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The Bed & Furniture Warehouse
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Doc Holliday's Steakhouse & Saloon
Four Seasons Produce
Good & Plenty Restaurant
Goodwill Industries of Southeastern
Pennsylvania
Hershey's Chocolate World
Intercourse News
Jackie's Beauty Salon
J.H. Brubaker
Jones Pontiac Buick
Kauffman's Fruit
Market
Kitchen Kettle
Village
Kuntz Leshner
LLP
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County
Foundation
Landis Foods
Lapp's Family
Restaurant
Martin's Appliances
Mellon Bank
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Paul Risk Associates, Inc
Pep Boys
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Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant
Pletcher's Sunoco Station
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Mount Joy
Serteen Club—National Youth Service
Day (Heather Groff, Brittany
Ream, Jennifer Rohrer, Tracy
Weisser, Kristen Cooke, Katelyn
Gillespie)
Scheid Produce Inc.
Sight & Sound Theatres
SIMON LEVER & COMPANY
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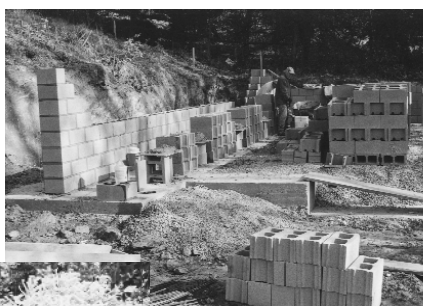
INDIVIDUAL

M/M Eileen and John Barakat
Terry and Susan Blue
Ann Bressi
Tina Coates
Joseph and Marianne Coover
Al Duncan
Peter Emerson, the staff and farmers
at Goodwill @ Homefields
M/M Harold Farmer
Patrick Flaherty
Ms. Allison Hawthorne
William C. Haynes, Esq.
Helen S. Hostetter
Bob Kreider, Sue Funk, and all the
Overlook Staff
R. James Lafferty
The Lyet Family
Carolyn S. Nunan

Rocky Road

There is a brief span of time during the harshest days of winter when the trainee-farmers will leave the Goodwill@Homefields' vocational program to work at off-site placements. But by February, 1 or 2 growers will be back working 3 to 4 days a week with Peter Emerson, Farm Manager, and Scott Brenneman, Trainee Supervisor.

To prepare for the new season, Homefields' second greenhouse, which is now sheltering equipment,



Jim Determan (left) clears the way for our new equipment shed. Paul Risk Associates (top and bottom) builds the foundation.



must be converted. To do this, we are welding steel braces to enclose the gable ends, installing wiring and a ventilation system, and building raised beds. This greenhouse will then be used as a cold frame, accepting seedlings started in the first greenhouse in need of hardening before being planted in the fields. Having the second greenhouse in operation will allow for more trainees to work at the farm.

Using the second greenhouse means that the farm equipment will be displaced. Homefields' property committee, farm manager, and Paul Risk Associates Inc. determined that an area with rock outcroppings too infertile to farm was the proper place to construct an equipment shed.

Homefields is a nonprofit organization with a resource of knowledgeable and capable volunteers and a community of support, an alchemy we rely upon weekly. Mr. Jim Determan, a parent and full-time volunteer, set to pulverize the rock with a hydraulic hammer on loan from Pflumm Contractors, Inc., Millersville, to prepare for concrete footers. The outcroppings proved to be a mammoth, solid rock. Weeks later, a second larger hydraulic hammer was brought to the property to finish the job but the rock stood fast. The square footage of the shed base had to be reduced in size, and we've exceeded the \$6,193 grant from The Lancaster County Foundation by several thousands, but the additional expense is warranted to preserve our fertile garden plots.



Scott Brenneman, trainee supervisor, unloads blueberry bushes to be planted between the ranch house and the fields.

Fields Asleep But CSA's Abuzz

Dry leaves upon the wall,
Which flap like rustling wings and seek
escape
A single frosted cluster on the grape
Still hangs—

Sarah Chauncey Woolsey
The Olde Farmer's Almanac

Seasons divide our days into purposeful parts and remind us of the continuum of life. As November marks the end of the harvest season at the Goodwill@Homefields' vocational program, restoration and rekindling begins.

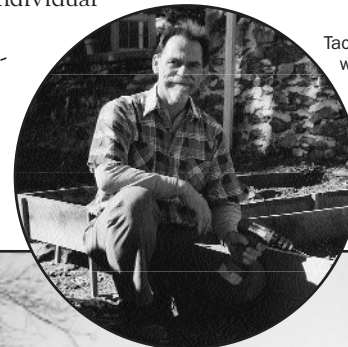
A small mountain of teaming compost partitions the east field from the west waiting to meet the nutritional demands of acres of forthcoming plantlets, thousands of garlic bulbs nestle under a blanket of straw, spinach and chard continue to offer up green leaves for consumption, plots have been fortified with clover in preparation for future grapevines, and raised beds are being built to hold a multitude of herbs. Midday sunshine beaming off the barn makes you forget that twilight is just a few hours away, that winter is on the horizon, and that farming commitments never end.

Goodwill@Homefields is a vocational program for adults with developmental disabilities and is also a stand-alone business. There is no wing, department, room, workbench, or sequestered space for a farmer to report to. When the trainees arrive in the morning, they arrive at a versatile business that is their responsibility. Each person must call upon their individual skills and pull together as a team member to create a product that is of the highest quality, can withstand the toughest competition from other Lancaster County farms, and satisfy the expectations of their customers. It is through this effort and risk-taking that egos are reinforced, abilities fortified, and beautiful vegetables presented to the shareholders.

November 19 marks the last day for trainee-farmers Dan, Brad, Eric, Glenn, German, and Nathan to harvest vegetables for the 42-family Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shareholders who participated in the program this year. Even though November is drawing to a close, members are still being rewarded for their commitment to Goodwill@Homefields with organically grown potatoes, radishes, acorn and butternut squash, spinach, herbs, chiles, broccoli, and Chinese cabbage to take home.

The farm is becoming evermore bounteous, pristine, efficient and effective as a training program. The majority of trainees have returned, bringing experience with them from last year, and a few new faces have appeared. Everyone comes together to bring a variety of physical abilities to the program from mowing the grass, as a robust person is wont to do, to planting seeds in starter containers which requires the use of small motor skills and a more focused perspective. Recognizing and developing individual

skills plus stressing personal responsibility will be the vocational focus as Goodwill@Homefields enters into the third year of farming.



Tack Trostle is a CSA member who donated his time to build raised beds along the barn. Brad, Nathan, and Glenn (below), prepare radishes for the farm stand.





Tourney Wrap-Up

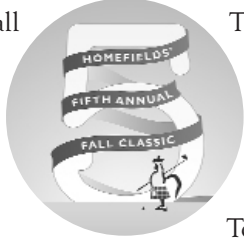
Homefields' Fifth Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament was held Wednesday, September 12 at Overlook Golf Course, the most widely-played public course in Lancaster County.

This year golfers were given new opportunities to have fun such as a free Pass, Kick, or Punt coupon option to play golf like a youngster on a football field. The coupon gave validation to people who didn't want to call this approach "cheating". Players who registered early could come early and hit balls "on us" and there was a putting contest for prizes on hole #6.

Hole-In-One sponsor – Jones Pontiac Buick, 1335 Manheim Pike, Lancaster, Pa. Prize: 2001 Buick Lesabre Custom No winner.

Peter Emerson, Goodwill@Homefields farm manager, and Nathan, trainee-farmer, were called upon to announce winners and hand out prizes. Peter and Nathan arranged a display reflecting the activity at the farm and offered an acorn squash to every golfer. Homefields has good reason to believe that no other golf tournament can make this claim.

Allison Hawthorne, Tournament Co-Chair, presented Susan C. and



Terry Blue with an elegant etched glass ice bucket, iceburgs and small glasses to express Homefields appreciation to the Blues.

Susan, CEO of Community Services Group and Terry, Elizabethtown Town College, have made this tournament possible and backed Homefields' Fall Classic in every way possible

An acorn squash for every golfer

through corporate sponsorship, personal time and expense, and professional connections since the first tournament held in 1997.

Dinner was catered by Distinctive Affairs Catering Towels embroidered with MacGregor Rooster logo

Next tournament: September 13, 2002 at Overlook



Terry (far left) and Susan (far right) on the Ninth Hole.

Ping Zing

Mr. Kenneth R. Daugert, Ohio, is the lucky and happy man who held the Homefields' Golfer's Dream Raffle winning ticket. This raffle drawing has become an annual event complimenting Homefields' Fall Classic Golf Tournament held at Overlook Golf Course, Lancaster. Mr. Daugert chose to gift back to Homefields the two rounds of golf for two at Lancaster Country Club and Bent Creek Country Club.

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Homefields Mission Statements

Residential Our mission is to create a financially secure, long-term home in a safe, family-like setting where there is respect for the individual in a holistic sense and fun and creativity are revered as basic human needs.

Vocational Our mission is to provide agricultural/ horticultural facilities for individuals who prosper with supported employment; to nurture integration through community interaction and to cultivate a spirit of volunteerism within our community.

Dear Reader:

THANK YOU for caring enough about Homefields to invest your time in reading our newsletter. Having done so, you'll note that Homefields is currently in immediate need of approximately \$14,000 to buy equipment and tools for the vocational program, absorb the additional expense of the equipment shed construction not covered by our grant from The Lancaster County Foundation, and to complete the second greenhouse by February.

Homefields is an all-volunteer organization; the money we raise is given back to the program and nothing is spent on salaries. We do all the labor in-house we are capable of doing and are fortunate to have a long-standing relationship with the Lancaster County Office of Probation and Parole Services. Individuals who are required by law to donate 50 hours of labor to the community often come to Homefields.

No one enjoys asking for money, it is just something that Homefields has to do. But like the trainees, if we all pull together as a team we will get the job done. This newsletter is sent to 1300 addresses. If each reader sent a check to Homefields for \$10.77 we would meet our goal and you would be an official member of Team Homefields.

Thank you! Come visit us in the spring and enjoy seeing your money at work.



TED LYET RECOGNIZED

This year, Mr. Theodor Lyet, a gentleman who resides at Homefields, won the Ephrata Area Rehab Service/Community Service Award for his successful employment with a food service company contracted by QVC for cafeteria management. Ted washes pots and pans, serves food in the food line, and assists with catering parties in the cafeteria. He has all the attributes an employer is looking for. Ted is hard-working, conscientious, dependable, and has a positive attitude. Ted considers his job to be rewarding and his co-workers friends.



Your Dollars in the Field

In order to better develop human potential, the CSA needs to free managers and trainees from chores that tools and equipment are designed to tackle. Your donations will help Homefields Inc. (the landlord) provide the following items that Goodwill@Homefields is requesting:

Williams Tool System	\$2,821.00
3 Row, Planet Jr. Seeding Implement	2,450.00
'Eurospand' Fertilizer and Seed Spreader (large broadcaster)	380.00
4' Undercutter Blade for Digging Root Vegetables (with tool bar)	726.00
Rain-Flo Water Wheel Trans-planter, Model 1600-Pull Type	1,986.00
Packer	800.00
TOTAL	\$9,163.00



Homefields Mourns a Loss

A tribute was bestowed upon Mr. Robert J. Gray in Homefields' May newsletter. It is with sadness that our tribute must now turn into a retrospective of this charitable man. Mr. Gray died on the 16th day of August, 2001. Men who reside at Homefields served as pallbearers.



Farm Membership

The price of becoming a member of Goodwill@Homefields CSA has actually dropped this year, and we're adding a smaller-sized share for individuals. Full shares are now \$550 and half-shares are \$350 for the 28-week season. For more information on the program, an early bird discount, discounts for referred membership, etc., just return the coupon below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

Yes! Send me: _____ # of Golf Club tickets @ \$5 each
 _____ # of Harley tickets @ \$5 each _____ I don't want tickets, but here's a donation
 Total \$ _____

Check MasterCard Visa Discover/Novus American Express

Card # _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Signature _____

2002 Homefields Golf/Cycle Raffle

Please make checks payable to Homefields, Inc. and mail this coupon in the envelope provided. Credit cards will be processed free of charge by Miller's Smorgasbord. Your donations are tax-deductible.

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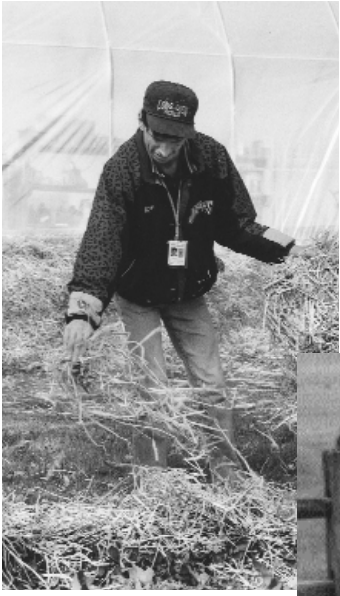
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Goodwill@Homefields Farm Program



Members of the Serteen Club—Heather Groff, Brittany Ream, Jennifer Rohrer, Tracy Weisser, Kristen Cooke, Katelyn Gillespie—pose after
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No it's not "American Gothic", it's parents Martha Bixler and Jim Determan pausing by the barn before going back into the fields.



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