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Lancaster Mennonite School has three campuses:

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Cover photos: Top, left—guest speaker Basil Marin speaks at high school commencement. Top right—LMS-New Danville students sing at their Eighth Grade Recognition service; all campuses held their eighth grade event on May 27. Bottom—high school girls soccer team and coaches celebrate their district championship.

A VISIT WITH OUR ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

Could Lancaster Mennonite meet your family's needs?

When prospective students and families visit the Lancaster campus they are often greeted by Eliza Booth, the school's admissions counselor. Eliza joined the LMS staff in June of 2000. She and husband Michael Booth attend Wilkens Avenue Mennonite Church where Michael is a part-time pastor. In the following interview Eliza answers questions that prospective families sometimes ask.

Is there still time to enroll for the fall?

Absolutely! We have openings in all grades, pre-K through 12. We admit students all summer.

What if I can't afford Lancaster Mennonite School?

Do not count us out if you think you cannot afford tuition. Our financial aid department works extremely hard to make it affordable for ALL families to attend LMS. Lorie Yoder, at (717) 299-0436, ext. 314, would be happy to talk about finances with your family even before you apply so that you would know what financial aid package you would receive.

Why should I consider LMS?

LMS is a caring community that will deliver an excellent Christ-centered education to your child. We work hard to help our students have a pleasant and successful school experience.

What is unique about LMS?

Jesus Christ and His teachings are at the center of our school. We incorporate church, family, and school into one unit and know we cannot function without all parts. Our classrooms are filled with teachers who care about and want the best for each student. Your child is not just a number here!

Can my child enter the system at any time? Will my child fit in if he/she jumps in, in the middle or high school?

One of the very unique things about our school is that we have students who start new here each year at every level.



Eliza Booth

So your child is not the only new student, like in many public schools. We have a great orientation program that will get them ready and introduce them to other classmates.

What grades are included and how many students do you have?

We have about 1,400 students in grades pre-K to 12 at three campuses. Lancaster Mennonite Middle School and Lancaster Mennonite High School, located along Route 30 in the heart of Lancaster County, have grades 6-12; Locust Grove Mennonite School, located on Route 340 in Smoketown, has grades pre-K to 8; and LMS-New Danville, located just south of Lancaster right off Route 741, also serves grades pre-K to 8.

Is the entire school accredited?

Yes. We are accredited through Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Will my child be adequately prepared for college?

We offer 15 honors/AP courses which prepare students for college. The school repeatedly has had higher SAT scores than any of the public schools in Lancaster County.

Is the high school mostly a college-prep school?

We do have a very strong “college-prep” program, but we also offer a wide variety of programs for all students. We have a Learning Support Program that is highly respected in Lancaster County. We also offer a strong agriculture and technology department as well as an extensive business department, Vo-Tech opportunities and school-to-work programs. In addition, we offer a wide variety of extracurricular activities such as sports, drama and music. Our program stresses the importance of being a well-rounded individual. We are in the business of helping to shape “mind, body, and soul.”

Is my family welcome if we’re not Mennonite?

The school operates in the Anabaptist/Christian tradition with a warm ecumenical spirit. Approximately 50 percent of our student body is Mennonite; the other 50 percent are from many other Christian denominations.

How do you approach discipline?

We approach discipline as an opportunity to gently guide and change behavior, incorporating much prayer and care for the individual. The school practices restorative discipline which is transformative in the lives of students. It brings together the offender and those who have been effected by the negative behavior, to repair harm that has been done. We have excellent support from parents; they are a key reason why we experience the “LMS difference” in our school community.

What kind of diversity do you have? Will I feel at home if I’m not white Caucasian?

LMS is a school that welcomes all ethnic backgrounds. Over 17 percent are persons who are from racial/ethnic groups other than white Caucasian. We are blessed to have a large international student population, thanks to our residence hall.

Tell me about your residence hall.

The residence hall, home to about 60 students, is a good place to develop meaningful relationships within the framework of Christian values. Students come from neighboring communities and states as well as countries such as Ethiopia, Germany and Korea. Students and staff plan evening activities such as Bible studies, videos, gym nights and trips to sporting events.

Who do I contact if I need more information about enrolling my child for the fall?

Please contact me, Eliza Booth, at (717) 299-0436, ext. 312, if you are interested in LMMS or LMH. I will walk you through the admissions process at our school and arrange for a private tour if you would like one. If you are interested in Locust Grove, contact Jay Roth at (717) 394-7107, and if you are interested in New Danville, contact Judi Mollenkof at (717) 872-2506. In addition, learn more about us at lancastermennonite.org. ■

Staff recognized for service to LMS

In April, 18 LMS staff members were recognized for their years of service to the school: Anna Mae Herr, New Danville media center, retired after 37 years. She spent her first eight years at New Danville and then graduated from LMH in 1960. Her past experience includes serving as principal at New Danville. Leon Good, HS science, retired after 17 years. Earlier he was principal at Kraybill Mennonite School.

Others honored include: Verlen Rufenacht, HS business education, 30 years; Merle Reinford, HS mathematics, 30 years; Dottie Weber, HS family and consumer science, 25 years;

Lehman Metzler, HS ag, science and technology, 25 years; and Fern Clemmer, communications, 20 years. For 15 years: Aden Stoltzfus, HS and LMMS technology education; Chris Peterson, Locust Grove grade 5; Jane Moyer, HS English; Duane Evans, HS chemistry; Paul Brubaker, HS photography; and Dean Brubaker, HS mathematics. For 10 years: Linda Rohrer, administrative assistant for guidance; Neil Reinford, LG science; Jessica Newswanger, LG grade 3; Jonathan Metzler, HS English; and Kriston Horst, HS English. ■



Anna Mae Herr



Leon Good



Verlen Rufenacht



Merle Reinford

Basil Marin tells graduates, "Go and deliver."

At Lancaster Mennonite High School's 63rd commencement on June 4, guest speaker Basil Marin invited the 198 graduates to "Use your sharpened tools . . . to make a better world and place to live, play and work." His talk was titled, "Order my Steps, Lord."

"If you don't make the difference, who will?" he asked. "If not now, when? You have some of the solutions and some of the answers for your home, community, and the world. Go and deliver."

"Don't forget, your steps are ordered by the Lord. You are more prepared than you think."

Marin, who lead the high school's fall Commitment Week, is pastor of Immanuel Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia. He received his degree in Urban and Black Ministries from Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana, and his masters of divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg. ■



Above: Felicia Moore with father, Jon Moore, a 1975 LMH graduate. At right: Alexander Lake with grandma Ruth Stoltzfus.





Above, friends pose for a picture after commencement. They are, left to right: Kyle Horst, Rachel Horning, Nicholas Horst, Daniel Witter, Jacob Wright, Rachel Moffett, Michael Kuhns, Jason Landis and Benjamin Leshner. At right, Jin Chun Park celebrates with her host mother, Nadia Cauty.



Dedication speakers challenge classmates

The class dedication program, planned by the Senior Class Committee, was held Friday evening, June 3, after an hour-long program by the Campus Chorale. The three class speakers were Charles Engle, Leah Ruth and Benjamin Noll. Their talks were guided by the class verse from Proverbs 4:11-12: "I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble."

Engle challenged his classmates to steer clear of the popular definition of success.

"We become mindless drones of advancement," he said.

"We must use our talents for something other than gaining wealth and reputation," he continued, citing Christ's example of serving others, loving outcasts and living a simple life.

Ruth connected wisdom with getting involved and shared from her own school experiences of making friends, participating in extracurriculars, and caring for the environment.

"Don't get caught in a trap of apathy, and don't be ashamed of what's important to you," she said. "Wisdom is more than merely thinking and existing; it comes from involvement, experience and guidance, which leads to action."

Noll also warned about apathy.

"We have an unprecedented amount of potential and opportunity," he said. "Use it to the fullest, and use it for God. Do something different and unexpected, and take time to thoughtfully and prayerfully discern what God is saying to you through it." ■



Left to right: Leah Ruth, Benjamin Noll, Charles Engle and Basil Marin, Saturday morning's guest speaker.

Full house dedicates G. Parke Book Building

On April 5, about 150 guests and staff filled Lancaster Mennonite's ag mechanics lab to dedicate and celebrate the new \$2.2 million agriculture/technology education facility—named the G. Parke Book Building after the school's first board chair. Book was a farmer as well as a pastor at Paradise Mennonite Church.

John Kreider, who represented the Book family, was a guest speaker at the dedication. He commended his wife's grandfather and others for caring enough about future generations "to stick out their necks and pocketbooks for us." He remembers helping Book clear the property so the school along Route 30 could begin in the fall of 1942. John, an ag business owner, attended LMS with the class of 1947 and his wife, Betty, graduated in 1952.

Current board chair Connie Stauffer, an LMS alumna, said students in the new facility "will learn to respect the earth, be good stewards, and follow Jesus." State representative Scott Boyd

praised those who invested in students by making the facility possible.

"These are the salt of the earth," he said of the students. "This is the future."

Kent Martin, owner of Signature Custom Woodworking and LMS alumnus, expressed appreciation to the technology education teachers who influenced him and prepared him for his current work. He thanked the school for being a place "where students can find their God-given gifts."

Other guest speakers included Roy Book, LMS alumnus and grandson of Parke Book; Cliff Day, FFA coordinator for the State Department of Education; Molly Henderson, Lancaster County commissioner and LMS parent; Harold Mast, LMS alumnus and Resource Development Committee chair; Dennis Scanlon, agriculture administrator from Penn State University; and Jason Landis, the school's FFA president. Atlantic Coast Conference Moderator Edgar Stoesz, led the prayer of dedication at the end of the program. ■



John Kreider, center, and Roy Book, right, represented J. Parke Book at Lancaster Mennonite School's dedication of its new agriculture/technology education facility. The facility was named after G. Parke Book, the school's first board chair. Standing next to John is LMS Superintendent Richard Thomas.



The 20,168 square foot G. Parke Book Building includes four classrooms, three laboratories, one computer laboratory, additional greenhouse space, and a covered, fenced-in work yard. The former agriculture/technology education facility was built in the 1950s. The new facility will better prepare students for careers in agriculture and technology in the Lancaster community and beyond.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF LANCASTER NEWSPAPERS



Above, Jason Landis, president of Lancaster Mennonite High School's FFA this past year, speaks at the school's recent dedication of the new agriculture/technology education facility. Landis graduated on June 4.



At left, Jennifer Garber, 2005 (right), gives a tour of the new, enlarged greenhouse to grandparents Jay and Lois Garber, left, brother Logan and father David Garber.

■ Each year volunteers save the school thousands of dollars as they donate their time at all LMS sites—anything from serving in the office to improving the grounds to helping with booster clubs. In photo at right, the Lancaster campus staff celebrate volunteers at a June breakfast by the Mill Stream. Dottie Weber, right, serves breakfast to volunteers (left to right) Melissa Lehman, Ruth Ann Reinford and Phyllis Brubaker. Guidance counselor Ernest Hess is in the background. Thank you, volunteers, for helping to keep tuition affordable for our families.



■ This year's LMS Golf Tournament raised over \$30,000 for the Annual Fund. Special thanks to corporate and business sponsors, the golfers, and our golf steering committee. The low scoring foursome is pictured above. Left to right they are: Steve Burkhart, class of 1983; his son, Michael Burkhart, graduating in 2006; Ryan Ebersole, 2001; and his father, Jay Ebersole, 1970. They shot a 61.



Students at Lancaster Mennonite School's four sites raised over \$7,100 for Tsunami relief efforts. Above, Chelsea Kanagy and Philip Yoder extend Lancaster Mennonite Middle School's grand total gauge. Students at LMS raised \$1,447. PHOTO CREDIT: JANICE SOUTHWICK



Chess team continues winning tradition

This year's high school chess team took third place in the state in the U1300 division. Since the 1992-93 season, the school has won the league title eight of 13 years. In the past five years, the LMS chess team has won three Lancaster-Lebanon league titles, a division title, and second place in the league. During that span the team won 66 matches, lost five, and tied five in the league. Also, the school had two fourth place finishes and a fifth place in the highest division at States plus a first place in the U1000 division, and this year third place in the U1300 division.



Front, left to right—Mitchell Gyger, Alexander Lake, Joshua Yoder. Back, left to right—Mo Se Jung, Donald Nelson, Jordan Shenk, Peter Horst, and adviser Merle Reinford.

August 22	LMMS/LMHS New Student Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
August 24	First day of school
October 16	Fall Drop-in at Lancaster, 1–3 p.m.
October 22	New Danville Chicken Barbecue, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
November 3	Prospective Student Day at Lancaster
November 17–19	Fall Gathering & Auction/High school play–Lancaster



Twelve seniors received top department awards at the high school awards assembly in May. Pictured here, they are, front row, left to right: Alexander Lake, social studies; William Thomas, music; Michael Charles, physical education; Leandro Dueck, technology education; and Jared Martin, science. Back row, left to right: Maria Bendit, family and consumer sciences; Johanna Josephian, art; Charissa Good, business; Deanne Weber, English; Alexandria Frauman, world language; and Leah Ruth, mathematics. Jason Landis, missing from the photo, received the department award for agriculture.

Personnel change roles

Lancaster Mennonite School recently announced the following personnel appointments: Jeff Shank, director of alumni relations and development associate; Miles Yoder, principal of the Lancaster campus, grades 6-12; Steven Geyer, assistant principal of the Lancaster campus, grades 6-12; Brenda Bare, director of curriculum instruction for pre-K through grade 12; and Michael Yoder, athletic director.

At Lancaster Mennonite, Shank has served four years as a Learning Support Program resource teacher and three years as K-12 coordinator for the program. He also served as girls varsity basketball coach for three years.

Miles Yoder served at the high school since 1979, including 13 years as assistant principal, four years as associate principal, and three years as principal. In his new role he will provide leadership and work with student relations at both Lancaster Mennonite Middle School and Lancaster Mennonite High School.

Geyer has taught high school English at LMS for six years. He will work with student attendance, teacher supervision and evaluation, with major focus on the middle school.

Bare helped to start the Lancaster Mennonite Middle School which opened in 2000. Since then she has served as math teacher, MathCounts coach, team leader, and assistant to the middle school principal. In her new role she will empower teachers to bring integration into the school's faith-



Jeff Shank



Miles Yoder



Steven Geyer

infused, pre-K to grade 12 curriculum so that each subject area will reinforce another.

Michael Yoder has taught social studies at LMH for 11 years and also coached two years of varsity girls softball and eight years of varsity boys baseball. In addition to his new position, Yoder will continue to teach and develop an on-line distance learning class within the social studies department. ■



Brenda Bare



Michael Yoder



Envirothon team members, left to right: Kendall Garber, Jennifer Garber, Brent Ranck, Sara Wenrich and Andrew Wagner.

■ A team of five LMH students placed first in the Lancaster County Envirothon. They are Brent Ranck, Sara Wenrich, Jen Garber, Kendall Garber, and Andrew Wagner. They competed against 20 other teams and advanced to the Pa. State Envirothon Competition where they placed 33rd out of 66 teams. The state event was held May 23–24 at Bloomsburg University. The Envirothon is designed to give students an opportunity to acquire and demonstrate a knowledge of environmental resources and their connection to each other and human activities. The stu-

dents are challenged in the areas of aquatic ecology, forestry, soil/land use, wildlife, and a current environmental issue. The 2005 current environmental issue was managing cultural landscapes.

Elementary students also participate in the Envirothon program. On May 5 and 5, 16 New Danville students from grades 3–5 participated in the Lancaster County Envirothon at Lancaster County Park. The third grade team received an 88 percent in the trees and shrubs category while the fourth graders received a score of 325 out of 400 points. The

Envirothon teaches students about many aspects of our natural world. For the past two months, New Danville students spent one day a week after school studying trees, backyard birds of Pennsylvania, local reptiles, and amphibians and mammals.

■ Senior Christina Kelly (soprano 1) won a place in the Pa. Music Educator Association (PMEA) Region V State Chorus Festival held in March and then was selected as a runner-up for state competition.



Christina Kelly

■ Five students have been invited to participate in the 2006 National Merit Program's College Plans Reporting Service. They are Courtney Augsburger, Karissa Sauder, Rhoda Shirk, Scott Umble, and Jordan Zimmerman. The students are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of over one million program entrants.

FFA seniors, speakers excel



Six LMH seniors received top honors at the FFA awards banquet. Above, left to right, they are Jennifer Garber, Outstanding Keystone Female Leader Award; Lisa Bollinger, Star Keystone Entrepreneur Non-Farm Award; Clark Wenger, Star Keystone Entrepreneur Farm Award; Lindsay Dilworth, Star Keystone Placement Non-Farm Award; and Jessica Esh, Star Keystone Placement Farm Award and a Service Award. Jason Landis, not pictured, received the Outstanding

Keystone Male Leader Award and the Dekalb Award.

Other FFA students with awards this spring include freshman Charise Garber who won the Lancaster County Creed Speaking competition, junior Rachael Ranck who took first in the Senior Prepared Speech Contest and junior Monica Keeney who placed second. Jenessa Weaver placed third in the Junior Prepared Speech Contest. At regional competition, Weaver placed second and Keeney third, qualifying them for states. ■



Carlos Romero, director of the Mennonite Education Agency, spent several days in March talking with LMS faculty and students about ways to "set a table of invitation" for all students. His visit was part of a year-long effort to help the school value and celebrate social/ethnic diversity. He spoke to LMH and LMMS students in chapel, led discussions in high school classes, and met with the school's administrative team and the faculty at LMMS and New Danville. PHOTO CREDIT: PAUL BRUBAKER

■ Locust Grove's Barbershop 4 program in March raised \$8,731 for the school's road work. Approximately \$22,000 is still needed to cover the balance of the project. To make a donation, please call Heidi Stoltzfus at (717) 394-7107.



The LMH varsity girls soccer team made school history when they won the District Championship on May 27 at Hershey Park (see full team photo on the front cover). The team then advanced to the second round of state play. Pictured at left are the team captains. Left to right, they are Kristen Jo Groff, Rebecca Dickinson and Rachel Horning.



Above, eighth grade Family and Consumer Science students at LMS-New Danville prepare to serve a formal meal to several middle school teachers. Pictured left to right, they are: Ben Marini, Crista Deller, Rebecca Detwiler, Kim Hunt, Bria Klase, Jordan Schultz, Ian Mast, Troy Hanna and David Adams. PHOTO CREDIT: EDIE HESS



Lynn Longenecker, left, facilitates a discussion on technology at a Lancaster Mennonite School quarterly board meeting held at the Locust Grove campus. Longenecker serves as technology integration coordinator at the school's three campuses. PHOTO CREDIT: JAY ROTH

■ The Lancaster Mennonite School Quarterly Board held their January meeting at Locust Grove Mennonite School in order to help board members learn more about the newest school in the LMS system. Devotions were led by Locust Grove second grade teacher Amber Shellenberger who received her K-12 education at Kraybill Mennonite School and Lancaster Mennonite High School. Locust Grove middle school students provided music. Locust Grove principal Jay Roth talked about the uniqueness of Locust Grove and led the board in a tour of the school.

Betty Hershey Newswanger, assistant principal at Locust Grove and New Danville and director of the pre-K to grade 3 program, talked with the board about the pre-kindergarten program that will be offered at both Locust Grove and New Danville in the 2005-06 school year. Assisting her were kindergarten teachers Marcy High and Anne Roth.



John Ruth. PHOTO CREDIT: EDIE HESS

■ This spring John Ruth, historian and author, spoke to students in grades 3-8 at LMS-New Danville in observance of Mennonite History Day. Sponsored by Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Mennonite History Day was begun in 1982 as an effort to communicate Mennonite and Anabaptist history to school children. The originators of the program believed that faith stories from the past would kindle sparks of interest among young people for greater understanding and appreciation of their heritage.

■ As a culmination to a unit on Manners and Etiquette, New Danville seventh and eighth grade Family and Consumer Science students hold theme banquets for staff members. In preparation for the banquets, students invite staff members, plan the theme and decorations, and plan and prepare the food. They are graded on how well they cook and how well they behave. The meal is the "test" of the quarter—to see how they can apply what they've learned about manners. There were 42 students in grades 7 and 8 this year.

In class, students look at the Bible to see what God says about how we should treat others. Students identify biblical values and learn that manners are the outward expression of our values. They come to realize that how you relate to others at the table indicates how you respect and value them.

■ Both LMS-New Danville and Locust Grove held auction events this spring. The two events together raised nearly \$100,000 for the annual fund.

CLASS NOTES

Sheryl Buckwalter, 1973, Eberly, Lancaster, has been hired by North & Schanz Consulting Group Inc. as a leadership consultant. Eberly, a graduate of Millersville University, is a former legislative aide and White House aide to First Lady Nancy Reagan. She is on the board of Sunrise Senior Living Educational Foundation and served four years on the board of Auntie Anne's Inc. She is the author of the book, "365 Manners Kids Should Know."



Sheryl Eberly

Joanne Freed, 1982, Fetzer, and husband Dick, Lock Haven, have launched People to People Ministries through which they offer an interactive seminar on personality styles and reflective listening communication skills. See more at peopletopeopleministries.org.

Megan Rutt Clapper, 1994, Audubon, N.J., graduated in May 2004 from Rutgers University, N.J., with a masters degree in social work degree (MSW).

She is now a licensed social worker and works at Bethany Christian Services in Philadelphia as a foster care supervisor.

Jill Leaman, 2001, Lancaster, and **Jason Good, 2001,** Washington D.C., were among 10 Eastern Mennonite University seniors nominated as this year's "Cords of Distinction" recipients. The students were cited for their "significant and verifiable impact" on the university and on student life, contributions made to develop EMU's positive image, and for contributions to the city/county area and beyond. Leaman majored in liberal arts and elementary education with a minor in Spanish, and Good majored in culture, religion and mission with minors in philosophy and TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language). Also, at the school's April Athletic Honors Banquet, soccer player **Jason Good** received a President's Award, given to well-rounded athletes who have excelled in academics, leadership, character, Christian commitment and athletic participation.

Six 2004 LMH graduates have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-

level AP Exams. They are **Loren Hershey,** Kirkwood; **Whitney Kulp,** Salunga; **Ariel Ressler,** Lititz; **Andre Shenk,** Mountville; **Tara Shenk,** Lancaster; and **Tyler Yoder,** Leola.

MARRIAGES

Matthew Gierschick, 2000, and Monica Leibensperger, May 22, 2004. They live in Kutztown. Matt works for Norfolk Southern Railroad as a conductor.

BIRTHS

Michael and **Thelma Gochnauer, 1975, Conklin,** Manheim, adoptions: Kendrick Owen, third child, third son, born May 17, 2002, received for adoption June 8, 2004. Jeremiah Bernard, fourth child, fourth son, born October 7, 2002, received for adoption June 8, 2002. Tula Isabella, fifth child, first daughter, born December 4, 2000, received for adoption December 2, 2004. Thelma, an R.N., and Michael are active foster parents and involved in advocacy for children born with disabilities.

Heller named Small Business Person of the Year

Daryl Heller, 1988, Lititz, was named Small Business Person of the Year at the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry's annual dinner held May 4. Heller is the CEO and co-founder of Premier Companies LLC, which is comprised of three business units—Premier Management Group, Premier Solutions Group, and Premier Energy Group. The company provides solutions in telecom/datacom brokerage, integration of communications equipment and technologies, and brokerage of energy services. The prestigious award goes to a firm that's at least three years old and has 100 or fewer employees, rising sales and a growing work force.



Daryl Heller

Daryl and his wife, Charlene, have two children—a boy, Ethan, and a girl, Taite Makenzie—and attend DOVE Christian Fellowship-Westgate Celebration. ■

Alumni: Forget to send your phonathon gift?

It is not too late to send your phonathon gift. Please earmark your check for the Alumni Phonathon and mail it today to: LMH Alumni Phonathon, 2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Credit card donations also are an option. Go to our Web site at www.lancastermennonite.org and click on "support our mission," and "make a gift." Then follow the instructions.

Thank you for your support! Watch for a full report in the next issue of *Bridges*.

Linford, 1984, and **Yvonne Beiler, 1990, Stoltzfus**, New Providence, fourth daughter, Sophia Marie, November 21, 2004.

Craig, 1985, and Melissa **Peifer**, Ronks, third son, Joel Andrew, January 27, 2005.

Thomas and **Andrea Bontrager, 1987, Unzicker**, Thorntown, Ind., a son, Samuel Thomas, March 9, 2005. Andrea is now a corporate attorney at the law firm of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, in Indianapolis, Ind. She focuses on securities law and mergers & acquisitions.

Ken, 1987, and Melanie **Mohler**, Ephrata, second daughter, Abigail Marie, January 10, 2005.

Nicholas and **Jennifer Peifer, 1988, Plummer**, Chapel Hill, N.C., a son, Tristan Jay, April 30, 2005.

Anthony and **Rita Hess, 1990, Steffen**, Wellsboro, second son, Andrew Jon, November 20, 2004. The Steffen's have established a grass-based dairy farm in north central Pa.

Keith and **Melanie Miller, 1990, Martin**, Elizabethtown, fifth child,

third daughter, Rebekah Anne, November 3, 2004.

Darin and **Kristen Sangrey, 1991, Hawn**, Pittsburgh, second son, Parker Jordan, February 11, 2005.

Mike and **Arlisa Snavelly, 1991, Hoover**, Newport News, Va., second child, first daughter, Aleah Nicole, December 14, 2004.

Thomas and **Rochelle Breneman, 1993, Jones**, Marietta, second child, first daughter, Aubree Marie, March 25, 2004.

Doug, 1994, and Mary **Rohrer**, Lancaster, third child, second son, Wyatt Jeffrey, March 22, 2005.

Jonathan, 1995, and **Tricia Bare, 1994, Stoltzfus**, Lancaster, a daughter, Alana Dorothy, April 26, 2005.

Mark 1995 and Kristin **Cote**, Millersville, a son, Caleb Stephen, April 19, 2005. Mark is School Chaplain, high school Bible teacher, and varsity girl's soccer coach at Living Word Academy.

Joel, 1996, and Shelley **Leaman**, Ronks, a boy, Josiah Mark, March 21, 2005.

Nathan and **Denise Hoover, 1998, Olmstead**, Groghan, N.Y., a daughter, Abigail Kay, March 29, 2005.

Joe Lusby, 1997, and **Kristen Kauffman, 1999, Lusby**, Atglen, second son, Rodney Michael, August 11, 2004.

Ryan Umble, 1997, and Beth **Umble**, Ephrata, a daughter, Juliana Raine, December 4, 2004.

DEATHS

Lori Michelle Miller, 1990, Guthrie, Colora, Md. , April 2, 2005, after long-term cancer. She is survived by her husband, Robert C. Guthrie, and children Nicholas and Megan Guthrie.

CORRECTION

Birth announcement, winter *Bridges*, should have read: **Richard, 1991**, and JoEl **Rohrer**, Philadelphia, a son, Richard Moses, October 17, 2004. ■

Alumni, your input is valued! **Proposed constitution change**

Proposal: The LMH Alumni Board is proposing that the Alumni Association Constitution, Article III, Section 4, be changed to: "The Board of Directors shall be alumni for whom 70 percent or more are members of Anabaptist congregations. All shall be active members of a Christian congregation, and all shall be in accord with and actively promote the principles and program of their alma mater."

It previously read: "The Board of Directors shall be alumni who are members of Anabaptist congregations, and who are in accord with and will actively promote the principles and program of their alma mater."

Alum, can you affirm the proposed change? ☐ yes ☐ no

Name _____ Grad year _____

*Please return form to LMH Alumni Association,
2176 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602.*

Check out Alumni Survey on Web site

Alumni, please take time to fill out our Alumni Survey that will be available online starting July 1. Go to our Web site at www.lancaster-mennonite.org and click the alumni tab at the top of the page. Click the Alumni Survey tab to start the process. Your input is important to us.

Donald Kraybill honored at dinner theatre

Lancaster Mennonite School named 1963 graduate Donald Kraybill the Alumnus of the Year during the school's annual dinner theatre on April 30.

Kraybill, of Elizabethtown, is Distinguished College Professor and Senior Fellow in the Young Center for the Study of Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College (Pa.). He received his Ph.D. in sociology from Temple University. He served as chair of the sociology and social work department at Elizabethtown College and directed the Young Center for the Study of Anabaptist and Pietist groups from 1989–1996. He served as provost of Messiah College from 1996–2002.

He also has served as pastor of the Willow Street Mennonite Church, trustee at Bethany Theological Seminary, board chair at Eastern Mennonite University, and a member of the Mennonite Board of Education. Today he is moderator at his church, Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren.

Nationally recognized for his scholarship on Anabaptist groups, he is the author or editor of more than 18 books,

including *Passing on the Faith*, Lancaster Mennonite's 50-year history book. He has received many fellowships and grants from places such as The Foundation for Improvement of Post Secondary Education, The Pennsylvania Humanities Council, and Yale University. His research on Anabaptists has been featured in magazines, newspapers and on radio and television programs across the United States and in my foreign countries.

Kraybill has received numerous awards including the National Religious Book Award for *The Upside Down Kingdom*, which has been translated into five languages and serves as

During the school's spring dinner theatre, Director of Alumni Relations Jeff Shank, left, and Superintendent Richard Thomas, center, presented Alumnus of the Year Donald Kraybill with a framed fraktur.

one of the basic books of Anabaptist Christian faith.

The annual award goes to alumni who have made a significant contribution through service in their community, profession, family or church and whose lifestyles reflect the mission of the school—"Providing an excellent education in a nurturing environment that prepares students for lifelong learning and invites them to personal faith, Christlike mission, peacemaking and service in a global society." ■



Early teacher remembered for her contributions to students and school

Lois Garber Keener Kauffman, an LMS teacher who was among the first group of teachers when the school opened in 1942, died April 5, at Landis Homes.

Lois, a highly respected teacher and important role model for students, taught at LMS from 1942–1950, 1960–1962 and 1969–1970. She taught English, Business English, Old Testament Studies, Missions, and physical education. In Donald Kraybill's book, *Passing on the Faith*, Ivan Glick describes Lois as "a marvelous teacher."

In her memoirs, titled, "A Brief Account of my Life's Pilgrimage," Lois speaks of the rewards of having had "many fine young people" in her classes who later filled important positions in the church. She also served as a teacher in Ethiopia. She



Lois Garber Keener Kauffman

was the daughter of Henry Garber (former chairman of Eastern Mennonite Missions) and Ada Garber. ■

REMAINING CLASS REUNIONS FOR 2005

Class of 1955	September 7 & 8
Class of 1970	September 17
Class of 1975	see below*
Class of 1985	July 23
Class of 1990	August 20
Class of 1995	November 26
Class of 2000	July 16

For details, check the alumni page at www.lancastermennonite.org, or call Jeff Shank at (717) 299-0436, ext. 453, or (717) 394-7107.

*Class of 1975: LMS does not have information concerning your 30th reunion. Please contact Jeff Shank if you have information about this event or are interested in serving on a planning committee.

Loretta Lapp: missionary at home

For Loretta Lapp, Kinzers, one of the best things about Lancaster Mennonite School was finding a network of friends she has related to closely since her 1953 graduation. She and six friends started a circle letter after graduation that continues today. They try to get together once a year.

"We laugh together, cry together when one suffers, and rejoice with each other when things go well," she said.

LMS was also instrumental in instilling in her a passion for church work. She spent about 15 years speaking to women's groups in local churches on subjects such as self esteem and one's purpose in life. At Ridgeview Mennonite Church she has been involved as a Sunday School teacher, youth adviser and minister of missions. Today she works with Ridgeview's "Time Out Program," a ministry for women in the community.

Her work experience over the years includes an office position at Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Akron, serving in the Middletown State Hospital in Connecticut where husband Jake served in 1W Service (an alternate to military duty), raising four children, and helping tourists learn about the Amish at People's Place in Intercourse. Today, no longer employed, Loretta has time for other activities such as making a scrapbook for each of her children. With the help of granddaughter Christi, she's half way there.

Loretta and Jake also love to travel. They have been to Haiti, Switzerland, Egypt, Kenya, Belize, and Chad, a small African country. Part of her interest in seeing the world stems from an earlier dream to someday do mission work in other countries. With marriage and children in the picture, she soon learned that one can do mission work at home. Besides her church involvements, she and Jake have hosted numerous international guests over the years, including Moses Sakuda who taught a year at Locust Grove. A year later Sakuda returned to the States and lived with the Lapps while attending Eastern Mennonite University and Eastern Mennonite Seminary. The friendship resulted in several visits back to Kenya and help with a fund raiser so the Maa-sai community back home could construct a well.

Over the years Loretta has enjoyed taking continuing ed classes at various locations, including Millersville University, Lancaster Theological Seminary, and some offered through Lancaster Mennonite Conference.

Family: Four children.

Jim, married to Joy Meyers, graduated from Lancaster Mennonite in 1974; Donna, married to Vernon Stoltzfus, graduated in 1975; Doug, married to Barb Huber, graduated in 1977; and Lorie, married to Brent Hershey, stayed with Pequea Valley to pursue interests in band and gymnastics. Loretta and Jake have nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. Two grandchildren graduated from the school—Ryan Lapp in 1998 and brother Gregory in 2000.

Some of the best things about LMS:

I enjoyed chapel, the chorus opportunities, caring attitude of teachers, and challenges for Christian life and service.

Favorite teacher: Harvey Bauman, who taught Junior Business Training. He was down to earth, humorous, full of practical wisdom.

Favorite subject: English Literature.

Least favorite subject: Chemistry. I didn't understand anything and barely passed—not the fault of the teacher! But we did have fun doing experiments in the lab. One time Dorothy (Zook) and I spilled something—acid maybe—and it ate holes in our black stockings. Our mothers were not too pleased!

Most outstanding LMS memories:

The day the Mill Stream overflowed and one of the students drowned. It was a terrible day—very sobering. I also remember when the Mill Stream was frozen over and the great fun we had skating during extended lunch times. And I remember Don Jacobs, his humor and especially his prayers—they were so unusual. He also was a favorite teacher of mine.



Circle letter friends: Front, left to right—Janet Dawn Fuss Ihle and Loretta King Lapp. Back, left to right: Dorothy Zook King, Joanne Hess Zimmerman, Esther Wert King, Louise Lefever Metzler and Elnora Leaman Frank. At right: Loretta and Jake Lapp.



Biggest change in the school: Dress!

We wore cape dresses, coverings with covering strings, black stockings, hair parted in the middle, no jewelry. So no student should complain today about dress codes! I do hope, though, that there will always be some standards. I think LMS being a K–12 facility is a great idea. I do truly believe in Christian education.

Advice for today's students: Remember, you were made in God's image, so live, learn, love with that in mind.

Most exciting thing about LMS today:

The opportunities in sports, music, drama, and all the resources available for learning.

Hobbies: I just learned to knit and I love to read. I also enjoy walking and doing activities with my grandchildren.

Future goals: To stay alive as long as I live! To continue serving God in the church and around the world. To continue traveling and to have many good times together with our family.

In reflection: I'm grateful to God for my husband of 51 years and our dear children, grandchildren and great grandchild. My favorite roles in life were being a wife, mother and grandmother. These brought me great joy. The path was not always easy, but God was and is faithful. I'm grateful for that and for the years at LMS that helped form some of my values. It's been a good life. ■

LMS: transforming lives



J. Richard Thomas

Humility and non-conformity. How often I have heard these themes expressed by students and others at the end of this school year as they talked about lives being transformed by Jesus Christ.

A graduating senior recently shared with me how different LMS is from the public school he transferred from part way through high school. He shared how that difference impacted his life.

Summer is a time when parents and others reflect on the value-added education students receive as a result

of an LMS education. They consider their investment in tuition and in giving to make LMS a possibility. For some the investment is easy, considering their family income; for others it is a sacrifice.

As an Anabaptist school, LMS seeks to make a Christian education possible for all, regardless of family income. To make this vision a reality, LMS has committed significant dollars in financial aid for the 2005-06 school year.

Even with this level of aid we are aware of families for whom the remaining tuition costs for Christian education appear too great. Perhaps we need to:

- Have parents of graduates share testimonies of sacrifice and reward so others are inspired to make an investment in Christian education a top priority for their children.
- Call all of us to act on our love of children and the value of Christian education so that investing in LMS is a clear priority for alumni, friends and congregations.

- Increase the number of congregations that pay all or part of the cost of tuition for their students.
- Communicate more clearly the value and priority of an Anabaptist/Christian education.
- Ask that LMS be part of the prayer life of our partner congregations and friends.

LMS opened in 1942 in difficult times. It opened with the vision that a church school is necessary for people who seek to live lives transformed by Jesus Christ. The need for the Christian formation of our children is still as clear today as it was 63 years ago, perhaps even more so.

The school is committed to providing education that transforms lives. We are encouraged that partner congregations and friends, when planning their annual giving, place a priority on a value-added education that is centered in Christ.

May humility and non-conformity, through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, continue to define the "LMS Difference." ■



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