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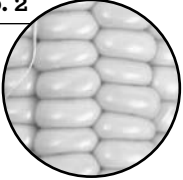
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2010 Advocates' Fall Festival



The Advocate Committee again sponsored the annual Fall Fun Fest at Homefields which was held on October 24th. While the turnout of family and board members was lower than in previous years, the residents had a great time. Pumpkin decorating and flower pot crafts ruled the day. Resident Brian supplied the tools needed to decorate the pumpkins and board member Tom Strauss helped residents Lisa and Jason decorate their flower pots. The food was graciously supplied by Board president Jay Groff. A thank-you also needs to go to the CSG staff who helped through out the day, making sure everyone



had a good time. Mary Beth, a resident of the Ranch House was very excited to be attending the party but it needs to be noted that she is always excited to go to a party as long as it doesn't interfere with watching the game on television! Everyone had a good time.

Suzanne Ollar



We bought the farm...

IT IS AN EXCITING TIME FOR HOMEFIELDS. Due to some luck and imagination, we were able to purchase a neighboring property. This will increase the farm from 6 to nearly 15 acres. It is a beautiful flat farm with a wonderful view. It was a public auction and there was a time when it seemed that we might not get it but when the gavel fell, it was ours.

Now comes the hard work—we have to pay for it. Goodwill Industries and Community Services Group stepped up with some contributions that made the purchase possible. It was enough for the bank to be willing to lend us the money. However, we will still have a sizeable mortgage and we will need public support in order to hold onto the

property. We are discussing a capital fundraising campaign so you might be seeing information relating to that.

It's been said that the only thing in life that doesn't change is death and taxes.

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(we have to pay for it)!

Although change is inevitable, how we approach it and handle it makes all the difference in the world. Currently, changes are occurring at Homefields. We have cut down trees, dug up old flower gardens and weeded the bank along Letort Rd. We've cleaned the office with help from volunteers and the United Way Day of Caring. When I look at the property, there's more work to be done. Weeds have overtaken some areas and there's some more cosmetic stuff to be done. By next summer, I hope Homefields' landscaping will be magazine worthy.

On another issue, we are looking for board members. Currently we have a few openings and we are seeking out individuals to help Homefields achieve its goals. Serving on the board is a fulfilling experience and one I would recommend without hesitation. We meet once a month and you serve for just three years (unless you want to remain on the board). If

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- Melody Edwards, Residential Supervisor, Community Services Group at Homefields

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To create financially secure, long-term homes for individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities 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 MISSION:

To provide 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.

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Photo: Marianne Zlanke



Recipe: Corn Fritters

The cold's more persistent now and you may need some comfort food to get you motivated. Try this Amish recipe one morning, courtesy of Reba Wenger.

INGREDIENTS	INSTRUCTIONS
Kernels cut from 4 large ears of corn	Beat egg yolks with flour, sugar, salt and pepper to taste.
2 eggs, separated	Stir in corn.
2 tbsp. flour	Add beaten egg whites.
1 cup sugar	Fry in butter at medium heat.
	Serve with maple syrup.

Goodwill at Homefields Farm

HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT SIX months of harvests are coming to a close this week. From the poring over of catalogs and spreadsheet calculations of winter, to the seeding of the farm in miniature in March, to the transplanting of all the young seedlings in April and May and then the intense weeding, harvesting and succession planting into the fall and almost winter, it's quite an adventure.

Reflecting back on the season... we grew a lot of food this year—five acres of vegetables. The ergonomic cart was a huge help with certain crops, especially cucumbers, as they weren't trampled by our feet as in the past, the crop lifting bar promises to lift a lot of weight for next season, meaning that we will be able to grow and harvest a lot more carrots in particular, but also garlic and potatoes, a core group of trainees did very well here at the farm and prospered greatly, Elizabeth, Law Reh, and Kim as staff were outstanding, each bringing great talent and thought to their roles, and an historic event was the purchase of the farm next door, knowing that we will have land for crops and rotations in the future.

It is with happiness and pleasure that I can say that the property next door to us now belongs to Homefields! If you look out over Home-

fields farm from up at the barn, it is land to the left side and around the back of the property. We have been watching it for years, hoping against all odds that we would someday be able to farm it instead of seeing it developed, as multiple developers attempted to do. As it turns out, the land was put up for auction on Oct 9th, and Homefields was the successful bidder.

So what does that mean for the farm program? There will be at least nine acres of farmland that we will be able to grow on as we grow more crops, do better crop rotations, possibly grow our own mulch, expand our fruit production, and possibly host other programs that complement what we are doing here. It secures our growing future.

Looking forward to next season, we anticipate a great farm team once again, the excitement of planting, expecting a great harvest, and then harvesting and eating. Carrots are clamored after by most of us, so look to see more of them, as well as an expansion of the blueberry patch. We will be cover cropping and starting to use some of the new farm land as well, so we won't be cramped for getting the things planted in time in the best rotation possible.

Scott Breneman
Farm Manager

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you might be interested, drop us an email and I'll get back to you promptly.

The golf outing was a success and you'll read more about that in Terry Blue's article. The weather was great and the new management at Cross-gates was easy to work with. The food from Rettew Catering was outstanding and their service staff was wonderful. I would like to especially thank Pete from the lunch crew for his conversation and I wish him luck in his religious studies.

I would like to thank Dave Strauss for putting each issue of the newsletter together and getting it out to you. Dave works remotely from New York so there's a lot of emails going back and forth but somehow he pulls it all together. Thanks Dave for all of your work.

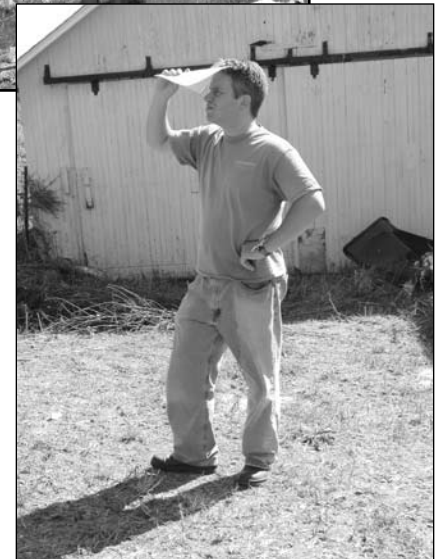
Until the Spring, bundle up and keep warm!

Sincerely, Jay Groff
President, Homefields



Above: The red farmhouse on the block.

Right: Scott Breneman, Goodwill at Homefields Farm Manager, sees into the future. An expanding future of great successes.



Don't Be Left Out!

This may be our last print newsletter as we transition to email. Chances are we don't have your email address, so **IF YOU WANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH, PLEASE LET US KNOW!** Email info@homefields.org. One advantage is that future newsletters will be in color.



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WRAP-UP: Homefields 14th Fall Classic Golf Tournament

The registration mailer for the Homefields 14th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament generously insisted that “there are many good causes out there”, but also proudly proclaimed that “ours is just more holey”.

As always, the golf committee made good on its assertions and offered golfers some greens with more than one target hole to get a good score. A second hole-in-one also was available to test the golfers’ luck, and each par three green had its own version of how to make the best of getting close to the elusive hole. As usual, the old persimmon golf clubs and some wood-shafted irons were out to make the holes easier to reach in a low score.

A generous handful of hearty golfers set out in the early morning chill to get things off to a good start. Well over a hundred others hit the links at 12:30 to try their luck. Most of the participants representing our very generous sponsors and donors were part of that afternoon competition in some splendid September



17 weather on the Crossgates Golf Club in its mid-season splendor. The friendly, eager, and efficient volunteers did their best to make sure that no one felt unwelcome or confused, and they did everything possible to guaran-

tee another pleasant day for all involved. Trevor Pope and his staff at Crossgates only complemented the pursuit of fun.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinners were available to those qualifying for one or more of these meals through their registration or choosing to purchase them. A most generous assortment of great prizes was available at the evening meal to reward golfers and others for their golfing skill or simpler good luck. As always, the social climate was warm and responsive for both old and new participants. To no surprise, it was another great day for all to be part of this winning effort to benefit Homefields, Inc. and its facilities and programs.

The tentative date for the Homefields 15th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament is September 16, 2011. The Golf Committee, the Homefields Board of Director, and the others who care deeply about Homefields send their thanks to all who helped make #14 such a great success. We look forward to greeting and sharing time with our friends when they return next year and to welcoming new additions to the golf tournament family at #15. See you then.

Terry Blue



And now a word from our 2010 sponsors...

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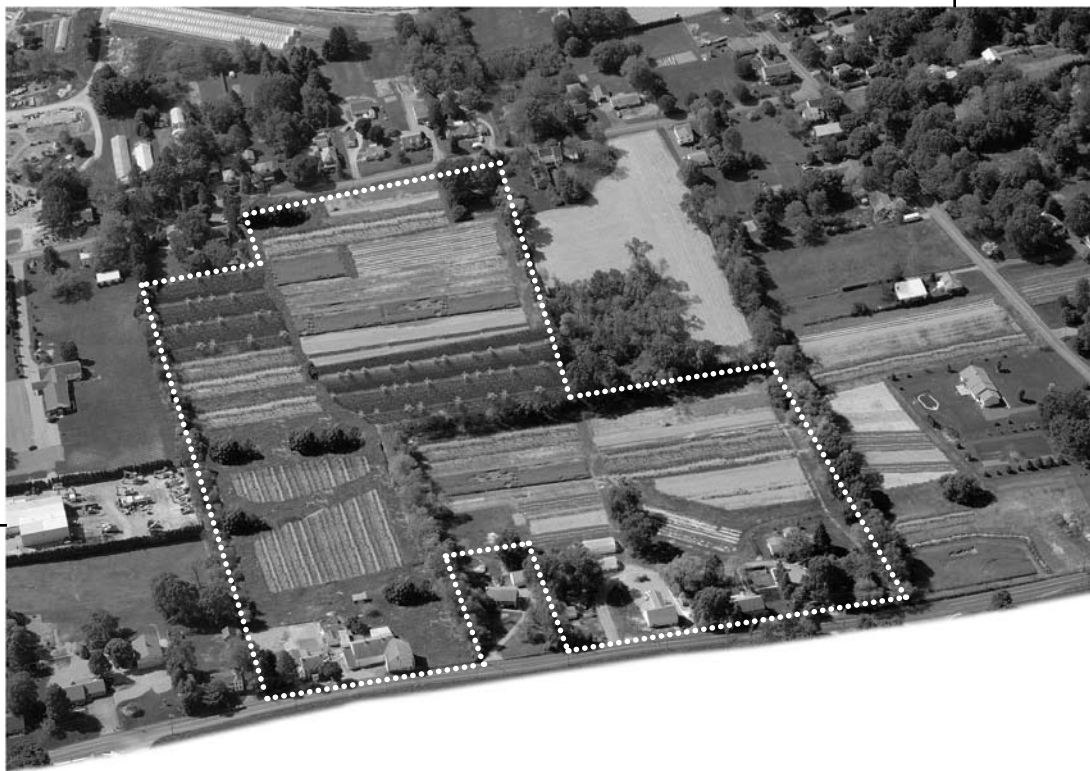
Mayhem in Millersville!

We’re hoping to orchestrate a night outing in mid-May or mid-June, during a full moon. If you’re interested, shoot us an email (info@homefields.org) or keep checking out our Facebook page. Details will follow.



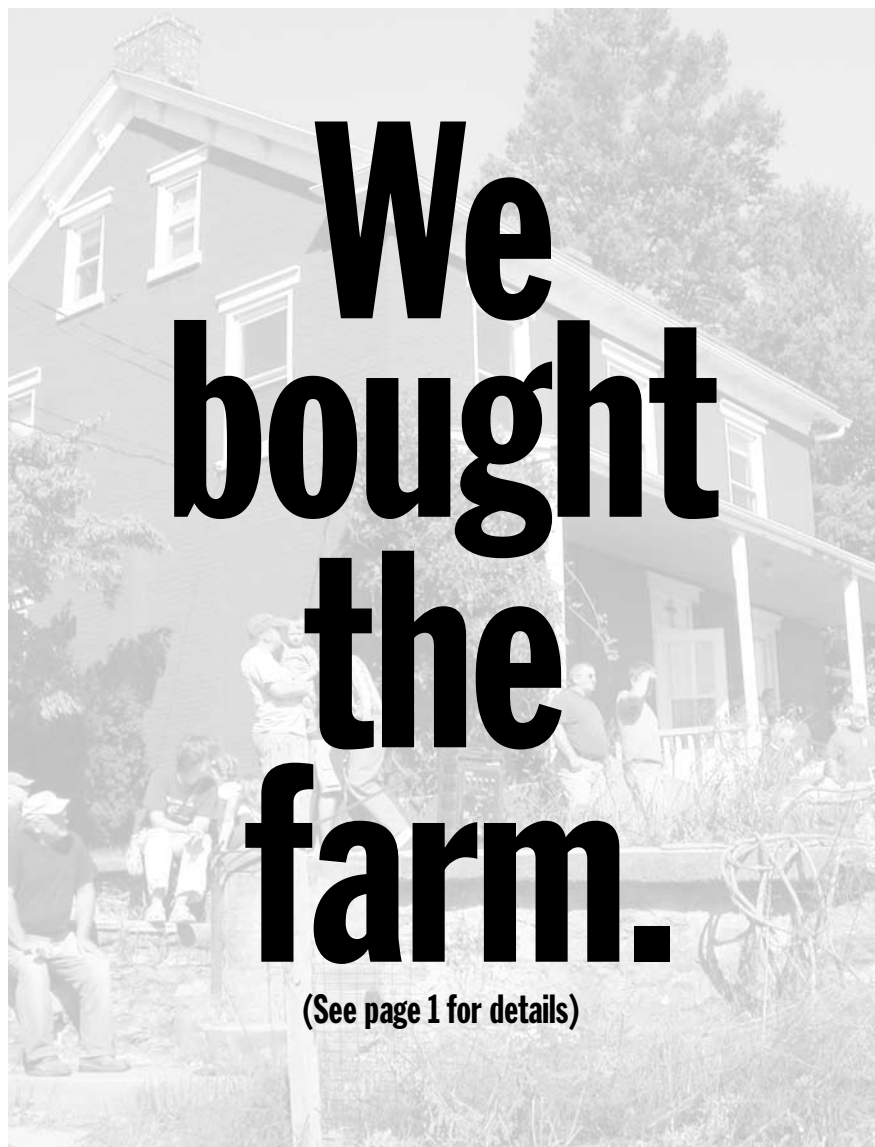
Dream: *Preserved*

The map above illustrates how our community would have been impacted if the neighboring property had been developed into a medium-density housing complex (like many others that have cropped up in our communities). The dotted line is Homefields proper. To the right is our alternate vision of the future, retaining farmland. Images courtesy of Peter Emerson.



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