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program continues to be accessible to those who try to make it on their own so that Homefields remains a place of integration and opportunity.

Scott Breneman, Farm Manager, Goodwill at Homefields, talked about Community Supported Agriculture and how it began in Japan by women who demanded fresh produce. They hired a farmer to grow vegetables just for them and the first CSA, or teikei, was born.

Although 50 fruits and vegetables are organically grown at our farm and 150 people have purchased shares of crops and benefit from the culture at Homefields, it is the 50 farmer trainees with special needs who are the heart of the vocational program.

Garber emphasized the importance of consumers buying directly from a Lancaster County producer. By doing so, all

## Homefields at The Agricultural Issues Forum (AIF)

On Nov. 9, Allison Hawthorne and Scott Breneman were invited by Senator-elect Michael Brubaker to present Homefields' history and programs to agri-industry leaders at the monthly Agricultural Issues Forum at the Eden Resort, Lancaster. Joining Allison and Scott was Lemont Garber, a member of the Blue Ribbon Committee for Agriculture in Lancaster County. Lemont discussed the importance of Buy Fresh, Buy Local.

Hawthorne, Board Member and Founding Director, Homefields, spoke about the foundation, mission, and pioneering vision of Homefields' parents and community partners. The result is a place where people with special needs prosper, both at the beautiful home setting for adults who have mental retardation, and the vocational farm program where adults with developmental disabilities grow organic produce for the community.

Allison described the broad-based community support that has been the history of Homefields and present and future challenges: confronting the push of encroaching housing construction, price escalation of neighboring farmland, zoning, the need for additional acres secured through ownership, and the desire for a third home linked to fields.

Many who find choice employment at our farm ride a city bus to Homefields' property from Lancaster to Millersville because they are unable to drive a car. It is critically important that the vocational



Above left, Senator-elect Michael Brubaker. Above, Scott Breneman, Farm Mgr., Goodwill at Homefields.

income goes to local farmers (farmers receive only 15 to 20 cents when products are processed and prepackaged). There are 500,000 people living in Lancaster County. If everyone spent just \$5.00 at a local farm, that would put \$2,500,000 into our local economy. Reducing transportation reduces pollution, local farm products have higher nutrients, and by supporting local markets, the quality of life is better for all.

Senator-elect Michael Brubaker is the founder and current Managing Director of the Agricultural Issues Forum, an organization devoted to improving the communication and networking functions of agricultural leaders. The Agricultural Issues Forum was formed in 1989, meetings are held monthly and are open to the public.

Linda Strauss, Editor

## REFLECTIONS from the PRESIDENT

2006 has been a good year for Homefields. After fifteen years of operation we have followed an old German tradition. We have planted our roots.

The Hans Herr house was built in 1719, but the farm it still stands on was started in 1710. Christian Herr and his family made sure the farm would support the family for future generations before building a substantial house for future generations to live.

Homefields has done the same. The Homefields office, a restored original farm building located between the residential and farm areas, is almost completed. Hopefully it will be used to support many generations at Homefields.

When Homefields opened in the early 1990s, we had a goal: To allow mentally challenged persons to live the fullest life possible in a rural setting.

First we bought a 9-acre farmette at 150/154 Letort Road in Millersville, teamed up with Community Services Group to provide staff, and opened two



President Christian Herr confers with Mark Semedo at the annual golf tournament.

homes on the property for six residents.

Volunteers did most of the work converting the homes to our residential needs. This set a basis for projects at Homefields: When contractors are needed, use them; when volunteers can do the job, allow them. Homefields has been very fortunate over the years; volunteers from all walks of life have said, "We can give you a hand" and have done most projects.

Homefields' next step toward its goal was to establish a working farm.

We owned 8 farmable acres and a barn. We reconditioned the barn, added an office, work areas, rest room facilities, and

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## In His Own Voice

Back in the early 90's, I was at an ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) meeting and Tom Strauss got up and asked for input on his thoughts on a residential concept, a farm home for the mentally challenged. Even though I did not speak up at the time, I began thinking about Tom's idea and talked to others, including my family. My family thought it was a good idea and wanted more information.

That was fifteen years ago. We made the decision to be part of Homefields. I'm glad we did. Our daughter Mary Beth has enjoyed years of independence that she could never have gotten. It gave my late wife Jerry, and has given me and my family peace of mind that we could not have had, had it not been for Homefields.

Homefields has been something that we as parents could be a part of. Helping to make Mary Beth comfortable was our aim. Then when that was completed we were able to watch her enjoy what we and others had tried to do. The feeling of knowing that Mary Beth is happy is the greatest thing that we as parents could ask for. It means that she has some independence and we can do things that include the rest of our family. Homefields' surroundings are beautiful and it is a real pleasure going out there and spending time with my daughter. THANKS HOMEFIELDS FOR BEING THERE FOR US.

I know this is no editorial but it comes from the heart.

Jim Determan  
Founding Parent  
Honorary Board Member  
Homefields

greenhouses. Here, too, volunteers did a lot of grunt work: removing a couple of tons of bedrock, replacing siding, etc., with a contractor finishing the project. We teamed with Goodwill Industries, vocational provider agency, which manages the Organic CSA (co-op) farm, Goodwill at Homefields' Farm program. Homefields maintains the property and has supplied most of the machinery—tractors, plows, irrigation system, etc. More than 40 physically and mentally challenged persons have participated in our farm program so far.

According to Scott Breneman, Goodwill at Homefields' Farm manager, the 2006 goals for the farm shares program have been met and he is working on 2007 plans, which is to have over 200 shareholders to make the program viable. We now have over 140 shareholders.

One day last fall showed how the continued story of Homefields unfolds. While Boy Scout volunteers worked on a project, families came and went, picking up their shares of the bounty harvested that week. Many families walked the fields with their children. Residents of Homefields came out to watch the project, while other volunteers helped to build our new office.

A reporter from a local paper came to write a story about Homefields. Eric Rooney, a farmer trainee, was interviewed and had his smiling picture on the front page with his story, which he told.

We have so much to thank our volunteers and contributors for. They make Homefields possible. Should you wish to become a volunteer on one of our committees: Property, Development, Residents' Advocacy, Media, or Expansion, please give me a call at 717-871-1756.

Hope you have a very Merry Christmas and or Holiday season and a Happy New Year. Thank you again for your support.

Christian R. Herr, Jr., President



## Skybox Gift

Mr. Tony Legenstein, President, Certified Carpet, treated the residents, parents, board members, staff and friends of Homefields to a Lancaster Barnstormers vs. Road Warriors baseball game at Lancaster's Clipper Magazine stadium on Monday, August 28. The Legenstein family's renowned generosity was personally extended to our gang as we relaxed in the Certified Carpet Skybox, enjoyed a delicious dinner and beverages, and then moved to the dugout box to shell peanuts under the summer stars and cheer our team on.



Tony Legenstein relaxes with Shawn, Susan, and Denny Dougherty in the skybox.

# Homefields' 10th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament—Friends

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Blue, Susan  
Blue, Terry  
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Dettinger, Jack  
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Dougherty, Denny  
Duncan, Al  
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Elk, Shon  
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Metro, Paul  
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Moyer, Mike  
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Price, Tim  
Risk, Paul  
Roach, Brian  
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Semedo, John  
Semedo, Mark  
Sheely, Jeremy  
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Smith, D.R.  
Smith, Greg  
Stephenson, Angie  
Stephenson, Tom  
Strauss, Dan  
Sturla, Mike  
Teixeira, Joe  
Teixeira, Tom  
Templeton, Chris  
Thompson, Carol  
Thompson, Don  
Thouvenot, Brian  
Tobiassen, Randy  
Tomlinson, Clark  
Thomas, Dan  
Trout, Don  
Tubay, Jim  
Tubay, Leo  
Van Name, Ted  
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Walls, Kurt  
Walsh, Jay  
Warfel, Dale  
Warte, Adam  
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Weaver, Julie  
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Tournaments

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A special thank you to....  
\*Those who joined us at  
Isaac's Restaurant and Deli,  
Centerville Rd., for the  
first "Community Night"  
Fundraiser on October 18.  
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Reed and Carolyn Semedo-  
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Steve Gainer donates his culinary skills to turn the tournament into a true fundraiser.

## STATISTICS

### A.M. ROUND

Winning Foursome, Net  
Low-Ron Kratofil; Rick  
Conley; Sam Nelson; Ron  
Carper  
Second Winning Team  
Men's Longest Drive  
#9-Jack Dettinger  
Lady's Longest Drive  
#9-Allison Hawthorne  
Men's Straightest Drive  
#11-Don Trout  
Lady's Straightest Drive  
#11-Jennifer Wimok  
Closest to the Pin #6-Don  
Trout 13' 2 1/2" Porsche for  
a Weekend Prize Winner  
Hole In One  
Putting Contest-Sam  
Nelson

### P.M. ROUND

Winning Foursome, Net  
Low-Jay Walsh; George  
Bottenfield; Bill Weston;  
Jack Dettinger  
Second Winning Team-  
Kurt Engel; Mike Lorelli;  
Steve Hershey; Jim Baxter  
Men's Longest Drive  
#9-Mike Brenneman  
Lady's Longest Drive  
#9-Pean Frey  
Men's Straightest Drive  
#11-Michael Muenz  
Lady's Straightest Drive  
#11-Jon Klingler  
Closest to the Pin #6-Dave  
Carlson 8' 10 3/4" Porsche  
for a Weekend Prize  
Winner  
Hole In One  
Putting Contest-Don  
Mowery

Net to Homefields  
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## VOLUNTEERS

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(32 people volunteered on  
tournament day)

## Meet Elizabeth

A Lancaster County native who moved to Oregon, Elizabeth Swope returned to her roots here at the farm, first as a shareholder, then as a part time employee and, now, full-time Assistant Farm Manager for the vocational program, Goodwill at Homefields.

Swope works one-on-one with the farmer trainees from Goodwill and side-by-side with Scott Breneman, Farm Manager. Elizabeth's smile reflects her joy in finding her bliss.



HF What is your favorite season and why?

ES I love spring because of all the flowers and everything being so new. But I love late summer/early fall too, because it is such a time of abundance and wild growth.

HF What is your favorite flower/shrub/bush and why?

ES Red Raspberry. It is easy to grow, the leaves can be brewed for a medicinal tea, and the berries are pretty much my favorite thing in the world to eat.

HF What leisure activity gives you great pleasure?

ES An evening walk to the library.

HF What is your favorite vacation place and why?

ES I love the Pacific Northwest, especially the Olympic Peninsula. In summer, the weather is perfect, you are always close to water, and there are beautiful farms everywhere.

HF What is your favorite form of transportation?

ES Walking.

HF Ginger, lemon, black pepper, and mint are all thought to be necessary holdings in one's kitchen. Which one would you never be caught without?

ES Lemon, which is one of my favorite flavors.

HF With whom would you like to share a meal and why?

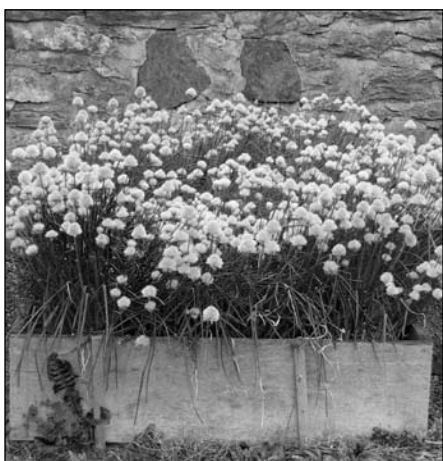
ES Tasha Tudor, a children's illustrator and gardener who is an inspiration to me. I would love to share a conversation with her, as well as revel in her food, her flowers and the magic of her home.

HF What issues are you passionate about?

ES On a daily basis: domestic arts and their value in modern life, food that nourishes, simplifying daily life, reducing waste. On a broader scale: human rights, wilderness preservation, gender equality, and environmental responsibility.

HF What question should I have asked that I didn't?

ES What is my favorite things about the farm? Everything!



## Harvest Celebration

On the last Friday night of September, the Goodwill at Homefields community of shareholders and farmers gathered together for a Harvest Celebration on the farm property. It was the first cold night of the fall, with temperatures dipping down into the 40s. A windy afternoon gave way to a still evening, creating perfect conditions for our first bonfire on the farm.

It was an honor for us to have so many families come out to spend the evening with us, and a true treat to try all the different dishes. We're convinced our shareholders are made up of some of the finest chefs in Lancaster County. Around 70 people came out for the event, filling the barn with families, while the conference



table spilled over with all kinds of soups, casseroles, salads and desserts. Picnicking stretched out across the farm to the site of the bonfire, just south of the river birch tree at the center of the farm.

After dinner a game of Frisbee started out on the lawn and a slide show of the farm gave us highlights from the early days to present. Four of the stars of the slide show were in attendance. **Brian Bixler, Robert Pelura, Brad Turner, and Glenn Weaver**, all Farmer Trainees from the Goodwill Vocational Program, came out with friends and family. We were glad to see the men who have worked all season to grow food for our shareholders kick back, relax and enjoy the bounty.

The evening wound down around the bonfire, which grew larger as the night went on. Old friends caught up with each other and new friends were made. Children roasted marshmallows for s'mores. Hot apple cider kept us toasty warm, until the last of us reluctantly headed home. It was lovely to see the farm alive after dark, full of young voices, lit up by the moon and paper luminaries lined up along the wooden split-rail fence.

We are grateful for the chance we had to connect with the farm community and celebrate this season with great food and wonderful people.

Elizabeth Swope, Assistant Farm Manager, Goodwill at Homefields

## Become a shareholder and join in..... here's how:

Email or call Goodwill at Homefields, Scott Breneman, Farm Manager at sbreneman@yourgoodwill.org or 717-871-3110. 2007 Prices—Half Share \$400; Full Share \$600. Scott will tell you the rest of the story. Proceeds benefit Goodwill Industries Keystone Area.

## Grease—We Go Together

Shoobop sha wadda wadda yippity boom de boom. Chang chang changitty chang shoobop, that's the way it should be, wha oooh, yeah! We're one of a kind... Homefields' Board of Directors treated the Hip Folks who live at Homefields, staff members, and parents to a Saturday afternoon matinee at the Fulton Theater, Lancaster on September 23. Joining our circle were gentlemen friends from Colonial Road home and a genuine Pink Lady. Mary Beth and Lisa were moved to sing along and, yes, uniqueness was celebrated... oooh, yeah!

## Why Give to Homefields?

- Because we put roofs over heads, implements in hands, equipment on ground, and water systems under feet. If it hums, hoes, or hydrates, it is Homefields' volunteers using your donations to provide home and work options for adults with disabilities. Supporting Homefields keeps a beautiful local organic produce farm in operation, creates a job of value for your neighbors with special needs and, for those most vulnerable, a safe and maintained home.
- Give through the United Way of Lancaster County. Homefields is a 501(c)(3) all-volunteer organization but not a United Way member. Please check "Optional Giving Choices" and write in "Homefields".
- Buy, whether an individual or a corporation, Harley-Davidson raffle tickets from Homefields to give as presents for all occasions: [www.homefields.org](http://www.homefields.org)
- Contribute to Homefields' endowment fund. Contact Joyce Smedley, Board Officer, Homefields: 717-871-9643 or [jwsmmed@verizon.net](mailto:jwsmmed@verizon.net) for information or write to PO Box 41, Millersville, PA 17551 to learn more.
- Go online to [www.homefields.org](http://www.homefields.org) and use your credit card to securely contribute.
- Mail in the newsletter donation form with check to P.O. Box #41, Millersville, PA 17551
- Visit the vocational program at 150 Letort Road and see the good work at work. The homes at 152-154 are beautiful as well, but private. ....and thank you!

## Upcoming Events

### HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE

MODEL: XLH 883 CUSTOM SPORTSTER

WHEN: FEBRUARY 10, 2007  
(Drawing held at Homefields)

\$5.00 donation per ticket

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Homefields, P.O. Box 41, Millersville, PA 17551 or  
Purchase tickets online at [www.homefields.org](http://www.homefields.org)



Homefields is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization providing homes for people who have mental retardation, and is a benevolent landlord to an organic cooperative farm program that provides job training for adults with special needs. All proceeds from a Homefields' event benefit Homefields, Inc.

## Raffle and Donations

forms also available online at [www.homefields.org](http://www.homefields.org)

Yes, I'd like to help Homefields with my tax-deductible contribution:

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## Homefields' Tenth Tournament



Another page was turned in the history of the Homefields Fall Classic Golf Tournament as two substantial groups of golfers set out in the morning and afternoon in pursuit of prizes, glory, and fun. The 10th annual outing lived up to its billing as "A Perfect Ten" with the weather complementing all of the hard work of our volunteers, the generosity of our sponsors, and the energy of our golfers.

Last year, we did have a small group of golfers, "dressed to the nines" no less, go out at the crack of dawn to make room for an overflow afternoon of foursomes. That was more of an afterthought than anything, thanks to the bountiful registration of participants. The plan this year was to make both the morning and afternoon available by choice, and a significant number braved the morning chill and dew to test their skills against the par three requirements and the other tests of mettle waiting for them. Almost half of the course was filled by these hardy souls, and they set the tone well for the larger group to follow at Noon.

As usual, this was a happy and rewarding event. Long term sponsors and golfers were thanked for their commitment to the Homefields cause. Friends interacted with old and new acquaintances to give the outing the tone that makes it so special to all. Shots hit with old clubs went in all directions, including straight (to the surprise of many), and two golfers will be enjoying a weekend with a Porsche thanks to their talent (others might say luck). Good food blended nicely with the prizes and fellowship shared at the end of day.

It was easy to leave the golf course with a smile on the face and a warm feeling in the heart, even for those who paid the price of a fourteen or fifteen hour day. All left knowing that they had contributed something of value to others most deserving of such thoughtfulness. That, after all, is the main reason for getting together each year. Thanks to all who care, once again.

Terry Blue, Tournament Chair

## Carrot & Ginger Soup from Organic Valley



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cook the rice first. In a small saucepan, bring 1 ¼ cups water to a boil. Add ½ cup of dry, white rice. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes or until grains are tender and water is mostly gone (longer for brown rice).
  2. Trim off the tough green end of leek, then slice leek lengthwise and rinse out. Slice leek halves into ¼-inch slices.
  3. Trim carrots, wash and slice diagonally. Peel sweet potato and cut into 1-inch cubes.
  4. Melt butter (can use oil) in the soup pot and sauté the leek until translucent but not brown. Add carrots and sweet potatoes and toss for 2 minutes on medium heat.
  5. Add the garlic, ginger, curry (or nutmeg), stock and rice. Bring to a boil, then lower to a simmer. Cover and cook gently for 20 minutes or until the carrots are soft.
  6. Puree the soup in a processor or with a hand-held whisk. Add salt and pepper to taste.
- When serving, put one tablespoon of soy or heavy cream in the middle of the bowl, and give it a gentle swirl.
- Servings: 8

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 leek
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 pounds carrots
- 1 sweet potato
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh ginger root, grated
- ½ teaspoon curry powder or nutmeg
- 5 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 cup cooked rice, cooked (white, jasmine or brown if preferred)
- salt and white pepper
- 1 cup organic soy milk (or heavy whipping cream)

### Homefields Mission Statements

**RESIDENTIAL** To create financially secure, long-term homes for adults with mental retardation in safe, family-like settings where there is respect for the individual in a holistic sense, and fun and creativity are revered as basic human needs.

**VOCATIONAL** 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.

### Board of Directors

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**I**T WAS SEPTEMBER 1995 WHEN THE RANCH HOUSE REMODELING was completed and ready for Lisa, Mary Beth, and Ted to move into their new life at Homefields. On the day of the move for Lisa, movement was spotted under a stack of old wood left behind on the farm by the previous owner. There, nestled away, was a very young mother cat with two newborn kittens. Socks, so named by the residents because of her white feet, had legs that were a little bowed and a very small body but was doing her best to be a good mother cat and protect her babies. She became an important life force to focus on as the need to think beyond the moment and self was imperative. Now twelve years later, the kittens are gone but tenacious Socks, our founding cat, remains purrrrrfectly happy at Homefields... as does everyone else.

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