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Cover photos: The front page collage represents our four campuses and some of the many ways LMS students are enjoying an excellent, Christ-centered education. Clockwise, starting at left: New Danville first grade class, Locust Grove middle school bell choir members, Kraybill elementary art class, and high school Bible class. PHOTOS: JEREMY HESS PHOTOGRAPHY

So our children might know

This summer I received a letter from a recent graduate who wrote: "The Christ-centered education served to foster my faith in the Lord during very formative years of my life."

Five days a week, 183 days a year, Lancaster Mennonite School provides a Christ-centered setting for young people within the context of a first-rate educational program. As Psalm 78 instructs, our four campuses daily share "the glorious deeds of the Lord" so "the next generation might know them ... and tell them to their children."

As a missional center of the church, LMS serves local families and, through the high school residence hall, those outside Lancaster County and around the world. Rich cultural diversity, along with excellent teachers who bring a wealth of international experience and holistic caring, help students see the world through God's eyes, preparing them to witness in school, the workplace, across the street and around the world.

With roots in the Mennonite Anabaptist tradition, LMS not only teaches students to think critically; it also encourages them to join with their congregations in being agents of reconciliation through evangelism and peace and justice ministries.

As a result, persons such as Alumnus of the Year David Shenk (see page 15) are transforming lives and changing our world. Recognized as a leader in Christian/Muslim relations, the 1955 LMS graduate has spent a lifetime pointing the way to reconciliation and equipping others to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

This past year:

- For the first time, some seniors prepared reflective chapel presentations that discussed their educational experience, gifts, Christian vocation, post high school plans and possible careers. The presentations, which will be a requirement for all seniors by 2011, resulted from our new strategic plan for educational growth that includes a major goal to help students understand their gifts. This strategic plan, under the capable leadership of



J. Richard Thomas

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Brenda Bare and the Implementation Committee, is building the school holistically for the future.

- The school enjoyed an increase in both congregational giving and the number of congregations paying all or part of the cost of tuition for their students.
- The Kraybill Campus became part of the Lancaster Mennonite School system. The administrative team continued to work to develop system approaches that strengthen individual campuses and the whole of LMS. In September the Kraybill Campus welcomed its first pre-kindergarten students.
- A \$2 million matching challenge energized giving toward the new academic building planned for the Lancaster Campus. Construction is slated for this fall.
- The turf field, with lights, was completed and used for girls soccer this spring. Construction of the stadium



From pre-kindergarten through high school, LMS students are daily being nurtured toward Christ-likeness so they can become change agents in our world. PHOTOS: JEREMY HESS PHOTOGRAPHY

seating and the restroom/concession stand facility is scheduled to be completed this fall. With this project we also opened the south entrance to the Lancaster Campus. Please see page 10 for additional facility updates.

- The Fall Gathering at Lancaster will become more of a homecoming beginning with the fall of 2008. New for this event last year was the Iron Bridge Run which drew over 120 persons. Creating strong campus events builds bridges to the local community and provides dollars crucial to keeping tuition affordable.
- Plans were begun for a major endowment campaign, also to help keep tuition affordable for our families.
- At all levels, students showed care for each other, especially evident at the high school as students faced the difficulty of two student deaths.
- Senior Lindsey Shertzer brought home the school's first state PIAA championship when she won the 1600 meter

race in track and field. During the fall every high school sport had an individual or team advance to state play.

- The FFA had more Keystone Degree winners than any other high school in the state.

Student minister to join Lancaster Campus

While many local schools are hiring a policeman to be a presence in their hallways, Lancaster Mennonite, in a countercultural move, has hired a minister. Jonathan Heinly will interact with students between classes at the Lancaster Campus (grades 6–12) and also will spend time with middle school students at the Kraybill and Locust Grove campuses. In addition, Heinly, who attended Kraybill and graduated from Lancaster Mennonite in 2003, will work part-time in youth ministry with Lancaster Conference of Mennonite Church USA. He holds a degree in youth ministry from Eastern College in St. Davids, Pa. We believe his passion for youth will mesh well with a faith-infused educational program that transforms students so they can change our world through Christlike love, peacemaking and service.



Jonathan Heinly

Do things that scare you, says Santiago

At Lancaster Mennonite's 65th commencement on June 2, guest speaker Rolando Santiago, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee U.S., challenged the 213 graduates to "cultivate your heart to engage a world that hungers for God's shalom."

"Cultivating the heart is about doing things that scare you, doing things that are risky," he said, sharing stories about Mennonite Central workers who took risks in their assignments this year.

"Can you see yourself doing one thing each day that that scares you ... to build peace, promote justice and care for the environment?" he asked.

To do that, he said one must identify life goals, "recognizing a need to give meaning and purpose to your life." Also, one should join a church congregation or small group, he continued.

"Doing it alone is not sufficient," he said. "Find

your community of learning to sustain you through both rewarding and difficult times."

During Saturday's commencement ceremony two empty chairs symbolized the loss of two classmates—Travis Esh, who died February 6, 2006, and Devin Hiestand, who died March 14, 2007. The parents were present to receive their sons' diplomas, and the class gift will be used to purchase turf field stadium seats in their names.

At Friday evening's Class Dedication program, three senior speakers centered their talks around the class verse, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6). The speakers were Tiffany Clark, Hannah Moffett, and D. J. Weaver.

The 2007 commencement was:

- the first since the 2006 merger with Kraybill.
- the first to have seniors who attended the Lancaster Campus for seven years, beginning with the middle school which opened in 2000.
- the largest class in seven years.



Above, left: Friday evening's student speakers (left to right) Hannah Moffett, D. John Weaver and Tiffany Clark pose with Saturday morning's guest speaker Rolando Santiago. Above, LMS graduate Peter Kachnycz receives a yellow rose from LMS administrative assistant and parent Lorie Yoder during the commencement ceremony. At Left, LMS seniors file into the Fine Arts Center for their commencement ceremony.

Seniors grateful for teachers, faith experience

This year all seniors were invited to share with others their LMS experience and post school plans—either in a small informal group setting or during a formal chapel presentation. The formal senior presentations grew out of the school's recent reaccreditation process which led to a school goal to become more deliberate in helping students identify God-given gifts, interests and career options. The presentation is the culminating experience in this K-12 effort.

Following are excerpts from two presentations. Charlotte Wenger was one of six to share in chapel which was open to family members. Eric Mylin shared his thoughts in the student newspaper, the Millstream.

From Charlotte Wenger, daughter of Mark and Kathryn Wenger, Lancaster

I came to LMH as a new junior, scared out of my mind. ... It was a lot bigger than Eastern Mennonite High School (where she attended



before the family moved). I didn't know anybody. Fortunately, getting involved in extracurricular activities and having good classes helped me get to know people and settle in.

Campus Chorale was where I got to know people first. I love music, and being in Campus Chorale allowed me to meet others with that same love. I also immediately got involved in theater by trying out for the fall play. ... Now, after four years of high school, I've been in (many) roles. ...

In academics, some of my favorite classes have been speech and British Literature with Ms. Banks, chemistry with Mr. Buckwalter, and service with Mr. Metzler. I've always loved my English classes, but partic-

ularly in British Literature and speech I enjoyed the involvement with my classmates. In chemistry, I was pleasantly surprised that I could understand it even though I'm not strong in math. Service has allowed me to work on organization and efficiency, while also getting to know Mr. Metzler better.

At both EMHS and LMH, I have appreciated the freedom Christian schools give their students to talk about their beliefs. Spiritually, I have been grateful for the prayer time that I go to every morning. Also, as much as some may disagree, I am glad for regular chapels and a variety of speakers. ...

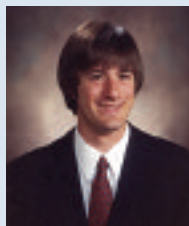
In the fall I will be going to Eastern Mennonite University and majoring in secondary education English with a minor in theater. These interests have come from excellent English teachers, an enjoyment for reading and editing, and a love for acting. ...

Throughout my high school career, a Bible verse that has helped me remember to trust God and not worry is Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

From Eric Mylin, son of Lawrence and Linda Mylin, Elizabethtown

What have I received from LMH over the past four years? What have all those tuition dollars really bought me? The truth of the matter is that it was a real bargain. LMH has been a great encourager and mentor to me. ...

Over the past four years I have been challenged to look into myself—to see who I am and what I believe. LMH teachers have been the key force in this. ... In Mr. Sauder's Jesus Story class, which I took as a senior, I was challenged to look at Christ's life and teach-



ings and reconsider many of the ideas I had about Christianity and its founder. One of the key ideas Mr. Sauder helped me work through was being able to trust in the unknown.

... After many discussions with Mr. Sauder, I was able to ... trust that God had it all worked out for the best, that I should just try and live my life to the best for God and not worry so much about knowing the exact ways in which God works. I'm thankful that Mr. Sauder has taught me to trust in God and not just to look for exact scientific answers.

I have also enjoyed the many discussions in Mr. Sprunger's Kingdom Living Class. This semester, I have written several papers about my beliefs as a Christian and how they are impacting me each day. These papers have allowed me to look back over my spiritual history and see how God has influenced me and is still influencing me in all aspects of my life. I have enjoyed having this time of reflection which has given me the opportunity to plan my spiritual journey into the future with a more defined path.

I have also enjoyed being able to express my opinions in the *Millstream* (school newspaper). ... Mr. Dietzel, the *Millstream* adviser, has been a great mentor. I have enjoyed his (assessment) of my writing and the encouragement he gives to me and the rest of the *Millstream* staff. Thanks to his patience ... I have been able to hone in on my skills as an informative writer. ...

... I am grateful that Mr. Miller saw my potential and gave me the opportunity to use my gifts as an actor and public speaker. ... This confidence has helped me recognize my gifts and talents. ... I am now pursuing a career in communications in the public relations field. ...

... I have found LMH teachers to be one of the greatest encouragements to my young adult life. They have helped to shape me into who I am going to be in the years to come. Thank you.

More than just doing art

While some schools are slashing their visual arts program to prepare students for the increased testing required by the No Child Left Behind Act,* Lancaster Mennonite School is holding fast to its belief that art is a vital part of the curriculum, starting with the elementary grades.

Kraybill Principal John Weber believes art makes a significant contribution to a student's academic and emotional growth, affecting all areas of learning. Kraybill art teacher Wendy Weinstein agrees, connecting art instruction to the development of high thinking skills, critical thinking and problem solving.

"Art can edify, inform, enlighten, entertain, and provoke us to think," Weinstein says in an article she wrote for a Kraybill newsletter last year.

"Many decisions made in art are the only places kids can actually experience learning to think for themselves—something our students in these days desperately need."

Judi Mollenkof, principal at Locust Grove and New Danville, says a strong art program is especially important for a Christian school. "It reflects what our Christian education is all about—that we are educating the whole child," she says.

"It's not 'just doing art,'" she adds. "It helps students express the God-given creative parts of themselves. And it's a wonderful expression of praise to God."

That God connection is something Weinstein also includes in her Kraybill article. "The process of designing draws us closer to the master creator himself," she says. "In conceiving art, we abandon

ourselves and submit to the creative process. ... Time and place melt away because you are focused intently in the creative operation. ... That's where I hope I can bring my students: to take joy in creating and in doing so,

understanding a new part of God."

An important part of the elementary art program is sharing that art with others. Visit the Kraybill, Locust Grove and New Danville campuses most any time of the school year and you'll see many examples of student artwork. Not only are these displays a wonderful opportunity for building community as students view and affirm each other's art, they're a way for each student to feel valued.

"This also sets them up, hopefully, to be lifelong art appreciators," Weinstein said. "Which is one of my highest hopes for my students."

Over the years, the strong art foundation provided at the lower grade levels has resulted in numerous middle and high school awards in the local Scholastic Arts Show. And some have advanced to state and national competition.

High school art teacher Kathy Ciaccia attributes much of this success to the solid art programs offered at Kraybill, Locust Grove and New Danville.

"These students come with an enriched background in art," she says. "It is a blessing to have art students who are ready to conquer the challenges of high school art."

Velma Magill, art teacher for Locust Grove and New Danville, believes the strength of the school's elementary art program comes from providing a structure and steps for success.

"They are exposed, not to cute crafts," she says, "but rather to real problem-solving issues. The skills are built sequentially, and 'failure' is relative.

"I want each student to believe that the art they make is good. I want them to understand that their work comes from somewhere, and that that somewhere is the Divine within them."

**The No Child Left Behind Act, signed into federal law in 2002, was designed to improve education and achievement in America's schools. However, as it strives to improve test scores in math and reading, it has been criticized for focusing on test preparation rather than richer academic learning. The result in some schools is decreased resources for subjects such as science, history, foreign languages, and the arts.*

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- Kathy Ciaccia, high school art teacher



Kraybill art teacher Wendy Weinstein, pictured here with fifth grader Rebecca Keener, received degrees from Millersville University and Oakland Community College, Michigan. This year Weinstein's students won two gold medals, four silvers, and 15 honorable mentions at the Lancaster County Scholastic Arts Show. The gold medals went on to national competition. PHOTO CREDIT: GARY HILLER



Velma Magill, who teaches art at Locust Grove and New Danville, received her art degree from Millersville University and has done graduate studies at Massachusetts College of Art. She has received numerous art awards for her work and has participated in juried art shows. She was recently named to the 2007 Cambridge Who's Who Executive and Professional Registry which honors professional achievement in career excellence. She is pictured here with New Danville kindergarten students Kathleen Calix-Alvarado, left, and Ebba Dinka. Kelsey Sheets is in the background.

Alumni value early art training

Douglas Witmer has a blue and yellow painting hanging in his studio that he did in third or fourth grade. It's a reminder of his elementary years at Locust Grove where teacher Velma Magill created a "relaxed and personally supportive environment" for exploring the arts. It was there at Locust Grove where the 1989 LMS graduate learned fundamental techniques that would lead to his life work as a respected contemporary artist. His abstract paintings have been exhibited internationally and appear in numerous private and corporate collections in the U.S.

Magill's influence didn't stop when Witmer left Locust Grove. During his high school years, she took him to paint flowers in Charles Demuth's garden in downtown Lancaster and later to the Philadelphia Museum of Art where he saw abstract painting for the first time.

"Seeing a large piece by the painter Franz Kline that day, I knew almost immediately painting would be my vocation," he said.

While Witmer was in college, Magill introduced him to highly regarded artist Warren Rohrer, who became an important mentor to Witmer. Rohrer, a 1945 LMS graduate, died in 1995.

A graduate of Goshen College and Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, Witmer describes his art work as solid simple forms and colors, explaining that simplicity is often more challenging than making complexity.

"For me it's a compelling outlook in today's world," he says, "and it is something I attribute to my upbringing in the Mennonite culture." Witmer lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Rebecca Thut, and their three children. To learn more about his work, go to www.douglaswitmer.com.

Ross Lehman, a 2006 LMS graduate, says his art experiences at Kraybill had a great impact on his decision to become an art education major at Messiah College.

"At Kraybill, I was able to grow in the skills that God has given me with the instruction of Mrs. Weinstein," he says. "But something much more valuable than skills was given to me there. Through the encouragement of Mrs. Weinstein I found myself feeling much more enthusiastic about art and more self-confident within myself to create art. I must admit, I don't remember the projects very well, but I do remember the encouragement I received.

"I think confidence in one's self is the most important aspect of art in the earlier years of education. Self-confidence gave me the ability to be willing to try new things, to be criticized without feeling like I was a bad artist, and to further my artistic abilities on my own.

"To this day, Mrs. Weinstein still asks me about what I am doing with my art, and it means a lot to me that she is still interested in my art career."

This fall the Lancaster native will be a sophomore at Messiah.



Douglas Witmer, 1989



Ross Lehman, 2006

■ Twelve seniors received top department awards at the high school awards assembly in May. In photo at right, they are, front, left to right: Jung Eun (Jessica) Kwak, science; Trevor Kuhlengel, mathematics; Darin Miller, physical education; and Eric Yoder, business. Back, left to right: Kersten Harnly, music; Renee Buckwalter, family and consumer sciences; Audrey Landis, agriculture; Franklin Peiffer, English; Eric Lefever, technology education; Jason Sprunger, social studies; Bethany Johnson, world language; and Daniel Lehman, art.



■ For the third year in a row, the high school had the winning team at the county Envirothon which was held at Lancaster County Park in April. Team members, all FFA students, are Brent Ranck, Suzanne Yocom, Tyler Breneman, Sarah Wenrich and Derek Nissley. In May, the team went on to compete in the state Envirothon at Penn State. The competition involved topics such as wildlife, forestry, and soils, as well as this year's current issue: renewable and alternative energy.

■ The following juniors have been invited to participate in the 2008 National Merit Program's College Plans Reporting Service: Michael Baer, Charise Garber, Janae Lapp, Ted Maust, Darren Weinhold, and Kira Wenger.

■ Colleges and universities awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to LMH seniors this year.

■ In May, Locust Grove honored 10 students who were awarded the Outstanding Academic Excellence Award—those earning a 3.5 GPA and being at or above the 85th percentile in math or reading in their achievement tests. They are: Sofonias Assefa, Kelli Evans, Melina Godshall, Kelsey Good, Emily Horst, Tanner Horst, Tasha Landis, Matthew Lauver, Brandon Peterson and Sally



The winning Envirothon team, left to right: Suzanne Yocom, Tyler Breneman, Brent Ranck, Derek Nissley and Eli Passage (who took the place of Sarah Wenrich at the state level).

Wenger. The award is part of the President's Educational Awards Program.

Peer programs teach leadership, benefit younger students

At Lancaster Mennonite, several peer programs are helping students learn how to become effective leaders. Through Kraybill's Peer Helpers program, in existence for at least 12 years, eighth graders are trained in leading discussion groups, practicing inclusion, and leading activities where group success depends on everyone's cooperation. After their training, the eighth graders practice their skills with the sixth graders in small group settings. The program also connects incoming sixth graders with older students who help the younger ones feel welcomed and accepted.

At the Lancaster Campus, a similar program called PALS (peer assistance leaders) trains high school leaders to help middle schoolers resolve conflicts, grow in their relationship with God, make responsible music/media choices, gain confidence in problem solving, trust others, and better understand and accept persons different from themselves.



Kraybill 8th grade peer helpers practice communication skills in preparation for leading sixth grade groups. Left to right, they are Amanda Stoltzfus, Boni Garber, Carissa Sherer, and Courtney Noll.

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| August 20 | Lanc. Campus New Student Orientation, 6:30 p.m. |
| August 22 | First day of school |
| September 15 | Lancaster Menno Nite at the Barnstormers, 7:05 p.m. |
| October 14 | Fall Open House, 1–3 p.m. at Lancaster |
| October 21 | Nickel Mines Concert at Lancaster 3 p.m. |
| November 1 | Prospective Student Day—All Campuses |
| November 15–17 | Fall Gathering & Auction—Lancaster High school play, <i>Animal Farm</i> , 7:30 p.m. |



Agribusiness Management team members are Charise Garber, Derek Nissley, Kandace Hershey, and Ashley Dagen. Garber received a gold medal, Nissley received a silver and Hershey received a bronze during FFA Week this past June. In September the team will compete at the Big E at Springfield, Mass.

■ During the annual FFA Activities Week held June 12–14 at Penn State University, the Hans Herr FFA chapter received a gold medal for the National Chapter Application which documented school activities from the past year. Thirty LMH students participated in the FFA event.

In career development events, the Agribusiness Management team and the Agricultural Salesmanship team took second place. The Environmental Resource Management team placed third. Jenessa Weaver, daughter of Jay and Joyce Weaver, attended Activities Week as a state officer candidate. The teams were coached by teachers Lem Metzler, Ryan King, Andy Hershey and Justine Beiler.

■ Six New Danville students received top honors at the end of this past school year. Eighth grader Rachel Dickinson took first place in the mile run at the Mid-Atlantic Christian Schools Association track meet on May 6. Five others received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award. They are: Donny Benkendorf (8th), Jasmine Graybill (8th), Chloe Mattilio (6th) Darren Yoder (8th), and Andre Zimmerman (5th).

■ Two high school students were selected for PA Governor’s Schools that were held June 24–July 28: Devin Troy attended the PA Governor’s School for the Arts at Mercyhurst College in Erie, and Suzanne Yocom attended the PA Governor’s School for the Ag Sciences at Penn State. They are among 752 students selected from 3,900 applicants across the state.



New Danville students, left to right, honored this spring: Chloe Mattilio, Darren Yoder, Andre Zimmerman, Donny Benkendorf, Rachel Dickinson, Jasmine Graybill.



Devin Troy



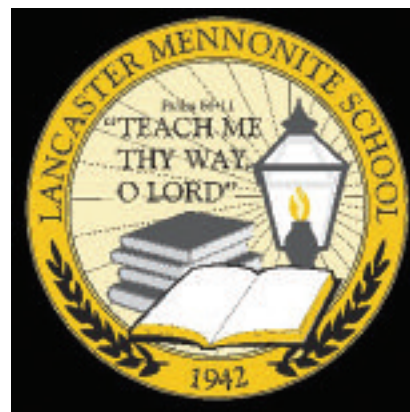
Suzanne Yocom

■ Miriam Martin, who served on the LMS board’s Conference Advisory Council for 13 years, died July 3 after a brief illness. Martin was conference minister and administrator of Mennonite Church USA’s Atlantic Coast Conference.



Miriam Martin

■ Director of Marketing Gary Hiller recently created a new seal for the school. Seals, which typically symbolize a school’s heritage and culture, are



LMS Seal

generally reserved for ceremonial purposes and official documents such as graduation diplomas, certificates, and special letters. The new seal bears the school’s motto which is inscribed on the stone pillars flanking the main entrance to the Lancaster Campus. While logos periodically change, seals provide a more enduring connection with the past.

Staff recognized for years of service

Three high school teachers retired at the end of the school year.

Vernon Rice, who retired after teaching health/physical education for 35 years, started the high school soccer program and helped the boys and girls soccer teams win 783 victories and 33 championship titles.

“It was a privilege and a pleasure to work with the excellent faculty members and staff persons at the school,” he said, “and I cherished the opportunity I had to teach and coach hundreds of outstanding students.”

Lehman Metzler taught ag, science and technology for 27 years. In 1993 he helped establish the school’s Hans Herr FFA Chapter which produced many award winning teams at the state and national levels.

“The most rewarding aspect of working with LMS students has been the opportunity to see the growth in the lives of students as they develop life direction and to see them later contributing to the work of God’s kingdom and assuming significant leadership roles in our local communities and around the world.”



Vernon Rice



Lehman Metzler



Helen Miller

Helen Miller retired after teaching mathematics for 10 years. Staff members recognized for years of service include Ernest Hess, Lancaster Campus guidance, 30 years; Robert Pennington, Locust Grove Campus custodial, 25 years; Sylvia Weaver, Kraybill Campus music and Challenge, 20 years; Herbert Kraybill, Lancaster maintenance, 20 years; Susan Burkholder, Locust Grove health/phys.ed., 20 years; Philomena Behmer, Lancaster food services, 20 years; Timothy Weber, Lancaster custodial, 15 years; John Miller, Lancaster music, 15 years; and Mary Mast, Kraybill grade 3, 10 years.

Facilities move forward: an update

Lancaster Campus academic building/welcome center: Site work for this new facility is expected to begin this fall since 80 percent of the \$12 million project has been raised.

About \$3 million is needed to complete the facility which is targeted for the fall of 2008.

The new facility will provide classrooms for mathematics, science (including science labs), business education, and family and consumer science. It will also serve as a welcome center for the campus, with office space for system-wide personnel.

For information on how you can help, call Director of Advancement Heidi Stoltzfus at (717) 394-7107 or Superintendent Richard Thomas at (717) 299-0436, ext. 301.



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Kraybill Campus renovations: In late July the school board gave final approval to beginning construction of the rear lobby as soon as 80% of the funding is provided in cash and pledges. This part of the Kraybill renovations, being dedicated to former Kraybill student Kristin Palazzo who died in November, will connect the rear of the middle school wing to the auditorium/gym area.

Kraybill Campus staff member James Baer will serve as general contractor. Plans are to begin construction this fall.



Kraybill Principal John Weber and his wife, Janet, recently completed a coast to coast bicycle trip to raise funds for the Kraybill renovations. So far, the 51-day venture has raised \$48,390. For information on how you can still make a donation toward the Kraybill renovations, please call Gary Hiller at (717) 653-5236.

Shertzer brings home first state title

Lancaster Mennonite High School enjoyed an exceptional spring sports season with its first state title and three section championships.

Lindsey Shertzer, who graduated in June, brought home the school's first state gold medal when she captured the Class AA 1,600-meter title this spring at the PIAA Track and Field Championship.

Several days later, staff surprised Shertzer with a special celebration during chapel that included a clip of her final three victory laps.

"I wasn't expecting that at all," she said. "I was really, really honored."

What a season she had. Prior to her state title, Shertzer took gold in the 1,600 and 3,200-meter races at the League meet and gold in the 1,600 at the District meet.

In addition, boys volleyball, girls soccer and baseball all won their section championships and advanced to District play. Volleyball and soccer advanced to States as well.

Head varsity coaches for the four sports were Dennis Kauffman, track and field; Jeff Kindrew, boys volleyball; Vernon Rice, girls soccer; and Jim Langley, baseball.

At the middle school level, the Kraybill girls track team placed first for the tenth consecutive year at the Commonwealth Christian Athletic Conference (CCAC) and the ninth consecutive year at the Mid-Atlantic Christian Schools Association (MACSA). In addition, the Kraybill boys track team has taken first in the CCAC track meet for five consecutive years.

Kraybill students won 38 blue ribbons at the two events. At MACSA, Samantha Ginder took six blue ribbons, Kaitlin Brubaker and Molly Brubaker four, Abigail Harder and Beth Miller three, and Jessica Rheinheimer two. Athletic Director Ken Schildt heads up Kraybill's track program.



PHOTO: LINDA WINGARD



PHOTO: KATHY HURST



PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE LANGLEY

Photos: Top—Lindsey Shertzer leads the pack at the state meet. Second—volleyball team members celebrate their section title. Third—members of the baseball team celebrate their section win: left to right, they are Zach Yoder, D.J. Weaver, Coach Jim Langley and Ben Adams. Bottom—Kelsey Gorman heads in a goal against Annville-Cleona. At right—Kraybill student Bonnie Garber runs the 400-meter relay at CCAC, which was won by the Kraybill team. Garber won two blue ribbons at the CCAC and MACSA events.



PHOTO: DIANE BRUBAKER



PHOTO: JOYCE COTE

CLASS NOTES

Duane C.S. Stoltzfus, 1977, Goshen, Ind., recently authored a book, *Freedom From Advertising: E.W. Scripps's Chicago Experiment*, published by the University of Illinois Press. The book, part of the university's History of Communication series, details Scripps' short-lived experiment. Scripps wanted his ad free newspaper to champion the causes of working-class readers without the fear of employers such as department store Marshall Field's bankrupting his project by pulling its ads. Stoltzfus is associate professor of communication and department chair at Goshen College. He worked as a journalist for more than 15 years, most recently as a staff editor at *The New York Times*.



Duane Stoltzfus

T. K. Dannelley, 1992, Fort Worth, Texas, made the news this spring when his team, the Dallas Mavericks, swept the Division I and II national championships at the 2007 National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament at Lexington,

Kentucky. Dannelley was a major contributor in the Division II championship game when he led the Mavericks with 20 points. Dannelley works for GMAC Financing, coaches a women's wheelchair basketball team, and teaches Sunday School. In addition, he coordinates community services for the two wheelchair basketball teams in Dallas; they visit schools and businesses where they educate about wheelchair basketball and other disability sports.



T.K. Dannelley

Carol Shenk, 1986, Bornman and family recently moved to Dakar, Senegal, where she will be teaching journalism and English at Dakar Academy.

Sarah E. Shirk, 1999, Chicago, Ill. began a three-year term with Christian Peacemaker Teams in December 2006. She will transition to the CPT project in Barrancabermeja, Columbia, in 2008.

Matthew J. Bauman, 2002, Chicago, Ill. is working at Northwestern University as a lab technician in the neurophysiology lab.

Eastern Mennonite University athlete **Joy Shaiebly, 2003**, Lancaster, was named to the 2007 All-Academic Team by the Virginia Sports Information Directors. To be eligible, student athletes were required to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better. For her career in women's soccer at EMU, Shaiebly allowed only 74 goals in 5836:37 minutes played while recording 24 career shutouts. She ranks second in the EMU record books in minutes played and is tied for second in shutouts in a season with nine. Shaiebly was named to the 2006 All-ODAC First Team while also being named an NSCAA All-American and VaSID All-State second team award winner.

Kristen Ciaccia, 2007, Honey Brook, was awarded the Landis Homes Art Student Award for 2007. In return for the artwork, Landis Homes made contributions to the LMH art department and a scholarship to Ciaccia to further her education at Shippensburg University this fall.

MARRIAGES

Annie E. Wenger, 1969, and Herbert C. Nabigon, July 15, 2006. They reside

Lancaster Menno Nite at the Barnstormers

On September 15, students, alumni and all other LMS friends are invited to Clipper Magazine Stadium for the all-school Lancaster Menno Nite at the Barnstormers, which will end with the last fireworks of the year. This annual outing brings together the Kraybill, Locust Grove, New Danville

and Lancaster campuses, which has a PreK-12 enrollment of about 1,600 students. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.

As the largest group in the stadium (LMS will have three sections), the school will have the opportunity to throw the first pitch, and LMS students will be selected for various between-inning contests. The night's give-away

item will be the school's black and gold rally towel (see graphic) while supplies last. LMS students, alumni and families are encouraged to wear school logo items, sports jerseys, or the school colors of black and gold.

Send in your order by August 31 for the group discount. The Saturday night game is expected to be sold out.



Ticket Order Form

_____ STUDENTS @ \$5.00 each = \$ _____
 _____ Children under 5 yrs. @ \$5.00 = \$ _____
 _____ ADULTS @ \$7.00 each = \$ _____
 _____ After September 7 @ \$8.00 each = \$ _____
 (all ages, pending availability)
 _____ TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

MAIL TICKETS TO:

Name _____
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 Phone _____

Make checks payable to Lancaster Mennonite School
 MAIL TO: Janet Kreider, Kraybill Campus
 598 Kraybill Church Road
 Mount Joy, PA 17552

After the start of the school year, order forms may be submitted to the office of any LMS campus. For more information contact Janet Kreider at (717) 653-5236 or kreiderjc@lancastermennonite.org.

in Sudbury, Ontario, where Annie is a doctoral candidate in human studies at Laurentian University.

Laura Kukich, 1995, and Eric Dawson, June 19, 2004. They live in Plymouth Meeting. Laura is the director of Generic Rx at AmerisourceBergen Corporation in Valley Forge. She is a 1999 graduate of Penn State University.

Tiffany Hershey, 1997, and Benjamin Betz, May 25, 2007. They live in Lititz. Tiffany is a senior specialist in computer applications development at Lancaster Laboratories.

Travis Bare, 1999, and Nicole Sensenig, June 15, 2007. They live in Lancaster.

Kendra Bollinger, 2002, and Darin Martin, January 29, 2005. They live in Reinholds.

BIRTHS

Glen and **Sharon Horst, 1976**, **Bollinger**, Ephrata, sixth daughter, second son, Viktoria Danielle, June 14, 1996, and Alex Michael, February 19, 1998, both adopted March 21, 2006, from Russia.

Darin, 1988, and Kimberly **Herr**, Leola, second daughter, third child, Kara Mae, May 24, 2007.

Armando and **Monica Nissley, 1990**, **Ferri**, Cranberry, second child, first son, Armando John III, February 20, 2007.

Kristopher, 1991, and **Annette Milich, 1993**, **Frey**, Ronks, first child, Nicolette Anabella, April 19, 2007.

Tim and **Cheryl Lehman, 1991**, **Railsback**, Denver, Colo., first child, Nicole Faith, June 28, 2001; second child, Connor John, June 7, 2003, and third child, Zachary Jiang, September 3, 2004, adopted August 23, 2006.

Rodney, 1993, and **Sherry Smoker, 1997**, **Gingrich**, Columbia, second and third sons, Benjamin Levi and Bradley John, April 6, 2007.

Bryan and **Heidi Shultz, 1993**, **Pence**, Stanford, Ky., second son, Andrew Robert, September 25, 2006.

John and **Amy Rissler, 1993**, **Shultz**, Lampeter, third child, second son, Adam Richard, January 2, 2007.

Chris, 1996, and **Megan Smoker, 1999**, **Beiler**, Gap, second child, first daughter, Victoria Caryn, August 8, 2006.

Korey and **Krista Reiff, 1997**, **Weaver**, East Earl, third child, second son, Karson Michael, May 4, 2006.

Joel, 2000, and Jessica **Buckwalter**, Ephrata, second child, first son, Adam Joel, December 31, 2006.

Josh and **Tricia Bollinger, 2000**, **Buckwalter**, Lititz, first son, Caden Jeffrey, April 12, 2005, and second son, Brenin Joshua, September 14, 2006.

Jason, 2000, and Stephanie **Breneman**, Columbia, first child, Noah Lamar, April 27, 2007.

Gregory and **Doreen Shirk, 2001**, **Nicholas**, Woodstock, Va., a son, Micah Adam, March 26, 2007. Greg and Doreen were married July 31, 2004.

DEATHS

Victor R. Weaver, 1949, New Holland, June 18, 2007.

J. Olleck Forry, 1950, Lititz, May 18, 2007.

Velma R. Bomberger Weaver, 1952, Manheim, January 3, 2007.

Don't miss this September 12 event!

Business Networking Breakfast

Three principles have impacted founder and chairman David Hollinger in his leadership at Four Seasons Produce: (1) If I can't do great things, I'll do small things in a great way; (2) Hire good, honest, hard working people and turn them loose; and (3) Philippians 2:4, "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Attend Lancaster Mennonite's third Business Networking Breakfast, Wednesday, September 12, at Four Seasons and learn how these principles have helped the 1970 Lancaster Mennonite graduate shape and grow one of the largest independent produce wholesalers in the country. The breakfast will feature Four Seasons food prepared by their company chef.

The breakfast events, besides being opportunities to hear about the journeys

of local business persons, are excellent opportunities to connect with friends and alumni who share similar business values.

The event, planned by the school's Alumni Association, will run from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. There is no cost to attend the breakfast. Major sponsors are Four Seasons Produce Inc. and Premier Companies, LLC.

To register, contact Director of Alumni Relations Jeff Shank at shankja@lancastermennonite.org or (717) 394-7107. Space is limited to the first 75 respondents.

Directions to Four Seasons Produce, located at 400 Wabash Road, Ephrata, will be posted on the alumni page at www.lancastermennonite.org. ■



David Hollinger, 1970

Rhoda Kennel, 1954, Mountville, June 30, 2007, from lung cancer. She taught high school English at LMS from 1965–1969.

Harlan Lee Weaver, 1969, Atglen, May 7, 2007, after a long illness.

Michael Stockin, 2001, Strasburg, July 23, 2007, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Bryant A. Houseal, 2006, Lancaster, June 24, 2007, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

Class Reunions

- 1957** **October 11–12, 2007**
- 1967** **October 13, 2007**
- 1972** **September 15, 2007**
- 1977** **November 17, 2007**
- 1997** **November 3, 2007**
- 2002** **August 25, 2007**

For more information, go to www.lancastermennonite.org or call (717) 394-7107.

Iron Bridge Run and basketball tournament set for November 17

Mark your calendars now for the 2007 Iron Bridge Run and 3 v 3 basketball tournament which will be held Saturday, November 17, at the Lancaster Campus in conjunction with the Fall Gathering & Auction. The run, starting at 9:30 a.m., will benefit the track and field facility. Brochures for the basketball tournament will be available in early September. Both events are open to alumni and other friends. Contact Jeff Shank at (717) 394-7107 or shankja@lancastermennonite.org.



Last year's Iron Bridge Run raised \$28,760 for the school and attracted 220 runners and walkers.

We want you to know

- **Thank you!** The 2007 Alumni Phonathon raised \$162,000 for the Annual Fund. About \$48,000 of that is Challenge Fund matching dollars from the alumni board and other friends.
- **Messiah singers needed:** LMS will perform Handel's *Messiah* Sunday, December 9, at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Alumni and other friends who have sung the piece are invited to join the high school choral groups. Please contact director John Miller at (717) 299-0139, (717) 299-0436 ext. 343, or millerjj@lancastermennonite.org.
- **Addresses are needed** of alumni who left home and did not notify us of their new address. If your children are in this group, please help us out so we can update our records. Write to Deborah Sprunger at sprungerdl@lancastermennonite.org.

Concert to remember Amish families

LMH graduate Frances Miller (1994) will join the Canadian duo of composer/pianist Carol Weaver and singer/song writer Rebecca Campbell in a concert October 21 to observe the one-year anniversary of the Nickel Mines tragedy when five Amish school girls were killed. The concert will be held in the school's Fine Arts Center at 3 p.m. An offering will be taken to help cover expenses.

Miller will open the concert, singing some of her own songs as she plays the violin, viola or drums. Campbell and Weaver will follow with Campbell singing compositions by Weaver, with Weaver at the piano.

Campbell works with many artists, including Weaver, a music professor at Conrad Grebel University College/University of Waterloo. After the Nickel Mines tragedy, Weaver wrote a song for the five girls, titled, "Lobsang." Both Campbell and Weaver have produced numerous CD's and have performed together nationally and internationally. Their music has been described as "adventurous and imaginative, with joyous fusions of folk, jazz, roots, art and world music—daring, calming, grounded and passionately connected with the world round about."

Miller, a free-lance musician, recently completed a fourth CD of her own songs, featuring a unique instrument called



Rebecca Campbell, left, and Carol Weaver.
PHOTO: ELAINE HO

the Hang drum. In August she will move to Sperryville, Va., where she will teach music at the Waldorf School and perform in the Washington, D.C./Philadelphia/New York region. She is the daughter of John and Helen Miller.



Frances Miller
PHOTO: JOHN MILLER

Teacher, peacemaker: David Shenk

David Shenk has a passion for worldwide mission work, especially as it relates to the Muslim people.

"I have a special interest in encouraging faithful Christian peacemaking, presence, and witness among Muslims," he said. Shenk, who grew up in the Tanzanian home of pioneer Mennonite missionaries, J. Clyde and Alta Barge Shenk, has opened doors for fellowship and ministry within churches and missions in approximately 100 countries.

During an April staff appreciation banquet, Lancaster Mennonite School honored the 1955 graduate as its 2007 Alumnus of the Year. Shenk also was recognized at the annual LMS Dinner Theatre later the same week, although he was not able to be present.

Shenk's life experiences include the following:

- From 1961 to 1963 he taught Bible and history at his alma mater. "I loved teaching so much," he said, "that Friday evenings I wished it was Monday morning!"
- In 1963 he and his wife, Grace, began a ten-year assignment with Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) in Muslim Somalia where he helped to develop the Somalia Mennonite Missions educational program.
- From 1973 to 1979 his family served in Kenya where Shenk taught in the religious studies department of the Kenyatta University College of the University of Nairobi. He gave leadership to developing a scriptural course for Muslims, "The People of God," which has been translated into about 45 languages.
- From 1979 to 1998 he served in home and international administration at the EMM headquarters in Salunga.
- Following that assignment, he and Grace served at Lithuania Christian College for four years, where he was academic dean and professor of theology.
- In the fall of 2001 he and Grace visited 24 countries in Europe and the former Soviet Union representing Lithuania Christian College as well as EMM's commitment to minister within Muslim societies. He also



Lancaster Mennonite School Superintendent Richard Thomas, left, presents a framed frat-tur to David Shenk, the school's 2007 Alumnus of the Year.

served in pastoral ministries/church planting leadership in East Africa and North America.

- Today Shenk is a global mission consultant with EMM, with a special focus on ministry and witness among Muslims.

The Mountville resident expressed appreciation for the honor and thanked the school for giving him not only a solid foundation, good friends and valued teachers, but a wife who, he says, has made it possible for him to be so involved in mission and church work.

Shenk has authored, co-authored, or edited 15 books related to missions and the relationship of the Gospel to other religions, including *A Muslim and a Christian in Dialogue*; *Journeys of the Muslim Nation and the Christian Church*, *Exploring the Mission of Two Communities*; and *Anabaptists Meeting Muslims*, *A Calling for Presence in the Way of Christ*, a collection of 70 essays that he edited with two colleagues.

He received a degree in social studies

and theology from Eastern Mennonite University. From New York University he received a masters in social studies education and a doctorate in religious studies education and anthropology.

The Shenks attend Mountville Mennonite Church and have four children, three of whom graduated from LMS: Doris Shenk, 1981; Jonathan Shenk, 1984; and Timothy Shenk, 1988. Karen Shenk Zeager, the oldest, graduated from Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya. They have seven grandchildren.

The Alumnus of the Year 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—"Offering an excellent, Christ-centered PreK-12 education that transforms students so they can change our world through Christ-like love, peacemaking and service."

Making it possible for the next generation

This spring I learned of nine students who would not be returning to Lancaster Mennonite School because their families cannot afford tuition, even after receiving financial aid.

It is obvious that LMS needs to increase its financial aid to our middle income families who have several children. This need, which matches what private school educational journals are saying, presents a real challenge.

School revenue is provided by tuition, gifts to the Annual Fund, endowment earnings and other income such as rental of school buildings. Tuition increases and donations tend to be in line with inflation, and rental income has basically maxed out. So, where will the money come from?

Increasing tuition to increase aid for middle level income families would lead to a less diverse, more elitist school that would run counter to our biblical values and vision. Therefore, if the next generation of students is going to receive the values-added education the school provides, the LMS Endowment needs to increase significantly.

This vision will require significant efforts in planned giving and estate planning. Our endowment management formula allows us to use five percent of the endowment's value each year for

need-based scholarships. With the money wisely invested, our goal is to earn enough beyond the five percent to maintain the earning power of the endowment.

If a family has four children they could have a tuition bill as high as \$25,000 (depending on the grades of the children). If the family has an adjusted gross income of \$85,000 it would mean tuition would use nearly 30 percent of this income. It is assumed that most families cannot pay more than 15 percent of their income to tuition. With that reasoning, this family could afford to pay about \$12,000 in tuition and would require a grant of \$13,000.

Based on the endowment formula, LMS would need \$260,000 of endowment to provide the needed aid for this one family. We are working with other families who may have two children and a total income of \$25,000. How much of their income should they spend on tuition? If they spend \$1,000, the school would need to provide up to \$11,000 of need-based aid.

In these post-modern times we believe a Christ-centered education is increasingly important if we are to pass on faith to the next generation. Given the moral climate in which we live and the increasing financial squeeze fami-



J. Richard Thomas

lies are experiencing, we believe God is calling more persons to make a major investment through the LMS endowment. This vision will require gifts of \$5–10 million and many others up to \$1 million.

Many will give through their estates. Others will choose to give before they die so they can celebrate the difference their gift is making. I have been at LMS for over 30 years and usually do not know who is receiving financial aid. However, at times I do learn of a student who has received a major amount of aid who also is making a wonderful contribution in the church and society.

Through our giving and estate planning, you and I can increase the number of families who can afford a transforming Christ-centered education for their children. Please contact Heidi Stoltzfus, Jeff Shank or myself if you would like to learn more about your various giving options. As you join in this vision, you will be providing a Christ-centered education that transforms lives and changes our world.—jrt



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