Despite predictions of rain and cold, the Spring Farm Day, May 3, turned out to be a sunny and warm Saturday. It was a good day for the neighboring farmers as well as the hundreds of residents, family members and guests who ventured outdoors to enjoy the festivities.

The crowded was treated to farm fare, including hot dogs, baked potatoes, funnel cakes, a variety of pies and ice cream. There were displays of farm toys and miniatures, as well as farm crafts such as weaving, rug hooking and butter churning. A large collection of antique tractors was on display. A farm animal area featured a calf, baby pigs, a miniature horse, goat, lamb, kittens, rabbits and chicks. A large group of children enjoyed races, children’s crafts and games. A number of youth also volunteered to help transport residents in wheelchairs throughout the various displays.

The Landis Homes Men’s Quartet, Lois Landis and Eunice Hess, and Lloyd and Arlene Martin were featured musicians on the Farm Day stage. A local square-dance group demonstrated their talents and invited interested spectators to join in.

A new event this year was a pie baking contest, with divisions for traditional and specialty pies. Resident Ruth Breneman swept the prizes in the traditional category, including a 1st place for her apple pie. Winners for specialty pies were: 1st place, Mary Ellen Musser, vanilla pie; 2nd place, Sharon Harnish, pecan pie, and 3rd place, Violet Buckwalter, chocolate luscious pie. After the judging, winning pies were sold at silent auction, and other pies were sold whole or by the slice as part of the Bake Sale.

Visitor Ted Morrow won first place in a spelling bee. Prizes were also awarded to Lloyd and Arlene

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A Time for Planting

In the summer of 2002 as a team of horses plowed fresh soil in the vacant space next to the existing healthcare center we broke ground for a new replacement center. We have been planning this for years. There was real excitement through this process because of the opportunity to improve the quality of life for residents who now and in the future will receive healthcare here.

Monday, July 28 was another major step with the Dedication and Open House for residents, family and friends along with board and staff in celebrating the completion of the building process. It is now time to “plant the seeds” and anticipate the potential for new life and new things to come.

Top quality healthcare has always been at the heart of our mission at Landis Homes. We know that excellence in service stems from planting the seeds such as professional expertise, compassionate care and attention to emotional and spiritual concerns as well as life-enhancing space. Coming into the new century we felt it was time to replace our older buildings that had served us well, but lacked both individual privacy and adequate living and working space. The new healthcare building is a great opportunity to serve residents and staff more compassionately.

We sincerely thank each of you who so generously supported us in the capital campaign and helped make this a reality. We felt your support in various ways not just in financial gifts, but also encouraging us in your words and prayer support. We covet your continued prayers as we move into this new center and begin the renovations of Dogwood into offices and Elmwood into Ephrata House. With every new step there is the need to plan for the future. For while we have prepared the soil and planted the seeds, only God can make them grow.

Ed Longenecker,
President

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Martin, Jim Bailey and Ed Longenecker for “Best dressed on the farm.” A dozen door prizes were awarded to adults and children.

Fund raising was not a major emphasis of the day, but proceeds of the baked sale and food sales totaled $1,270, which was contributed to the Caring Fund. Thanks to the many staff and over 30 volunteers who worked at various stands, and to all who came out to enjoy a country day.

Tina Mast Burnett
Activities Director
**Birch Gets Lucky**

Lucky Landis, a five-month-old Bichon Frise puppy, has moved in with a cottage couple, where he is in training for a permanent home with the residents in Birch, an area of assisted living. Rachel Nolt, a part-time Landis Homes nursing assistant, donated Lucky to Landis Homes. Rachel was looking for a good home where Lucky would be loved and cared for, when it occurred to her that Landis Homes would make a wonderful home for him.

Residents Joe and Evelyn Russell agreed to be the dog’s official “puppy home.” Lucky will live with them in their cottage for at least eight weeks. During that time they will be training Lucky to be a companion dog, under the guidance of staff persons of New Life Assistance Dogs (NLAD). The training includes weekly obedience classes and introducing Lucky to a variety of situations and experiences, where he will learn the skills he needs to be a good neighbor to residents of Birch. He will move to Birch full-time sometime after mid-September.

Lucky will be the second “resident” dog at Landis Homes. Gabriel, a Labrador retriever, was also placed here by NLAD. He has lived in the healthcare center since 1999.

**Student Artwork Selected**

Landis Homes recently announced the Art Student Award winner for 2003. Each year Landis Homes selects a piece of artwork from the Lancaster Mennonite High School Spring Fine Arts Festival to become part of a permanent art collection on the retirement community campus. This year a jury of four, representing Landis Homes residents and board, and the Lancaster Mennonite art department, selected a piece by David Hunt, a 2003 graduate of the high school.

The subject of the color photograph called “Utah” is of an open pasture under a huge deep-blue sky with fluffy white clouds. Hunt, who has an older brother living and going to school in the western U.S., took this photograph on one of his visits to that region.

“David is an artistically gifted photography student, who has a great perspective in both color and design,” said Hunt’s high school photography teacher Paul Brubaker.

In return for the artwork, Landis Homes made contributions to the Lancaster Mennonite art department and to further David’s education. Hunt, of Lancaster will be attending Colorado Mountain College in the fall as a photography student.

**Senior Games 2003**

Twenty-two Landis Homes residents participated as contenders and spectators in the Lancaster County Senior Games held at assorted locations throughout the first week of June. They participated in a variety of activities, some of them trying activities that they had never attempted before. Dominos, bocce, table tennis, basketball, and ballroom dancing were a few of the activities in which residents competed. Smiles, handshakes and pats on the back were shared throughout the week. “I heard many people say they are definitely coming back in 2004!” said Fitness Coordinator Andrea Hock.

Residents representing Landis Homes in the Opening Ceremonies of Senior Games 2003 are: L to R, Millicent Liccardi, Elton Lauver, Miriam Housman, Leo Weaver, Miriam Buckwalter, Mildred Herr, Jim LeVan, Henry Roher and Edith Bailey.
Landis Homes recently conducted a satisfaction study among its residents. The survey tools were developed by Holleran Consulting. A separate survey tool was developed for each living area encompassing between 36 and 52 factors. The results include comparisons between Landis Homes and Holleran’s Normative Database, representing results from 118 retirement communities surveyed by Holleran throughout the United States.

The survey results showed that residents, or their guardians, are very satisfied with Landis Homes. Following are some of the results.

**Resident Satisfaction Survey Results**

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**Independent Living Results**

Overall Satisfaction with Landis Homes

- Percentage of Respondents Indicating “Excellent”
  - Landis Homes: 77.5%
  - Holleran Normative Database: 47.3%

Would you recommend Landis Homes to a friend or relative?

- Percentage of Respondents Indicating “Yes”
  - Landis Homes: 97.6%
  - Holleran Normative Database: 83.9%

**Summary**

Independent Living at Landis Homes significantly exceeded the normative database score on 93.5% of the factors. None of Landis Homes’ scores fell significantly below the normative.

**Assisted Living Results**

Overall Satisfaction with Landis Homes

- Percentage of Respondents Indicating “Excellent”
  - Landis Homes: 64.4%
  - Holleran Normative Database: 49.5%

Would you recommend Landis Homes to a friend or relative?

- Percentage of Respondents Indicating “Yes”
  - Landis Homes: 98.9%
  - Holleran Normative Database: 90.7%

**Summary**

Assisted Living at Landis Homes exceeded the normative database score on 9.4% of the factors and did not score significantly below the normative database on any of the factors. The remaining 90.6% of the factors were not significantly different from the normative score, thus similar to the ratings given by Assisted Living residents/guardians in other communities across the nation.

**Healthcare Results**

Overall Satisfaction with Landis Homes

- Percentage of Respondents Indicating “Excellent”
  - Landis Homes: 53.7%
  - Holleran Normative Database: 47.1%

Would you recommend Landis Homes to a friend or relative?

- Percentage of Respondents Indicating “Yes”
  - Landis Homes: 98.8%
  - Holleran Normative Database: 90.4%

**Summary**

Healthcare at Landis Homes was significantly above the normative database score on 5.9% of the factors and significantly below the normative database on none of the factors. The majority of factors, 94.1%, were not significantly different from the normative score, thus similar to the ratings given by Healthcare residents/guardians in other communities across the nation.

Thank you to each resident and guardian that completed a survey or phone interview. The comments and support of residents and families are helpful in accomplishing our mission of honoring and enriching the lives of older adults in a community of Christ-like love.
Tribute to a Loved One

January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003

We are sincerely thankful to those listed below who have given a tribute to a loved one either as a Memorial or Honor gift. We also thank those listed who have remembered the needs of others at Landis Homes through their estate or trust. We apologize if there are misspellings or omissions on this list. To contact the Development Office, call (717) 509-5490.

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I/We would like to help build the Caring Fund by contributing:

☐ $250  ☐ $100  ☐ $50  ☐ Other _____

In ☐ Memory of

☐ Honor of

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City/State/Zip ________________________________

Mail to: Landis Homes Development Office, 1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543

Landis Homes Horizons SUMMER 2003
Life Stories Class to Begin

The first session of a nine-part series on Life Stories, Memoirs and Photographs will be held on Thursday, September 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the West Bethany Chapel. These classes, which began in 1996, are open to all ages and genders, to residents as well as to persons in the larger community. In recent years, class participants have come from Lancaster, Lebanon, Franklin, Berks and York counties. Pictured are some of the graduates of the 2002-2003 class. Instructor Joanne Hess Siegrist, seated left, inspects Polly Stoltzfu’s book, as other class participants, Anna Mann, Joan Delp, Mary Rutt, Lois Lehman, Elizabeth Buckwalter and Mary Lowry observe. For more information or to register for the free classes call Joanne Hess Siegrist at 717-656-6429, or Activities Coordinator Janice Hess at 717-569-3271.

Stewardship Solutions for Seniors
Prescription Drugs: A Response to Questions on Canadian Purchases

In recent months many questions have been raised concerning purchasing prescriptions from Canada. Initially, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said this was illegal, but it didn’t take an active role in enforcement. However, as the trend picked up, the FDA began to receive more complaints from consumers concerning the quality of their drugs. The FDA’s approval of a drug includes such details as where the drug is manufactured, the source of the active ingredients, processing methods and how the drug is stored. As a result, the FDA has become more proactive in shutting down companies that have been facilitating the purchase of Canadian drugs.

Seniors with low incomes may be eligible for help with paying for their prescriptions through a state pharmacy assistance program, Medicaid, or the pharmaceutical company who manufactures their medications. One new web site on helping seniors find resources for prescriptions is www.benefitscheckup.org. Because eligibility is determined by financial need, both questionnaires do require some detailed financial information. Also, people should talk directly to their physicians to find out what alternatives may exist if they cannot afford a medication that has been prescribed.

Remember, I am on campus regularly. Please contact me if you have any questions about your Medicare Supplement or Long-Term Care Insurance or need to purchase either. I am available to meet with you, answer questions and discuss your options. Contact me at Landis Homes Ext. 3866 or 581-3866. I will be happy to meet with you.

Eric Groff, MMA Counselor
Stewardship Solutions for Seniors
There’s rarely been a better time to obtain a charitable gift annuity. Low interest rates are causing people to think twice about their financial decisions, and to consider nine benefits of the Landis Homes gift annuity program.

1. Attractive Rates. When you compare our gift annuity rates with what you might receive from a certificate of deposit, you will likely be pleasantly surprised. For example, if you are age 65 when an agreement is written, your rate will be 6.0%. If you are age 70, the rate will be 6.5%, if you are 80, the rate will be 8.0%, and if you are 90 or over, your rate will be 11.3%. Two-life rates are slightly lower. The American Council on Gift Annuities recommends the above rates. In a gift annuity you are giving up an asset, but your income may be enhanced.

2. Regular Payments. When you establish your gift annuity, a decision can be made as to the frequency of the payments you will receive. They can be annual, semiannual, quarterly, and in some cases monthly. Whatever you choose, receiving your regular payments on a specific, predetermined date is comforting and also helpful for planning purposes.

3. Fixed Income. Your payment rate will be locked in at the time you obtain your gift annuity. It will not rise or fall with the economy. Instead, it will be the same amount every year - and that can mean a lot in uncertain times.

4. Lifetime Benefit. Gift annuities are for life. No matter what your age as an annuitant, or how long you live, you will continue to receive the same payment as long as you are living. For a two-life annuity, you will continue to receive the same payment as long as both or one person is living. The benefit of ongoing payments can provide security for each spouse into the future.

5. Dependable Source. Mennonite Foundation stands behind all our gift annuities. You are welcome to request a copy of the Foundations gift annuity investment disclosure. All investments are screened to meet the Foundations socially responsible investment guidelines, with the exception of any money market mutual funds. We want you to feel safe and secure and to have confidence that your payments will continue without fail.

6. Relief from Taxes. Since the IRS considers part of your contribution for a gift annuity a charitable gift, you will receive an income tax charitable deduction for part of the value of your gift. Also, during your life expectancy, you will be able to claim part of your annuity payment each year as tax-free income.

7. Your Legacy. After your gift annuity matures, the residue will be directed according to your written recommendations, to the Caring Fund, the Endowment Fund, or to the general fund.

8. Gift of a Gift Annuity. You can purchase a gift annuity contract for a friend or relative. You will receive the applicable tax deduction and the friend or relative will enjoy the annuity payment for life based on the annuitant’s age. This is a beautiful way to help a friend or relative who has a limited income, for you to receive some tax benefits, and then help others in need at Landis Homes by directing the remainder to the Caring Fund.

9. Simple Process. Obtaining a gift annuity from Landis Homes is much easier than most people think. We can provide you with a tailor-made illustration so you can see how it all works with your age and proposed contribution amount included. We provide materials you can share with your family and advisors.

You are welcome to call John Buckwalter in the development office at 717-509-5490 for more information or for a confidential illustration.

Support Groups at Landis Homes

Memory Loss Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month except December. The group organized for education and support meets under the auspices of the Alzheimer’s Association, South Central PA Regional Office. It is free and open to the public. Respite care is available on site with a prior 24-hour request. For more information call 717-581-3939.

August 26 - “Care Options for Families” with Virginia Musser, LSW, and Charles Maines, BSW.

September 30 - “Activities for Persons with Memory Loss” - Teresa Selzer, BSW.

October 28 - “Spiritual Care” - Candace Buckbee, Pastoral Assoc.

Parkinson’s Support Group meets the third Monday of each month from March through November at 2:00 p.m. in the Westview Community Room. Persons with Parkinson’s disease and their caregivers are welcome to attend for education and support. For more information call, 717-509-5494.

August 18 - “Parkinson’s from Head to Toe” - Gwyn Vernon, CRNP.

September 15 - “Communication and Swallowing” - Laurie Sabol, Speech Therapist.

October 20 - RAP Session.
Golf Tournament benefits Adult Day Services

Our 12th Annual Landis Homes Adult Day Services Golf Tournament was a great success with net proceeds over $23,000.

We’d like to express our appreciation to each of the golfers and the following sponsors.

**Event Sponsor**
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We also would like to say THANK YOU to the 16 Bronze Sponsors, 21 Advertising Sponsors and 25 Patron Sponsors.

CONGRATULATIONS go out to our Tournament contest winners listed right.

**FOURSOME**

**Lowest Score, Morning Round**
(61) Robert Lichty, Dan Valverde, Wayne Stauffer, Guy Leader

**Lowest Score, Afternoon Round**
(55) Derrick Snyder, Chad Snyder, Pat Heslof, Matt Wolf

**2nd Lowest Score, Morning Round**
(62) Curt Umble, Lin King, Wendall King, Ron King

**2nd Lowest Score, Afternoon Round**
(58) Chad Houck, Tom Bargmann, Richard Powers, Mike Fry

**3rd Lowest Score, Morning Round**
(63) Joe Klazas, Rick Steffy, Adam McGloshen, Bruce Shenk

**3rd Lowest Score, Afternoon Round**
(59) Ivan Sell, Gene Dietier, Omar Fisher, Dural Yoder

**MIXED FOURSOME**

**Lowest Score, Morning Round**
(64) Tim & Sandy Smoker, Arlin & Lois Kennel

**Lowest Score, Afternoon Round**
(66) Louise Williams-Miller, Jeff Miller, Robert & Coleen Kayden

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### Calendar of Events

**Aug. 20**
Coach Trip
Freedom Chapel Dinner Theatre, Christiana, PA
“The Christiana Freedom Trials of 1851”
Call Activities 717-569-3271

**Aug. 21**
Art Reception
Mixed Media Paintings, Velma Magill
6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Harvest View Gallery

**Aug. 26**
Cantaloupe/Ice Cream Social
6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Westview Community Room

**Sept. 4**
Life Stories Class
Joanne Hess Siegrist

**28**
1:00 p.m., West Bethany Chapel (First of 9 sessions)

**Sept. 13**
Fellowship Day
Auction & Chicken Barbecue
Craft Market, Children’s Activities
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Campus-wide

**Sept. 18**
Coach Bus Trip
Cape May, NJ
Cruise, seafood lunch, home tour, and trolley tour
Call Activities 717-569-3271

**Oct. 12**
Communion
10:00 a.m. East Bethany, 10:00 a.m. West Bethany

**Oct. 21-24**
Renewal Meetings
James Martin, East Bethany

For other items, check out the Events Calendar at [www.landishomes.org](http://www.landishomes.org)
Saturday, September 13, 2003
Auction begins at 9:00 a.m.
Quilts, Handcrafts, Gift Baskets, Certificates
Dinners Served Eat-in or Take-out
11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Children’s Activities
Market Place, Flea Market & Silent Auction
WJTL “Kids Cookie Break” with Lisa Landis Broadcast Live at 9:00 a.m.
“Singing Uncles” & “School Boys” at 4:00 p.m.
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