



The Lincoln Chapel Church



This early undated photograph of the second Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church was taken within a short time after the church was constructed in 1891. This photograph is courtesy of Ronald Keister of Laurelton.

On a knoll one mile west of Laurelton stands the Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church. The congregation of this church can trace its roots to 1852. Prior to that itinerant circuit riding Methodist ministers ventured into the wilderness of the West End to preach the Gospel. According to historian Richard VB. Lincoln, Methodist circuit riders of the Northumberland Circuit were some of the earliest ministers who came to the West End. As these ministers journeyed to Penns Valley they stopped at the schoolhouse in Hartleton to preach to residents of that community. These occasional visits by Methodist ministers took place from about 1791 through the first decade of the 1800's.

Lincoln noted that no regular preaching by Methodist ministers took place in the West End until about 1834 or 1835 when

Henry Tarring, a pastor in the Northumberland Circuit, began preaching at the White School. This schoolhouse was located adjacent to the Keister, or Dunkard Cemetery off Weikert Road, about 2.5 miles west of Laurelton. At one time a Dunkard Church was located across from the cemetery.

The surnames of those who attended Tarring's ministerial services at the schoolhouse included the family of William Reed, Benjamin Goodlander and wife, and John and Hannah Lincoln. John and Hannah were the parents of Richard VB. Lincoln.

In addition to services at the White School the itinerant Methodist ministers also held services at the schoolhouse near the Berlin Iron Works prior to 1852. According to the Paschall and Keily survey of Union County published in 1856 this schoolhouse was located on Creek Road a short distance west of the mouth of Laurel Run.

In December 1852, John and Hannah Lincoln sold (for \$1.00) a portion of their land situated at the intersection of Paddy Mountain Road and Lincoln Chapel Road for the purpose of building a church. Erection of the church took place the following year. In addition the Lincoln's also provided land adjacent to the church for use as a burial ground.

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The Millmont Times

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In Your Mailbox

Spring is a wonderful time of year. The renewal and rebirth is one of the many splendors of the natural world. After a long cold winter it is nice to see the grass turning green, the buds on the trees, and the wildflowers shooting forth in a brilliant array of colors. It is also nice to see longer periods of daylight and feel the warmth of the sun.

Did you know that depictions of flowers are among the most popular subjects on stamps? Recognizing that popularity, the U.S. Postal Service recently celebrated the arrival of spring by dedicating new Vintage Seed Packets Commemorative Forever® stamps. These beautiful First-Class stamps feature ten photographs of antique seed packets (printed between 1910 to 1920), and cropped to highlight their beautiful floral detail. The stamp art is based on photographs of seed packets from a century ago and were dedicated at the Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition. Each of the ten stamps depicts the colorful blossoms of one kind of flower, including: cosmos, digitalis, pinks, primrose, calendula, aster, linum, alyssum, phlox, and zinnia. The Vintage Seed Packets stamps are being issued as Forever® stamps in sheets, or booklets of 20. Remember, Forever® stamps are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce rate.

Regardless of how busy and hectic life becomes, be sure to take time, not only to stop and smell flowers, but also take time to enjoy the freshness and the renewal of Spring!

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The two photographs above show damage to the main roof and spire of the Lincoln Chapel following the November 1950 storm. These photographs were provided to me by the late Lois (Shirk) Pick (1916-2012), a longtime member of the church.

Shortly after the Lincoln Chapel Methodist Church was constructed the congregation became part of the Mifflinburg circuit. One pastor served the congregations at Mifflinburg, Hartleton, Forest Hill and those who attended the Lincoln Chapel. Members of the Board of Trustees at that time included Thomas Church, Samuel Corl, John Diehl, Christian Gann, Samuel Knight, John Lincoln, and Josiah Showalter.

According to Richard VB. Lincoln the original Lincoln Chapel was used by the congregation until 1889, when it was razed and a new structure was constructed a short distance north of the original church. The new sanctuary was designed and built by Enoch Miller, a well-known architect and building contractor of Mifflinburg.

According to the late historian Charles M. Snyder, Enoch Miller designed and built numerous churches in the area. Some of those houses of worship include the Presbyterian, the Wesley Methodist, the United Methodist, and the Lutheran church. In addition to those Mifflinburg churches he also designed and built the U.C.C. in Lewisburg, and the Rays Church in Lewis Township. Miller and those he employed, were noted for their hand crafted wood detail in the interior and exterior of the buildings they constructed. Examples of that detailed woodwork can be found both on the interior and exterior of the Lincoln Chapel.

The names of those who ministered to the parishioners at Lincoln Chapel in the decades between 1852 and 1896 have been lost to history. Records indicate that during a 68-year period (1896 - 1964) no less than 41 different pastors lead the congregation in worship. On average, pastors served about a year and half behind the pulpit at the Chapel before relocating to a new congregation. Perusing the archives of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church it appears as though it was common practice to relocate ministers rather frequently.

Rev. John Alexander Miller was at Lincoln Chapel from 1899-1901. His son, Dorsey Newton Miller followed his father's footsteps in the ministry. Although the younger Miller did not follow his father behind the pulpit at Lincoln Chapel he did find his wife, Anna Estella Smith, among the congregants of that church.

Dorsey Miller was one of three Methodist ministers who found their brides in the small village of Millmont. The others were Joseph Erwin Brenneman, and Fred Andreas. Brenneman and Andreas both ministered to the attendees at Lincoln Chapel. An interesting story about these three Methodist ministers finding matrimony in Millmont was published in the June 2010 issue of this newsletter. What I neglected to mention in that article was the fact that another minister at Lincoln Chapel, Harry Francis Brumbaugh (1895-1941) found his wife, Hazel Jamilla Bingaman (1892-1967) in the West End of Union County before moving on with his career as a minister. That information was provided to me from Dahle Bingaman of Millmont following the publication of the June 2010 issue. Dahle's father, Harry Luther Bingaman (1908-2001), served as worship leader at Lincoln Chapel. For many years he was considered "pastor emeritus" by the congregation.

Ariel R. Turner (1888-1967) was assigned to the Lincoln Chapel in 1913, shortly after he became a minister. By 1914 he transferred to Orangeville. Although he served a number of communities during his ministerial career, he and his wife, the former Miriam Rutherford (1889-1984), chose the Lincoln Chapel Cemetery as their final resting place.

One minister who served the congregants at Lincoln Chapel in the late 1930's was George Henry Yoxtheimer (1904-1976). According to Theron W. Conrad of Sunbury, Yoxtheimer was known as the "flying preacher." Yoxtheimer, a native of Northumberland, occasionally flew his single engine airplane to Laurelton where he landed in a nearby field prior to delivering his Sunday morning message behind the pulpit of the church. En-route to Lincoln Chapel he buzzed his plane over the villages of Swengel, Millmont, and Laurelton. Conrad said that Yoxtheimer's goal was to shake the roofs off some of his parishioners and "wake em up" so they were able to make it to the church on time.

According to tradition Joseph C/Katherman constructed the steeple, or bell tower on the church. The bell tower has a distinctive and attractive appearance. The copper colored pyramidal spire is a predominate feature that makes the church unique.

The church has been rocked on a number of occasions by lightening and wind. On November 5, 1950 an autumn storm caused extensive damage to the structure. A large section of the sanctuary roof was blown off and the trademark spire was toppled from the bell tower. Sections from the roof were hurled in the air and landed far from the church. Although the church was battered and bruised, it did not rock the faith of the congregants as they quickly replaced the roof and spire.

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Exploring the Bald Eagle State Forest



Mountain laurel was named the state flower of Pennsylvania by the General Assembly on May 5, 1933. It is reported that then governor of Pennsylvania, Gifford Pinchot, along with his wife, Cornelia, were instrumental in selecting mountain laurel as state flower over other plant species. Gifford Pinchot (1865-1946) served two nonconsecutive terms as governor of Pennsylvania (1922-1927 and 1931-1935) and had a lifelong interest in forestry. That may explain his preference to have mountain laurel bestowed the honor of being named the state flower of Pennsylvania.

The perennial evergreen shrubs grow from four to ten feet tall. The mountain laurel flower is composed of clusters of white and pink blossoms. When the entire forest landscape is clothed in those soft colors it produces a scene of spectacular beauty.

Mountain laurel grows abundantly in the Bald Eagle State Forest. The peak time to observe the state flower in bloom is generally late May to mid June. There are many areas in the Bald Eagle State Forest where you can observe the state flower in blossom. A section of forestry road that has an abundance of mountain laurel is Old Shingle Road and Buffalo Flat Road. If you have an opportunity to take a ride through this stretch of forestry road when the flower is in full bloom you will have a chance to see nature at its finest. Old Shingle Road is somewhat narrow so it is important for drivers to remain observant for any oncoming traffic.

To begin your journey I would recommend you travel to the intersection of Old Turnpike Road (Rt. 45) and Pleasant Grove Road. Take Pleasant Grove Road to Moll Road. Continue on Moll Road to Old Buffalo Road. Take Old Buffalo Road to the intersection of Old Shingle Road and Brandon Road.

If you continue west Old Shingle Road becomes Buffalo Flat Road at the Stone Shanty. Continue heading south to the intersection with Stony Run Road. From the intersection at Buffalo Mills to the intersection with Stony Run Road you will drive about 7.5 miles. In that short span there are a number of trails that cross or begin on Old Shingle Road; some are named others are not.

Buffalo Mills was the site of a lumbering camp from 1882 until 1888. The timbering and sawmill operation was conducted by Ryan, Thompson, and Company of Williamsport. The company purchased an extensive tract of timber on the south side of Jones Mountain along with a portion of forestland on Little Buffalo Mountain. Once the ties and tracks were laid to the mill, lumber could be easily transported to the main rail line (L & T) at Mifflinburg.

By 1888 most of the hemlock and pine trees were harvested, the mill was closed and the rail line removed. Like other timbering operations Buffalo Mills had a relatively short lifespan. However during the time it operated the company provided employment to a number of men.

The lumber camp that once housed lumberjacks and sawmill workers was converted into a hunting camp. Today the camp is known as the Buffalo Mills Hunting Camp and is situated between Old Shingle Road and the North Branch of Buffalo Creek.

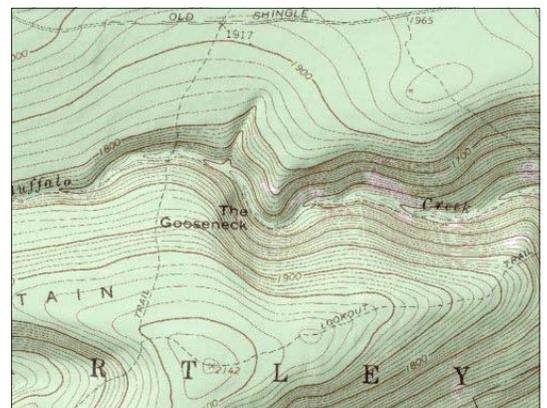
A short distance beyond Buffalo Mills you will see the PPL high voltage transmission line that carved out a wide swath of trees over Jones Mountain to the north. If you have any interest in scaling the power line to the top of Jones Mountain at that location be prepared for a steep climb of about 1,000 feet.

A short distance west of the power line is the Mifflinburg Intake. Water siphoned from the North Branch at this location is gravity fed to the reservoir on Old Orchard Road in the borough of Mifflinburg.

The eastern end of the Hook Natural Area begins at the parking area near the Mifflinburg Intake. This natural area encompasses 5,119 acres of land that has been set aside by the forestry department. Natural areas are those that contain unique scenic and geological features and are to remain undisturbed by man. The Hook encompasses a watershed that provides Mifflinburg residents with water.

If you are heading west from the Mifflinburg Intake one of the first named trails you will come to is Molasses Gap Trail. The origin of that rather appealing name is one that I have yet to uncover. To the north Molasses Gap Trail will lead you through the heart of the Hook Natural Area. If you take Molasses Gap Trail to the south you will be walking through the east end of the Gooseneck.

If you continue driving west on Old Shingle Road you will see a marker indicating Frederick Trail on the left. Heading south this trail will lead you



Why the area on Buffalo Mountain was named Gooseneck is evident on this topographical map.

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The neat little mountain stone cabin situated alongside Old Shingle Road was built by the Pennsylvania Game Commission for use by the refuge keeper.

Just west of Braucher Trail is a mountain stone building situated along the south side of the forestry road. This building, which some people refer to as the "Stone Shanty" was built in 1920 by the Pennsylvania Game Commission for use by the refuge keeper. The 15' x 17' building includes a second floor room suitable for two beds. The cost to build this neat little stone structure was \$204.00. The cupola located at the top of the stone structure offered a view of the surrounding area.

Refuges were established in order to provide a sanctuary for wildlife. Refuge No. 22 on Buffalo Mountain was established in 1918 on land owned by the Department of Forest and Waters. The boundary of the 2,130 acre refuge was fenced with smooth steel wire about four to five feet off the ground and marked at regular intervals with signs warning people that it was a wildlife refuge, and they were not to enter. The intent of the wire was not to keep animals inside, but rather to keep humans out. It was the responsibility of the refuge keeper to ensure that policy was enforced. A path around the perimeter of the refuge was used by Sam Osenbaugh, an early refuge keeper while on foot patrol. It was Osenbaugh's responsibility to ensure that the fence and markers were maintained, and that people did not enter the refuge.

Old Shingle Road turns to Buffalo Flat Road at the Stone Shanty. As you descend the mountain you will cross Buffalo Creek. The headwaters of this stream begin near the Union/Centre County boundary. Before crossing the stream you will see a gated road to your right. Behind the gate is a recently constructed acid rain mitigation project. This project was a cooperative effort by DCNR and the Merrill W. Linn Land & Waterways Conservancy that was undertaken in 2009. Funding for the project was provided by the Pennsylvania Growing Green Fund and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

As you approach the top of the mountain you will arrive at a scenic vista. In addition to the distant mountains seen from Hobo's Vista you can also see portions of Buffalo Valley between the gaps of Stone Mountain and Bartley Mountain.

Prior to reaching the intersection of Buffalo Flat Road and Stony Run Road is a lane to the left. That lane leads to campsite number 34. This is one of a number of campsites situated in the Bald Eagle State Forest for use by the public. Remember that permits may be required for overnight stays at this as well as other primitive campsites. For more information contact the Forest District Headquarters at 570.922.3344.

The Bald Eagle State Forest has over three hundred miles of roads that offer countless opportunities to enjoy nature. Old Shingle Road and Buffalo Flat Road cover a relatively short stretch of forestry road. However, in that span you will be able to enjoy the natural beauty as well as explore a number of trails and other historic features.

The peak season for enjoying Pennsylvania's official state flower in blossom is not far away. So if you want to take time to be out in the mountains enjoying the beauty of God's magnificent creation, take a ride on Old Shingle Road and Buffalo Flat Road later this month, or in the early part of June.

into a wildlife habitat project that was a joint effort between the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry and the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club that was completed in 1989.

Heading north on Frederick Trail will lead you across the North Branch of Buffalo Creek, through Cranberry Flat, over Panther Run, with the trailhead on Pine Creek Road.

Further west on Old Shingle Road will be a marker designating the trailhead for Braucher Path. This short trail leads to the north as it descends Branch Mountain, across North Branch of Buffalo Creek, before proceeding up Sharpback Mountain and ending at Pine Creek Hollow Road.

This trail was named after Charles L. Braucher (1864-1920). Braucher, a native of the West End, was widely known throughout the county. In the 1910 Hartleton Borough census Braucher indicated that he was employed as a forest ranger by the Pennsylvania Department of Forest and Waters. By the time the 1920 census was taken he was employed as a Game Protector with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Braucher died of a heart attack September 9, 1920 while engaged in his official duties.



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I do not know if any hobo's ever stood at Hobo's Vista and took advantage of the view, but if they did they certainly found the scene impressive, especially on a clear day.

Editor's Note: In the April 2013 issue of Exploring the Bald Eagle State Forest I copied Joyce Kilmer's poem - Trees. In the second

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line of the second stanza I inadvertently had two words out of order. That line should read: Against the earth's sweet flowing breast and not Against the sweet earth's flowing breast. I apologize for my error.

Also, DCNR is advising people that the Paddy Mountain Tunnel is closed due to structural issues. If and when the tunnel will reopen remains to be determined. Those who bike or walk the former railroad bed should be aware that access through the tunnel is now fenced off.

Wanted

I am searching for photographs of the Millmont Boy's Baseball team, the Center Point schoolhouse as well as a photograph of the Lincoln School that was located in the vicinity of Laurel Park. I am also interested in locating school photographs where the late Mark Shively (1866-1947) was the school teacher. Shively taught at a number of area schools during the late 1800's and early 1900's, including the Green Grove School.

Another area of interest is my search for information and photographs relative to Albert Lichtenwalter (also spelled Lichtenwalter). He was the superintendent of the Pardee Lumber operation for a period of years. There is a Levi Lichtenwalter living in the village of Pardee when the 1900 census data was collected. However, Albert Lichtenwalter is not listed in the Hartley Township census records for that year. The whereabouts of the Lichtenwater family (Albert, Levi, or other family members) following the demise of the Pardee Lumber Company remains a mystery. Anyone who can assist in solving that mystery is encouraged to contact me at the mailing address, email, or telephone number shown below.

Other photographs I am in search of include the Bingaman Sawmill at Laurel Park, the Knauss's of Swengel and their thrashing machine, photographs of Charles L. Braucher, and information and photographs of Leroy M. "Deafy" Dorman (1911-1988), including some of his artwork.

I am also working on a series of articles (Exploring the Bald Eagle State Forest) about the origins of various place names, such as streams, gaps, mountains, trails, vistas, etc. If you are aware of any obscure names, or the origins of those names please let me know. Early maps that include the names of streams, mountain roads, trails, gaps would be helpful.

If you have any information or photographs concerning any of the topics listed above please contact me at: tsively@dejazzd.com, or write to P. O. Box 3, Millmont, PA 17845, or telephone 570.922.4297.

Mifflinburg Church of the Nazarene Les & Linda Green Ministries

The Greens, a nationally known Gospel Music Ministry from Fulton, N.Y. will present a Christian Music concert at the Mifflinburg Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, May 5th @ 6:00 p.m. Pastor Wayne Krell cordially invites the public to attend the concert at the church, which is located at 12 Market Street, Mifflinburg.

The vocal duo is composed of Les Green, who sang for many years with the award winning quartet "The Envoys," and his wife Linda, who added her true Alto voice in 1986.

Each year, The Greens perform in over 200 churches, Gaither TV programs, and other special meetings, preaching and singing The Great News of Jesus Christ in a variety of musical styles ranging from Bill Gaither to lively Southern Gospel. Each concert is a delightful blend of the different styles, with The Greens skillfully weaving their own pre-recorded voices to their live performance, creating beautiful, yet lively, trios and quartets.



Field Notes, by WCO Dirk Remensnyder

A lot of sportsmen always try to do the right thing so they don't run afoul of the Game Law. A case in point is when I received a call late one night in which a horse and buggy had wandered off and the individual called to ask me if it was all right to search for them with a spotlight. They didn't want anyone to think they were spotlighting for deer after 11:00 p.m.

With spring comes an increase in the use of State Game Lands and as a result of this illegal littering cases also tend to rise.

The small photograph in the upper left corner of page one shows a recent view of the Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church and the distinctive copper colored spire above the bell tower.

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Headstones of John (left) and Hannah Lincoln.

When John and Hannah Lincoln provided land on which the congregation subsequently built their church, they were knowing or unknowingly planting a seed. The early founders watered the seed and watched as a church sprouted up from the ground. As the congregants nurtured that seed, planted by the founders, they had the blessing of watching their labor blossom and bear fruit. That fruit has fed a multitude of people in the community spiritually for more than one hundred and sixty years.

By the time the church was completely rebuilt in 1891, John and Hannah Lincoln had passed away. While their bodies rest in the adjoining cemetery, their name and spirit lives on through the congregation of the Lincoln Chapel United Methodist Church.

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Editor's Note: My thanks to Ronald Keister of Laurelton for information he provided for this article.

Sources: History of that part of the Susquehanna and Juniata Valleys, Embraced in the Counties of Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Union and Snyder, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1886, Volume II; Union County Pennsylvania, A Bicentennial History by Charles M. Snyder; Archives of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church; and the late Lois Pick.

Millmont Times Fun Facts

Few people have had opportunities to meet, speak with, and sometimes record, conversations with people who lived to be 100 years old, or older. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have spoken with or interviewed ten centenarians over the years. My connection with many of these centenarians was the result of this newsletter, which began in May 2000.

The ten centenarians I have met, along with their age at the time they passed away, include: Nellie Zimmerman (107); Frank Gill (100); Maude (Mitchell) Boyer (102); Laura (Bingaman) Edinger (101); Kathryn (Mitchell) Wert (100); Grace Matilda (Catherman) Folk (101); Marian (Schnure) Keithan (101); Pauline (Moyer) Rotering (101); Leona (Sholter) Wirt; and Walter Krebs (102).

Feature articles about Maude Boyer, Pauline Rotering, Laura Edinger, Matilda "Tillie" Folk, and Leona Wirt were published in the June 2001, May 2004, October 2005, April 2007, and December 2011 respectively.

Another honor for both Janice and I was the personal invitation we received to be present for the milestone 100th birthday celebrations of Kathryn Wert, Marian Keithan, Leona Wirt, Laura Edinger, and Matilda Folk. We also celebrated Pauline Rotering's 101st birthday with her. It was a pleasure to know each and every one of them.

Catherman/Katherman Family

Carl R. Catherman of Mifflinburg is working on a new version of the genealogy of the Catherman/Katherman family. Descendants of the Catherman immigrants include the descendants of Jacob Rearick and Margaret Catherman and those of David Dorman and Sophia Catherman. Most of the Rearick and Dorman descendants were not included in the second edition of the Catherman/Katherman genealogy published in 1993. They were omitted because the late Pearl Kaler's books on the Rearick and Dorman families were published at about the same time. Since all three books are no longer available Carl plans to combine them into one, as well as insert the information into a new format. He has already added the information from the Kaler books into his database. Many births, deaths and marriages have taken place since those books were published and these should be included in the next version. If you have any information to add on events that have occurred since about 1990 Carl would appreciate your cooperation. You can contact him by telephone at (570) 966-6236, by email at crcath@dejazzd.com or by letter to his address – 906 Market St., Mifflinburg PA 17844. Full names, places and exact dates of births, marriages and deaths would be especially appreciated.

Millmont Community Yard Sale & Chicken Barbecue

The Millmont Community Yard Sale & Chicken Barbecue will be held Saturday June 8, 2013. You are encouraged to bring your unwanted items to the Village Green in Millmont and put a price tag on them. There is no charge to set up on the Green. Chicken barbecue will be available from 11:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. The cost of a platter, which includes a chicken half, baked potato, applesauce, and a roll or cookie, is \$7.00. A chicken half is \$4.00. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, or would like more information you can call Tom Catherman at 922.1662. The Village Green Association is hoping to replace the roof of the picnic pavilion, so donations will be greatly appreciated. Anyone wishing to send a donation may do so at: Village Green Association, P. O. Box 101, Millmont, PA 17845.

Special Thank You!

I would like to extend a special thank you to all those who have called, written, emailed, or spoken to Janice and I in person about our decision to retire The Millmont Times in April 2015. Your comments are greatly appreciated, and again we take this opportunity thank you all for your support. Your interest in this newsletter is greatly appreciated and that is what has sustained us over the last 13 years, and will keep us moving forward over the next two years.

Although the newsletter may be ending in two years, that does not mean that our interest in local history will come to an end. We have discussed ideas on how we can continue to preserve the history of the West End of Union County. We also would like to develop additional ways of sharing that information with other likeminded individuals.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our subscribers and readers who came out to the Union County Sportsmen's Club on April 11 to show their support for our program entitled "Changes to the Forest Landscape of the West End 1754-2013". The attendance, both for the meal and those who came out to listen to the program, was more than we ever anticipated. We were humbled yet gratified by the outpouring of support. We know that many of our subscribers and readers were in attendance at that program that we never had an opportunity to acknowledge personally, and we apologize for that. For that reason we want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to everyone who attended the program and express our gratitude for taking the time to come out and listen to and watch our slide presentation. We hope that you found it enjoyable and interesting.

Thank You!

I would like to thank the following people for making monetary donations toward the publication of this newsletter: Dennis and Donna Williams of Liverpool; Faye Lyons and Richard and Gail Erdley of Mifflinburg; and Jack and Irene Bowersox of Manheim.

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

I would like to welcome the following new subscribers: Stanley and Cindy Pfirman of Middleburg; Henry and Joyce Bartolo, Randy and Sandy Aikey, Doug and Roxanne Lyons, and Lesley and Tiff Lyons all of Mifflinburg; LaRue and Jeanie Lyons, and Randy and Joan Lyons all of Millmont; Forrest and Denise McClintock of Catawissa; and Dr. Steven Kramm of Lewisburg.

I would also like to thank Jane (Ely) Foster for sending me digital copies of the late Pearl Kaler's genealogies relative to the Kaler and Blyler families; Donald G. Shively of Millmont for donating old receipts and paper goods relating to Paul Mitchell's Store; Neil and Alice Shoreman of Millmont for donating Shively family memorabilia; Marvin Englehart of Mifflinburg for sending me a copy of one of Leroy Dorman's drawings of Lester "Pete" Englehart; and Carl Catherman of Mifflinburg for providing information about Herman Markert, an itinerant artist during the late 1800's.

Penlines From my Kitchen to Yours

by Lucy Hoover

March 16, 2013

Ralph and Wilma Zimmerman of Mifflinburg have a son named Nathaniel Hans. Grandparents are Phares and Ada Zimmerman and Daniel and Alice Burkholder.

March 19

Adin Zimmerman (77) of Millmont passed away. He had been hospitalized and then spent his last week with his son and daughter in law, Allen and Lovina Zimmerman.

Mrs. Alvin Zimmerman of Lewisburg had a quilting for the women in the Vicksburg area who were born in 1971-1972. Everyone was present, except for one lady who was sick.

March 20

A third son was born to David and Joanna Martin of Mifflinburg. His name is Christopher Owen. Grandparents are Irvin and Esther Martin and Alvin and Minerva Reiff.

March 26

We got the message that our neighbor, Terry L. Boop died unexpectedly. Isaac (4) asked "Who died?" He then added, "He's the one who wanted me so bad." Terry loved children, and teased Isaac about taking him along home when he picked things up at our shop.

Two more weddings are coming up soon. Matthew Zimmerman, son of Noah and Elsie Zimmerman, to Brenda Weaver, daughter of Earl and Emma Weaver, on April 18, 2013.

Jason Martin, son of Earl and Mary Martin to Amy Martin, daughter of Floyd and Katie Martin, on April 25, 2013.

April 5

Yesterday and today Aaron and Verna Martin of Lewisburg had public sale of their household items and equipment. They are moving off the farm, which was sold privately earlier.

Tonight there was also a benefit supper and auction for C.A.M. at the youth center along New Berlin Mountain Road. There was plenty of food leftover, that was sold by auction after supper.

John Aaron and Amanda Martin's daughter, Jessica (3) is in the hospital for the third time this winter.

April 14

Stanley Zimmerman (13) son of Amos and Mary Zimmerman is losing his eyesight. They recently found out he has retinoschisis, a genetic disease.

April 16

Steven Zimmerman (16) son of Abram and Wilma had reconstructive surgery on his nose at Geisinger today. (He had trouble breathing through his nose because of an accident he had as a toddler).

Recipe of the Month

by Janice (Dorman) Shively

Potato, Egg, Bacon & Cheese Breakfast for One

2 slices bacon
 1 Yukon Gold potato, cut into ½-inch dices
 ¼ tsp. 25% less sodium Season All® Seasoned Salt
 2 eggs
 2 T. milk
 Salt & Pepper to taste
 2 T. cheddar cheese
 Dollop of sour cream
 Fresh cilantro, chopped

Fry bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove from pan and set aside on paper towel. Add potatoes to bacon grease and fry over medium heat for 8 – 10 minutes, stirring frequently, until tender. Add the seasoned salt during the last minute.

Meanwhile, while potatoes are frying, beat eggs with milk, salt and pepper. During this time you can also break the bacon into small pieces.

Remove potatoes from bacon grease, with a slotted spoon, to your plate. Pour excess bacon grease from the pan. Add eggs and stir until set. Spoon scrambled eggs on top of potatoes. Sprinkle cheddar cheese and bacon on eggs. Top with a dollop of sour cream and sprinkle with fresh cilantro.



This recipe was inspired by a breakfast we had a Perkins years ago. We both enjoyed it so much that I decided to try to recreate it. I'm not so sure I've recreated their menu item, but we sure do enjoy this dish. It's simple to make and oh-so-yummy. Tony does without the sour cream and cilantro. I love cilantro so this time of year, when it's flourishing in our garden, is when I prepare this dish more often. It's also delicious with chives atop instead of the cilantro.

You can easily adjust this recipe to your taste and diet. Use turkey bacon instead of pork. Fry the potatoes in olive oil instead of the bacon fat. Make it with one egg, instead of two. Use egg whites instead of eggs, light sour cream and low-fat cheese. It's an adjustable recipe! Please give it a try, however you choose to make it.

ENJOY!

Union County Historical Society Programs

Sunday May 5 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Dreisbach United Church of Christ there will be a program by Jack Wagner, and his sons, Alan and Eric pertaining to the History of Surveying in Union County. The Wagner family will share their knowledge and stories of this craft. Alan Wagner will also examine the life of Samuel Maclay, one of the earliest surveyors in Union County who lived in close proximity to the Dreisbach Church.

If you are interested in the activities and events celebrating Union County's Bicentennial be sure to check out their website at: www.unioncounty200.com There you will find a list of events continuing through November 2013 as well as photographs, both old and new, of people and places in Union County.

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:

Wed. May 13, 1942. 55 at 7:00 a.m., misty. Clear this morning when the mist was gone, and some clouds in the afternoon. Billy helped me to furrow the potato patch this forenoon, and this afternoon I planted potatoes. 75 at 9 P.M.

Thu. May 14, 1942. Ascension Day. 60 at 7 A.M., clear. It was cloudy this afternoon, and sprinkled some. I was planting the rest of the potatoes. Jacob Brandt and his wife were here for dinner.

Fri. May 15, 1942. 65 at 7 A.M. Cloudy, high wind. Planted pop-corn, beans in the orchard, and did some work in the garden. Sprouted several bushels of potatoes this evening. Billy took mother to Dr. Purnell at Mifflinburg. She has been having trouble with her limbs. 70 at 8P.M.

Sat. May 16, 1942. 63 at 8 A.M., rained last night, is raining now, high wind, and 64 at noon. Rained steadily all forenoon. Can almost see things growing. Sky clear about 6 o'clock, a beautiful evening. 64 at 10:00 P.M., just came home from Love Feast. Brother Reno Hoffman's took me along to the Village to bring sister Charlotte to the meeting. We expected Bro. Fleming to be present but he failed to come. I officiated, Bro. Mervyn assisted. Bro. Longs were present. Bro. William Wagner and son were at the meeting.

Sun. May 17, 1942. 46 at 7:00, a beautiful morning, everything looks so refreshed. "How do We Reject Christ", Matt. 22:41-45, 23:1-11. G. T. from Mark. Pres. 90. Con. \$5.35. Bro Long preached and taught my class. After Sunday School an election was held for two Deacons. The lot fell on Bro. Edmund Boop and Emory Styers. They and wives were installed. I officiated and Bro. Mervyn assisted.

Mon. May 18, 1942. As I am writing the sun is rising at 5:43. Temperature at 47, another wonderful nice growing morning, nature seems to be at its best. I was working in the garden. A beautiful day, 70 at 9 P.M.

Remembrance



Marie S. (Boney) Sparks, 94, formerly of Mensch Road, Mifflinburg, entered into rest at 5:30 a.m. on Friday, March 29, 2013, at Rolling Hills Manor, where she had been a resident since May of 2012.

She was born on September 20, 1918, in Millmont, a daughter of the late Isaac Elmer and Vernie (Ocker) Boney. On January 4, 1958, she married Vernon C “Sparkie” Sparks, who preceded her in death on July 11,

2008.

Marie graduated from Mifflinburg High School class of 1935.

Marie worked at Laurelton State Center until 1954, when she then moved to San Francisco. There she worked at Lerner’s Department Store.

She returned to Mifflinburg and began working at Pennsylvania House Furniture, Lewisburg, retiring in 1984.

Marie was a member of the Retail Workers Union and UIU Local 193.

She enjoyed, crocheting, making plastic canvas, sewing clothing, gardening, and fishing in Canada. She along with her late husband enjoyed traveling most of the U.S. and Canada on motorcycle. She loved to spend time with her dogs.

Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Meda M. Clapsaddle, of Gettysburg, Gloria Jean and Gerald Musser, of Millmont; three grandchildren, Randy and Tina Musser, of Millmont, Stephen Musser, of Mifflinburg, and Renee and Barry Stahl, of Charlotte, N.C.; one great-granddaughter, Nichole Musser, of Millmont; one sister and brother-in-law, Margaret and Pastor Fred Yarger, of Millmont; two brothers and sisters-law, Ernst “Ike” and Margaret Boney, of Millmont, and Warren and Ava Boney, of Hartleton.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, who was killed in action during WWII, Elwood M. Herman, and one brother, Bruce Boney on October 5, 1985.



Hilda M. Zechman, 87, of 407 Strawbridge Road, Lewisburg, for the past 25 years, passed on at 10:15 a.m., Friday, April 5, 2013, at her home.

She was born January 31, 1926, in Hartley Township, a daughter of the late Bruce M. and H. Margaret (Walls) Boop. On June 21, 1952, in the Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren, Mifflinburg, she married Richard I. Zechman, who survives.

Hilda attended the Pike School and graduated from Mifflinburg High School in 1943.

She was a life member of the Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren, Mifflinburg, where in earlier years she was a Sunday school secretary, worked in the children’s department, and was active in the Women’s Fellowship. Hilda was later a member of the Golden Oldies and assisted in the planning of bus tours for 12 years.

Hilda worked at Chef Boyardee, Milton, during the World War II years, was employed at the Washington Cabinet Company, Milton, and in 1969 was employed at the Buffalo Valley Nursing Home as a licensed nursing assistant.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, and reading. Hilda was happiest when her children were all close by her side.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Michael A. and Kathy A. Zechman, of Mifflinburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn A. and Richard L. Rhoades, of Lewisburg, and Penny L. and Daniel S. Johnson, of Lewisburg; four grandchildren, Jeremy L. Rhoades, Janelle M. Rhoades Bilger, Amanda S. Johnson, and Tatiana R. John-

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Looking Back

LAST WILL and TESTAMENT of CLASS 1922

We, the class of 1922, being about to leave the sphere, in possession of a sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish our last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by us at any time heretofore made.

First, we direct that our funeral services shall be conducted by our friends, the faculty, only enjoining that the funeral be carried on with all the dignity and pomp which our situation in Laurelton High has merited.

Now as to such estate as it has pleased the Almighty to give us, we do hereby dispose of the same as follows: -

Item 1. We give and bequeath to the Board of Education of the Hartley Township Schools restful night and peaceful dreams. We promise them a rest from our petitions. No more will we be called upon to bend our knee to supplicate. No more will they be pained to refuse. They have done their duty and they have their reward.

Item 2. We give and bequeath to the school which we have all learned to love as a whole, two songs, “Laugh a Little Bit” and “Hike Along”, these songs to become the possession of this High School on condition she holds them in trust as a nucleus to which each year shall be added others, until we have a collection to be proud of.

Item 3. We do give and bequeath to our best loved and most cherished sister, the class of 1923, all the wealth of love and blessing she may want. And especially do we desire that she shall have the seats used by the class of 1922. She is to be given all the interest and principle of any deposits in these seats. And we also bequeath to her the interesting and instructive lectures of the principal, Mr. Boggess, and we hope that they may be benefited as we have been.

Item 4. To Grayce Emery we do give and bequeath Florence Keister’s smiles that they may help her to keep the good name, “Grayce, the sweet-tempered Girl”. We also give her the dinner pail which may be found hanging on a nail behind the door in Professor Fairheller’s cloakroom.

Item 5. To Lulu Strickler we do give and bequeath Helen Hauk’s supply of love-powders, paints, and other make-up, in the hope that it may be aid to her in catching a beau. We also desire that she have Calvin Hackenburg’s office as Librarian.

Item 6. To Werner Boop we do give and bequeath our stove which has helped to keep our

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Blessings from the Bible

By Brenda Weaver

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
The old is gone the new has come!”
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)*

Early spring found me waiting for two exciting phone calls. The first one came on March 13th and I welcomed our fifth grandbaby. The second call came ten days later, this time from far-away Alberta, Canada. Another granddaughter! Two of them within ten days. My blessings abounded, even while I sorely missed welcoming the baby girls without the grandpa who would have adored them. As is typical of my life as a widow, joy and sorrow arrived simultaneously.

What a grandma doesn't do to welcome a new grandbaby!

I left home while the first signs of spring were pushing through the dirt. After a long and exhausting and lonely day of travel I finally arrived at the little airport in Grande Prairie, Alberta Canada where the first person I hugged was my toddler grandson. Then I pulled back a blanket to peer at the tiny face of my newest granddaughter.

For two weeks I hugged and held, changed diapers and read stories, picked up toys and dried laundry, packed boxes and unpacked boxes. When we had the little family of my daughter moved back into their cabin home after months of house-sitting, winter seemed to lock itself around us. Even though it was early April snowstorms whipped around the small cabin. So my son-in-law purchased a new puzzle and we spent evenings puzzling in winter fashion.

I cuddled and cooed. I read books and pushed toy tractors. I lifted a toddler or a baby into car seats, lifted them out again, shopped for groceries, went to appointments, enjoyed a baby shower, and went to church. I washed dishes and swept floors. I blessed this family I love in any way I could. I was “Nana” for real and not just over the phone.

Two weeks after my arrival I left cold, gray, and brown Alberta, where I saw hardly a blade of green, to return to my home in Pennsylvania. Spring green had exploded during my absence. The contrast shocked my senses and set me singing.

I left the mud, the snow, and "slower-than-molasses-in-January" springtime of 2013 in Alberta to fly home to lush and lovely, GREEN Pennsylvania. The beauty of blooming trees and flowers, growing grass, and the songs of spring birds burst upon my senses as I arrived in Philadelphia. Even that city was beautiful with stretches of grass and groups of flowering trees. I left chilly weather, frozen water in ditches, and molasses-like mud that melts into slime when the temperature rises, to come home to warm breezes, swaying tulips, and a temperature of 74 degrees.

The startling contrast of seasons reminded me of the remarkable change a person feels when he exchanges his inborn life of sin for the glorious gift of salvation. Becoming a new person in Christ bursts upon one's senses like springtime after unending winter. If you have never experienced it, please do! Winter still comes; it still lingers at times, but you will always carry rays of springtime in your cleaned-up heart.

God, through His Son Jesus, gives the gift of SPRING to cold wintered hearts. How God loves us! And He pursues us with more persistence than a determined-to-cuddle-the-new-baby-grandma!

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“And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts.

If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.”

2 Chronicles 28:9 (NIV)

With only a dozen days left until my son's wedding I determined to spend as much time with him as I could, so this evening I convinced him to go grocery shopping with me. We had a lovely time! I kept thinking about how his father liked to shop with me. As my son pushed the cart through the aisles I thought about how I had pushed him in the cart twenty-one years ago. Again I asked myself the question: How can my sweet little boy be old enough to get married? How did this time of saying goodbye to the children arrive so soon?

In hopes that he would go grocery shopping with his wife, I offered Stan some pointers. We compared prices; we watched for sales. I sent him to choose items for his lunches. I recommended products I'd found satisfactory. *“Train up a child in the way he should go...”* I remembered from scripture.

It was nice to have a man help load and unload the groceries and I found myself wondering why I hadn't brought my grown son along to the grocery store more often. At home as I put groceries away, I thought about our pleasant evening and how much I had enjoyed my son's company. And then I thought of God. Is He still waiting for me to spend some quality time with Him this evening? *“If you seek him, he will be found by you...”*

Prayer for Today:

Oh God, just as I enjoy spending time with my children You are blessed when I spend time with You. Let me never lose the wonder of Your love for me!

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room at a cool temperature. We have the consent of Gladys Aumiller to allow Werner the use of her winning ways that he may be some-what relieved of his bashfulness.

Item 7. We give the Freshman Class the following advice, accepting which will lead them to glory: Copy the class of 1922; learn to work if not to win; development comes sooner through bearing failures than displaying successes. It may not be fun; but still, look at 1922 and take courage, ye can not fail. We also bequeath to this noble class who seems to be worthy of this honor the privilege of writing themes for Professor Fairheller; he always has a kind word for every mistake, and will make them feel better by having been in the class.

Item 8. To Lucille Pursley we do give and bequeath Velma Cook's dancing ability that she may instruct her classmates.

Item 9. To Orrin Boop we give and bequeath a pair of rubbers that may be found under the shelves on the south side of Professor Boggess's cloak-room.

Item 10. To Martha Von Neida we do give and bequeath Amelia Shell's musical ability to be used in acting as pianist for the school.

Item 11. To James Zimmerman we do give and bequeath Florence Keister's talent as an artist, with our express instruction that this art is not to be used in class.

Item 12. To Charles Catherman we do give and bequeath Paul Boop's office as timekeeper.

Item 13. To Esther Irvin we do give and bequeath a broken fire shovel which may be found under the stove in Room Number Two.

Item 14. To Charles Libby we give and bequeath the volley ball with all the air that may be contained therein.

Item 15. To the Sophomore Class we are going to leave our pencil stubs, waste paper, broken pens, and whatever other junk that may be found in our desks. We hope they will be benefited by the wisdom that has been published to the world by the aid of these once perfect materials.

Item 16. To Mollie Reigel we do give and bequeath the following receipt that she may be able to grow in strength and wisdom; "Take exercise and plenty of fresh air, as well as a good run each morning before breakfast."

Item 17. To Marian Sampsell we do give and bequeath Gladys Aumiller's chewing gum which may be found under the right hand end of her desk.

Item 18. To Alga Bickel we give and bequeath Milford Johnson's quiet ways that she may be held in check a little thereby.

Item 19. To Walter Shively we do give and bequeath Helen Hauck's good humor.

Item 20. To Lawrence Zimmerman we do give and bequeath Paul Boop's skill in making the fire.

Item 21. To Luther Irvin we do give and bequeath Calvin Hackenburg's custom of walking the streets at recess with the young ladies.

Item 22. To our many friends in the community of Hartley Township we do give and bequeath the privilege of using the school lawn as a picnic ground and gathering place.

Item 23. To Doctor Glover we do give and bequeath the physiology charts which may be found in the hall of the High School building.

Item 24. To Mr. Reedy we do give and bequeath the electric lights.

Item 25. Other articles too numerous to mention such as worn out black-board erasers, old brooms, shovels, and broken seats we desire to be offered at public auction and the proceeds to be given to the Library.

Item 26. Our Senior Privileges we bequeath to our noble followers, The class of 1923, and we would not forget a most important, a very necessary item, Senior Dignity, which is always handed over to the new made lords of the High School World. We are afraid that this will be a strain upon the nerves of the gay and debonair Juniors, but all hope they will rise to the occasion, as they sometimes can.

Besides these enforced gifts, we leave, not of necessity, but of our own free will, our blessing and a pledge of friendship from henceforth.

One thing however, which must be disposed of, is all the knowledge and startling information which we have given at whatever times we may have had written quizzes and examinations, this we give to Professor Boggess to be used in the education of our younger brothers.

And we do appoint this day Professor Boggess, sole executor of this our last will and testament.

In witness whereof, we, the class of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Two, the testators, have to this our will, written on one sheet of parchment, set our hand and seal, the second day of May, Anno Domini, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

Editor's Note: This will was provided to me courtesy of Emilie F. Jansma of State College and Maryann Losik of California.

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son; and five great-grandchildren, Kaelyn J. Fogelman, Gavin E. Fogelman, Bryn J. Rhoades, Jayar C. Rhoades, and Aubrey M. Bilger.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Willard Boop; and two sisters, Thelma Brown and Hazel Grace Boop. Interment was in the Brethren Church Cemetery.

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May Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 – Cindy Pfirman	15 – Carolyn Wagner	28 – Carl “Bup” Sampsell
1 - Janet Pursel	15 – Steve Bilger	29 – Mike Fultz
1 – Helen P. Strunk	16 – Josh Frank	30 – Harold Shively
2 – David Sampsell	17 – John Dunkle	31 – Henry Bartolo
2 – Joseph Smith	18 – Kenneth Blyler	
2 – Faye Lyons	18 – Spencer Boyer	
3 – Leon Sheesley	18 – Annie R. Nolt	
4 – Shirley Day	19 – Sam Smith	
4 – Norma Sauers	20 – Patricia Phifer	
5 – Brian Ulmer	21 – Eugene Wertz	
6 – Melvin Walter	21 – Eddie Weaver	
7 – Mark & Mary Bingaman - 1983	22 – George & Linda Sholter - 1968	
7 – Beverly Catherman	22 – Lee & Norma Sauers – 1965	
8 – Matt & Angie Dorman - 2004	23 – Donald & Evelyn Miller - 1970	
9 – Jeannie Sampsell	23 – Tyler Dorman	
10 – Betty Auman	24 – Kendrisa Kerstetter	
11 – Caroline Wenrick	25 – Emre Goktas	
12 - Mother's Day	25 – Glenn & Norma Catherman - 1957	
12 – John Wesley Showalter	25 – Dolores Starks	
12 - Dion Shively	26 – JoAnn Dorman	
13 – Shirley Catherman	26 – Melody Keister	
14 – Eugene & Darlene Hackenburg - 1960	26 – Bob & Shirley Catherman - 2001	
14 – Jean Marquardt	27 - Memorial Day (is celebrated)	

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