



40th Anniversary of Christ's United Lutheran Church

By Pastor Emil Engelman

During the summer of 1962, Peter Setzer and I served as student pastors, following the completion of our Jr. year at Seminary. Peter served at Hartleton and I

served a three-church charge at Karthaus, Pa. Dr. B. B. Maurer, of the Central Pa. Synod Office, was our Supervisor. Both of us were given the task of merging the charges we were serving. By God's grace we were successful in leading our churches to vote favorably for merger.

During my interviews, with Synod President Dwight Putman, to consider where I should serve after graduation from Seminary, in June 1963, I was offered one choice--the Hartleton Charge. President Putman believed that my experience at Karthaus would be of great value in serving the four churches in Union County. I was not very happy about the possibility of serving four churches, as most of my classmates were being offered single churches.

Meetings with President Putman were held from December to April before I gave in and agreed to try it for a year. Needless to say, it was a very scary thing for a newly ordained pastor to walk into a merger situation, and relate to four different Church Councils and one 24-member Joint Council (6 from each church) every month.

Beginning my first ministerial pastorate, I found there was a general agreement among most of the parishioners for the need to merge and build a new church and educational unit. The fact that the four churches were within a short driving distance of each other, along with the lack of adequate rest rooms, educational rooms, nursery and parking, summed up the need for a merger. In addition, the combined Sunday Church School teachers and choir members from the four churches would provide a strong foundation for a new church. However, as the separate congregations discovered, it was very hard to leave behind one's tradition and familiarity. As much as change was needed and understood, in reality the change was very hard to achieve.

One of the first goals I set was to have the congregations hold weekly worship services instead of every other week. One of the four churches making up the Hartleton Charge was the Ray's Union Church. This church building was shared with the United Church of Christ congregation. Services there alternated weekly between the two congregations. On the Sundays when the UCC's led worship there, we were able to have services at the other three churches. On the Sundays when the Lutherans led the service at Ray's Church, the other churches of the parish would alternate missing a Sunday service, so that there were three services in the parish

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Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith

Spring is right around the corner, at least that's what the groundhog predicted! Although I won't be going to baseball spring training this year, my wife and I will be able to vacation in Myrtle Beach for a week in March due to the mail count of the rural routes being cancelled. Tony will be able to take care of your postal needs during my absence.

Another way to get help with postal issues is through the Postal Service website. The Postal Service operates one of the busiest websites on the internet. Our award winning website: www.usps.com, averages almost a million visitors per day! Through www.usps.com, you can find a zip code, purchase stamps and order free Priority Mail and Express Mail shipping supplies. Use Click-N-Ship service to ship items without even having to leave your office or home. You can calculate rates, print shipping labels with or without postage. You can also schedule pick-up of packages, have your mail put on hold, or change your address! Of course we would be happy to help with all those services at the Post Office, but sometimes, especially during inclement weather such as we've had, it might be more convenient and quicker to use our website to facilitate your needs. One new commemorative stamp will be issued on March 15: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.



Top photo shows Pastor Emil Engelman and Harold Erdley with their hands on the Oliver plow, and Luther Yarger standing to the left. Bottom photo shows members of the congregation pulling the plow at the groundbreaking ceremony.



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every week. I remember Donald Hayes telling me after I had completed my third service for the day at the Hartleton Church, "Pastor, that was good, but it just wasn't long enough." This was after I had led three liturgies, sang nine hymns, read nine scripture lessons, prayed and preached three sermons. I just didn't have any wind left, Donald.

The next step, in moving forward into a new era, was to find a name for the church. The congregations were asked to suggest names for the newly merged church. A vote was taken at a special meeting of the congregations held in the Laurelton Elementary School and "Christ United Lutheran Church" was chosen as the new name. At that same meeting, action was taken for the church to become Incorporated and a Constitution was adopted.

The parish chose to work with the Board of American Mission to receive their help in planning and financing the new church. Mr. William Schooley and I flew to Columbus, Ohio to review the procedures necessary to move forward under the Board's direction. Consultants from the BAM came to Hartleton and reviewed traffic patterns for the area. Their recommendation for the best site to build a new church was the intersection where the present church is located.

Cloyd Mensch owned the land in question and everyone who knew him agreed that he would never sell. What took place over the next few months was the working of the Lord through Mr. Clair Adams. Clair visited Mr. Mensch on numerous occasions, trying to talk him into selling the church a small piece of the farm. I remember one visit very clearly. Clair and I went to see him at his home. He lived near White Springs in a beautiful, large limestone house with a wonderful spiral staircase inside the front door. It was very cold, as I remember, and Cloyd was sitting on a five-gallon bucket with a heavy blanket over his shoulders in front of a small heater. He was eating peaches from an open can. The house was without furniture and very cold. Cloyd told us that he couldn't sell us the land because he might marry a 15-year old girl and she would need the property. Finally, Clair was able to persuade him to sell and he wanted to sell the church the entire farm of 97 acres, but agreed to sell the seven acres on

the corner. Clair immediately loaded him in the car and took him to the Court House to complete the transaction before he could change his mind. A minor miracle had taken place. The church now had a future site upon which to build.

Keith Haig, from Cayogha Falls, Ohio was the architect chosen to draw plans for the new church. Haig's firm was working very closely with the BAM at that time and was familiar with the BAM's policies and made our progress much easier. Mr. Haig flew into Williamsport in his own plane to meet with the committee responsible for laying out the new church's needs. I suggested that he use caution in flying over the mountains of Pennsylvania because it differed greatly from flying over Ohio. A few weeks later, he was flying out of Altoona after meeting with a mission church there, and crashed into the side of a mountain while taking off. Minor miracle number two--no one was killed and he only suffered a broken arm.

Once the plans were completed and approved by the congregation, we embarked upon a Capital Funds Campaign. Mr. Amos Flint, of Lancaster, Pa., and a member of the Lutheran Laymen's Movement conducted the campaign. He chose: "As the Father sent Me, so send I you" as our campaign theme. Dr. Gustave Weber, President of Susquehanna University was the keynote speaker at the kickoff dinner held for all the members of the four churches at Lewisburg. The response from the congregation was very good and we were able to move forward with Construction Drawings. Mr. Merrill Buoy served as Secretary for the Capital Appeal and kept everyone informed as to where they stood in fulfilling their pledges.

As the day was approaching for the groundbreaking, the suggestion was made that we use a plow to break the ground. Mr. Harold Wenrich had such a plow at his farm. A strong "bull rope" came on the scene and was attached to the plow.

Now for another miracle--would the members of the congregation be able to provide the strength necessary to pull the plow?

Pastoral History of Christ's United Lutheran Church

Emil J. Engelman - June 1, 1963 - November 29, 1967
 Paul L. Reaser - December 1, 1967 - June 15, 1968
 James P. Bricker - June 16, 1968 - March 1, 1975
 Charles E. Confer - March 9, 1975 - August 31, 1975
 Donald A. Derby - September 7, 1975 - May 31, 1980
 Grantas E. Hoopert - June 1, 1980 - August 2, 1980
 Steven Middernacht - June 1, 1980 - August 2, 1980
 Jack E. Keeler - August 3, 1980 - January 16, 1986
 Steven Middernacht - - May 31, 1986
 William H. Wisser - June 1, 1986 - May 22, 1995
 Paul L. Kampa - December 3, 1995 - March 31, 2006
 Daniel M. May - Interim Pastor since April 1, 2006

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BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

“Well, not exactly....” It appears we got our winter concentrated into one month this year, but at least it was the shortest month of the year. As I was thinking about this, I wondered, “Why is February only 28 days long, and where did February get its name? February was always that odd month with the difficult to pronounce ‘r’ that most people drop anyway. Any dictionary will give something like this: *February; from Latin, Februarius (the month) which in turn comes from februa, an instrument of purification or februare, to purify.* So February was a Roman month of purification. The search for the answers to those questions took me on an internet trip through websites on calendars, months, years, phases of the moon, names of the days of the week and religious festivals. It is a fascinating story, some of it more recent than I had ever imagined; as recent, in fact, as George Washington’s birthdate. A wealth of information can be found at Bill Hollon’s website about time and calendars: www.12x30.net/index.html. Because the length of days, the length of the phases of the moon and the length of the solar year are not in complete synchronization, there are problems with all calendars. As we were all taught somewhere, there are 365 and a quarter days in the solar year. We have a ‘leap year’ every fourth year and add the extra day as February 29th. This fixes everything, right? “Well, not exactly....” If that were true, every four hundred years there should be one hundred leap years, but it turns out there are only ninety-seven. That means there are three fewer leap years every four hundred years. To correct this, the Gregorian calendar (1582) made the beginning of every century a non-leap year; only century years divisible by four hundred are leap years. The year 2000 was the first century year with a leap year since 1600. The calendar changes were made by the authority of the Roman Catholic Church and were not accepted in the Protestant countries until much later; England and its colonies (including colonial America) did not change until 1752. Washington was born during the old calendar and eleven days had to be added to his birthdate to bring it into the current calendar. February was at one time only 23 days long and had five extra days added during Roman times. It seems that February has always been the catch-up month.

Months, of course, are an artificial human invention and don’t affect the world of birds. It has been a tough month for bird-watching, and must have been even tougher for the poor birds. The month has been unusually cold and windy and we have had hard snow cover for much of that time. It is truly remarkable how resilient birds are under these conditions, seeming to find something to eat in spite of all these adversities. Those hardy little Tit-mice have been calling all month. The Cardinals started somewhat slowly early on, but are calling more enthusiastically now. I have not seen any House Finches in Millmont at all this season; they are usually one of the first to start singing in late January or early February. I did hear one along Penns Creek, but it was hiding in the dense cover of pine tree. Interestingly, the Mourning Doves never left at all this year and even started to call at the end of the month. I saw a Great Blue Heron in Cold Run most of the month, fishing in the few areas of open water. Penns Creek itself has been covered for most of the month and the King Fisher has also had to cruise the small feeder streams. The Robins usually come sometime around Presidents Day weekend, but this year I have yet to see one in the Millmont area. I did see a flock of about thirty, however, in downtown Pottstown that weekend. The pace of bird activity is starting to increase; the Red-winged Blackbirds and Common Grackles will be arriving in flocks by early March. More and more species will be added and the sounds of spring will be everywhere, so grab your binoculars, fine-tune your listening skills and take it all in.

Field Notes by WCO Dirk Remensnyder



I recently received a call from a concerned sportsman on a possible deer poaching case. He had been driving home and noticed some people in a barn butchering two deer and since deer season had been closed for two weeks he called. Upon further investigation it turned out that the people he observed had indeed been butchering, but instead of two deer it turned out to be two pigs. Even though this was a case of mistaken identity we still want concerned sportsman to step up to the plate and make that call when they observe something out of the ordinary.

A reminder to anyone wishing to take the Hunter Education Class during 2007. Classes will be held at the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen’s Club as follows: Course # 1: March 22 and March 23 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and continuing on March 24 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Course # 2: April 26 and April 27 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and continuing on April 28 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Course # 3: August 9 and August 10 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and continuing on August 11 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information, or to pre-register, please contact Allen Zimmerman at 966.0173 or Alvie Smith at 966.9211.

The Union County Sportsmen’s Club will hold a Hunter Education Course on June 4, June 5, and June 6 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. For information and pre-registration you can call the club at 922.1128.



Shown above is the 4-bell tower that holds one bell from each of the original churches, (Hartleton, Laurelton, Swengel, and Ray's) that merged into one congregation.

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Young and old, men and women took hold of the rope and on signal, pulled that plow with such force that a deep furrow was dug the length of the new sanctuary and then the plow was pulled across the first furrow to form a cross where the altar would be placed. What a joyous day that was! A new spirit had come over the congregation.

Mr. Charles Shipton was the contractor for construction and under his guidance the building came into shape and form on schedule. The Rev. Robert Clark, who served as pastor of the charge, was asked to return and help with the Cornerstone Laying. I learned a lesson that day when I heard the remark of a parishioner, "he certainly has gotten old." Every time I return to a previous parish, I think I can hear someone in the group saying the same thing.

During this time I learned how to blast. First, while digging the hole for the oil storage tank, solid rock was hit about two feet short of the needed depth. Some holes were drilled and charges set. No one was ready for the shower of rock that came down when the charge was set off. The only damage was a small hole in the metal flooring set in place for the balcony floor. Our second attempt at blasting came at the shale bank on the road to Mt. Luther. A man from the quarry at Mifflinburg, I think his name was Inch, loaned us the drilling equipment to prepare

the hillside for blasting enough shale to provide a base for the driveway and parking lot at the new church. When all was ready, we took what we thought was a safe position on the far side of the road. Again, we were not ready for the rocks flying through the air and landing near the road. It was a nice safe blast, but with one problem--the shale stayed put and didn't come sliding down. Mr. Wes Watters and Mr. Henry Erdley were able to talk Olan Boop into climbing to the top with his large dozer and push the shale down. Mr. Bilger, who was hauling the shale to the church, didn't want any part of pushing the shale down.

During this time of construction, decision had to be made regarding the future of the Ray's Church. Both congregations worshipping there were very small. The Lutherans offered to sell the building to the UCC's, but they knew it would be hard to continue to worship there as a single congregation and refused the offer.

The next step was to turn the building over to the Historical Society. Before the transfer was completed, a request was made of the UCC's for the Lutherans to remove the organ from the building so it could be used in the new church. Dr. Horace Sills, from the UCC office in Harrisburg, and Dr. Martin Tozer, of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, were present while the organ was removed from the building.

The windows were removed from the church at Swengel and installed along the main hallway in the new building. The bells were removed from the churches at Swengel, Hartleton and Laurelton. They were among the various things to be sold at auction at the Fairground. Mr. Paul Reamer was given the responsibility of bidding on the bells to ensure they remained with the new church.

The time had now arrived for the congregations to take leave of the buildings where they had worshipped, been baptized, married and buried. Those who know what it is like to give up a house understand the feelings and grief experienced as members took leave of their churches. There was a real sadness that could not be erased with the joy associated with moving into a new church.

There was one hitch associated with the move into the building on the Day of Dedication--the pews were sitting in the back of the sanctuary, but not installed. The firm's employees would arrive during the following week to complete the installation. Folding chairs were brought in, with the cooperation of a local funeral director, and the new congregation gathered for worship led by a newly formed church choir. What a glorious day that was.

Thanksgiving has to be expressed today to the many who had the vision, courage and faith to bring the merger to completion. When I was asked to return and deliver a message for the latest Capital Appeal at the church, I could visualize those faithful, now departed Saints, sitting in the balcony looking at the work of their hands and seeing the congregation of the future.

I can't believe that forty years have passed since the Church was dedicated! I thank God for all that He has done for and

My Extended Family

by Bev. Catherman, Millmont

Austin Goss, and Grace & Elmer Blyler were instrumental in getting me to attend church at Christ's United Lutheran Church. I felt at home immediately, so I had my membership transferred from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Rebersburg to CULLC.

Since then, I have seen three pastors come and go, an addition built on, and the passing of some wonderful friends that I had gotten to know there. You feel like they are all part of your family.

There are many activities to get involved in, and I have. My husband used to say that I might as well pack a suitcase and stay there. If you know Ken, you take that remark with a grain of salt.

To me, "Four Bellers" have been, and are, my extended family.

I look forward to going to Four Bell Church to worship God and to spend time and fellowship with everyone there.

God Bless Austin, Grace, and Elmer, can't thank them enough.

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The Penns Creek Angler

Bruce Fisher

Hello and welcome to “The Penns Creek Angler.” My name is Bruce Fisher and I’ll be your guide for what I hope will be an interesting read each month. I’ll do my best to write something special about Penns Creek or embellish one of my fishing adventures. I learned to fish on a very small brook that starts near the top of Jacks Mountain and eventually empties into Penns Creek. It has taken many seasons fishing Penns Creek to join together all of the water from Coburn to Glen Iron. There are so many pools and runs with names like Omaha Beach, Loves Pool, Rainbow Riffle, Aumillers, The Broad Water and the famous Butter Rocks and Spinning Wheel. The most mentioned and elusive spot is Rainbow Riffle. If you were to ask ten anglers where Rainbow Riffle is located you would get ten different answers. I guess everyone has his or her own Rainbow Riffle or should I say Shangri-La. Over the years I’ve had the privilege of fishing this water and I’ve met the most generous and kind people. I should take some time now to thank you all for your friendship; it’s a gift I could never repay. My favorite section of water runs from Poe Patty State Park to the Cherry Run and is known locally as “The Project.” This is classic fly-fishing water with riffles, runs and pools that are perfect for casting flies. It’s not the size of the trout or the hatches; it’s the true wild beauty that draws me to this area. Around March 15th large #12 Brown Stoneflies will start to hatch and anglers will have good action in the late afternoon using imitations that skitter and skate on the waters surface. The real stoneflies crash into the waters surface to dislodge the eggs that are located at the end of their body. It can take several landings to get all of their eggs in the creek and the fish seem to know this. The trout love to chase these egg carrying flies in an attempt to eat them. I guess they know there’s more food value in a fly that’s full of eggs than in one that doesn’t have eggs. Sometimes the fish will come completely out of the water in an attempt to eat the fluttering stoneflies. As I sit here writing its 8 degrees, the wind is steady out of the west at 20 mph and the creek is frozen over. I’m certainly one of those fishermen looking forward to Spring and the Brown Stonefly hatch. Over the past year I made a decision to move to Millmont and become a permanent part of the scenery. I’ll be opening a tackle and hunting shop where the Stagecoach Stop is located on Rt. 45. I’m sure everyone is wondering what’s going on with all the construction. The new name will be Penns Creek Angler, I hope everyone stops in for a cup of coffee and to say hello.

Letters and E-mails to the Editor

Tony, Thanks so much... I really enjoy reading about the west end. My father was raised in the Swengel area. We are a part of the Snyder/Lamey family of the area. Thanks so much for all the great work you do, so many of us really enjoy the Millmont Times.

Thanks again,

Anne Elliott, Dodge Center, MN

Tony, The “Millmont Times” must be a labor of love. I’m especially interested in the railroad. Through Norma Sauers I find I have more relatives in Union County than I realized. I was born in Aaronsburg. There is a model of the Centre Hall Railroad Station for sale now. It can’t be much different from other PRR branch line stations. Just thought some modeler might be interested. This donation should help keep the Times going. Sincerely,

Patrick Boab, Niceville, FL & State College, PA

Hi Tony, My subscription is set to expire 03/01/07. Please continue to send The Millmont Times to me via email instead of U.S. mail. I look forward to receiving TMT every month. I am currently living in Enola, PA, but I grew up in Hartleton and White Springs, so a lot of the articles you print are very interesting to me. Keep up the good work. My parents are Robert and Frances Stroup. Thank you,

Curt Stroup, Enola, PA

Dear Tony, You may be interested to know why I subscribed to your newsletter. My mother was Sara Hironimus Kenec and she is buried at Hironimus Church Cemetery, near her parents, James and Margaret Hironimus. Just down the road 1/2 mile or so are the remains (mostly foundation and some timbers) from the old homestead near Penns Creek. My grandfather farmed a bit, maintained a string of cabins along the creek that hunters and fisherman rented. One of the cabins was owned and used by the family (James and Margaret had two sons and four daughters) until the late 50’s or early 60’s. I have one cousin (and his family) Herb Teichman still living in the area, near Laurelton.

Marlin “Pete” Kenec, York, PA

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with the Four Bells Church and for the opportunity I had to play a small role in its foundation. I have always had a great love for the people of the parish and am so thankful for their love and friendship. My desire was to return to Buffalo Valley and live out my remaining days when I retired, but God had other plans for me, and we always have to follow the guiding of His Holy Spirit. Love, Peace and Joy, Pastor Engelman.

Editor’s Note: My thanks to Pastor Engelman for writing the article above for The Millmont Times. Thanks also to Clifford Valentine of Millmont for suggesting this topic for use in the newsletter; to Marie VonNeida of Hartleton for putting me in touch with Pastor Emil Engelman; to Marge Dunkle, church secretary, for providing me with information and several of the old photographs used in this article; Meda Struble for giving material about the church; and to Beverly Catherman for sharing her thoughts about the church she attends. The church council is planning a 40th anniversary celebration in the coming weeks. I will keep you posted.



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

History 2007

Now why would I name a column History 2007? Well, I guess I started to think about how much, or how little, students today know about the history of our country. When I read the statement that one student thought that perhaps Martin Luther King, Jr. was the man who freed the slaves, I felt so sorry for what students are missing by not knowing more about our past.

February is the month we recognize the presidents, primarily Washington and Lincoln. But since the combining of the two most notable birthdays, it is designated as a month to honor all presidents, some with more honor than others!

Then we had the first snowstorm of the year and I wondered if anyone thought about the winter Washington's troops spent at Valley Forge, the hardships the troops endured because they were fighting for freedom, a cause they believed to be their future. Or perhaps students are no longer familiar with that piece of history.

I realize a lot of history has been made since I was in school and history books cannot contain as much on each subject as was possible in years past. I wonder if too much is being passed over, or if students just aren't listening.

I checked with the Mifflinburg Middle School and found that

there is no longer a course called History. It is included in the Social Studies series. I suppose some historical material might be included in the reading course but I can't verify that, as I didn't think to ask. That makes me wonder if a Geography course is taught, as very few students, outside of those whose parents travel with their children seem to know much about our country.

If you are a parent or a grandparent, you need to pass on the things you learned in your history classes when you went to school. Visit the places of historical interest. I recall taking our children to Mount Vernon, Valley Forge and to Baltimore, where we looked out over the water and visualized the ship where Francis Scott Key was watching the battle over Fort McHenry. He must have agonized over how the battle was going when he wrote, "is our flag still there." I'm assuming you know that was the war of 1812 and that Key wrote the National Anthem.

If you can't travel with your family there are things we come in contact every day, which will prompt you to give a history lesson. Do your children know that the building on the back of the nickel is Monticello, Jefferson's home, that the new series of four nickels that came out in the fall and winter depict the exploits of Lewis and Clark? The gold color dollar issued a few years ago has the Indian woman, Sacagawea, who guided and helped the expedition. Without her help the expedition might have failed. Almost all coins have a story to tell.

Stamps also have a story to tell. I don't mean all the special issues of movie stars, cartoon characters, etc. but the older ones that commemorate famous organizations, ships, generals, presidents, and almost all things important. There are so many things to learn from the things that surround us, and it looks as if we are going to have to teach ourselves if the schools are no longer teaching the things we need to know from our past.

If you further your education in a school of higher learning perhaps you will take History 101. Maybe History 2007 will be a help or perhaps be an inspiration to learn more about our country.

Remembrance

Evelyn Irene Smith, 81, of 1480 Orchard Road for 57 years and a lifelong resident of the Millmont area, passed away at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2007, at Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg. She was born on March 31, 1925, in Millmont, the daughter of the late Harry and Maude (Mitchell) Boyer. On March 17, 1946, she married Clair P. Smith at St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Mifflinburg. He preceded her in death March 7, 1987. Mrs. Smith attended the Millmont School. She was Protestant.

Mrs. Smith was employed at Huntingdon Throwing Mills, Mifflinburg, for nearly 30 years. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidery and watching television. She especially loved her time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Mervin Kline of Swengel and Nancy and Donald Heckman of Swengel; one son, Timothy Smith of McClure; seven grandchildren, Terry Kline, Lori Hopta, Scott Kline, Tammy Camp, Penny Hanselman, Shannel Smith and Shawn Smith; and six great-grandchildren, Tyler Hopta, Ryan Hopta, Colin Camp, Logan Camp, Chloe Hanselman and Austin Hanselman.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ricky P. Smith; two brothers, Paul Boyer, in infancy, and Robert Boyer; and one granddaughter, Kathy A. Heckman.

Burial was in the Old Cedars Cemetery, Swengel.

Donald S. Mayes, DDS, 77, of 458 Ford Drive, Elizabethtown, and Thomas Dam Road, Millmont, entered into rest at 8:10 p.m. Monday, February 5, 2007, at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown. He was born on March 23, 1929, in Lewistown, a son of the late John O. Mayes Sr. and Alma (Snook) Mayes. On January 30, 1950, in Lewistown, he married the former Josephine E. (Libby) Mayes, who survives.

A Navy veteran, Donald served as a medical corpsman until his honorable discharge.

Donald was a 1954 graduate of Gettysburg College and a 1958 graduate of University of Pennsylvania, Dental School. He started his career as a neighborhood dentist in 1959, in rural Sunbury. In 1970, he left private practice to become vice president of Pennsylvania Blue Shield, where he developed the insurer's first dental plan. Later, he joined Alpha Health Strategies, a firm that managed health-care benefits for big companies, as vice president for dental programs. In 1991, Dr. Mayes began his own dental benefits consulting firm in Hershey,

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Recollections of an Ice Jam on Penns Creek

By George Sholter Jr.

The ice event took place during the winter of 1958-1959. I was in high school and had just turned 15. The ice had jammed at the Weikert Bridge area and westward.

After school I got a tape measure and went there to measure the ice. I recall some chunks were nearly thirty inches thick. Going upstream (Jolly's Grove Road), I could walk for many yards entirely on ice chunks. Some places there were separations in the pieces and this made for tough going.

I continued walking and measuring until I got near the Spinning Wheel area. It was getting a little dark and all of a sudden a loud noise came from the creek and I saw the ice moving. Almost instantly there was a backwash of water coming towards me.

I desperately tried to get away (through the ice and towards the railroad bank) but the water was gushing all over and it became hopeless. I doubt if I got 50 yards before I was trapped on a floating chunk of ice. The rising water lifted the chunk and upset me into the rising water. I was immersed up to my neck and it became a life or death struggle. I lost a great deal of my strength and my coat was heavy with ice water.

Finally, (after several tries) I got on a large hunk of ice next to a large tree. The whole time I was there I hugged the big tree. I could slowly feel numbness spreading upwards (toes, feet and up my legs). By the time it had reached my knees, I saw a flashlight on the railroad tracks. I began to holler and someone answered me and came towards me. I know it took a while before my dad and Bob Bilger got me out.

The water had receded somewhat while I was stranded, but I didn't know because it was dark and I would have been too numb and weak to have ever gotten out by myself. I recall other people on the tracks waiting. I think Jim Bilger was there and possibly my uncle Joseph Sholter. I was made to jog on my numb feet and legs to get circulation back. A person was on each side of me helping and encouraging me to keep going. The only lasting effect is the inability to feel coldness on the bottoms of my feet.

Editor's Note: The late Genevieve Weaser, a long time resident of Cherry Run, related to Emilie Jansma that during the winter of 1958/59 nearly all of the residents in the village of Weikert were betting on exactly when the ice on Penns Creek would break-up. My thanks to George Sholter Jr., of Weikert, for sharing his memories of the ice jam on Penns Creek as well as the photographs used in this article, which are all from his collection. Thanks also to Emilie F. Jansma for submitting this article for publication.



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Don Mayes & Associates, where he was president at the time of his death. He recently published "Dental Benefits: A Guide to Dental PPOs, HMOs and Other Managed Plans." The book was published by the International Foundation of Employee Benefits Plans. The Health Insurance Association of America has adopted the book for its education program.

Dr. Mayes was a member of Hironimus Union Church, Weikert, where he was past president of the church council.

Donald was a lifetime Mason, a member of the American Dental Association and served on the Pennsylvania State Dental Board and the American Board of Quality Assurance. He enjoyed spending time with his family and traveling.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Mayes is survived by two sons, John O. Mayes III of Hummelstown and Donald S. Mayes Jr. of Harrisburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and David Parks of Williamsport and Suzanne and Frank Molitoris of Harrisburg; eight grandchildren, Jennifer Parks, Rachel Mayes, Allison Parks, Sarah Molitoris, Rebecca Mayes, Daniel Parks, Laurie Molitoris and Esther Parks; two brothers, Thomas Mayes of Lewistown and Sam Mayes of Burnham; one sister, Mary Grace McKee of Burnham; and one daughter-in-law, Susan Mayes of Hummelstown.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jim and Jack Mayes, and one sister, Doris Leeper.

Interment was in the Hironimus Church Cemetery, Weikert.

Editors note: Dr. Donald Mayes was a friend and benefactor to everyone interested in preserving the history of the "Tight End." He was instrumental in collecting and preserving numerous photographs relating to that section of Union County. Donald was also responsible for commissioning the Bradley Shoemaker print of the Hironimus Church. He will be missed.

Recipe of the Month

By Janice (Dorman) Shively

Corn & Shrimp Chowder

1/2 lb. sliced bacon
3 T. green pepper, chopped
1/2 C. celery, chopped
3 T. carrot diced
2 medium onions, chopped
1 small bay leaf
2 T. flour
4 C. water
3 C. potatoes, diced
14.5 oz. can creamed corn
2 C. cooked fresh or frozen corn
12 oz. can evaporated milk
1 lb. shrimp, cooked and cleaned

In a large soup pot, cook the bacon until crisp, stirring frequently. Remove the bacon and pour off all but 3 T. of fat. Add the next five ingredients and sauté 5 minutes. Blend in flour. Add water and potatoes. Cover and simmer 15 minutes. Add remaining ingredients. Season with Old Bay Seasoning (approx. 1 tsp.), salt and pepper to taste, and heat through. Remove bay leaf. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



The foundation for this recipe comes from a *Gooseberry Patch* cookbook. From the original recipe, I've adjusted the quantities and added some ingredients, to suit my taste. This chowder is a great "warm up" meal.

ENJOY!

March 10, 2007 Outdoor Volunteer Conservation Opportunity!



From 10:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday March 10, volunteers are asked to join the Clinton County Clean-Scapes and the Lower Penns Creek Watershed Association in Removing Man-made Debris from a Section of Penns Creek stream-

bank in Lewis Township, Union County, southwest of the village of Millmont, near the site of the former power dam.

Volunteers will bag such items as plastic bottles and discarded household items, metal and tires. The site is moderately vegetated and the woody debris can be sharp. Long pants and close toes shoes are mandatory. An extra jacket, shoes and socks are recommended.

This project is funded by the CCC members, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, Penn DOT, Avery Dennison and Dominion. Pre-registration is required by March 8. Registration and questions should be submitted to the Union County Conservation District Watershed Specialist, Shanon Burkland at 524.3860, or you can email at: sburkland@unionco.org.

Where: Meet at the old power dam site in Millmont on Creek Road (site located between the roads of Millmont & Libby), at the turn-around just east of the Creek Rd. bridge (SR 3004). Any and all help at cleaning up this area along Penns Creek would be greatly appreciated. This is an opportunity to make a difference in your community.

Update from the February 2007 issue of The Millmont Times

I received a telephone call from Robert Lynch of Mifflinburg, who commented about my article pertaining to the 150th anniversary of Lewis Township. He recalled two occasions during his tenure as Director of Transportation for the Mifflinburg School District when he was required to find alternative means of busing students whose parents resided at the Sand Mountain Lodge at the north end of Lewis Township. Since these students lived in a very remote section of Lewis Township their transportation and schooling was provided by the Keystone Central School District, which was reimbursed by Mifflinburg School District.

On March 5, 1934, the Lewis Township School Board was faced with an identical situation. Unfortunately Greene Shively did not record the resolution to the issue following Judge Albert Johnson's appearance before the board where he discussed the transportation issue at what was then called "Tea Springs Lodge." (See the Diary of Elder Greene Shively on page 11 of this issue).

Thank you, Bob, for sharing these memories with me.

Ice on the river, two feet of snow,
Thirty mile an hour winds, and twenty below.
Barn chores all done, day all through,
Woman a cooking a thick hot stew.
Asks her man as she stirs the pot,
"More snow coming?" "Likely as not."
"Guess we'll live, I am still content,
No winter yet has failed to end.

Courtesy of Mrs. Leah Brubacker, Millmont

Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

January 19, 2007

Elvin and Erla Zimmerman have a daughter named Malinda. She has two sisters and one brother. Grandparents are Ammon and Erma Zimmerman and Samuel and Bertha Sauder.

January 20

Chris and Wilma Brubacker have a son named Jethro. He has three sisters. Grandparents are Leah Brubacker and Lewis and Verna Hoover.

January 22

Esther Zimmerman of Mifflinburg came home from the hospital after a five day stay.

January 25

Elvin Zimmerman (40) of Mifflinburg came home today. Yesterday he underwent a procedure to open his heart blockage.

Aaron and Rachel Nolt have a son named Seth Michael. He has one sister. Grandparents are Amos and Emma Nolt and John Aaron and Lydia Reiff.

We are in Kentucky right now visiting with brother Lewis Ray. He came to torch an oil-drilling rig apart for his boss. The good parts will be sent to Pennsylvania on a truck. The scrap will be taken to a scrap yard in Kentucky. Curvin came along to help Lewis. The girls and I are staying with family while the men are working. We have two brothers living in Elkton and one brother in Liberty. We visited all three of their schools so that the girls could see where their cousins attend school. At "South Fork School" the teacher gave Pauline a bag of Jelly Beans for being the 100th visitor to walk in their doors during this school term. We also visited the "Galilean Children's Home." Everything was orderly and clean with a loving atmosphere.

January 26

I went with my sister-in-law to visit Phares Shirk and family of Liberty, Kentucky. A large group gathered there to pack clothes that are being sent to Romania.

January 28

Edward and Lucy Martin's son, Jorge (18) of Millmont, was in an accident this morning. He was life-flighted to Geisinger Medical Center.

Reuben and Nora Zimmerman have a son named JayAlan. He has six brothers and one sister. The baby weighed 11 pounds. Grandparents are Esra and Lena Zimmerman and Phares and Anna Horning.

January 31

Alvin and Erma Zimmerman have a daughter named Lisa. She has four brothers and three sisters. Grandparents are Ammon and Erma Zimmerman and John and Barbara Nolt.

February 2

John and Miriam Martin have a son named Joel. He has two brothers and two sisters. Grandparents are Rufus and Katie Martin and Mary Martin.

Eli and Karen Reiff have a daughter named Krista Beth. She is their first child. Grandparents are Eli and Kathleen Reiff and Leon and Marian Martin.

February 4

A horse decided to leave before church was over this morning. He was still wearing his blanket. Someone saw him go out the lane and stopped him before he got very far.

David and Joanna Martin have a son named Damian Alex. He is their first child. Grandparents are Irvin and Esther Martin and Alvin and Minerva Reiff.

February 6

Jorge Martin came home from the hospital. He has a broken leg and a broken arm, and often has a lot of pain. Otherwise he is doing well.

February 10

During the night Amos and Elizabeth Obetholtzer's barn burned on their other farm that is rented to the Long family. There were no animals in the barn.

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Blessings from the Bible

Brenda Weaver

"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."

Proverbs 17:6

According to the scripture above, we received a crown last month! Yes, we were expecting to be crowned in this way, although the coronation came two weeks and three days early. In fact my husband was absent when the call came to announce that the crown had arrived. (John had traveled with a group of men from our church to New Orleans to help with rebuilding efforts that still continue following the hurricane and flooding that ravaged the Gulf Coast in August, 2005.)

"The glory of children are their fathers;" an interesting phrase tucked into hundreds of proverbs written by the wisest of the wise. What did King Solomon mean? Delightful squeals of "Daddy's home!" give evidence to the place of glory fathers hold in the hearts of their children.

When our "crown" arrived I listened in surprised wonder to the announcement of one new father, bursting in glory! My next thought was of an older father, one who was missing being a part of that glory. On the very day he so wished to be home, he was tearing out rotting house walls for strangers. On that day, January 18, he received his first crown of old age—our first child gave birth to our first grandchild.

"Children's children are the crown of old men..." Yes, it applies to women as well. Grandparents are usually quite eager to tell everyone of the treasure grandchildren are. John and I think the crown of grand-parenting fits quite well on our graying heads! That reminds me... we are receiving another crown of old age.

"The hoary [gray or white with age] head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness" (Proverbs 16:31). Some complain about their aging hair color. I prefer to accept the crown gracefully; after all I worked hard for it! And now, with the arrival of Hans Edwin Reiff, we gladly wear one crown upon another. ☺ ☺

On a more somber note, I remember reading Psalm 103 to my uncle several years ago as he lay dying in the Intensive Care Unit. This father and grandfather gloried in his offspring. He wore the crowns of aging well. Verses 15-18 seemed especially fitting.

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“As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children’s children; to such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.”

When we accept the crowning glory and joy of being grandparents we also receive a heavy responsibility. Fearing God and doing His commandments are ways of righteousness that can be passed along to grandchildren. Keep in mind, though, that “God has no grandchildren.” Each of us is responsible for our own decision to accept or reject God’s plan of salvation. No one will travel to heaven on a grandparent’s merit.

On the other hand, heaven may be nearer and dearer because of grandparents who walked with God.

Thought for the day: Are you wearing or anticipating the crowns of old age?

Dear Father,

Thank You that You bless old age with crowns of glory. Thank You for grandparents, parents, children, and grandchildren. Thank You most of all for Your plan of salvation and that You invite each one of us to be adopted as a child of God. In Your Son’s name I pray, Amen.

Lewis Township News

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held January 11, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. at the Lewis Township Municipal Building in Millmont. The following being members of the board of authority named in the articles of incorporation were present: Jim Sanders, Clair Kaler, Renda Shively and Don Shively. Also in attendance were: Solicitor Raymond J. Lobos and Plant Manager Walt Scholl.

HEARING OF VISITORS: No Visitors were present.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT and INVOICES: The treasurer’s report was presented. Checking account balance for December 31st was \$16,274.90. CD’s total \$ 98,608.51. The total assets are \$114,883.41. The total of the invoices to be paid was \$4,245.64. A motion was made by Don Shively and seconded by Clair Kaler to approve the treasurer’s report and invoices. So moved.

CORRESPONDENCE: The annual report was received. Walter Scholl will complete the report and forward it to the State.

PLANT OPERATOR’S REPORT: Everything is working ok. Walt Scholl said he is lining up to have the camera work performed. According to Bill Segal the environmental work does not need done at this time as long as they are going in the manhole only. Once the leaks are located, then there may need to be a study performed.

ENGINEER’S REPORT: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: Joe White hookups: Walter Scholl has been unable to connect with Joe White to get that matter straightened out.

Funding for road repair- Clair Kaler said he spoke to Representative Fairchild’s office and there is no funding available at this time to help with the road. Rob Rowe said there is also no grant money available for that type of work.

Budget Reaffirmation- Don Shively made a motion to reaffirm the Budget seconded by Clair Kaler, so moved.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Renda Shively.

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held at the Carriage Corner Restaurant in Mifflinburg on Wednesday March 21 from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. All persons 17 years of age and older, in good health, and who weigh at least 110 pounds are urged to consider donating blood. For more information you can call 1.800.GIVE.LIFE. Please bring along photo ID.

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They do not plan to rebuild it at this time.

My niece, Miriam Brubacker, of Middleburg was on her way home in a horse and buggy when her horse was spooked, went off the road and wrecked the buggy. Miriam and the horse are ok.

Rebecca Hoover (9) is spending the weekend with us while her parents, Ervin and Carolyn, went with a van load of others on a trip to Kentucky.

February 12

Ira Ray and Arlene Zimmerman have a daughter named Heidi Ann. She has four brothers and five sisters. Grandparents are Phares and Ada Zimmerman and John and Esther Zimmerman.

February 13

At school each family has a day to bring pets to school. Today was our turn, and Elsie took her rabbit along. His one ear is only half as long as the other. Marie took our dog, Skippy, along. We will celebrate his 12th birthday tomorrow.

Paul Weaver Jr. and Grace Zimmerman, daughter of Orvie and Marie, are published to marry on March 15th 2007.

February 14

The annual comfort knotting for the needy was canceled at Harold Nolt’s because of all the snow we are having. They plan to have it a week later. The girls did not have school either.

Wellness Presentations

Newsletter subscriber Billie Jo Raker of Mifflinburg has announced the schedule of upcoming Wellness programs that will be held at the Carriage Corner Restaurant in Mifflinburg and at the Daily Grind Coffee Shop in Vicksburg. Topics that will be discussed at the bi-monthly meeting include research connecting chemicals in household and personal products to allergies, asthma and other diseases. Below is a list of meeting times and places for the month of March.

Monday March 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage Corner (Upstairs).

Tuesday March 27th at 7:00 p.m. at The Daily Grind Coffee Shop.

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

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

Friday March 2, 1934. Temperatures ranged from 10 degrees to 45 degrees. Clear, snow melting. Worked in the garage.

Saturday March 3, 1934. Cloudy, rained a little this evening. At 2 o'clock this afternoon Dr. James W. Sampsell, brother of Mrs. Foster Chambers, died. Aged 82 years. When I was 10 years old I had a bad spell of pneumonia and Sampsell was our family doctor at that time.

Sunday March 4, 1934. Temperature from 39 to 46 degrees. Cloudy. Mother and I went with Edmund's to church. Jacob's family was all there too. Lesson: Matthew 11:2-6, 16-19, 25 to the end of the chapter. Mr. C. L. Burd, County President of the Sabbath Association was present and occupied the time for services. His discourse was very good. Subject, Sanctification. We went with Brother Linn Wert's for dinner. About 3 o'clock he took us home. On our way we stopped at Mervyn Mench's. Martha is improving. I gave her the \$10 the church gave me for the past month as a present. Present at Sunday School: 74. Contribution: \$2.54. Sister Elmira Rearick died. She is the wife of Howard Rearick. She will be buried on Wednesday. She had selected her Text, Revelation 6:17 and the hymns to be sung, "God Will Take Care of You" and "All for Jesus."

Monday March 5, 1934. Cloudy, 39 to 46 degrees. Worked in the garage. This evening I was to the school directors meeting. Federal Judge Johnson was there with a man from Tea Springs. They were interested in the transportation of the man's children.

Tuesday March 6, 1934. Cloudy, 39 to 44 degrees. Worked in the garage. This evening mother and I were to P.T.A. Each school had a play. For devotion I recited Psalm 103 and offered a short prayer.

Wednesday March 7, 1934. Cloudy 34 to 44 degrees. Stayed in the garage until 9 o'clock. Officiated at the funeral of Sister Rearick using the text and hymns she had selected for the occasion. Funeral at 10 o'clock, services at the church. Sister Rearick was born June 3, 1859 and died March 4, 1934. Her maiden name was Smith.

This evening mother, Mrs. Kreisher, Catherine, Florence and the children and I went to Sister's Aid at Brother Arthur Boop's residence.

Thursday March 8, 1934. Cloudy, Snow melting about as fast as it comes down. Worked in the garage.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the following people for making monetary donations toward the publication of this newsletter: Patrick Boab, State College and Niceville, FL; Walter & Janet Russell of Panama City, FL; Nancy Prutzman, Mifflinburg; Eugene Wertz, Millmont; Ruth Kostenbader, Lewisburg; and Pete & Linda Keney, York, PA.

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I would also like to thank Mareitta Raker, of Mifflinburg, for providing me with information relative to Burd's Store of Swengel, as well as other material relating to the Burd family, and the Village of Swengel; Eugene Manbeck of Mifflinburg for providing me a copy of a photograph taken at Hairy Johns Park c. 1941; Janet Renninger for providing me with copies of old newspaper clippings; and Mark Hofmann of Millmont for providing me with a copy of Clifford Bowersox's article from the book entitled "Snake Bite, Lives and Legends of Central Pennsylvania, by James York Glimm."

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

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

A Pot pie supper will be held on Saturday March 3 from 3:00 p.m. until ? The cost for the supper is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 6 to 12 years of age, while children 5 and under eat for free. Take outs are available in quart containers for \$4 each. For more information please contact Shirley at 966.0034.

Lenten Breakfasts schedule: March 7, 2007, speakers are Marilyn Brill and Tom Wagner (Habitat for Humanity), the menu will be French toast and bacon; March 14, speaker is Paul Haines (Toys for Tots), menu will be pancakes and sausage; March 21, speaker is Pastor Randy Fiske (Mifflinburg Ministerium), menu will be creamed dried beef on toast; March 28, speaker is Mike Glennon (Combat Veterans Outreach), menu will be French toast and bacon; and April 4, speaker is Luanne Sholley (National Day of Prayer), menu will be pancakes and sausage. The breakfasts are served at 8:00 a.m. each Wednesday morning during Lent. A free-will donation is accepted. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The small photograph in the upper left hand corner of page one shows a group of Old Order Mennonites during a recent sled riding party that was held on the Nathan and Ella Martin farm, just north of Millmont. Although it was a sunny day this sledding party was held on one of the coldest and windiest days of the winter. The youngsters who participated did not seem to mind the cold temperatures, as they spent the afternoon enjoying themselves in the first significant snowfall we have had in this area.

Moving?

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

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 2 – Donald G. Shively | 18 – Tobias O. Catherman, Jr. |
| 3 – Leah Bingaman | 18 – Karen L. Fultz |
| 3 – Charlene Yarger | 19 – Doug Peffer |
| 4 - Mervin & Esther Nissley - 1950 | 19 – Laura Peffer |
| 4 – Donald Ruhl | 20 - Donald L. & Katherine Shively -
1953 |
| 4 – David Hoover | 20 – Israel Yoder |
| 5 - William & Pauline Shively - 1948 | 21 – Kaitlyn Erdley |
| 6 – Rita Kuhns | 22 – Joseph Martin |
| 7 – Glyn Hassenplug | 22 – Doug Lyons |
| 8 – Ervin Oberholtzer | 22 – Heather Smith |
| 8 – Curvin Oberholtzer | 22 – Crystal Smith |
| 8 – Matthew Dorman, Jr. | 22 – Laura Smith |
| 9 – Sandi Failor | 22 - Jim Dorman |
| 12 – Rick Kerstetter | 23 – Helen Hugar |
| 12 – Betsy Gordon | 23 –Stella Edmiston |
| 12 – Garrett Bingaman | 24 - Norman & Evelyn Groff - 2002 |
| 14 - Patricia Catherman | 24 – Norman Groff |
| 14 – Michael Shively | 25 – Robert M. Catherman |
| 15 – Roxanne Lyons | 25 – Ruth Zimmerman |
| 15 – Pearl Strickler | 26 – Don Fornwalt |
| 16 – Mary Martin | 26 – Zac Salter |
| 17 – Christine Whitesel | 27 - Donald & Ellen Kahler - 1971 |
| 18 – Megan Hackenberg | 28 – James Greene Shively |
| 18 – Richard Hassenplug | 27 – Ray D. Bowersox |
| 18 – Luke Bilger | |

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