John Catherman" farm at Hartleton, the "Mensch" farm on Kaiser Run Road, and the "Abe Grove" farm on Shirk Road.

On June 10, 1941, Rev. Clark united Frank in marriage to the former Mildred Anna Chamberlin in the Hartleton Lu-

theran parsonage. For a brief period after his marriage, Frank worked at the Laurelton Foundry.

Frank was later employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. From 1941 until 1943 he was employed on the rail line running from Montandon to Bellefonte. Frank recalled working alongside Dick Zimmerman, Orvis Wallace, Martin Mitchell, and Jim Strickler on the eastern section of the roadbed, which extended from Montandon to Ingleby. Frank once told me that he took the test to become an engineer. However, rather than becoming an engineer, he simply stated, "I would sooner farm."

Following his stint with the railroad, Frank returned to farming. He began working for his father-in-law on the "Chamberlin" farm west of Laurelton. About 1950 he purchased the farm just south of Hartleton where he and his wife Mildred have lived ever since. Over the years, he became one of the west end's largest farmers, cultivating 400 acres of his own land in addition to another 150 acres under lease. He was an agricultural leader who had a progressive attitude about the vocation he devoted his life to. Frank was actively involved in the daily operation of the farm up until his recent illness.

He was an active member of Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church, and served many years as their Sunday School Superintendent. He was also a former member of the administrative council of the church. Frank was also a member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, and was a former member of the Hartleton Borough Council, where he served as president for more than 30 years.

Frank donated a portion of his land alongside Libby Road for the erection of a little league baseball field. That field, which was named in his honor, has been enjoyed by the youth of the Millmont for more than 20 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are the following children and their spouses: Barbara Jean and her husband Daniel G. Snyder of Hartleton, Joan Darlene and her husband Ronald E. Gemberling of RR2 Mifflinburg, Shirley Marie Walter of Millmont, Joyce Elaine and her husband Marvin K. Walter of Hartleton, and Donald Roy and his wife Kafy M. Long of Hartleton. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, Kathy and Gary Romig, Fawn and Gary Libby, Ronald and Julie Gemberling, Brian and Karen Gemberling, Connie Knechel, David and Amy Knechel, Crystal and Alan Kaler, Douglas and Tonya Walter, Jason and Danielle Dressler, Rodney and Marcy Long, and Sandra and Shane Witmer; 26 great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; one sister, Betty Lou Rote of Mifflinburg; one sister-in-law, Evalee Long of Millmont; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Cynthia Lloyd, in 1989, and by a brother, Fred Morris Long, on March 3, 2000.

Burial was in Lincoln Chapel Cemetery, Hartley Township, Union County.

Union County Historical Society Calendar of Events

Mar. 1 through March 11 Annual Cabin Fever Sale at the society office located in the Union County Courthouse.

Mar. 10 - at 7:30 p.m. "Life in Union County During the Depression." A presentation by Hertha Wehr at the Buggy Museum, 523 Green Street, Mifflinburg.

March 30 - Oral History Workshop: Another Dimension to Collecting Family Material, conducted by researcher Jeannette Lansansky at the Dale/Engle/Walker House off Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg.

Pardee Lumber Company

Jonathan Bastian, an 8th grade student at Mifflinburg Area High School, is continuing to research and gather information relative to the Pardee Lumber Company. He is asking readers to aid him in that effort. If you are able to help this fourteen year old "historian", or if you know of someone who might be able to help, please contact Jonathan at 393 Oil Well Road, Mifflinburg. Or you can email Jonathan: jdbastian@dejazzd.com



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

Panama 2005

Since I mentioned the Panama Canal in my last column, I'd like to peruse the subject a little further.

I've always been intrigued by the construction of such a massive project, especially with the kind of equipment which is obsolete today. In January I was able to hear, read, and see how it was eventually accomplished. Since the three of us did not want to go on a cruise we opted for a tour of Panama, which promised a day-light crossing of the canal. Some of the highlights follow.

A canal was considered as early as 1510 when the Spanish occupied Panama. After some topographical studies, ordered by Charles V of Spain, such a monumental task was deemed impossible.

France was the next country to see the advantage of a canal. In 1880 they began a fund-raising campaign. A company led by Count deLesseps acquired a right of way from Panama and started work on the canal. DeLesseps was confident he could do it as he successfully led the construction of the Suez Canal in 1859-1869.

The plan was to build a sea level canal. But climatic conditions, disease, illness and mismanagement of the project all contributed to financial ruin in 1889. They lost 22,000 men in the attempt. In addition to French and Panamanian workers they had imported workers from Jamaica and the surrounding islands. However, the dream did not die. After more studies of the topographical, geological, and hydrological characteristics of the Isthmus a lock-type canal was recommended. So, another attempt was started, only to end as the first. In 1904 a bankrupt company was forced to sell their rights and equipment to someone, and the U.S. was the most likely candidate. The U.S. paid \$40 million for the package.

Panama had declared its independence from Columbia in 1903. That same year Panama and the U.S. had signed a treaty (the Hay-Bunau-Varilla) to construct an inter-oceanic canal across the Isthmus. (My question was: Since this was a year before France failed at the second attempt why did we make such a treaty? No answer.) The first order of business was to conquer the unhealthy working conditions. Mosquitoes were sprayed, housing was built with screens, proper clothing was obtained for the workers, mess halls were built so men could have proper meals. Then began the monumental task of stockpiling supplies and materials. One year was spent on the preliminary work before one shovel of dirt was lifted from the canal. It took 10 years, the labor of 75,000 men and women, and almost \$400 million to complete the job.

Our trip through the canal took the better part of a day, but what

an experience! Since we were a small vessel we were grouped with another small vessel, a sailboat and another vessel of moderate size to enter each lock.

As we entered the canal there were two car carriers waiting to enter. They were vessels that carry from 3,000 to 4,000 cars. We saw lots of ships with containers. An interesting fact about the cargo vessels is that they cannot enter if their draft is over 38 feet. This problem is solved by a railroad track parallel to the canal, which runs across the Isthmus. Flat cars haul containers, two high, which are unloaded from the ship until the draft is not over the 38 foot limit. The ship goes through the canal. The containers from the railroad cars are reloaded onto the ship, and the voyage is resumed with a full load. All unloading and reloading is done by cranes with great efficiency, taking only 32 seconds per container.

One freighter hauling grain was going in the opposite direction as we were going through the locks. Since the locks can accommodate ships up to 1000 feet in length and 100 feet wide, and that freighter almost filled the lock, it's difficult to comprehend the amount of grain a ship of that size carries.

Tugboats maneuver the ships into position to enter the canal. Believe it or not two men in a rowboat then go alongside. One man tosses a rope to the ship, which in turn is used to draw cables to the ship. The cables are attached to a small locomotive on tracks on the banks of the canal. Then locomotives take the ships through the canal. The cables serve a dual purpose. The locomotives keep the cables taut to prevent ships from scraping the walls and they provide the power to take the ships through the canal. Sometimes four or more locomotives are used. They are called mules, as that is what was first used for the locomotion.

Raising and lowering the water in the locks is done by gravity. It takes 52 million gallons of water for a crossing. All of that water eventually goes out to sea. The Chagres River is the main source of water being fed into Gatun Lake. The rain forests supply the seemingly endless supply of water. Gatun Lake is the high point in the canal.

The canal operates 24 hours a day. There are 9,000 employees. As a rule, large ships move from the Pacific to the Atlantic in the a.m.: Atlantic to the Pacific in the p.m. Sometimes this schedule is altered if circumstances warrant.

When the Gatun Lake was dammed to the height needed to operate the locks they began generating electricity. The canal is lighted by 8,000-watt bulbs on poles with electricity generated at the lake. There are all kinds of interesting facts about the canal and its construction and operation. Fees to use the canal must be paid 48 hours in advance before the ship can enter the canal. Fees are based on a formula of vessel size and types. The highest fee was paid by the Coral Princess, (2,000 passengers and 336 crew). The fee was a whopping \$226,194. The Queen Elizabeth has gone through the locks but the Queen Mary is too big.

Interestingly enough the smallest fee was .36 cents. Richard Halburton swam the canal in 1928 and that was his fee. It took him ten days to complete the journey. No swimming allowed today!

One day we visited a government building dedicated to the engineers who worked on the canal. The building was on a hill within the city. When we went outside, the guide told us that the hill was not always there. It seems they chose spots to dump the

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rocks, etc. they dug out of the canal. That hill was one of the dumpsites. Had a great view from there. I cannot recall the millions of cubic tons that were moved from the canal.

Panama itself was a nice tour. We visited an orchid farm, a pineapple plantation, and a sugar cane farm (where it is still processed as they did years ago). The city has a section designated Colonel Panama, which is where the Spanish had their colony. Henry Morgan looted the area several times and more or less ended their colonization.

Navy, Army, Marine and Coast Guard all had bases in the Canal Zone during the time the U.S. had tenure. That zone was composed of the canal and five miles on either side of the canal. When we ceded the canal to Panama in 1977, and they assumed all operations in 1997, part of the agreement was that we would intercede only if the canal was attacked or in danger.

We visited during their winter season, which is the dry season. We did have a few afternoon showers but they only lasted a short while and then the sun came out. We saw four rainbows in nine days.

There is much more about Panama I could tell you but I mainly wanted to convey my learning experience about the canal and to try to tell you what a wonderful work it is.

“Frenchman Tract, Cabin, Land or Line” from Emilie F. Jansma

I am gathering material for my Weikert 1800 - 1900 database on individuals. I was rereading some older things I had gathered previously and details relative to the “Frenchman Tract” remain unanswered. I would appreciate the help of anyone who might be able to offer any clues as to the identity of the “Frenchman.” While researching Union County records and documents to try and pinpoint the earliest dates that names of pioneer Weikert residents occur, the following references to the Frenchman's property appear:

1814 - John Kaler assessed as tenant on the Frenchman's Tract. - Union County History, pg. 39 R. V. B. Lincoln

1822 - Feb., Hartley Township road from Frenchman's Cabin to Hendrickson's and Youngman's saw mills. No 207 Roads and Bridges Summary Sheet, Petition and Report.

There was a large tract of land in the western part of the township (“Tight End”) on which a crude cabin had been erected at an earlier day in the present century (1800s) and a small clearing made which went by the name of the Frenchman's Tract and the Frenchman's Cabin. It extended from Weikert up to and including the William Johnson holdings. UCH. - R.V. B. Lincoln pg. 37.

1823 May - No. 234 Hartleyton Petition -road from Jacob Weikert's saw mill to a public road from the Frenchman's Cabin to Hartleton.

1826 Deed for land sale from Jacob Weiker to John Barnet describes the piece as being bounded on one side by the Frenchman's land.

1839 April- Joseph and Elizabeth Person sold to Jacob Sherck (Shirk) 100 acres beginning at a stone on the French line.

1876 Feb. Jacob Hironimus sold to William Hironimus property bounded by land commonly called the Frenchman's Tract.

1876 Feb. Jacob Hironimus sold to Andrew Hironimus property bounded by land commonly called the Frenchman's Tract.

It has been suggested that these “Frenchman” references were to the first Hironimus family members who immigrated to Union County from Alsace Lorraine, France; but the first reference occurs five or six years before Jacob Hironimus and family arrived on the ship “Osgood” in Philadelphia September 1819. So this is not the answer. The land is now known as Lindale and the area around it, just west of the Hironimus Union Church and Pavilion on the Weikert Road and extending westward.

Emilie Jansma and the editor would appreciate knowing of other early references that might give clues as to the identity of the “Frenchman.” Please mail your ideas to Emilie Jansma at 1245-51 Westerly Parkway, State College, PA 16801 or to the Editor at P.O. Box 3, Millmont, Pa 17845.

Mifflinburg Area Relay For Life Events

The following are ongoing fundraisers: Sub and Pizza Cards, Good at Larry’s Pizza and Subs in Mifflinburg, Cost: \$3.50 for a sub card and \$10.00 for a pizza card – a total savings per card of \$65.00. No expiration date for either the sub or pizza card. To purchase a sub and/or pizza card call 966-3674 or 966-2596. Teams: Transylvania I and Transylvania II.

Commemorative Buttons 3-Year Set 1 each of the following buttons: 2003 “Down on the Farm” theme, 2004 “Tropical Islands” theme, 2005 “International” theme, Cost of set is \$6.50. Cost of individual buttons is \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. Team: former CocoNuts. **Patriotic Buttons** “God Bless America” - includes American Flag / Soldiers, “Support Our Troops” - either white background with flag, with American Flag and Cross or on yellow ribbon design. To order call 966-3729. Team: The CocoNuts.

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Penlines from my Kitchen to Yours

By Lucy Hoover

January 21, 2005

Mark and Marian Hoover of Mifflinburg had public auction to sell some equipment and cows. They plan to move to Kentucky on February 2, 2005.

January 22, 2005

Esra and Lena Zimmerman of Mifflinburg had the wedding reception for their son Ammon and his wife. I did not find out how many people were there for lunch, but we had counted 60 children.

January 23, 2005

We had a farewell singing here at our house this afternoon for Nathan and John Isaac Hoover families. It was cold and windy, not very nice weather to be out. Approximately 25 families were here. We know it took extra effort to come. Thank you everyone for showing up.

January 24, 2005

Elton and Delores Horning of Middleburg have a healthy son, named Steven. He has one brother and two sisters. Grandparents are Phares and Anna Horning of Mifflinburg, and Lester and Martha Nolt of Lewisburg.

Also today is moving day for Nathan and Mary Ella Hoover of Millmont. By 3:30 p.m. the men had the truck loaded and Erdley Trucking left with it. Nathan's family was picked up at 3:45 p.m. by a van to take them to Harrisburg. There they met a bus that was Kentucky bound.

Tonight out our neighbor was taken to the emergency room with chest pains and shortness of breath. The same ambulance came back and picked up Ammon Zimmerman of Mifflinburg too. Ammon was on a step ladder in the cow-stable trying to thaw a frozen pipe, when he put his foot over on a board, he slipped and fell. His injury required several stitches.

January 25, 2005

Harvey and Ruth Horning, of Mifflinburg, moved into the farm house vacated by Nathan and Mary Ella Hoover.

January 27, 2005

The school children each made something and took it along to school for a craft show. Us school parents came later in the day for a surprise birthday party for both teachers, and a farewell party for John Isaac and Erla Hoover family.

January 28, 2005

Aaron and Rachel Nolt of Lewisburg have a daughter named Leah Rose. She is their third child. Grandparents are Amos and Emma Nolt of Lewisburg and John Aaron and Lydia Reiff of Millmont.

January 29, 2005

On my kitchen counter I found a 1/2 gallon jug of water in a plastic bag, and a doll bag neatly packed with carrots and celery, sitting beside a bag of guinea pig food that I had just bought the evening before. When I asked Elsie what this is about, she said, "Oh, I decided to pack a lunch for the guinea pigs." (She has two out in the barn).

January 30, 2005

Brother James Brubacker (40) of Millmont was taken to the hospital yesterday. Tests showed no abnormalities and he came home. Harold and Marian Horning of Millmont have their first daughter named Lucy Rose. She has four brothers. Grandparents are Phares and Anna Horning, and Allen and Lucy Oberholtzer of Mifflinburg.

Rueben and Nora Zimmerman had a farewell singing this afternoon for Mark and Marian Hoover and family.

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Looking Back

Although the article below does not pertain to the west end of Union County, hopefully you will find it interesting. The incident took place just over the mountain, near the village of Troxelville. The article was originally published in a local newspaper on March 29, 1882. It is copied here verbatim.

THE EXECUTIONS

Seven Strangled in a Day

Five in Penn's. and Two in Other States.

The Hanging of Moyer.

MIDDLEBURG, Pa., Mar. 24.

This morning, between 11 and 12 o'clock occurred the first hanging that Snyder county has ever had, the culprit being Jonathan Moyer, who, with Israel Erb, Uriah Moyer and Emanuel Ettinger, were convicted of the murder of John Kintzler and his wife Gretchen, aged respectively 77 and 69 years - the evidence in the case showing the murder was committed on the 8th of Dec., 1877, followed by the burning of their residence and their bodies, and a division of the money, variously estimated at from \$100 to \$2,000. The statement of Ettinger, who committed suicide by taking poison, and the following statement of Moyer, made a few hours before his execution, is in conflict with the evidence of Mary Hartley, by which they were convicted.

MOYER'S CONFESSION

"Toward evening, on Saturday, December 8, 1877, I left the house and went down to Uriah's house; here I helped Emanuel Ettinger to put away the butcher things. Emanuel told Luce, Uriah's wife to get me a glass of wine. She did so, and I kind of thought it strange that they should offer to treat me with wine for the little work I had done. We soon started for my house. As we were going along Emanuel said to me that he had something to tell me, that is, if I would promise not to tell. I made him the promise that he wanted, and then he told me that they had killed the Kintzlers and they were going to rob them to-night and wanted me to go along; that if we did not get the money someone else would. At last I consented to go along. We then went to my house and told the women, that is, my wife and Mary Hartley, that we were going out after rabbits, and if they wanted to they might go along. They got ready and we started. When we came near Uriah's house, Emanuel went and told Uriah; he came and then we took the mountain road and made our way to old Kintzler's. We met old Erb near the house and then we went to the house. The old man had been shot on the wood-pile where the blood was found and the old woman had been killed and dragged into the house and hid there near the partition.

"We proceeded to hunt for the money and then

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Thank You!!

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I would also like to thank the following new mail subscribers: Ralph Dorman, Mifflinburg, PA; Irene Heimbach, Mifflinburg, PA; Doug & Roxanne Lyons, Mifflinburg; Marvin & Jane Benner, Mifflinburg; David A. Schooley, Lewistown, PA; and Phoebe A. Sampsell, Laurelton. Thanks also to all those who renewed their subscriptions for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make this newsletter possible, and is greatly appreciated!!

Thank you to Paul and Jane (ely) Foster for providing me with a CD containing numerous school photographs from the era of "one room schoolhouses." The photographs contained on the CD include the Millmont Red Brick School, Pike School, Swengel School, Glen Iron, and Penns Creek Schools. The late Pearl Kaler is the teacher on a number of the photographs.

My thanks also to Darlene (Eisenhuth) Hackenburg for allowing me to reproduce several old school photographs from several schools located in and around Millmont.

Thank you Ken Lepley for donating some very useful office equipment!

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divided it. I only got about twenty-five dollars, of which I only spent about two dollars, and then my conscience troubled me and I hid the rest in the mountain. We then set fire to the premises and the rest you know."

After he had told this he seemed much relieved and joined fervently in praying and singing; his voice could be heard echoing through the corridors of the little jail until a late hour. At two o'clock this morning he retired and awoke about daybreak. About eight o'clock he partook of a hearty breakfast and shortly afterwards Revs. Edmunds and Reed called upon him and religious services according to the Lutheran Church were conducted in his cell.

GIVING GOOD-BYE TO HIS CHILDREN

His wife, on account of sickness, was unable to see him, but two of his three children called to give him good-bye. The scene was very affecting when the two boys, Ammon aged nine, and Ossie, aged four years, entered his cell. Moyer became greatly excited when he saw the youngest child, who was only two years old when he was arrested. Snatching the child in his arms cried in Pennsylvania German, "Oh, God in Heaven, Ossie, do you know me?" The child hung down his head, smiled, and answered in the affirmative. The father took the child and kissed and embraced him very affectionately and tenderly. He then placed him on the bed he had occupied for the past two years or ever since his incarceration in the Middleburg Jail, and spent some time conversing with him, trying to test his memory, to learn whether he had any recollection of him. He then gave his eldest some advice, telling him to avoid bad company, and to read his Bible so that he might become a good man. As the iron grating closed upon them at their departure, his sturdy frame shook with agony, and he exclaimed; "If I owned the whole world I would freely give it to accompany my children home once more."

As the fatal moment drew near, Moyer became more and more penitential, and to his spiritual advisers he declared his sincere repentance.

THE EXECUTION

At four minutes before eleven Sheriff Reichly appeared at the door leading from the prison, escorting the condemned man. He was followed by Messrs. Edmunds and Reed, the clergymen, and ex-Sheriff Daniel Bolender, who assisted in the execution. As Moyer passed District-Attorney Grimm he threw his arms around his neck and kissed him and also embraced his counsel, I. J. Wonderly. He walked up the steps with a firm tread, and took position immediately under the rope without evincing the slightest emotion. The sunlight danced upon his brow, and he calmly surveyed the crowd, in which were many of his friends and relatives. After a short pause the clergymen read the liturgy of the German Reformed Church, and Moyer made the responses in a perfectly audible tone without the slightest nervousness. He was neatly dressed in a plain black suit, and looked far more respectable and intelligent than many of the spectators.

At the end of the services Moyer was asked if he had anything to say, and repeated, substantially, his confession. Some one in the crowd had the heartlessness to ask the wretch some questions in regard to the complicity of the others, but one of the counsel of the defense interrupted and requested in the name of God and humanity that the poor man be not cross-questioned on the scaffold. A murmur of assent to this remark ran through the crowd. The cap was then adjusted, his limbs strapped and he was left alone with his thoughts of eternity. At 11:26 the trap was sprung, but the platform only sank a few inches. The Sheriff sprang forward and sprung it a second time, and the body of Moyer fell thirty-two inches. It was ten and a half minutes until he was pronounced dead from strangulation.

Remembrance

By James Russell Chambers

Native Teas

Tea was brewed from a variety of plants and was used for health and for enjoyment. *Mint*: A patch of Bluestem Mint grew in our front yard. There was always a crock of mint tea in the springhouse. This was our favorite drink. *Pennyroyal*: Yields an oil used in folk medicine or to drive away mosquitoes. It also settles down an upset stomach. *Boneset*: Has opposite leaves and white-rayed flower heads. It is used as a folk medicine. Very bitter taste. *Balsam*: Resinous substance, containing benzoic or cinnamic acid. Used as a medicine. *Catnip*: A strong-scented mint. *Mountain*: From the Goldenrod plant family. Cut the branches off the main stem, then spread on a dry floor to dry. When dry, strip leaves from the stem. Boil leaves for tea.

Lewis Township News

Lewis Township Board of Supervisors - No report available.

Municipal Authority of Lewis Township February 1, 2005. Courtesy of Marge Schmader

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held on February 1, 2005 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, Ken Strowbridge and Marge Schmader. Also present were Solicitors Ray and Melissa Lobos, Plant Manager Walt Scholl, HRG Rep. Rob Rowe. Supervisor Henry Sanders and Clair Kaler.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was given. The checking account balance was \$11,204.87 and \$ 96,637.69 in CDs and was approved and filed for audit. A motion was made by Steve Bilger to pay the bills and seconded by Ken Strowbridge - so moved.

HEARING OF VISITORS: No comments

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a NPDES Compliance Inspection Report from DEP, Bob Sonntag. Everything checked out and was in good shape.

A copy of the letter to apply for a Block Grant through SEDA-COG was received from HRG.

A letter from the Public Protection & Recreation Comptroller's office was received to confirm the balance of our PENNVEST loan (\$113,117.47 on 12/31/2004).

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Rob Rowe reported that Bill Seigel from SEDA-COG called re: putting in a charge for televising the sewer lines in Millmont on our Block Grant application. He suggested not adding it on as it would point out the problem, not fix it. He also stated that we could add it on during renovations to pick up the costs.

PLANT OPERATOR UPDATE: Walt Scholl received a letter from Mr. Boos, DEP for non-compliance at the plant. HRG sent a letter to DEP explaining the problem was due to the flood during Hurricane Ivan. Walt sent copies of the DMRs they requested and said they hadn't gotten.

Walt reported that the computer didn't go into storm mode and he had to run it manually for 12 to 15 hours. Then the computer did what it was supposed to do. The more vegetation we get the more it will help during storms. Walt reported the vegetation is getting better.

OLD BUSINESS: It was decided not to renew the bond for Ken Bair since he is only our temporary treasurer. We will bond our treasurer when the Supervisors appoint a new board member.

The surveys for the Block Grant application were handed in and we had exactly 100 – the amount that Ivan McElwain said we should have. Rob Rowe stated that we should have more in case some are unusable. We will try to get more.

NEW BUSINESS: Marge will contact a couple of different companies to get bids on our audit for 3 years. We have a 3-year bid from Doug Parker so far. We should have a couple of board members at the commissioner's meeting on Feb. 22, 2005 when they discuss the Block Grant. Marge and Jim will try to attend. Mrs. Miriam Witmer called about a lien on their property. Ray Lobos will check into it and get back to me.

Meeting adjourned.

Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association, Courtesy of Wendy Bilger.

The regular meeting of the Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association was held on February 3, 2005 in the Lewis Township Municipal Building. President Dawne Shreckengast called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members of the association who were present at this meeting this evening in addition to the president include: Wendy Bilger, secretary; Sandi Failor, treasurer; Steve Bilger, Shane Failor, Pauline Shively, Joanna Snyder, Joe Smith, Kim Smith, Joey Smith, and Spirit Shiffer.

MINUTES: Copies of the minutes from the meeting held December 2, 2004 were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Sandi presented the treasurer's report. That report showed the total amount in the association's checking account is now \$3,242.05. No information was available at this time for the amount in a CD.

OLD BUSINESS: This was the first and last year for decorations and a Christmas Tree in the gazebo due to vandalism. Members of the committee spent their time and used their own decorations to try to brighten up the park over the holidays. Unfortunately there are a few in our community who did not appreciate the effort put forth. On a more positive note we realize the majority of people in this town appreciate what we have in Millmont. Joanna Snyder suggested installing lights on a timer to be placed in the pavilion and gazebo. Apparently there have been many items found in these areas to suggest inappropriate behavior. A unanimous decision was made to postpone bingo until later in the year. The women who attend these bingo's from Mifflinburg would like us to continue. We will try to resume again in late spring or summer.

NEW BUSINESS: The members decided not to make and sell peanut butter and coconut cream eggs this year.

Pauline Shively informed the members that the next wooden miniature in the series, The Millmont Red Brick School, should be available in time for the Millmont Chicken BBQ and yard sale.

The association will again be sponsoring the Millmont Easter Egg Hunt on March 19, 2005 at 2:00 PM. Anyone willing to donate hard-boiled eggs for the hunt should deliver them to Shirk's Store by 10:00 AM that morning or to one of the members. A list of names is available so members will be contacting residents by phone to request a donation of 2 dozen eggs from each person. Members will meet at 12:30 to hide the eggs. Wendy was authorized to spend up to \$300.00 for prizes, candy, and cash gifts for the participants. It was suggested that yellow tape be placed near the ditch to divide the two different areas for the egg hunters. We will also be requesting that parents not help their children during the hunt unless your child is 4 years old or younger. We understand that this age needs assistance, but children older than 4 are able to find eggs on their own. In the past some parents have complained that other parents were helping too much. We would like this to be an enjoyable time for all, especially the children.

The tentative date for the next Village Green Association Chicken Barbeque and Yard Sale will be June 25, 2005.

The next association meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Lewis Township Municipal Building.

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February 5, 2005

Emma Martin of Lewisburg is in the hospital. Irvin and Ester Martin of Mifflinburg, and most of their children at home, are sick with salmonella. They ate homemade ice cream that was made with raw eggs in it.

February 6, 2005

Ira Ray Zimmerman and Arlene Zimmerman, both of Millmont, have wedding plans for March 17th 2005. Ira Ray has been a widower for almost one year, and has eight children.

Alvin Zimmerman (34) of Lewisburg, has not been able to get around much because of having a crushed heel. Their youngest son has chicken pox. There is a scrap page shower for the family. Their address is: 166 Fairchild Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

February 8, 2005

James and Annetta Horning of Lewisburg have a son named Amos Laverne. He has two brothers and one sister. Grandparents are Amos and Laura Horning and Isaac and Lizzie Weaver, all of New Holland.

February 9, 2005

The annual comfort knotting, to knot a comforts for C. A. M. was at Harold and Lucy Nolt of Mifflinburg. It was also moving day for John Isaac and Erla Hoover and family. Ben (age 2) had said earlier, that he and Pauline (age 3) are going to bike to Kentucky together! The truck was loaded and ready soon after lunch, and we were at home again by 2:00 p.m.

February 10, 2005

Aaron and Minerva Zimmerman of Mifflinburg have a son named Maynard Martin. He has three brothers and four sisters. Grandparents are Weaver and Etta Zimmerman of Mifflinburg.

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

Monday February 7 and continuing every Monday through March 21, members of the church will be making and selling Peanut Butter and Coconut Easter Eggs. Contact the church, Bev Catherman, or Shirley Kerstetter if you are interested in purchasing any candy.

Saturday March 5: A Pot Pie Supper will be held at the church from 3 p.m. until ? The cost of the family style supper of ham and chicken pot pie will cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for children. The meal includes coleslaw and applesauce.

From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively, a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death in 1954: Monday Mar. 4, 1935. Cloudy, temperature 35 to 45. Worked in the garage this forenoon, this afternoon Catherine took mother and I to the funeral of John Brouse. He was born in 1867. Died Mar. 1. John's father was our near neighbor while we lived on the creek farm (White Springs). He worked for my father for 15 years in succession for 50 cents a day, the price paid for common labor. During hay-making and harvest and such work as thrashing etc. he paid him the usual price of \$.75 to \$1.00. John, Mark, and I did considerable fishing together along the run, taking suckers out from under the sod and stones. We attended the same school. John had the store at White Springs for some years after he quit teaching. By request I offered the first prayer. Rev. Upham officiated.

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Raffle: Prizes: Brad Shoemaker Print – "Walk Down College Avenue" Boy & Dog Oil Painting, Penns Creek Pottery Vase, Handmade Jewelry by Linda Boose. Drawing to be held: At the Mifflinburg Relay for Life - Saturday, June 18, 2005
For tickets or more information call Sandy at 743-1610

Craft Show Saturday, March 5, 2005. 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Mifflinburg Masonic Hall, 361 Chestnut Street
In addition to many craft vendors there will be homemade soups and baked goods. Team: All American Apple Gang

Soup Sale Beef Vegetable Soup & Chicken Corn Soup. Cost: \$3.50 per quart. Orders due by: Saturday, March 12, 2005. Pickup Dates & Times: Friday, March 18 --- 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Saturday, March 19 --- 9:00 am - Noon. Pickup Location: UCC Emanuel, Market Street, New Berlin. To place an order or for more information, please contact Mary Ellen at 966-2805 or Margo at 966-9252. Team: Duke's Donnybrook.

PIES, PIES, PIES (For Easter) Back by popular demand. Orders due by: Tuesday, March 22, 2005. Delivery: The pies will be ready for pick-up Saturday, March 26 at 11:00 am. There will be two pickup spots – one in Mifflinburg and one in Lewisburg. Cost: \$5.00 for apple crumb, apple double crust, cherry crumb, cherry double crust, peach crumb, peach double crust, blueberry crumb, pumpkin, lemon sponge, and shoofly. \$6.00 for peanut butter cream. Anyone interested in ordering pies for Easter, please see any Pyramids of Hope team member or call 966-6234.
Team: Pyramids of Hope.

2nd Annual Beef and Pig Roast In memory of Les Weaver and Cal Wetzel on Saturday, March 26, 2005 - Noon - ??? New Berlin American Legion \$10.00 per person – tickets available at the door or from any Wetzel or Saylor and Paige Team member. In addition starting at Noon there will be a Bar Room Olympics – 2 person teams - \$5.00 per person. Teams: Wetzel and Saylor and Paige

Please help assure an adequate blood supply for area hospital patients. Giving blood truly can save a life! There will be a community blood drive for Mifflinburg area residents on Thursday, March 31 at Carriage Corner Restaurant. Registration is open from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p. m. In order to give blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. Most common medications are acceptable for blood donation; for questions about travel or health issues, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or contact the Union County Chapter of the American Red Cross at 570-524-0400 or unionarcblood@dejazzd.com

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.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 – Donald G. Shively
- 3 – Leah Bingaman
- 4 – David Hoover
- 6 – Rita Kuhns
- 7 – Glyn Hassenplug
- 8 – Ervin Oberholtzer
- 8 – Curvin Oberholtzer
- 8 – Matthew Dorman, Jr.
- 9 – Sandi Failor
- 10 – Miriam Yoder
- 12 – Rick Kerstetter
- 12 – Garrett Bingaman
- 14 – Michael Shively
- 15 – Roxanne Lyons
- 15 – Pearl Strickler
- 16 – Mary Martin
- 18 – Richard Hassenplug
- 18 – Luke Bilger
- 18 – Tobias O. Catherman, Jr.
- 18 – Karen L. Fultz
- 19 – Doug Pepper
- 19 – Laura Pepper

- 19 – Tina Erdley
- 20 – Israel Yoder
- 21 – Kaitlyn Erdley
- 22 – Doug Lyons
- 23 – Stella Edmiston
- 24 – Norman Groff
- 24 – Merlyn Hoffman
- 25 – Robert M. Catherman
- 25 – Ruth Zimmerman
- 26 – Don Fornwalt
- 26 – Zac Salter
- 28 – James Greene Shively
- 27 – Ray D. Bowersox
- 31 – Evelyn Smith

William & Pauline Shively were married March 5, 1948.
 Donald L. & Katherine Shively were married March 20, 1953.
 Norman & Evelyn Groff were married March 24, 2002.

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