



Nazarene Church Celebrates 60 Years

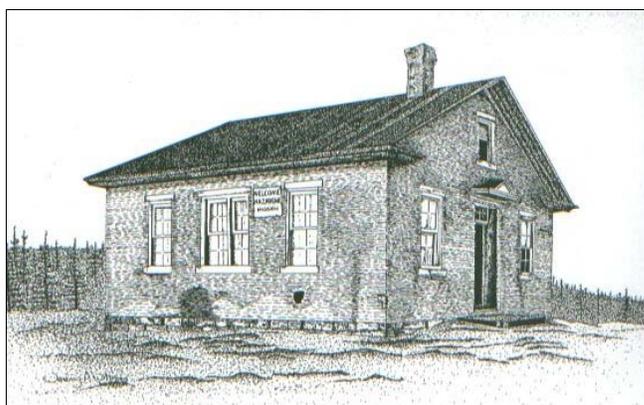
By Norma Jean Sauers

Member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Mifflinburg PA

The First Church of the Nazarene of Mifflinburg is preparing for their 60th Anniversary Weekend, Nov 13 & 14th. Festivities begin Saturday, Nov 13th, at 6 pm, with a buffet at the Carriage Corner Restaurant. (Call 966-0852 for tickets.) Former Pastor Ron and Marilyn Moss will be the guest speakers of the evening. A 'Night of Memories' will also include a slide show presentation, "60 years of Ministry," and special music.

Celebration continues Sunday, Nov 14th, at 10 am, with guest speaker, Rev David West, former pastor. Evelyn Pick, widow of the Founder, will share her memories of the early days of the church. Charter Members will be honored. Since the theme is 'Generations of the Church' the congregation is asked to come dressed similarly as they did on their first day of attendance.

At 6 pm, Sunday, Nov 14th, Guest Speaker will be Rev. Fred Blausler, former Youth Pastor. There will also be special music and video clips of church history events. Everyone is welcome!



This pen and ink drawing by former Millmont resident Jeremy Witmer depicts the former Wehr Schoolhouse. In 1943 this building was used by the First Church of the Nazarene as their first meeting house.

Humble Beginnings

It all started when Fred Pick felt God's call to preach the gospel. A son of Clarence and Anna Pick, Fred was born and raised across the creek from Millmont. (The family still owns the cabin that was built on that homestead.)

In 1943, Fred followed the leadership of the Holy Spirit, in locating the old, empty schoolhouse on Mensch Road, near Mifflinburg. He stopped and asked the owner if he could rent the building.

My husband, Lee, still remembers when Fred Pick came to their house, and told his parents, Fred and Alice Sauers, that he had just made arrangements with Fred's

dad, Clellen Sauers, to use the old Wehr Schoolhouse to hold church services. Clellen was thrilled to have church services there, and told Mr. Pick that he would let him use it at no charge, if he would clean it up and make needed repairs. Friends helped get it ready for use.

On August 29, 1943, the first services were held in the afternoon, as Fred Pick was also the Sunday School Superintendent of the Fairview Church of the Nazarene, in Muncy. Fred's

(Continued on page 2)

Millmont Mailbox by Postmaster Sam Smith



By now, most of you have seen or used the nice new parking lot at the post office. I apologize for any inconvenience during preparation and paving, but I think you will all agree it was worth it. After having a great vacation in Arizona, I have to be prepared for our busiest time of the year. I'm sure you have noticed an increase in catalogs, advertisements, and political election ads already. I'm sure we'll all need a rest after the election, so the Post Office will be closed to honor our veterans on Thursday November 11 and of course on Thursday November 25 to celebrate Thanksgiving. A commemorative stamp honoring former President Ronald Reagan will be released in November, along with holiday stamps including: Hanukkah, Kwanza, and the Christmas stamps of the Madonna, and Holiday Ornaments.

(Continued from page 1)



Rev. Fred Pick, his wife Evelyn, and their daughter, Julia.

daughter, Julia Lenhart, recalls that there was no electricity in the building and they used kerosene lanterns for light. "An old pot-belly stove sat in the center of the room," she said, "but it was not the warmest place in winter. In today's world, no one would have come and sat in a place that cold." Eventually, the men cut down trees from the nearby woods to make enough poles to get electricity brought up to the building.

As Fred Pick took Bible courses to prepare for the ministry, he bought a "BLOW-HORN" and drove around the countryside playing gospel music and announcing the meetings in the school house." (Quote of Raymond Culp's 1977 letter) He invited preachers to come and hold revivals and soon there were enough people attending regularly, to organize and register the church. The sign on the schoolhouse said, "Welcome, Nazarene Mission."

The 37 Charter members were Fred & Evelyn Pick*, Julia Pick Lenhart*, Clarence and Anna Pick, Robert and Flora Fair, Nestor and Kathryn Wert* Nevin Wert*, Josephine Wert (Duke)*, Paul and Arla Zimmerman, Shirley Zimmerman (Aikey)*, Norman and Margaretta Mull, John Bishop, James Mull, Mary Swope, Clarence and Ethel Culp* Raymond Culp*, William Culp, Carl Culp*, John and Eleanor Swanger, Dorothy Swanger (Newberry), Anna Mae (Swanger) Getz, Carl Swanger*, Lloyd Swanger*, Virginia Griffith, Ethel Griffith*, Maud Sprow, Nancy Swanger (Paul), Virginia Griffith (Homan). (An * behind a name indicates a Charter member who is still living).

By 1945, the schoolhouse was too small, so Fred Pick told Roy Grove that he was looking for some land to build a church in Mifflinburg. Mr Grove sold him a lot on Market Street. Construction started Sept 1945, and the new church building was dedicated by Sept 29, 1946.

Rev. John Andre wrote, in a letter read at Rev Pick's 1977 retirement, "Fred had a complete and absolute love and dedication to the church and a great love for his people." A simple example of this dedication, is the story his daughter, Julia, tells that when the new building was built on Market Street, a hand-fired furnace was installed. Fred placed a cot in the furnace room and slept, as well as, studied there on cold winter nights, stoking the fire throughout the night, so

the congregation would be warm on Sunday morning.

On August 5, 1949, Fred Pick was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, by the General Superintendent Hardy C Power, at the Washington/Philadelphia District Assembly of the Nazarene Church.

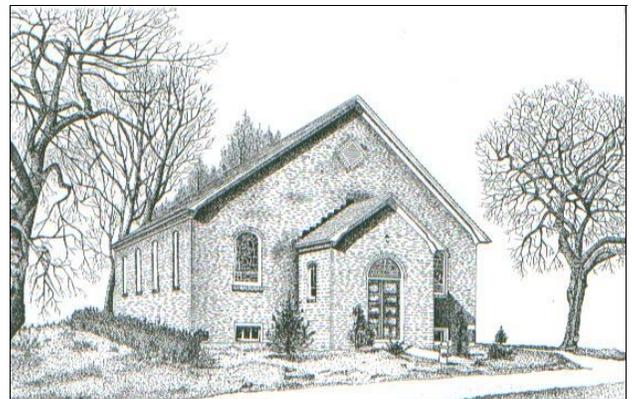
Additions and Growth

"God blessed the congregation with souls, financial prosperity, building and remodeling programs. The first addition was that of the Sunday School annex to the rear of the 'old sanctuary.'" (Booklet 'Celebrating 50 years') The congregation not only grew internally, but also helped start new churches in Selinsgrove, Williamsport, Milton, Jersey Shore and Renova. Rev Pick was also very instrumental in getting the Boys' and Girls' Camps started at the Nazarene District Camp at Northeast, Maryland. Today's Nazarene Youth still benefit from these summer camps.

The church continued to grow, and by Easter, March 28, 1964, a new sanctuary was dedicated.

On April 30, 1977, an addition built by Albert Cresswell, was dedicated as the "Fred Pick Educational Wing". The upper level houses the pastors' offices, a library, and classrooms; the lower level: a kitchen and a fellowship room, which doubles for a Sunday School classroom.

After 33 years of service of being a Pastor, Rev Fred Pick retired in 1977. (As I was poring over the letters he received from his peers and Nazarene Church leaders, I was impressed by the high regard they had for the Picks.) Mrs. Arnold's letter stated they always believed that Rev Pick's success was due to "always giving God the honor and praise" for what was accomplished. Benson McDowell, a former co-worker, said Fred was an 'efficient, conscientious, and an honest man.'" Along with Rev Claude Jones' statement, that Rev Pick's 'sense of humor was very contagious', we can understand the thoughts of his District Superintendent, Dr. Mangum, when he said, "The strong foundation the Pick's have built will enhance the minis-



The First Church of the Nazarene as it appeared in the 1950's.

(Continued on page 4)



BIRD TALK

By Jim McCormick

That squirrel's got religion!! October has been a rather soggy, gloomy month; Jacks Mountain and its multi-colored coat have been obscured by fog and mist and rain most of the month. On the other hand, it has been unusually mild. Remember several years ago, when it snowed around Halloween and the snow stayed on the ground until April. Now, that's a Minnesota winter! October is a strange month for birds. Earlier in the month I saw a flock of Robins along Canada Drive for a couple of weeks, and a small band of Red-winged Blackbirds scattered about. All month long the Common Grackles have been growing into larger and larger flocks.

As winter approaches I am reminded of this story. After the trees were cut down in the park in front of my house, a family of Eastern Screech Owls decided to move into the tree outside my bedroom window. The Screech Owl is a small bird, only 9 inches tall, with little ear tufts and big yellow eyes. While Screech Owls don't really 'screech', they do make a lot of noise, and that is usually after dark. Owls court and mate during the coldest months of the year and that's when they moved in. This pair nested in my maple for several seasons then disappeared. One summer I was looking out of my front door and noticed a small immature Screech Owl on a branch just above eye level. At first I couldn't quite make out what I was seeing. As I looked more closely, I realized that that little bird had a Starling in its mouth!! The bird in its mouth was as big as the owl itself. It obviously had no idea what to do with its captive; it certainly couldn't fly. It was pathetically calling for its parents for some time. I had left for a while and when I returned the owl and its prey were gone. After the pair moved away, I didn't see them for some time, then, one Sunday morning, as I was passing the Methodist Church, I noticed some movement in the tree near the alley. As I looked up, I saw a little owlet poking its head out of an old woodpecker hole. Immediately, one of the parents rose to the opening of the nest and completely covered the entrance. I watched that nest for several months. Many times I would see an owl posted at that hole all day long. It was amazing to see that owl, sitting motionless at the entrance in broad daylight, perfectly camouflaged. Summer came and went and the owls must have moved on. Again on a Sunday morning, I was passing that tree and I looked up at the hole and out popped what I thought was the owl, but as I looked more closely, I realized it had a snout. It was a squirrel! It had taken over the nest for itself. Now I watched this squirrel for some time and noticed that whenever I passed the church on Sunday mornings, and there was singing in the church, the squirrel would pop out of its hole to listen. I thought, *"That squirrel's got religion!!"*

This story illustrates the point that there is much to be seen, just outside your window or just down the street. There is a whole world of wonderful things happening right under your nose, so grab your binoculars and take it all in.



Field Notes by Union County Wildlife Conservation Officer

Dirk B. Remensnyder

On the first day of the youth pheasant hunt, Deputy Tilghman Smith and I were patrolling State Game Lands to check hunters. After checking some at a parking lot, we proceeded to drive around the gate and up a trail into the Game Lands. Upon exiting the Game Lands Tilghman had to get out of the vehicle and open the heavy wooden gate so that I could drive through. As I drove past Tilghman holding up the gate, I noticed a strange and perplexed look on his face. Upon his return to the vehicle that look was confirmed when he held up his hands to show me that the gait had been freshly painted by the food and cover crew the previous day.

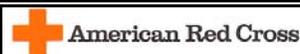
A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone. Henry David Thoreau

Public meetings to be held in the Lewis Township Municipal Building

- ▶ Municipal Authority of Lewis Township, the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7:30 p. m.
- ▶ Lewis Township Board of Supervisors, the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:30 p. m.

CASH BINGO

The Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association will be holding "Cash Bingo" in the township municipal building on the following dates: November 11th and 18th, and December 9th and 16th. The public is welcome to attend. All proceeds benefit the "Village Green Park" and the "Frank Long Little League Ball Field" on Libby Road. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.



The American Red Cross announces a bloodmobile sponsored by:

MIFFLINBURG COMMUNITY
BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, November 22nd

1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

St. John's United Church of Christ

417 Market Street

MUST HAVE POSITIVE I.D.

(Continued from page 2)



Artist, Jeremy Witmer, drew this pen and ink drawing of the First Church of the Nazarene of Mifflinburg, as it appears today.

try of others for years to come.”

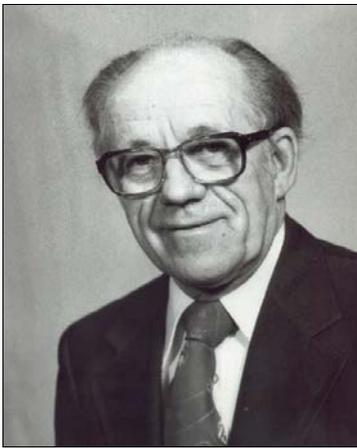
Others have come, and the Pastors that followed were: Rev Robert Faulstick, 1977-1979; Rev Robert Clark, 1979 – 1981; Rev. David West, 1982 – 1989; Rev. Ronald Moss, 1989 – 2001; and Rev. Wayne Krell, 2002 - present; and Associate Pastor, Rev. Janel Brooks, 2002 – present.

The last building addition enlarged the foyer and provided space for classrooms underneath it. As the property line has increased over the years, the ministry has grown. Many are involved in leadership, as there are now 16 regular Sunday School classes, (with Special classes offered at various times); Caravan (a Christian Scouting Club) on Wednesday nights; Vacation Bible Schools held each summer; NMI, a missionary society helping to support over 700 missionaries around the world; Teen ministry led by Pastor Janel; Three Junior Churches held each Sunday morning; an extensive musical program, with choir, worship team and orchestra; SAMS, a Seniors’ group; a Christian Library; Women’s Ministry, who assist ladies in need and present programs of interest

each month, and regular fellowship times. Small groups meet weekly, to study and pray together.

Recently a Work and Witness Group went to Puerto Rico and replaced a roof on another Nazarene church, constructed a block building for classrooms and did some general repairs. The Nazarene Church in Mifflinburg is still reaching out to lost souls of the area, and helping others in times of need. They are planning another missions trip in February to assist those who were harmed by the recent hurricanes in the Bahamas. Their Mission is one of service and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to come and celebrate with the Church of the Nazarene on Nov 13th and 14th. Call the office at 966-0852 for more information.



The late Rev. Fred Pick

(Editors note: My thanks to Norma Jean Sauers, a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Mifflinburg, PA, for submitting this article for publication.)



The current Pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Mifflinburg is Rev. Wayne Krell. He is pictured above with his wife Debra (Moss) Krell. Rev. Krell and his wife are the parents of three children, Laura, Luke, and Jennifer. Debra is the daughter of the previous pastor at the First Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Ronald and Marilyn Moss.

Limited Edition Prints

The pen and ink drawings of the First Church of the Nazarene, by Jeremy Witmer, are currently available for purchase. The 7” x 25” print featuring the three different drawings of the church are limited to only one hundred signed and numbered editions.

You can obtain one of these beautiful pen and ink drawings by contacting the artist at the following address: Jeremy Witmer, 82 Pine Valley Park, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. His telephone number is 966.3168. The cost of the print is \$40, which includes a certificate of authenticity. The prints are also available by contacting the First Church of the Nazarene, Mifflinburg, PA 17844.



Irene (Herendeen) Blyler and her son Barry, circa 1941. Photograph courtesy of Marie (Blyler) Sampsell.

Passage

Irene (Herendeen) Blyler, age 89, of Levittown, PA, died on Saturday, September 25, 2004, at St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne, PA. Irene was born in Swengel, PA on August 6, 1915, the daughter of the late Theologian and Publisher, Irwin C. Herendeen and Myra Belle (Cole) Herendeen. She was married to Kenneth E. Blyler on August 20, 1939. They recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Irene is the mother of two sons; Barry E. Blyler and his wife Arlene of Levittown, and Karl E. Blyler and his wife Lorraine of Soudertown. She is also survived by three grandchildren; Karl E. Jr., Barry R, and Brandi McCarthy and her husband Timothy. Irene is also survived by the following brothers and sisters; Lois Daye of Fairfax, VA; Eunice Peters of Sunbury, PA; Mary Louise Wilson of Lewisburg, PA; Phillip Herendeen of Williamsport, and Paul Herendeen of Levittown, PA. She was preceded in death by one brother, Norman Herendeen. Irene had been a resident of Lower Bucks County since 1938. Until her retirement in 1976, she was a hostess and waitress at Hanson's Inn in Morrisville.

REMEMBERING IRENE

She loved and was loved by family and friends,
But now it was time to depart.
All those left behind would feel lost and alone
With a grief that touched each wrenching heart.
Yet rejoice each one must, for her pain is no more,
She's at peace in a beautiful place.
And for all those who grieve, joy awaits up ahead
When we meet her up there, face to face.
*Rest well, Irene. I have many precious memories.
Sister-in-law Marie Sampsell*

Irene (Herendeen) Blyler passed away September 25, 2004 after an illness of two months. Originally from Swengel, she was married to Kenneth Blyler of Millmont, and they lived in Levittown, PA.

In Memory of my Grandmother, Martha Zimmerman

By Janice (Dorman) Shively



Martha May (Hassenplug) Dorman Zimmerman, of 313 Main St., Hartleton, entered into eternal rest at 12:55 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2004 at the age of 84.

Gram was born on March 17, 1920 in Laurelton, Hartley Township, a daughter of the late Elmer Ellsworth and Ida Mae (Krebs) Hassenplug. She was one of twelve children. A brother, Kenneth E. Hassenplug of Cowan, survives. Two sisters, Verna Glover, and Ruth Lower preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by eight brothers, Robert, Clyde, Lincoln, Samuel, Elmer, Charles, Arthur (her twin), and Woodrow Hassenplug.

Gram was educated in Hartley Township schools. She was employed by Pennsylvania House Furniture, General Interiors, Lewisburg, for 25 years before retiring in 1982. Gram was a certified nurse's aid at Evangelical Community Hospital, where she was a volunteer during the 1960's and 1970's.

On June 26, 1942 she married Daniel Lawrence Dorman in Millmont. Pappy Dorman passed away on May 28, 1968. In this small town of Millmont, they were parents to, and together raised, three children. Surviving are Quinten and his wife, Connie (Mabus), of Millmont, and Henry and his wife, Linda (VonNeida), of Hartleton. On August 11, 2003 the family was saddened by the death of Gram's only daughter, Linda, wife of Ed Shade of Selinsgrove. Gram is survived by 13 grandchildren; 5 adopted grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

I have many fond memories of my Gram. My life has been enhanced because of time spent with her. As a child, I spent time with her over night some weekends. Our weekend always started with a good thorough cleaning of the house, no matter how clean the house appeared. Gram took great pride in a clean home, complete with clean windows.

In December 1979, Gram moved into the house with our family. Often I would get up bright and early with Gram, before she headed off to work. We even shared early morning coffee at the kitchen table from time to time. In February of 1981, when Gram set her eyes on my soon to be step-grandfather, our relationship changed. I waited up for Gram to come home from her "dates" with Paul. I eagerly anticipated the latest updates. Even at the age of 14, I recognized that Gram was falling in love with this Mr. Zimmerman.

On April 19th, 1981, when Gram returned from her outing with Paul, she announced to me that she was getting married! She showed me her new diamond, and the sparkle of that ring could hardly compare to the sparkle in her eye. They had set their wedding date just two months into the future. On June 27, 1981 Gram married Paul Emerson Zimmerman of New Berlin. Their wedding day was very exciting. Gram moved from Hartleton to New Berlin, and embarked on a new journey. The new man in her life became our "Pap Zimmerman." I continued to spend time with Gram and Pap, more so after I could drive. I'd often just pop in to visit with them. We spent many a summer evening sitting in their backyard chatting. They made a home together in New Berlin until 1999, when they moved to Hartleton.

Paul died on January 31, 2000. After Pap Zimmerman passed away Gram didn't see the bright side of things like she had before. She lost part of herself on that day.

(Continued on page 7)



Meanderings

by

Hertha S. Wehr

Hired Help

Some time ago while going through books and papers, mostly things that had accumulated from public sales, I came across a sheet of paper stuck in an old book. Perhaps you'll enjoy a trip down memory lane. Here is the content of that paper, just as I found it.

The Biography of our Hired Man

Our Hired Man's name is Bob Blecker, and a very nice man. He likes to work around horses and drive them. He always (sic) has them curried so nice and clean that they are very shiny. Every after-noon and evening he hitches up the pony and drives up to the front gate for us children to take a drive. Then he goes on about his work. My father says he is whistling or singing all the time when he's working. He never smoked, drank or chewed. He said he never had anything in his mouth like that or never will and thinks it's a very bad habit a young boy can get in to.

It seems everybody likes him because he is kind and honest man. But one bad habit he has is that he goes about a dozen nights in a week to see his girl. It will soon be time for him to leave and we will miss him very much, because he was either joking or telling stories to us when he was in the house.

Hired help was so important because so much labor was done by hand. Cows were milked by hand. Hay, after being mowed and raked, was pitched onto wagons by hand and more man-power to spread and level a load. Sometimes a hay loader was used, but it still took men to take the hay away from the loader and someone to level the load. Most barns had a hay fork suspended from overhead beams that hoisted the hay into the mow. That was accomplished with a long rope and horsepower, but it took men to spread and level the hay in the mow. Small grains were cut with a binder, shocked

by hand, and later pitched by hand onto a wagon and hauled to the barn. There it was pitched, by hand, into the mow and layered. Later in the season a threshing crew was hired to separate the grain from the straw. More hand labor was required to pitch it out of the mow and take away the threshed grain. Corn was cut by hand, put into shocks, and later husked by hand. Horsepower was a necessary part of all of these processes. But they too required a lot of man hours of care.

I do not recall having a hired man living with us. But I'm told we did have several for short periods of time until my brothers were old enough to be of assistance

We had a neighbor who had a live-in hired man. Since he and his wife were childless, the hired man was almost a part of the family. If a farmer owned more than one farm, a family was hired to live there and sometimes the older sons worked as a hired man.

My dad usually hired help by the day, and that usually included a noon meal. I could never quite comprehend how my mother coped with all the cooking and baking she did, especially without modern conveniences.

Household help was sometimes needed. I recall my sisters speaking of at least two hired girls who lived in for some time. Since I have seven older brothers, you can understand how household help was sometimes needed. One of my brothers told me he washed dishes while standing on a box, as he wasn't tall enough for the sink. He graduated from that job when Dad thought he was old enough to help outside. I suppose that dish washing job was between hired girls.

Today that kind of help would be described as a "Mother's Helper." But up until the 1940's they were hired girls. They did anything that was to be done; child care, laundry, cooking and cleaning. When I was in grade school, an older friend of ours moved to town to be such a helper. I recall she got a small salary, room and board. I don't recall if she got time off. I do recall her saying she had a room of her own--a luxury many families could not provide.

Even though the hired man and hired girl jobs sound like drudgery, we have to be realistic. Sometimes people seeking such jobs came from homes that were relieved to have one less person to care for, even though they were not happy about them leaving home. The work they were expected to do was nothing they were not doing at home. Sometimes living conditions were better as a hired person than at home. The advent of the automobile was probably the end of the live-in hired help.

Passage

It is with sadness that I note the passing of my friend, Ethel (Dieffenderfer) Ruhl. She passed away on October 24, 2004, nearly one month prior to celebrating her ninety third birthday. Ethel was born in Buffalo Crossroads on November 30, 2004, the daughter of the late William P. and Emma Mac (Rute) Dieffenderfer. On July 22, 1933 she was married to the late George A. Ruhl. George, who died in 1990, was manager and director of the Buffalo Valley Telephone Company for 50 years. Ethel, a 1930 graduate of the Mifflinburg High School, was a founding member of the Union County Historical Society, of which she was an active member. For a number of years she assisted with the society's annual fourth grade bus tour, which visited historic sites throughout the county. Ethel was an avid, and knowledgeable genealogist and historian. She was very helpful to me, especially with the July 2004 issue of The Millmont Times that had an article pertaining to Corporal Joseph R. Ruhle, and Corporal Joseph Gutelius. Both of those men were casualties of the Civil War, at the battle at Gettysburg. Ethel was a petite lady with a soft-spoken and very pleasant demeanor. She was also a very engaging woman, who thoroughly enjoyed talking about local history and family history. Janice and I will both miss her. Ethel is survived by a daughter, Jean M. Ruhl; one brother, W. Earl Dieffenderfer; and two sisters, Vesta Mae Bower, and B. Irene Scott.

(Continued from page 5)

Frequently, during the spring and summer months, I took Gram for evening rides to Weikert. We enjoyed looking for deer. Gram enjoyed sharing stories from her past, and offering me advice. Gram's best advice to me was to hold out for "Mr. Right." She often told me that "*In God's Time*" He would provide a good husband for me. Gram was very excited when I told her that I had met Mr. Right, a.k.a. Tony Shively. On January 25, 2004, when we announced our engagement to Gram, she once again reminded me, *IGT...In God's Time*. This was God's timing.

I am so thankful for the Christian Grandmother that Martha Zimmerman was. Many times she shared with me that she prayed for me, and for her family. I've seen my Gram on her knees in prayer. God heard her prayers. I'm thankful for the blessing of time spent with her.

Faithful servant, devoted wife, loving mother and mother-in-law, adoring grandmother, caring sister, inspiration to many, humorist, story teller, house cleaner, hard worker, care taker, special friend, kind, crafty, great cook...my Grandmother. She was a gift to us, and that gift will forever be cherished. God gave Gram the gift of 84 1/2 years of life. And for us, God gives the gift of beautiful memories for the rest of our lives.

Thank you to all those that have sent cards and offered prayers on behalf of our family.

Recipe of the Month Gram Zimmerman's Pumpkin Pie Filling

Submitted by Janice L. (Dorman) Shively

4 C. Pumpkin	3 Heaping T. Flour
6 Beaten Eggs	1 1/2 C. Sugar
1 Qt. Milk	1 1/2 tsp. Vanilla
1 Can Evaporated Milk (12 oz.)	1/2 tsp. Salt
1 tsp. Pumpkin Pie Spice	

Cinnamon (to sprinkle on top)

Combine all ingredients (except cinnamon), and whisk together in a large bowl. Pour batter into three of your favorite piecrusts, or pour mix into 9 x 12 baking pan to make custard. Sprinkle with Cinnamon and bake at 350° for 50 minutes for pies, or for 1 1/2 hours for custard. Check for doneness by inserting a knife in the center. If the knife comes out clean, the pie or custard is done! Serve warm or cold.

This is one of the recipes that my Gram always made for holiday gatherings. I hope that you will enjoy it, and it will create memories for your generations to come.

Camp Nik O Mahs

By Mr. Nelson Clements of Levittown, PA

On May 6, 1920 W.H. Libby and Vesta Libby deeded to C.K. Robertson, George J. Higgins, and Edward Schrawder a tract of land along Penns Creek in Union County, PA. This tract of land became known as Camp Nik O Mahs and was to be used for camping by Scouts of the Shamokin Council Boy Scouts. The name was Shamokin spelled backwards.

In 1928 Mt. Carmel became part of the Shamokin Council. In 1933 the Shamokin Council became a Direct Service Council of the Boy Scouts of America, due to the fact that they no longer had a paid executive. In 1935 the council again had a paid executive and became the Black Diamond Area Council. In 1936 the Black Diamond Council merged into the Susquehanna Valley Area Council. What was the Black Diamond Council became the Black Diamond District.

Camp Nik O Mahs was used by both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Shamokin area until some time in the late 1930's.

In 1942 a lease was given to Walter Hall and J. Elwood Ludwig by the Black Diamond District Boy Scouts for Camp Nik O Mahs to be used as a sports camp. The lease was to be for two years. Hall and Ludwig had to pay the taxes and maintain the buildings. The Scouts of the Black Diamond District did have the right to one week each season for their own to camp. At a later date Ludwig withdrew but Hall operated the camp for about 20 years.

On September 28, 1945 Shamokin Coal Township Community Welfare Incorporated was founded. In 1948 C.K. Robertson, Edward Schrawder, and the heirs of George Higgins delivered to the welfare organization the deed to Camp Nik O Mahs. The deed was never recorded and was lost.

Again, on April 27, 1962, the heirs and executors of C.K. Robertson, Edward Schrawder, and George J. Higgins conveyed the deed and title to the camp to the Shamokin Coal Township Community Welfare Incorporated. This time it was filed.

On the 24th of August, 1962 the Welfare Group leased to the Susquehanna Valley Area Council Boy Scouts, for the sum of one dollar, Camp Nik O Mahs for one year. On September 1, 1962 Walter Hall, who was now living in Springfield, Pa., was informed that he could no longer use the camp.

Mr. Hall advanced a claim on the camp by Adverse Possession. The Welfare Group met with both Mr. Hall, his family, and the Boy Scouts to try and work out a solution. Mr. Hall later withdrew the claim as to the original deed of 1920.

On March 4, 1965 the Welfare Group voted to deed the camp to the Susquehanna Valley Area Council. There were stipulations though which returned the camp to the Welfare Group, if the stipulations weren't met.

In October of 1976 the Susquehanna Council petitioned the court, with the approval of the Welfare Group, that the council be allowed to sell the camp. This was brought on by increased vandalism to the property and the physical barrier of Penns Creeks, which made it very difficult to keep a watch on the property. Also, maintaining the property was an expense that was hard to justify.

On October 26, 1976, The Court of Common Pleas of the Seventeenth Judicial District, Union County Branch of Orphans Court Division permitted the council to sell the camp. The proceeds of the sale were to be used to acquire additional land adjacent to Camp Karoondinha, or for making capital improvements to Camp Karoondinha. This camp is located along Penns Creek, down stream a short distance Nik O Mahs.

On August first the Susquehanna Council sold to Sarah and Edward Twigg Camp Nik O Mahs.

Penlines from my Kitchen to Yours

By Lucy Hoover

September 22, 2004

Alvin & Ellen Zimmerman of Mifflinburg have a daughter named Tina Margeret. She has two sisters and three brothers. Grandparents are Weaver & Etta Zimmerman of Mifflinburg, and Joseph & Margeret Hoover of Mifflinburg.

September 23

Reuben & Nora Zimmerman of Millmont have a son named Norman. He has four brothers and one sister. Baby Norman was born on his mothers' 32nd birthday, and weighed 11 lbs., 1 oz. Grandparents are Esra & Lena Zimmerman of Mifflinburg, and Phares & Anna Horning of Mifflinburg.

September 29

We went to help clean the church house. The benches, walls, and floor are usually washed twice a year.

September 30

Special services were held at Vicksburg Church for Aaron Leinbach of Kentucky. He used to live in this area, and was ordained as a minister in KY this spring.

*Side by side, or miles apart,
Friends are always close to heart.*

October 1

David & Irene Reiff of Mifflinburg have a son named Cory, he has one sister. Grandparents are Eli & Emma Reiff of Mifflinburg, and Aaron & Emma Martin of Lewisburg.

October 2

We had Preparatory & Baptismal Services this forenoon. Nine youth were baptized. We brought Mom along home to our house; she stayed with our girls this afternoon while Curvin & I went to the funeral of Ann Ellis (69) at Roupps Funeral home. Bishop Levi Martin of Mifflinburg and Amos Nolt of Lewisburg were asked to officiate. Our sympathy to you, Bob.

*When sorrows come your way,
That tear your heart in two,
Remember God is standing by,
To lend a hand to you.*

October 3

Ruth Sauder came this morning to help Mom baby sit seven little girls while we had communion at church. Mom went home tonight after a two-day stay here.

October 5

Elsie's 8th birthday, we surprised her by visiting at school.

October 6

Stanley (age 4), son of Amos & Mary Zimmerman, had a little accident with his bike and broke his jaw in three different places. His address is 1605 Borough Line Rd., Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

October 7

Edwin Oberholtzer (20), son of Harry & Alta, was helping to build a new house at State College. He lost his balance and fell backward off of the first story approximately 8 feet. He needed to have seven staples in the back of his head, and also has a compressed fractured vertebra. He was told to be off work for 3 – 5 weeks. His address is: 117 Cold Run Rd., Millmont, PA 17845.

October 9

Neighbor Norman Martin was driving a tractor with manure tank. As he turned off Rt. 45 onto Hoffa Mill Rd., it jackknifed while going down that hill. Norman was o.k., but there was damage done to the equipment. We had a "singing" for the youth tonight. There were some girls from out of county here too. Three girls of Lancaster Co. biked. It took them 13 hours (9 hours biking time). Altogether there were approximately 90 youth here. We thought the singing was good, and we really appreciated their good conduct too.

October 13

A cabinet fell on Marie while she was playing in the barn. We took her to the Emergency Room. She has a concussion.

Looking Back

The article below was originally published in The Mifflinburg Telegraph on November 3, 1932 It is copied here verbatim.

Two Hunting Accidents In Union County

Two accidents, no arrests and a record number of "limit" kills marked the first few days of the small game season in this section.

Kenneth Englehart, 17 Millmont, had his legs pelted with shot from the gun of another hunter, Tuesday; Edward Galer, 25, of near Weikert was hit by glancing shot, from his own gun on the first day. It was a rather rocky place in which he was hunting and as he fired, the shot struck a rock, scattering it.

Game officials were astonished at the large number of hunters, who took to the woods early the first day, despite the rain.

When the skies cleared in mid-morning, even large throngs appeared and the woods were literally filled with hunters.

The number of hunters who shot the limit on the opening day was another surprise.

Game, especially rabbits and ring necks, are reported plentiful. There were few hunters who went into the woods who came out without some kind of trophy.

In spite of the great number of hunters not a single violator had been arrested up until this morning.

Howard Leiser, county treasurer and his two sons; had the prize hunting bag of the season thus far. All three of them shot wild turkeys while hunting along White Deer Creek in Union county Tuesday. Harold, one of the sons, shot a big gobbler which tipped the scales to 25

pounds. Mr. Leiser and his other son, Andrew, both bagged nice size hens, together with several rabbits.

All of the turkeys were shot in the same vicinity and apparently came from the same nest. Reports of the kills were made to Game Protector,

(Continued on page 9)

(Continued from page 8)

Miles Reeder, who said that, to his knowledge, they were the first turkeys shot in the region.

Turkeys are more scarce than any of the small game, it is reported, and the season for killing them is the shortest of all. The season will end No. 26. The limit is one to a person during the season. There are also restrictions on the days that the birds may be shot. Wednesday was the last day this week. Next week the shooting will be restricted to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and the third and fourth weeks of the season to Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Rabbit season will continue for 30 days. The bag is limited to 5 a day and 30 in the season.

Hunting the male ringnecks is permitted only on Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of the second week, and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the third and fourth weeks.

Ruffed grouse, Virginia partridge and quail of all kinds can be hunted on the same days as the ringneck pheasants. The bag limit for grouse is two in a day and 12 in the season. The limit for partridges and quail is 5 in a day and 24 in a season.

Remembrance

By James Russell Chambers

After our cider was pressed, we would prepare to make applebutter. First we have a "snitzing" party. We invited neighbors to our house one evening to cut and core the apples into snitz. The Pennsylvania Dutch term, "Snitz" means to cut apples into small pieces like one would make for pie.

A snitzing party was a fun time. The scuttlebutt of the area was roundly discussed. Some games were played, and the hostess would provide donuts and sweet cider to drink.

At 3:00 a.m. the next morning a fire was started in the summerhouse firebox. Copper lined kettles were placed over the fire and the kettles were filled with cider and snitz. Cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and some sugar were added. Each family had their own idea of what spices to use.

Most of our neighbors boiled their applebutter in the open. The boiling took about 12 hours and the butter had to be constantly stirred. A big paddle with a 12 foot handle was used to stir. The long handle was necessary to that the "stirrer" would be away from the hot fire.

Most families like their applebutter moist and easy to spread on bread. Some families boiled their butter longer and it became so dry it had to be cut with a knife.

After boiling, the applebutter was placed in one or two gallon earthen crocks. When the crocks had cooled over night, hot lard was poured over the butter to seal them. We boiled enough to last a year.

In Pennsylvania Dutch, Lotwarick means Applebutter. Smearcase means cottage cheese and Fress means to eat. Lotwarick and Smearcase made mighty goot fressin!!

Prayer for my Soldier

Oh, give him, please, a valiant heart,
The will to fight, to do his part,
To be courageous, unafraid,
Whate'er the price that must be paid –
For this I pray!
And then when savage war is done,
When freedom's battle has been won
And there is peace, good will to men,
Please, Lord, let him come home again –
This time, to stay!
- Alice E. Meany

Veterans Day - November 11
Thanksgiving Day - November 25

Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless, faith makes serviceable.



Fall Foliage...Raking Leaves...Football...Hay Rides. Those are just a few of the activities that make the month of October such a special time of year. Autumn is when mountainous regions of Pennsylvania are decorated in a myriad of vibrant colors. It is a beautiful time of the year. It is a time when the young boys of Millmont gather together to play football on the "Village Green", just as they have for generations. It is also a time when playing in the fallen leaves seems to be much more enjoyable than simply raking them up!



Front row, Left to right: Oakley Whitesel, Kyle Failor, and Spirit Shiffer. Back row: Tyler Hames, Stan Weaver & TylerRadel.



Left to right: Tyler Radel, Stan Weaver, and Tyler Hames.

Bible Quiz

Marie VonNeida, 310 Main Street, Hartleton, PA 17829 is the winner of the Bible Quiz. She correctly noted the Bible verse as Ecclesiastes 3:1 The individual responsible for the Bible Quiz each month would like to thank the following people for submitting an answer to the question last month: The Millmont United Methodist Youth Group, Martha Hoover, Millmont, Marion Kiethan, Mifflinburg, Margaret Stutzman, Mifflinburg, Joseph Martin, Millmont, Amanda Oberholtzer, Stevens, Anna Mae Martin, Mifflinburg, David Hoover, Millmont, Madeline Kerstetter, Millmont, Dana Hoover, Millmont, and Sadie Yoder, Lewisburg.

The Bible Quiz question for November is: Methuselah lived longer than anyone else ever recorded in the Bible. What is the name of the second oldest person? The person selected with the correct answer will receive \$10. Send your answer along with your name and address to: Bible Quiz, Post Office Box 8, Swengel, PA 17880.

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

Letters to the Editor

Dear Tony, Please find enclosed check for the amount of \$10.00. Enjoy your news very much. I just got late in ordering it. Health problems. Congratulations to you and Janice. God bless you both. I loved the "Editor Finds a Wife." Of course it will go with my keep-sakes. It's a beautiful story. A real one. I'm happy for you and Janice. Christian Love, Helen Englehart, Mifflinburg, PA.

October 12, 2004

Hi Tony! Just finished reading The Millmont Times. It reminds me of a good mystery, when you start reading it you can't stop till it ends. So put me on the mailing list, I enjoyed it very much. Eugene Wertz, Millmont, PA.

October 12, 2004

Dear Mr. Shively, We have very much enjoyed receiving The Millmont Times. We noticed on the front of the last one - the Oct. issue - was the former William E. Smith Mansion. This is of interest to us as we live neighbors and drive by every day. Would you have some history of this house you could send us? Has an article been done on it and we have missed it since we have just recently began getting the paper? If nothing is available that's fine also.

Many Thanks, Mr. & Mrs. William Bender, Millmont, PA.

(Editors note: Thank you for your interest in the newsletter, and particularly the story concerning William E. Smith. My goal is to feature an article about the Smith family in a future issue of the newsletter.)

October 16, 2004

Hi Tony and Janice - Richard's sister & her husband would like to be added to your mailing subscription list. I am enclosing a check for them in the amount of \$8.00. Also I am sending extra from us as a donation to the paper. Keep up the good work. I know it is time consuming, but I hope your reward is knowing how much pleasure you bring to the "natives" around here, and us "new comers" (like me) who enjoy learning about the history of this area I have come to call home. Sincerely, Susan Hassenplug, Millmont, PA .

Dear Tony, Enclosed is my check for the continuation of The Millmont Times. I thoroughly enjoy this periodical. I look forward to every month in receiving it. Keep up the good work. The Lincoln place featured in the October issue is the house in which I was born, so you might know it would be of special interest to me. My grandparents, Allen & Sadie Loss, and my parents, Harold and Grace Kuhns lived there at that time. The year was 1941, so know you know how old I am. (Ha). I just thought I would drop you this little note in appreciation of The Millmont Times. Your Truly, Esther Keister, Penns Creek, PA.

Dear Tony,

I have enjoyed reading *The Millmont Times* over the past two years. You do an outstanding job on the newsletter each month . I would like to sign up to receive the newsletter as a PDF via the email. Thanks again and have a good day. Sincerely, Mark Hartman, Millmont, PA.

10-22-04

Tony, Please renew my Millmont Times for another year. I look forward to receiving the paper, learning about the past, Bible Quiz, and all of the other information. Thank you, G. Jean Musser, Millmont, PA. "Hello to Janice"

Hello, I would like to receive the Millmont Times. Please add me to your subscription list. Our family- The Crist Yoder Family lived on the farm which is now owned by Davy Hoffmaster. It was a beautiful place. It is located on the road leading to Laurelton and the same road where a state village farm was also located. My sister and I became interested in the former owners of the farm. We had bought it from a Palman.

Marcella Yoder Kerstetter, Bedford, PA

Lewis Township News

Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association, October 7, 2004. Courtesy of Wendy Bilger.

The regular meeting of the Lewis Township Village Green Recreation Association was held on Oct. 7, 2004 in the Lewis Township Municipal Building. President Dawne Shreckengast called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members of the association who were present at the meeting this evening in addition to the president include: Wendy Bilger, Secretary; Pauline Shively, Joe Smith, Kim Smith, Joey Smith, Joanna Snyder, and Janet Renninger.

*Minutes - Copies of the minutes from the meeting held Sept. 2, 2004 were approved as printed.

*Treasurer's Report - No report was given.

*Old Business - None

*New Business - A Halloween Party is being planned for Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004. Members will decorate at 5:00 that evening. The party will begin at 7:00 PM at the township bldg. The Snyder's will be volunteering the use of their stereo system to be used this evening. Shanell Failor will be our music operator. Kim Smith will check on prices of pretzel nuggets for the party. We will serve other refreshments and play games.

*Bingo will be resuming on Oct. 14 at 6:30 PM. Wendy will be purchasing hotdogs and candy to be sold at the games. We will need two money boxes. One for the food and the other for bingo. Sandi Failor will be distributing the change needed for both boxes. Joe Smith will be our caller for the night. Kim and Joanna will be manning the kitchen.

*No date has been scheduled for the next association meeting.

Municipal Authority of Lewis Township - Tuesday October 5, 2004. Courtesy of Secretary Marge Schmader.

The regular meeting of the Municipal Authority of Lewis Township was held on October 5, 2004 at the Lewis Township Municipal Building, Millmont. The following, being members of the board of authority named in the articles of incorporation, were present: Jim Sanders, Ken Bair, Steve Bilger and Marge Schmader. Also present were Solicitors Ray and Melissa Lobos, HRG Rep. Rob Rowe, Plant Manager Walt Scholl.

*There was no meeting in September because of a lack of a quorum. The minutes for July and August were approved as printed. The treasurer's report was given. The checking account balance was \$12,014.33 and \$96,637.69 in CDs and was approved and filed for audit. A motion was made by Marge Schmader to pay the bills and seconded by Steve Bilger - so moved. Included in this motion was for Ken to pay any bills from Walt Scholl and Jason Koch. Marge made a motion for Ken to roll over our \$20,000 CD to the best rate and was seconded by Steve Bilger - so moved. Ken will work on a tentative budget for our Nov. meeting.

*CORRESPONDENCE: A copy of a letter from Melissa Lobos to Janice Napoli at DEP was received asking for their comments on our request for the township to sign over the lease of the plant to the authority.

*ENGINEER'S REPORT: Rob Rowe stated that our Rules & Regs were drawn up in 1992. They should be revised. Rob and Melissa will look them over and provide us with a draft of revisions for our approval. Rob also reported that nothing has been going on at HRG's end.

*PLANT OPERATOR UPDATE: Walt reported that the recent hurricane washed away the stones on the road to the plant. The culverts are not doing the job. Big equipment has a tough time getting into the plant. According to the supervisors the authority does ordinary repair and the township does extraordinary repair. Melissa will draft a letter to be signed by Marge re: asking if the township would purchase 1 or 2 loads of stones for the road. Ken Bair made a motion for Walt to have Iddings bring 1 or 2 loads of stones whether or not the Township pays for it. We will also draft a letter re: having the township straighten out the road to fix the problem of drainage during hard rain. Walt also reported that he had to purchase fuel over the weekend of the hurricane (\$50 extra for weekend delivery fee) for the generator because we were without electricity for 3 days and he was afraid we would run out.

Walt Katherman painted the exterior of the emergency generator.

DEP made an inspection two days after the flooding and found everything to be in good working order.

The ammonias were off, probably because of the flooding and we lost some of our influent.

Melissa wrote a letter to DEP about the lease with an amendment and will send to the supervisors to see what they say before she sends it to DEP.

*OLD BUSINESS: Delinquent accounts paid were Donald Witmer and Kenneth Himes and a delinquent notice was sent to Brian Mabus.

*NEW BUSINESS: No new business. Meeting adjourned.

Lewis Township Board of Supervisors - Minutes not available.

Thank You!!

I would like to thank the following people for making a donation toward the publication of this newsletter: Richard and Susan Hassenplug, Millmont, PA; Mike & Tanya Dietrich, Mifflinburg, PA; Jean Musser, Millmont, PA; Helen Englehart, Mifflinburg, PA; and Terry Shemory, Mifflinburg, PA;

The following people have agreed to accept this newsletter over the Internet as a PDF, thus allowing me to reduce the monthly expenses associated with printing and mailing this publication. My thanks to: Mark Hartman, Millmont, PA; Deane Shively, Turbotville, PA; and Marcella Kerstetter, Bedford, PA. Anyone interested in signing up to receive a color version of the newsletter each month at no charge is encouraged to contact: tshively@evenlink.com.

I would also like to thank the following new mail subscribers: Marie Sparks, Mifflinburg, PA; Eugene Wertz, Millmont, PA; Glenn and Aida Erdley, Pheasant Ridge Road, Lewisburg, PA; Norma Sauers, Mifflinburg, PA; and Sam Schnure, Mifflinburg, PA

Thanks also to all those who renewed their subscription to the newsletter for an additional year. Your support is what helps to make this newsletter possible, and as always it is greatly appreciated!!

The photograph at the top left hand corner of page one shows the original Box Factory in Millmont as it appeared circa 1908. Photograph courtesy of Delphia Shirk and Betty Gotshall.

From the diary of the late Elder Greene Shively, a resident of Millmont from 1918 until his death in 1954:
Mon. Nov. 3, 1941 - 44 degrees and clear at 6 a.m. 58 degrees at noon. Was not doing very much today on account of my side. At one o'clock I married Franklin D. Raker and Helen Ada Catherman. Miss Catherman is a daughter of Tobias. The Ev. Church at Millmont is having a meeting and the pastor Rev. Sheesley requested me to preach for him. I spoke this evening. Text St. John 16:33. Closed my talk by singing "The Open Gait."

November Anniversaries

November 3, 1941	Helen and Frank Raker
November 6, 1965	Henry and Linda Dorman
November 9, 1963	Robert and Fran Stroup
November 17, 1972	Kim and Sue Blyler
November 22, 1999	Rick and Wanda Kerstetter
November 26, 1970	Israel and Elizabeth Yoder
November 27, 1954	Bill and Kass Beebe

November Birthdays

1 – Edwin Oberholtzer	18 – Delphia Shirk
2 – E. Walter Shirk	18 – Amos Brubaker
3 – Fern Yoder	18 – Terry Kline
3 – Leon Klock	19 – Becky Schramm
3 – Bob Walter	19 – Esther Zimmerman
3 – Betty Brinninger	19 – Ethel Hill
7 – John Renninger	19 – Angie Walter
7 – Tom Wolfe	20 – Betty Shively
7 – Bettie Catherman	21 – Pat Gross
7 – Mark Bingaman	22 – Emmanuel White
8 – Harvey Hoover	22 – Wanda Kerstetter
9 – Marie Zimmerman	26 – Joe Smith
10 – Joe White	27 – Everitt Bingaman
10 – Lori Hopta	27 – Shirley Kerstetter
11 – Shane Failor	27 – Harry Mensch
12 – Tyler Hopta	29 – Amanda Salter
17 – Katherine Neal	30 – Sara Shirk
17 – Mervin Nissley	

The Millmont Times is distributed during the first week of each month, and is available through mail subscription and the Internet. Mail subscriptions are \$8.00 for one year (12 issues). Internet subscriptions are available FREE to those who would like to receive the newsletter as a PDF each month. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required.

Please contact the address below if you are interested in subscribing, making a donation, submitting a story or article for publication, sending a gift subscription, changing your address, providing me with your email address, or contacting the editor and publisher. So that your material can be included in the next issue, please be sure to submit your information or photos prior to the 20th of the month.

The Millmont Times
 Post Office Box 3, Millmont PA 17845
 Telephone: (570) 922.4297 or E-mail:
 tshively@evenlink.com

Change of Address

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

The Millmont Times

P. O. Box 3

Millmont, PA 17845

Return Service Requested

**PRSR STD
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID
 MILLMONT PA
 PERMIT NO. 3**