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Kraybill Campus middle school students laugh with Bible and social studies teacher Mick Steckbeck during class.



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Check out our Facebook page, Lancaster Mennonite School, for videos and more photos from campus events.

Cover: Plans for a new residence hall on the 2160 Lincoln Highway property are underway. LMS is currently raising funds for this project.

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from the superintendent

The view from my seat

Editor's Note: This issue features a special guest note from MJ Smith, Middle School Team Leader at the Kraybill Campus.



MJ Smith

Kraybill Campus middle school students recently held Spiritual Growth Week, spending additional time in chapel. Discussion centered on reconciliation and peace with God and one another, focusing on 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. Students learned about restorative justice in historical context, how Anabaptist forbearers were known for their efforts of peace making, and how great leaders also espoused the restorative justice model.

We also discussed the model of restorative justice used by LMS to reconcile between parties involved in conflict. As I sat in the back, I was struck with wonder at what occurs regularly on our campuses. Students have the opportunity to reflect on their faith, to understand great concepts of history, and to apply Biblical learnings to their lives. What is the value of that kind of teaching? I'd say it's priceless.

The LMS difference includes addressing these important topics of our time, but we do this with an emphasis on excellent academic standards, wonderful opportunities in art and music and a premier athletic program. Teachers know their students, care for them and pray for them.

The long view, the view from my seat, includes time as a parent and a teacher. I was blessed to see seven of my former fourth-grade students lead the worship. Our chapel speaker, Jon Heinly, is also a former student of mine. The blessing of not only knowing these young students, but of having the wonderful privilege of teaching them, filled my heart with joy and praise. As they sat in the back, I thought, "This is community. Here are lifelong friendships and here are students with a love for God and the world."

I know that lifelong, positive friendships are begun in kindergarten and continue on through high school. Is there a way to tabulate the value in this? Again, I say priceless. That's the view from my seat. ❖

Senior Presentations

As a way to reflect on their growth and experiences, each student keeps a portfolio throughout their time at Lancaster Mennonite. Those memories are then compiled into a presentation that reviews each student's PreK-12 education and elaborates on their future plans. The presentations are shared with family, friends and teachers so they can continue to support the students. Here are excerpts from six members of the Class of 2013.

Gordon Dimmig

My decision of where I should go to high school was hardly a decision at all. I knew in elementary school at the Kraybill Campus that I would attend LMS for high school. It's not that my parents didn't give me other options; I just knew that my brothers enjoyed LMS and I would too.

After having a small group of friends at Kraybill, it was nice to meet new people during my years at LMS. I definitely enjoyed making new relationships and appreciated how easy it was to become friends with students from other grades.

One of the things I love about

this school is how you are able to create strong relationships with teachers. Some teachers are more like friends. Through advisory groups, Tech and Design and Advanced Woodworking, I was able to get to know Mr. Aden Stoltzfus really well.

One of the best decisions I made was to join the yearbook staff. Although it was very stressful at times, yearbook has helped me to improve my skills in photography, teamwork and leadership. I believe that my experiences in yearbook will definitely help me later on in life.



STEPHANIE WEAVER

Gordon Dimmig (plaid shirt), gets support from fellow seniors Nate Kratz, Anson Lam and David Longenecker.

LMS has fostered my interests of photography and birding, and prepared me for the future in many ways. I am grateful for the Christian aspect of this school and the environment that comes along with it.

Yue "Jessie" Du

The same question may have emerged in each senior's mind: How can I cover my entire life in only 20 minutes? As a senior, I have experienced the same panic when I started to prepare for my senior presentation.

Having studied in China, Canada and the United States, I was overwhelmed by my diverse high school experience.

Yue Du smiles with her host parents, Shawn and Dolly Getz.

From academic environments to four host families, I tried my best to provide a window of my life to others in these short 20 minutes. Thanks to the encouragement and suggestions from my friends, advisory teacher and host family, I had the opportunity to do a deep and thorough reflection of my last 17 years and express my gratitude to the people I love.

They are the witnesses of my bitter and sweet journey which transformed me from a caterpillar to a butterfly.



YUEDU

Olya Hershey

Choosing Lancaster Mennonite has been the best decision I ever made. I had a difficult choice to make after I skipped fifth grade and was placed in a class without my friends. My parents gave me the option of staying at the Locust Grove Campus for middle

school or the Lancaster Campus. Although it was difficult to leave my friends, I decided to start fresh with a new school, new grade and new peers. After three years, I once again had to make a tough decision: stay at LMS and follow in my siblings' footsteps or attend a public school and start all over.

I have been blessed in so many ways by attending LMS. I have always loved being involved and being around people that influence me to be a better person. When I entered high school, I was intimidated by all of the upperclassmen. But as the years progressed, my fear disappeared and I was able to become friends with them.

I have been involved in numerous

clubs and activities that have helped to shape me into the person I am today. I had the opportunity to help with Friday Morning Bible Study, Peer Assistant Leaders (PALS) and National Honor Society, and I played field hockey my freshman and sophomore years. In addition, I had the opportunity to work with a third-grade class at the Locust Grove Campus, which I believe was a clear sign of God guiding me toward my future.

I am so grateful for all of my friends, family, teachers and peers. Attending LMS has been an incredible experience, allowing me to create friendships with many individuals that I hope to stay friends with the rest of my life.



BRENDA BARE

Olya Hershey (center) with friends and fellow seniors Spencer Kling and Sara Schlosser.

Christina Gantt

Looking into the crowd and seeing the faces of those who support me was truly my favorite part of my senior presentation. My mom, brother, sister, some extended family members, several close friends and several teachers attended my presentation on my past, present and future.

Lancaster Mennonite has helped me discover my identity. I have come in contact with some amazing people, met outstanding teachers and developed great friendships.

Ever since day one, I knew that LMS was the perfect match. This school has provided me with a lot of enrichment academically, socially and spiritually. I have been a part of Concert Band, National Honor Society, Peer Assistance Leaders (PALS), Peer Tutoring, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Concert Choir. Being

able to worship in chapel, take part in Bible classes and pray with teachers in class has greatly influenced my faith.

Mini-courses have also been a highlight of my time at LMS. During the summer after ninth grade, I participated in a mini-course led by Dean Sauder to Stratford, Canada. The trip lasted six days, and I had the privilege of seeing many different plays in the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. My favorite part was visiting Niagara Falls. The summer after eleventh grade, I participated in a civil rights mini-course led by Marcella Hostetler and Sheri Wenger. We traveled throughout Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee for nine days, and I got the chance to see many different displays of people and locations.

Christina Gantt receives a hug from her older brother after finishing her senior presentation.

As I move forward to the next chapter of my life, I am sad to say goodbye, but I know this goodbye will not be permanent. I am blessed to have been a part of this student body for the past four years. Thanks to LMS, I will always remember high school as some of the best years of my life.



STEPHANE WEAVER

Deok-Hoon Kim

Transferring to LMS in 8th grade from Seattle, Washington was a big challenge. I had to make new friends and get accustomed to the smell of fertilizer. Even then, I was not sure if I would be able to stay in Lancaster for the rest of my secondary school years.

However, I chose to stay in Lancaster after talking with my parents because I realized that there are a lot of things I can benefit from at LMS. I have met many interesting people, including caring faculty.

Furthermore, I was impressed with the diversity of the students.

If I would have not attended Lancaster Mennonite, I would not have found my talent in art. I am very thankful that I have discovered my faith and Christ's love from class discussion. I also received many opportunities throughout my high school years.

I am thankful to everyone who helped me with my academics and cocurricular activities. I am also blessed to have been able to study abroad and will now be able to go to Syracuse University to study art this coming fall.



BRENDA BARE

Deok-Hoon Kim displays some of his artwork with his host family, Rebecca, Blaine and Caleb Derstine. Caleb is a junior.

Chrissy Miller

When I began thinking back on the past four years, I realized that everything that has happened came down to one decision. My parents gave me the unique opportunity to choose where I wanted to attend high school. Although my motives for coming to LMS were based more on my friends than on what was the best fit for me, I wouldn't change a thing. LMS has been very instrumental in my growth as a person, not only academically but also spiritually and socially.

My first experience at LMS was with the field hockey team my freshman year. It was very intimidating and there were times I even considered quitting, but continuing with field hockey was one of the best decisions I've made. It taught me what it means to be a team player and the importance of having an attitude that represents God on and off the field. As a senior, I was given more of a leadership role which helped me develop what I hope will be a lifelong characteristic.

My family has shaped me the most as a person. As the youngest of four, my older siblings have each given me different reasons to appreciate them. More than anything, I love how much fun we have when we are all together. Family time is something that my parents have always emphasized and I look forward to the times when we can all be together.

Although the future is uncertain, I believe that the support I have received from my family, church, friends and school has given me the confidence and determination I need to face it. I plan to attend college and major in education, something I have always had a passion for. Each step I have taken has prepared me for this point and I am so excited to see what God has in store for me.



BRENDA BARE

Chrissy Miller (center) poses with her family, which includes alumni **Beth Miller, 2011**, (third from left), and **Darin Miller, 2007**, (far right) after her senior presentation.



SPEEDWELL CONSTRUCTION

A NEW home away from home



International students play basketball and hang out in the current residence hall, Graybill Hall.

Lancaster Mennonite School is embarking on a project to transform the second floor of the 2160 Lincoln Highway property into a new residence hall that will more adequately meet the needs of today's students.

Since its founding in 1942, Lancaster Mennonite School has strived to be a place where students from all over the world can learn in a Christian atmosphere.

To this day, LMS is the largest high school in Lancaster County with its own residence hall.

However, that facility has undergone only minor cosmetic renovations since it was built almost 65 years ago.

Such longevity speaks highly to the quality construction of Graybill Hall, but its style and functionality mirror a different era.

The need for an updated facility became a top priority last fall and LMS decided to pursue the option of utilizing part of the 2160 Lincoln Highway property that LMS owns, adjacent to the Lancaster Campus.

The second floor of the building will be transformed into rooms for about 50 students, split into a boys section and a girls section.

The entrance to the residence hall would be to the south side of the building, connecting the facility to the high school parking lot.

Superintendent J. Richard Thomas said the residence hall will utilize natural light and high ceilings to give it a homelike feel. Current residence hall students will provide input about the color scheme of their new home.

Overall, the goal is to make the facility welcoming and open, encouraging students to build a stronger community within its walls, whether they come from communities in Pennsylvania, other states or around the world.

The residence hall through the years

1949

Original residence hall constructed

1949: Opened as a girls' dormitory

2005: Named Graybill Hall

1970 - 2012: LMS officials begin considering a major update or new residence hall building.



SPEEDWELL CONSTRUCTION

These artist's renderings show the veranda portion of the new residence hall designed for the second floor of the 2160 Lincoln Highway property. A covered outdoor gathering area with patio seating will serve as the main entrance to the facility.



“The building is designed in a way to help foster community,” Thomas said.

Key features include air-conditioning, WiFi and a security system. The highlight is a great room intentionally designed to be a hub for various activities.

“This allows students and advisors to relax and spend time in a casual, home-like setting,” assistant principal Liz Landis said. “There will be plenty of space for a variety of activities to happen at the same time: Quiet conversation, TV watching, games and homework.”

Plans also call for an outdoor area where basketball hoops will be installed.

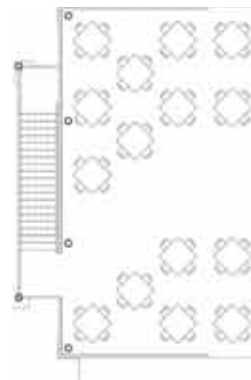
The renovation of the 2160 property is more cost-effective than building a new facility or attempting to update Graybill Hall since LMS already owns the lease of the building.

It also offers more flexibility if a larger residence hall is needed in the future.

LMS needs to raise about \$500,000 in the next several months to keep the project on schedule and make it a reality for students by the beginning of 2014.

Thomas said the project reflects the LMS mission to serve as a place where local and global can meet in a Christ-centered community.

“We believe that the quality offered by this new facility will attract an increased number of children of LMS alumni living outside of the greater Lancaster community,” he said. ❖



SPEEDWELL CONSTRUCTION

Jan.-March 2013: Officials meet with township about plan

July- Sept. 2013: Hopeful groundbreaking

2012: 2160 property chosen for project

April 2013: Final land development plan approved; fundraising begins

Dec. 2013: Projected completion

2014

New residence hall opened to students



MARY ZEHR

Middle school spelling bee winners: Sydney Vandermark, first place, and Sheridan Schreyer, second place.

Second-grader places first in writing contest

Kraybill Campus second-grader Aiden Beiler earned first place honors for his grade level in the Newspaper in Education Journalism Contest.

Aiden wrote his award-winning piece, "My Amazing Dog, Checkers," in Sylvia Weaver's elementary challenge class. The article was featured in the NIE tabloid, published on March 5 in the *Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era*.

Aiden, his parents and Weaver were invited to a winners' reception and Aiden received a cash award.



Aiden Beiler works with Sylvia Weaver in class.

Kelley Buckwalter's third grade class at the New Danville Campus with the new peace pole. Standing (left to right): Amaya Pierre-Louis, Zachariah Forry, Gifti Aga, Diana Polanco, Tiana Delgado, Eilili Ayana, Yididiya Urge, Aiden Jones and Janeese Hochstetler; Kneeling (left to right): Elijah Rivera, Ryan Walker, Victor Mattilio, Carter Palmer, Shamiya Cotiere, Reece Girdharry and Mihret Haile.

Celebrating Achievements

SPELLING BEE FINALISTS

Twenty-six middle school students from the Lancaster, Locust Grove and Kraybill campuses put their spelling skills to the test in January, competing in the annual system-wide spelling bee. Students took a written test and competed in a run-off spelling bee at each campus to determine who would represent each one.

Seventh-grader Sydney Vandemark from the Kraybill Campus won first place in the overall competition with seventh-grader Sheridan Schreyer from the Lancaster Campus finishing in second. Both students advanced to the written semifinals of the 55th *Intelligencer Journal-Lancaster New Era* Spelling Bee on Feb. 20.

SCHOLASTIC WRITING AWARDS

The strength of the LMS writing curriculum led to 16 high school and middle school students placing in the annual Scholastic Writing Contest.

Seniors Elora Cook and Laurel Bornman won Gold Keys for their pieces. Cook penned "Mexico City: A Place of Conquering," and Borman's winning piece was titled "Bintu." Both selections moved on to the national competition.



Seniors Elora Cook and Laurel Bornman

PEACE POLE

A shiny white peace pole now sits at the entrance to the New Danville Campus, reminding students, faculty and visitors that God grants peace and wants us to live in peace with each other, in our school community, and in the world.

Third grade teacher Kelley Buckwalter organized the peace pole project and art teacher **Jodi Baliles, 2006, Ortiz** painted the phrase, "My Peace I Give You," on the sides of the pole in four different languages, representing the variety spoken by New Danville Campus families.

The campus celebrated the installation of the pole and a Japanese maple tree, planted in memory of former second grade teacher Dalina Winter, during a special Earth Week chapel in April.



EDIE HESS



Left: Gold recipients in the Lancaster County Young Artists contest (left to right): Josiah Kratz, Huiyu Zheng, Heather Fry, Abigail Beiler, Jessica Simpson, Gahee Seo, Chae Rin Hong, Alessandra Levato, Anika Keys-Ludwig and Faith Dinger. (Not pictured: Madeline Mast)

Below: Gold Key winners in the Scholastic Regional Art Show: Meghan Good and Heather Fry. (Not pictured: Deok-Hoon Kim and Jeho Lee)

ARTISTS CLAIM GOLD IN LOCAL CONTESTS

STEPHANIE WEAVER

The LMS art program once again made a strong showing in the annual spring art contests, with 45 students earning recognition in the Lancaster County Young Artists contest and 12 in the Scholastic Regional Art Show.

Freshman Gahee Seo won six awards in the LCYA contest, earning four gold honors, one silver and the Lestz Jr. Award. Other students receiving gold and speciality awards in the LCYA contest include: Abigail Beiler (9), Faith Dinger (9), Heather Fry (12), Chae Rin Hong (9; 3 golds, Jr. Drawing from Life Award), Anika Keys-Ludwig (11), Josiah Kratz (9), Alessandra Levato (10; 2 golds, Demuth and Two Dudes Painting Award), Madeline Mast (9; 1 gold and Long's Park Award), Jessica Simpson (12) and Huiyu Zheng (11).

Seniors Heather Fry, Meghan Good, Deok-Hoon Kim and junior Jeho Lee won Gold Keys in the Scholastic Regional Art Show with their artwork, qualifying them for the national competition.

Selections from both contests were on display with other winners throughout the month of March at select locations in Lancaster.



NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST

Senior Isaac King received some great news this winter when he found out he is now a National Merit Finalist, moving from his previous semi-finalist status in the National Merit Scholarship program.



Isaac King

THREE EARN DIVISION I ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The LMS Class of 2013 features another talented group of athletes, including three seniors who have accepted athletic scholarships to Division 1 programs. Colleen Andrews, a first-team league and state all-star, will play field hockey at James Madison University in Virginia, teaming up with sister **Katie Andrews,**



ELI PASSAGE

Colleen Andrews, CJ Sturges and Ketura Landis smile after accepting their scholarships during National Signing Day.

2011. Teammate Ketura Landis, a state honorable mention, signed with Liberty University, also in Virginia. CJ Sturges, the 2012 District III AA 800-meter champion, will join the Duquesne University track team in Pittsburgh. ❖

Sauder earns golf scholarship

After a senior golf season filled with accolades, Jonathan Sauder also earned the Lancaster County Golf Association's 2013 Scholarship Award.

The award is given every year to a Lancaster County male or female high school senior who participated in interscholastic golf. The award recognizes academic achievement, sportsmanship, leadership abilities and commitment to the values of golf.

Sauder was co-captain of the golf team that won the Section 3 title. He was named the MVP for the LMS team and was a Section 3 all-star, posting the second-lowest scoring average in the section.



CHARLES STUDIO

Leymah Gbowee, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

Igniting the firefly within

It's not every day high school students have the opportunity to hear from a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, but after countless requests, 2011 winner Leymah Gbowee agreed to make a stop at LMS on April 18 after speaking at Elizabethtown College.

A packed Weaver Auditorium roared as the peace activist walked onto the stage in a sparkling teal dress suit.

"It's truly an honor to be here, in a space where there's so many young people who will go on to be the next generation of leaders," she said.

Gbowee shared about her own dreams as a 17-year-old in Liberia on the cusp of graduating. She wanted to be a pediatrician, to help heal young girls and boys. But two days after her graduation, civil war broke out in her country, adding her dreams to its list of casualties.

The war filled Gbowee with anger.

For years, she let that anger fester inside her and distance her from God. That all changed when she met a group of women who, despite being raped and beaten by the war, contained a joy that she hadn't felt for years. It was then that Gbowee found her spark, a spark that would go on to fuel a women's peace movement that helped bring an end to the war in 2003.

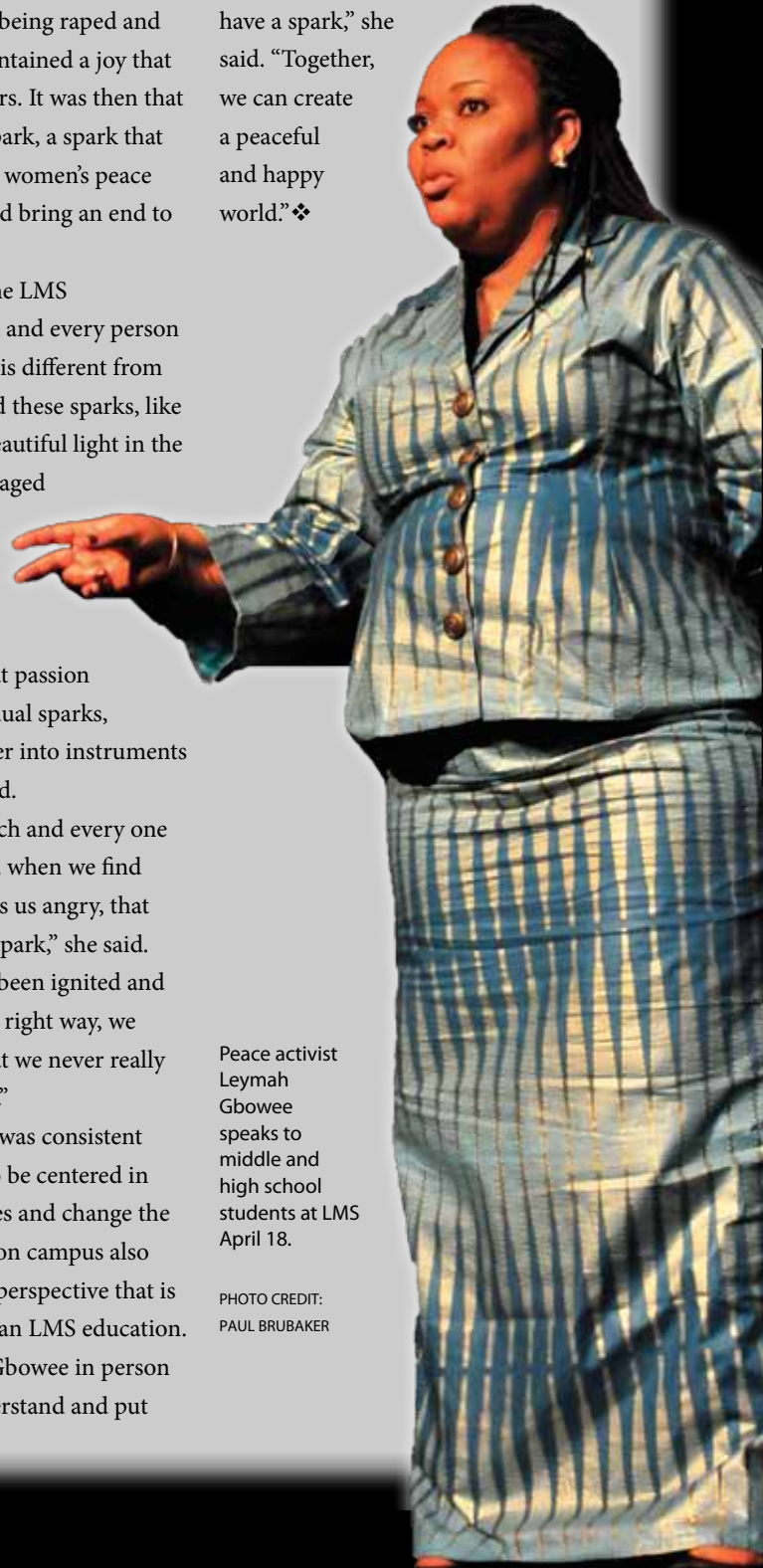
She explained to the LMS community that each and every person contains a spark that is different from anyone else's. She said these sparks, like fireflies, can create beautiful light in the darkness. She encouraged students to not allow their anger to turn into something ugly, but to instead use that passion to ignite their individual sparks, channeling their anger into instruments of change in the world.

"Like the firefly, each and every one of us has a spark, and when we find something that makes us angry, that thing can ignite our spark," she said. "Once our spark has been ignited and we try to use it in the right way, we can create change that we never really thought was possible."

Gbowee's message was consistent with LMS' mission to be centered in Christ, transform lives and change the world. Her presence on campus also enhanced the global perspective that is an important part of an LMS education. Hearing and seeing Gbowee in person helped students understand and put

flesh on the school's ideals as lived out in a global society.

"I have a spark.; You have a spark," she said. "Together, we can create a peaceful and happy world." ❖



Peace activist Leymah Gbowee speaks to middle and high school students at LMS April 18.

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Peace Leader

- Led a women's peace movement that helped end the second Liberian Civil War in 2003
- Earned her master's degree in conflict transformation at Eastern Mennonite University
- Recognized through various awards, including: the Gruber Prize for Women's Rights; the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage; and the Living Legends Award for Service to Humanity.
- Awarded the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize along with Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Tawakkul Karman, "for their non-violent struggle for the safety of women and women's rights."

Middle school students combine science with video technology

For three weeks, Janelle Thomas' eighth grade physical science class at the Lancaster Campus toiled away at building, testing and enhancing mousetrap-powered cars.

Every moment of their hard work was also caught on video through iPads recently acquired by LMS technology coordinator Valerie Garton.

As the students saw scientific concepts such as friction, acceleration and velocity play out in front of them, they also had the opportunity to film

and edit video through iMovie. The videos included the action of the experiment, along with an explanation of the science behind it and were handed in with a final lab report.

Thomas said the students loved the experience and the chance to have fun playing around with real science in a new way.

Garton agreed, adding that it was thrilling to watch how focused, engaged and productive the students were with both aspects of the project.

Since the videos were going to be shared, Garton said the students strived to find ways to make their productions unique. One group even wrote and performed a rap song as part of the science demonstration.

"Technology is naturally motivating and it's a major part of our students' lives," Garton said. "Building a car that will actually race down the hallway is a great way to teach science concepts. But when students are also making a movie about it, they are thinking even more about what they are doing." ❖



VALERIE GARTON

Eighth grade students at the Lancaster Campus film the building of a mousetrap-powered car.



Sign up for LMS Summer Camps

Lancaster Mennonite School will be hosting a wide variety of exciting day camps this summer.

There are two new camps this year: Art of Science for grades 3-5 and Christmas in July, held at the Kraybill Campus.

For more information and to register for these new camps and other sports and art-related programs, visit www.lancastermennonite.org/camps.



LMS Web Store

LMS apparel can now be purchased online by following the link at www.lancastermennonite.org.

Alumni connect during networking breakfast

A group of about 90 LMS alumni and friends gathered in Intercourse this spring to visit businesses in that area owned by alumni during a business networking event.

After a breakfast and a time of visiting, guests went on walking tours of Hooper, Inc., Old Road Furniture, Stoltzfus Meats, Best Western and The Good Cooking Store. At each

business, alumni shared about how their faith and work intersect.

The event is designed to create relationships and connections between our alumni and friends. Eleven LMS students studying entrepreneurship also participated in the event.

The next business networking event will be in September. ❖



One of the walking tours during the business networking breakfast stops at Stoltzfus Meats.

Phonathon highlights 70th anniversary

We're nearing the end of another successful phonathon. Thank you to all of you who have given generously. Even though the phones aren't ringing anymore, the phonathon is not finished. We still have some work to do to reach our goal of \$280,000.

We have a matching fund this year, thanks to some significant leadership gifts, in honor of our 70th anniversary. These funds are used to match your increased or new gift, dollar for dollar.

In 2012, Phonathon raised \$235,125 for the Annual Fund. Each year, alumni and current students help make calls. About 60 students and 32 alumni volunteered this year during 12 evenings of calling.

It's not too late to give to phonathon if you have not done so. Please consider how you can help us reach our goal by June 30.



Junior Jesse Schatz calls an LMS alum while volunteering during the 2013 Phonathon campaign.

STEPHANIE WEAVER

CLASS NOTES

Alex Hartzler, 1986, Harrisburg, recently bought "The Burg" community newspaper. Hartzler hopes to revitalize the monthly newspaper/magazine and website to serve as the hub of the community. The March 2013 issue was the first one published under his ownership.

David J. Brubaker, 1999, Philadelphia, began a new position in January at the University of Pennsylvania as Senior IT Project Leader for The Wharton School.

Justin Shenk, 2002, Lancaster, and his wife, Valerie Showalter, recently began a three-year term in Hackney, East London, England with Mennonite Mission Network. They are serving in the "Community Host" role with a local church, working to build networks, raise social capital and explore what it means to be an Anabaptist in East London.

The Shreiner Group, led by **Tim Shreiner, 1989**, Lancaster, was named to the Chairman's Circle Diamond by Prudential Homesale services group.

Joel Leaman, 1996, Ronks, is also involved with The Shreiner Group.

Lloyd Smucker, 1981, Lancaster, currently serves as a Pennsylvania senator and has had a higher percentage of bills enacted into law than any other member of the state house or senate representing Lancaster County.

Dan Charles, 1978, Washington D.C., was the featured speaker at Goshen College's 115th commencement on April 28. Charles, a food and agriculture correspondent for National Public Radio, gave the speech "Searching for What's Real in a Digital World" to Goshen's 244 graduates.

Michael "MP" Landis, 1983, Brooklyn, N.Y., was recently honored in *New York* magazine's Space of the Week feature, which showcased the artist's candy factory turned art studio.

Richard Bowman, 1966, Harrisonburg, Va., published a book of cartoons about Christian living as seen through the eyes of a young boy. *Little Rich's Questions* is available on Amazon.

Danielle Weaver, 2012, Denver, Pa., recently completed a Discipleship Training School through Youth With a Mission in France and Senegal.

Anna M. Groff, 2002, White River, Ariz., is now the Director of Grants at White Mountain S.A.F.E. House.

Dayna Reidenouer, 1999, Lancaster, was named the Encouragement Ministry co-leader at Harvest Bible Chapel in Lancaster.

Nathan Bontrager, 2002, Cologne, Germany, is pursuing his Master's degree in Early Music, focusing on Baroque cello. He is an active performer in the Cologne and Berlin area and has an upcoming tour in France. He is featured in two albums due for release this year from musical projects based out of New Haven, Conn.: Broadcloth and Dr. Caterwaul's Cadre of Clairvoyant Claptraps.

Rebecca Grosh, 2009, York, is currently in Uganda completing the outreach phase of her Discipleship Training School through Youth With a Mission Hawaii.

MARRIAGES

Laura Gochnauer, 2008, and Justin Ashcraft, July 20, 2012. They live in Pittsburgh.

Dawn Ranck, 1984, and Bryan Hower, March 10, 2013. They live in Lansdale.

60th REUNION

Members of the Lancaster Mennonite High School Class of 1953 recently gathered to celebrate their 60th reunion.

The group, pictured to the right, spent April 27 together, beginning with a brunch at 10 a.m. and finishing with the dinner theater and spring musical, *Godspell*.

The group honored those they have lost through the years and shared stories with one another from their time at LMS.



STEPHANIE WEAVER

Lisa Wingard, 2008, and Daniel Thompson, Nov. 24, 2012. They are living in Charlotte, N.C., and are working with the Charlotte Eagles semi-professional soccer team.

Anita Wingard, 1999, and Brian Jerva, Oct. 24, 2010. They are living in West Chester. Anita began the photography company, Dandelion Joy Photography.

Melissa Hess Lehman, 1986, and Glenn Fisher, Feb. 2, 2013. They live in Lancaster.

Kendall Lehman, 2007, and Stacy Kinkaid, Dec. 31, 2011. They live in Harrisonburg, Va.

Kyle Kauffman, 2008, and Brianna Lehman, 2008, Nov. 24, 2012. They live in Lancaster.

Lisa Hershey, 2008, and Jared Neff, June 30, 2012. They live in Lancaster.

BIRTHS

Dan, 1993, and Cindy Menz-Erb, Brooklyn, N.Y., a daughter, Charlotte Kelly, Feb. 13, 2013.

Aaron and **Lisa Smoker, 1996**, Underwood, Quarryville, fourth child, a daughter, Leah Marie, Nov. 18, 2012.

Emmalie Zak, 1991, Boca Raton, Fla., second child, a son, Samuel Palmer, Dec. 12, 2012.

Sam, 1999, and Minhui Lin Sonne, Taiwan, twins, Cian David and Halimeda Karen, Nov. 3, 2012.

ADOPTIONS

Justus, 1996, and **Melissa Stott, 1996**, Moyer, Manheim, a son and two daughters: Isaiah Jace, 7, adopted Dec. 20, 2012; Layda Grace, 4, adopted Dec. 20, 2012; and Ellie Hope, 2, adopted March 14.

DEATHS

Regina Dawn Lapp Stiles, 1972, Frederick County, Va., July 14, 2012.

Erma Shirk, 1954, Goshen, Ind., Aug. 4, 2012.

Earl E. Meyer, 1966, Manor Township, Aug. 29, 2012.

Forrest Dale King, 1953, Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 29, 2012.

Ernest E. Mummau, 1957, Quarryville, March 14, 2013.

Wilbur M. Ebersole, 1951, Mount Joy, March 18, 2013.

Sylvia J. Grosh, 1945, York, March 19, 2013.

Martha Landis Hess, 1945, Lancaster, March 19, 2013.

Sarah Snader Shearer, 1960, Mount Joy, March 27, 2013. ❖

2013 CLASS REUNIONS

1963 ▶ August 30-31, 2013
LMS, Lancaster Campus
Email: info@lmsclassof63reunion.com
www.lmsclassof63reunion.com

1958 ▶ Sept. 27, 2013, 4-9 p.m.
Mennonite Disaster Service
Airport Road, Lancaster
Email: lnewswa@aol.com

1973 ▶ October 5, 2013, 4:30 p.m.
Keefer's Barn
29 Engle Tollgate Road, Marietta
Email: mary@engelarch.com or
hess197@gmail.com

1993 ▶ October 5, 2013, 4:30 p.m.
Rod and Sherry Gingrich's Farm
720 Hempfield Hill Road, Columbia
Email: sherry@rodsautobody.com

1988 ▶ October 19, 2013
Bent Creek Country Club
Information available on Facebook:
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2013 SPRING AUCTIONS

Let the bidding begin

The LMS elementary campuses were buzzing this spring as each hosted busy and fun-filled benefit auctions.

The New Danville Campus auction on April 5 featured cuisine from around the world. Families from Burma and Ethiopia contributed authentic dishes to add some spice to the traditional Pennsylvania Dutch fare.

The Locust Grove Campus auction shined despite a stormy night on April 19. As usual, some of the top-selling items were the crafts made by students.

The two-day Kraybill Campus auction on May 10-11 included several games and rides to keep children entertained while their parents bid on goods. A special dedication ceremony was also held for the Gateway to Kraybill project.

A handmade hutch by **Wes Newswanger, 1957**, was the highlight of two auctions. Newswanger's late wife, Betty, taught kindergarten at LMS campuses for many years. As a child, she loved to play with a small wooden hutch. To honor her memory, Wes crafted a similar hutch for each campus and donated one to be auctioned off.

The hutch sold for \$6,500 at Locust Grove and was then donated back to the school and sold two more times at the Kraybill auction for a total of \$1,575.

The money was matched to the dollar, raising a total of \$16,150 for the Betty Hershey Newswanger Memorial Endowment for early education. ❖



NEW DANVILLE CAMPUS



LOCUST GROVE CAMPUS



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Wes Newswanger shares the story behind the hutch he made for the Locust Grove Campus auction before bidding begins.

STEPHANIE WEAVER

Golfers swing to aid students

LMS alumni, students and friends took to Conestoga Country Club April 24 for the annual LMS golf tournament. A total of 172 golfers participated in the morning and afternoon rounds of the four-person scramble, with prizes going to the top men, senior men, women and mixed foursomes.

The tournament benefits the LMS annual fund, which enhances the school's educational programs and provides student scholarships and financial aid.

Left: The team of Rich Sauder, 1980, Steve Burkhart, 1983, Ryan Ebersole, 2001, and Jay Ebersole, 1970, posted the lowest score of the tournament.

Right: Senior Mitch Rohrer lines up a drive.



VALERIE WEAVER



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Taylor Lindsey, 2012

Honing his focus

While many members of the Class of 2012 headed to college after last year's graduation, Taylor Lindsey began a gap year program in Illinois focused on spiritual development and living out one's faith.

When Taylor Lindsey thinks back to his time walking the halls of Lancaster Mennonite School, it seems like it was much longer than just a year ago.

Lindsey, 19, said he was insecure during his high school years, but has since seen a tremendous amount of growth while completing a gap year program focused on spiritual development.

The program, Focus One, previously the Rockford Master's Commission, at Rockford First, an Illinois church, splits time between classes on core values and the Bible and time serving others.

Most importantly, each week he helps with a small youth group called Connect, made up of several seventh grade boys.

"There is a core group of guys that I personally have to look over and invest my time into," Lindsey said. "The program is not just taking in information and developing my thoughts, but also trying to help these other guys develop their faith and spirituality.

"It's not just being filled up, but also pouring out."

Lindsey said he's been amazed at the relationships he has built with the young men and feels blessed to have the opportunity to speak into their lives.

The experience takes him back to Sheri Wenger's Honors Sociology class and a discussion about the many people who are not as fortunate and who struggle through life.

Lindsey said he has now seen that pain firsthand, adding that Rockland is the third most depressed city in the country.

"One guy tears me apart," he said. "The stuff he's going through is so foreign to anything I had ever seen when I was in Lancaster."

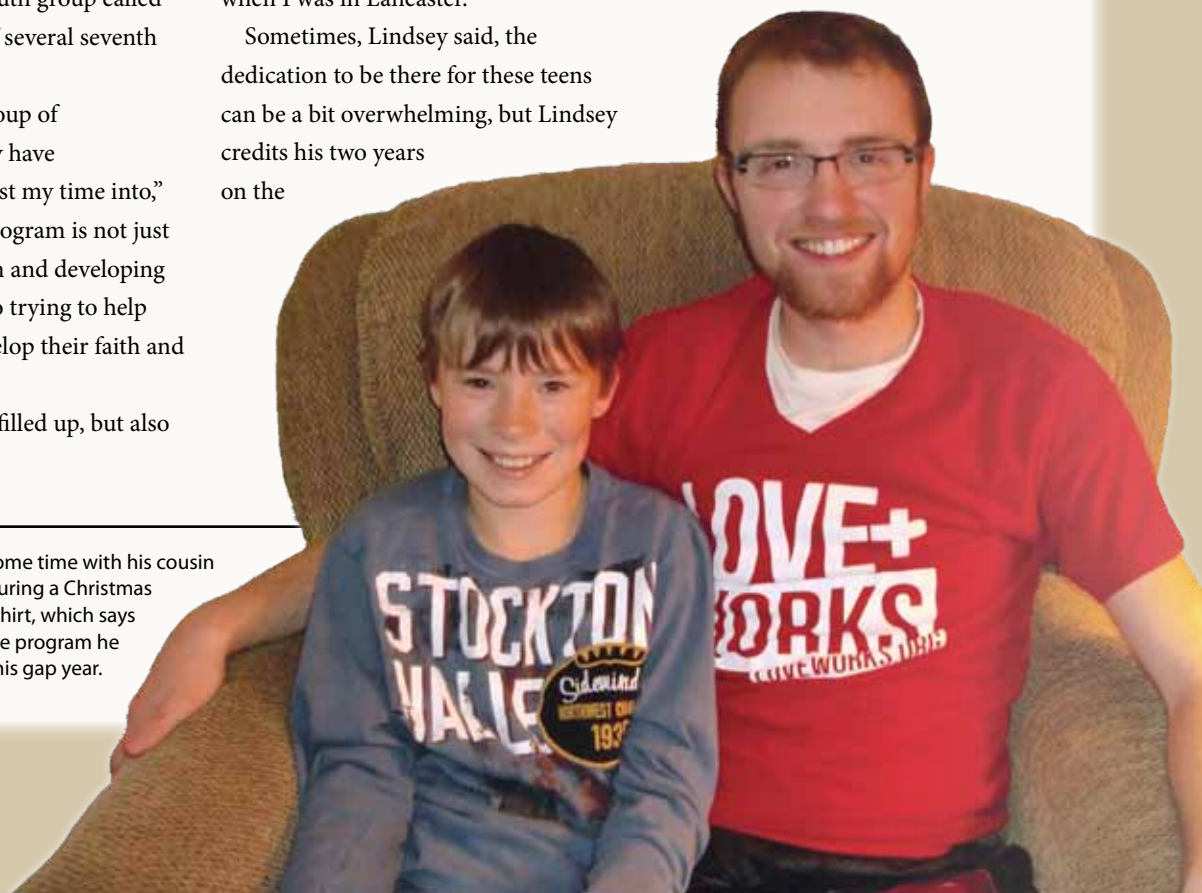
Sometimes, Lindsey said, the dedication to be there for these teens can be a bit overwhelming, but Lindsey credits his two years on the

LMS cross country team for teaching him how to endure and keep moving when life gets tough.

"This year has been all about how far can you push yourself," Lindsey said. "This is how far I think I can go and then I go further and rip that to shreds."

The 10-month program will end on June 15, leaving about two months before Lindsey will begin taking classes at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa. He attends Neffsville Mennonite Church with his parents, Steve and Sandy. His sister, **Emma Lindsey, 2010**, is studying architectural design at Philadelphia University. ❖

Taylor Lindsey spends some time with his cousin Matthew Seneker, 11, during a Christmas get-together. Taylor's T-shirt, which says LOVE+WORKS is from the program he is involved with during his gap year.





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