

Birth, Engagements and Death

On November 1, 1987, Mike and Jane Beachy became the parents of Benjamin Michael Beachy, the most recent addition to the Lenhart family. 8 pounds and 13 ounces!

Kirby Umholtz, it was decided last Thanksgiving, will join the Lenhart family since Beth Lenhart said "yes" to his proposal to get married. He is the brother of Beth's apartment mate. They anticipate a spring 1989 wedding.

Carolyn McCowan anticipates joining the Lenhart family since she has announced her engagement to Curtis Eshelman. Carolyn graduated from the University of Missouri-Rolla in December 1987 and is employed as a computer operator (both hardware and software). Her address is P.O. Box 1185, Rolla, MO 65401. Wedding plans are in the "distant future."

On November 25, 1987 Uncle Paul Lenhart died. We regret that we do not have further details nor do we have an article on his life for inclusion in this issue of the Lenhart Newsletter.

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But note that Cecil is "on the road" most of the time. During February through May he is in the Virginia and North Carolina area. During the summer he will be in California.

Where is This?

"The lofty summits of Mt. Vigil, Sargarloaf Mtn, Devils Slide and San Luis rising a thousand feet skyward encompass the valley below. A string of saddle horses saunter along a bridle trail through an aspen glen. You glimpse a magnificent mule deer fading into the forest. Aspenglow casting reddish hues softens the rugged landscape. Murmuring its solace, the stream cascades adjacent to the canyon trail that leads you to discover an abandoned mine. Relaxing in the vibrant warmth of a stone fireplace at the lodge, your anxious spirit is at peace and you consider.... Whether you stay a day or linger a week or more, you'll enjoy the hospitality, cozy log cabins, ranch quisine served buffet style, new friendships, old acquaintances renewed, recreation, relaxation, study, reflection." This is Bear Trap Ranch!

A Final Note

This will be the final edition in this series of The Lenhart Newsletter. There might be a last minute mailing sent to those registered for the Reunion of 1988.

For "last minute" communications after June 10, our summer address is 15235 Heywood Lane, Nathrop, CO 81236; the phone number is (719) 395 6351.

Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for these newsletters. I regret the inability to obtain articles about family members not reported on, especially Uncle George and Uncle Paul.

We look forward with high anticipation to the Reunion of 1988. It will be a good time.

THE LENHART NEWSLETTER

Reunion 1988 Edition

Bear Trap Ranch, August 6-10

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Reunion 1988 Final Report

Overview

Plans for the Reunion of 1988 are in full swing. There are more persons pre-registered for the upcoming reunion than attended the previous reunion. This will be the last Lenhart Newsletter before the Reunion of 1988, so you should save this issue for reference regarding all relevant details.

The dates of the reunion are Saturday, August 6 through Wednesday, August 10. The place is Bear Trap Ranch, near Colorado Springs. We encourage you to arrive early Saturday afternoon in time to relax, unpack and discuss the issues of the day. Your choice of housing should be noted on the survey (coverleaf).

Transportation: 12 miles but a long drive from Colorado Springs toward Cripple Creek. Colorado Springs has air service; we can try to arrange a pick-up.

Likewise, even if you are not sure if you are coming to the reunion, or whether you wish to take part in the NORAD field trip, you should register for the NORAD trip. There is no cost, but there will be no additions, and there will be no substitutions. But you may cancel your participation at the last minute. So play it safe and complete that portion of the survey.

The Ranch phone number for you to leave with friends/relatives is (303) 632 0740.

Committees

In planning for the Reunion of 1988 the following committees and persons are being appointed. It is assumed that you will serve on these committees unless you decline by responding. Others might be added to these committees later. There might be some additions and/or reassignments later.

REUNION LETTER COORDINATOR

In keeping with the tradition established many years ago, we will, once again, have a reunion letter designed to be sent to missionary members (and also as an archival reference to the reunion). (A typewriter will be available. Can anyone bring a portable computer/word processor?)

Lucy Brubaker, Facilitator; Mary Olive Lady, Assistant Facilitator.

EXHIBITS COMMITTEE

In keeping with the tradition of the family, we will have pictures on exhibition. It is the function of this committee to have family photographs, slides, movies, etc. on display and available for presentation at an evening meeting. (A slide projector will be available.)

Sam Brubaker, Chair; John Engle, Mary Gish Lady.

TALENT PROGRAM

This traditional evening event includes presentations of all sorts, including musical renditions, storytelling, and initiation of new family members. All family members are "required" to bring their musical talent and instruments. (A piano will be provided! Will Trina Yiengst play for us?)

Winifred Brubaker, Chair; Jess Heise, Joyce Lady, Martha Eshelman, Bethani Lenhart.

GAME COMMITTEE

We always have parlor games going on. To facilitate any contests (ping pong, horse shoes, chess tournament) we need facilitators. Many parlor games will be available, but anyone should feel free to bring their own. Volleyball is available.

Karen and Tim Haldeman, co-chairs; Sam Lenhart, Jennifer Lenhart, Cecil Eshelman, Karl Hess, Brian Lady.

EXPEDITION/HIKE COMMITTEE

It is traditional to have horseback riding, hikes, or even an overnight camp at reunions. This year we can have several such expeditions, including rappelling.

Keith Heise, Coordinator; Phil Brubaker, Myron Lady, Jim Lady, Curtis Eshelman.

SHOPPING EXPEDITION

No reunion would be complete without a shopping expedition. Or at least consideration of such an excursion. Perhaps this could take place in conjunction with the NORAD tour on Monday. Guess who...

Fern Heise, Coordinator; Susan Engle Heise, Assistant Coordinator.

Pounding Corn in Somalia

By Barbara Witmer

In our neighborhood it is not uncommon to hear a curious thudding noise in the morning or the cool of late afternoon. It is a rhythmic sound, punctuated occasionally by silence. It is the sound of women pounding corn. In Somalia, corn (or sometimes sorghum or wheat) is ground with a "mooye" and "kal" or mortar and pestle. The mooye is deep and narrow, about two feet high. The kal is long and about as thick as a woman's wrist. Sometimes two women, each with her own kal, pound together, alternating strokes perfectly so that neither interferes with the other's pounding. After the meal has been pounded, it is shaken in wide, low winnowing baskets so that the coarse outer coat rises and can be scooped off and fed to the animals. The remaining corn is then cooked in water and made into a stiff porridge called "soor" (similar to Kenyan ugali) or is mixed with water and allowed to ferment to form the base for a pancake-like bread called enjara.

The first time I saw women pounding corn I was living in Marka, a small coastal town. There was a stone wall between the pounders and me so that I could only see the kals as they reached the height of each stroke and hear the thud and slight swishing sound of the kal making contact with the grain. Curious, I asked one of my co-workers, Maryan, what was happening next door. She explained and asked if I would like to see it.

In the compound next door were two women and a number of children. The women were standing on opposite sides of a mooye, each with a kal, and on the ground nearby were baskets of whole corn and corn meal. As we entered the gate the women stopped their work. Introductions were made and Maryan explained who I was and what I wanted.

It was a new experience for the women to demonstrate a routine task to an interested foreigner, but they readily complied. Watching them at work, I observed that although it was obviously hard work, it didn't look as if it would take much skill. So when they invited me to try my hand at it, I quickly accepted. One of the women gave me her kal and I joined the other at the mooye.

It soon became clear that I had badly underestimated the skill needed for this task. My kal more often than not deflected off the side of the mooye or collided with my partner's kal. Soon we were laughing too hard to pound properly. I returned the kal to its owner and watched with admiration as the two women began to pound again, each aiming her strokes so that they struck the bottom of the mooye, and timing so that they alternated perfectly with her partner's. Then Maryan and I returned to work.

Several things were accomplished that day. I gained a renewed respect for the Somali woman, who has a demanding job in providing for her family's needs in a difficult economic situation. By being willing to try a new task, I showed the women that I consider myself a learner in a new culture. And by failing I reminded myself that I am a student and the Somalis are my teachers.

Barbara and Lamar arrived in Somalia in February 1986. Lamar is working at the Curriculum Development Center writing and proofreading textbooks in environmental and agricultural education. Barbara is teaching English at the Women's Education Institute. Last year Isaac was born into their family. Their term is completed in December 1988, but they expect to return after a 3 month furlough.

Our thanks to Barbara for this interesting narrative and we wish them blessings in their stay in Somalia. We will miss them at the Reunion of 1988!

News and Notes

Martha Lady reports that December was unusually busy. She flew to California the first week for a church board meeting. When she returned she had to finish some papers and prepare for the final for a course she took at Messiah College. Then there was a sermon to prepare for the Sunday before Christmas. The finale was the chance to enjoy having **Uncle Ben and Aunt Gladys, Nancy Jo Lenhart, John Lenhart** and his family in the area when they came to visit **Aunt Norma** and the rest of the Lenharts and friends in the area.

The visit by nine of the California Lenharts with those in Pennsylvania became a "mini Lenhart Reunion!" One of the highlights was that **Joanne Barrett** hosted all the Lenharts of the area to a lovely dinner when **Uncle Ben and Aunt Gladys** were in the area.

Aunt Norma has been hosting numerous other Lenharts in her new home. That includes (at least these that we know of) **Jess and Fern Heise, Dale Lenhart, Aunt Violet and Uncle Ken Malone, Susan and Robert Yiegst** and their children **Trina and Chad, Martha Lady, Aunt Mary Eshelman, Glen and Wanda Heise** and their children **Angela and Jennifer**, ...and who knows who else! She writes that "after a lifetime of living away from the family I'm enjoying them now." She is also planning to be at the Reunion of 1988!

Another "reunion" was earlier in the fall when **Myron and Mary Lady** were able to have **Martha Lady** visit them. She was attending the Zion congregation's centennial celebration and reunion.

Last summer **Al, Maxine and Janet Heise** were able to visit with **Dale Lenhart** when they were in Dallas this summer. They also had Sunday dinner and an afternoon mountain walk with **David and Martha Eshelman** in Buena Vista, CO.

Several other times in the recent past several of the Lenharts have come across each other in a providential manner. When **Beth Lenhart** was calling American Airlines to make a reservation, her call was received by none other than **Sue Engle** who takes phone reservations for American! A "one in a million" chance than that could happen, **Sue** tells us!

Another such meeting was between **Linda Barrett** and **Cecil Eshelman** in Los Angeles CA. Linda was at an Operation Mobilization meeting in a church building and heard that there was a "showcase" production being presented by the Covenant Players elsewhere in the building. She also had heard that **Cecil** had recently joined that group, so she asked if he might be there...and he was...so they were blessed with an opportunity to see each other!

In other news from the West Coast, we hear that **Wesley Lenhart** is busy working long hours at Alum-Alloy as the Vice-President while **Donna** keeps busy working 3/4 time at the church as secretary and also doing some part time work for an orthodontist! **Jennifer** is a high school sophomore, **Bethani** is an 8th grader, and **Heather** has started junior high as a 6th grader. They are all looking forward to the Reunion of 1988!

Robert and Donna Beachy will be moving from California this summer to Maryland where he will be serving a one year internship, as part of his doctorate in psychology.

Daryl, Lois and Vaughn Climenhaga have arrived in Zambia.

Mary Olive Lady has arrived back in the U.S. from Zambia. We are looking forward to having her at the Reunion of 1988!

THE GRANDPARENT COMMITTEE

As everyone knows, all families need grandparents or grandparent substitutes. At this reunion we are designating two of our elder statespersons to fill that role! Their responsibility is simply to be available to smile at the grandchildren.

Ben and Gladys Lenhart.

NEWS REPORTER

The tradition runs deep in the family to have the daily morning newspaper. Remember **Uncle Charles and Uncle Harry** trudging off each day to get a copy of the local paper? Well, we are in luck, for one of our family is a journalist! He can bring us up to date each morning (or evening) with the latest. How he is going to find out what is going on is his problem...but journalists always seem to find a way!

Jeff Beachy, News Reporter; David Eshelman, Consultant.

KNITTING LESSONS/DEMONSTRATIONS

The knitting tradition runs deep in the Lenhart Family. To keep this interest and skill alive, we are appointing an expert to give lessons and demonstrate her skill (and perhaps the skill of others who have perfected the art).

Ruth Engle, Knitter Extraordinaire.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

There will be daily family devotions and a Sunday Service(s) (Sunday School, Worship). There will be reports by family members involved in "missionary" service who attend the reunion.

Martha Lady, Family Chaplain; all family members serve at her request.

FUTURES COMMITTEE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In keeping with the tradition established at the 1985 reunion, the following persons are designated as the Futures Committee. It shall be their task to make recommendations regarding future family reunion activities.

Also in keeping with the tradition established at the 1985 reunion, the following persons are designated as the Nominating Committee, "whose duty it shall be to bring to the Tuesday evening business meeting a single slate of nominees" for the officers of the family. (The quote is from the recommendation of the 1985 Study Committee Re Further Reunions, **Sam Brubaker, Convener.**)

Al and Maxine Heise, Convener; Sue Ann Heise, Sara and Galen Lenhart, Norma Lenhart, Robert and Susan Yiegst, Donna and Wesley Lenhart.

CONSULTANTS COMMITTEE

The Lenhart Family is known for its discussions. Any issue can be solved by consulting with family members. To help the above committees with their deliberations or functioning, the following "consultants committee" is formed. These are the experts of the future, so seek and heed their advice.

Joshua Lady, Laura Heise, David Lady, Sarah Heise, Trina Yiegst, Heather Lenhart, and Chad Yiegst.

What To Bring, How To Get There

Bear Trap Ranch is nestled in the southern canyons below Pike's Peak. The setting is informal, the atmosphere congenial. So come with the anticipation of a relaxing and enjoyable reunion.

Speaking of atmosphere, the elevation of the ranch is 9100' above sea level so we will plan to "take it easy," especially Saturday and Sunday. Although we can anticipate cool evenings, all of the buildings are "winterized" since the camp operates all year.

The lodge has rooms for doubles/triples (double bed with bunk), and quads (double bed with two single bunks or four single bunks); one or two rooms to a bath.

The cabin variations include private room with private bath, private room with shared bath, or shared room with shared bath. Indicate preferences on the survey form.

So, what to bring? Yourself in good spirits, and informal attire. Sweaters for early morning and evening walks. There is a small store at the ranch.

How to get there? Take I-25 to S. Circle Drive Exit; west on Circle (becomes Lake Ave.); south (left) on Old Broadmoor Rd. (becomes Chyeyenne Mtn. Blvd.); follow to "Zoo Jct." at Penrose St. and continue straight on to Old Stage Rd. 8 more miles which takes over 30 minutes to Bear Trap Ranch (1/2 mile beyond Gold Camp Rd. Jct.).

You can call the ranch before leaving the Springs to confirm roads and conditions. (303) 632 0740.

Take your time, and enjoy the scenery. We'll try to have the "Lenhart" signs along the way to help you.

Agenda

We don't want to structure our time together more than necessary, but here are some ideas for the various committees to consider:

- 6 Saturday: arrival in the afternoon; supper for all; evening of orientation (informal business session) to decide the schedule and plan events (see committee responsibilities outlined elsewhere).
- 7 Sunday: morning service; afternoon will probably be slow-paced activities, possibly including horse rides, walks, and games. The ambitious might want to drive to Cripple Creek (old mining town) for the matinee melodrama show or do some rappelling (Expedition Committee). The evening might be a good time to feature presentations (conversations) about mission activities of family members (Mary Olive) and other religious endeavors, and historic family stories, slides and movies (Exhibits Committee).
- 8 Monday: Those who wish to visit NORAD or go shopping might wish to trip into Colorado Springs. Others might wish to hike, rappel, bird watch, etc. Let's not get too regimented! Evening will probably feature the talent show and the initiation rites of the new "outlaw(s)." (Talent Program Committee).
- 9 Tuesday: Perhaps a hike (Expedition Committee)? If not done before, and if desired, a trip to Cripple Creek, or recreation around the ranch. Evening will feature the traditional business meeting of the family and the opening of the 1985 predictions and sealing the predictions of the future (Futures and Nominating Committee). This year the goal is to keep the formal session shorter than last year (39 minutes).

The following column by our chaplain was written, at my request, for publication in January. Since publication of this edition of the newsletter was delayed until now, the references in the column to Christmas might seem dated, but that is not the fault of the author. We regret that this message did not reach you earlier. Our thanks to Martha for her columns which have always arrived on time for anticipated publication deadlines. The editor.

The World Turned Upside Down

By Martha Lady

The past advent season a rather strange verse caught my attention. "...These men who have upset the world have come here also" (Acts 17:6b). The early church was accused of turning the world upside down. Why sure, that is exactly what happened that first Christmas - the world was turned upside down! It is easy to see that both Mary and Joseph certainly had their world and plans turned upside down. Considering the ways and standards of the world, you would not expect a king to be born in a stable, to have the news of his birth announced to common shepherds. Why waste the music of angels on people who would not understand the finer things of life? Why would Gentiles make a long and difficult journey to worship a new born Jewish king?

Joanne Darrett's musical, "Hark, the Herald Angel" was given at Messiah Village in December. The song, "When God Became A Baby" especially impressed me. The angels were wondering how their great big wonderful God could fit into a baby. How, indeed? He was willing to become small, to leave the glories of heaven to be born in poverty in a stable as a newborn babe so completely dependent and vulnerable with all the human limitations to show us God. His world was certainly turned upside down.

His teachings which He left us upset so many of our ideas and theories. First we are to become as children to enter into His kingdom. But we have worked too hard to become adults and now He expects us to become as children? He has upset our value system which often is measured by appearance and performance, but God's love doesn't depend on that, for we can't and don't deserve His love. He taught us that true greatness lies in humility, service and sacrifice. We are to love our enemies and pray for those who hate us. Yes, his teachings have a way of upsetting our ideas.

When that Christ of Bethlehem is born within our hearts, our lives are turned upside down. The heart of stone is replaced by a heart of flesh. His love replaces the emotions which ruled us before. Our values which are twisted will be changed. We will be in right relationship with God and man. His likeness will be seen in us.

Christ's coming changed the world. But actually it was and is the world that is upside down. Man did that when he sinned. So Jesus came to turn the upside world right side up as He intended it to be. Now we are to continue His work!

A Prayer for Easter Day

O God, who made this most holy day to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church the Spirit of adoption which is given to us in baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

FINAL RESERVATION AND SURVEY FOR THE LENHERT REUNION OF 1988

Please complete and return by May 15 as applicable

PART A: CONFIRMATION OF RESERVATIONS

- You have reservations for the reunion and for the NORAD tour. Great!
—Complete PART D only if applicable or you have preferences or needs.
- You have reservations for the reunion, but not for the NORAD tour.
—Decide, and if you might want to go on the tour complete PART C.
—Complete PART D only if applicable or you have preferences or needs.
- We do not know your plans. Please let us know.
 We're (I'm) coming! (Please complete PART B, C, and D, below)
 We (I) do not plan to attend.
- Our records show that you do not plan to attend the Lenhart Reunion of 1988.
(You may reconsider!)

PART B: REUNION REGISTRATION. Complete this portion only for NEW reservations.

Name of Head of Household: _____

Number of adults (12 years and older) in household as of August, 1988: _____

Number of older children (ages 8-11) in household as of August, 1988: _____

Number of younger children (ages 3-7) in household as of August, 1988: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAYING PERSONS: _____

PLEASE SEND \$10 FOR EACH PAYING PERSON (Total number of paying persons x \$10)
—> MAKE PAYABLE TO: THE LENHERT REUNION <—

PART C: THE NORAD TOUR. Complete this portion if you want the option to go.

Last Name and Initials: _____ SSAN:(S.S.#) _____ Signature: (adults/parents) _____

PART D: PREFERENCES AND NEEDS. Complete only if applicable or you have preferences.

- I/we prefer lodging in: _____ the lodge _____ one of the cabins
- Room preference: _____ private w/bath _____ private w/shared bath _____ shared
- I/we prefer to: _____ room alone _____ with our children _____ with: _____
- I/we will need a crib bed for a child.
- I/we will need lunch meals: _____ Sat _____ Wed --how many? _____
- I/we will be flying into Colorado Springs, will be renting a car, and will have room to bring other air passengers. How many? _____
- We plan to arrive at about _____ via _____ airlines

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The Lenhart Family Reunion 1988
Bear Trap Ranch, Colorado Springs, Colorado

This is a complete and comfortable camp about 12 miles from Colorado Springs. It is in a beautiful, secluded location in the mountains.

Wranglers Lodge has modern suites to accommodate 50, 1-2 rooms to a bath, some beds are bunked. There is a loft for the teenager's hideaway (for games, etc.), a small kitchenette in a gathering room (5 tables for 6 persons each) for snacking, socializing and games, a small lounge with fireplace, and a fantastic deck. There are also cottages for families or for those wishing more privacy or isolation. They are more rustic, but with all the "conveniences."

Mealtimes are family style in a nice dining room apart from lodge. There is an additional game room, a library, and larger meeting room with piano.

Sporting activities include ping pong, volleyball, horse shoes and hiking trails; a fenced playground for the younger children (slide, sand box, swings); backpacking, rock climbing and rappelling supplies (fee) are available. Saddle horses are available (fee); no swimming pool (it's cool, anyway!) but there is a creek; no softball, but you can "throw pitch." Bring your "frizbee."

Estimated costs are for Wranglers Lodge (modern); the cabins (basic but rustic) are slightly less, and rates vary depending on the number of days stayed and the ages of children (8-11 years is about \$1/day less than adult, and 3-7 is about \$2/day less than adult, and infants 0-2 have no fees).

—cost for 2 adults for four nights (11 meals included): TOTAL: \$168
—cost for 2 adults and 3 children (1 between 8-11 and 2 between 3-7):
2 adults: \$168, 1 child 8-11: \$55, 2 children 3-7: \$73 TOTAL: \$296

The NORAD Tour

In addition to the normal attractions of the family reunion there is another feature.

We have obtained authorization for a special tour on Monday, August 8 to visit the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) buried beneath Cheyenne Mountain between Colorado Springs and Bear Trap Ranch. We will be limited, however, to the first 30 persons from our family who request to go on the tour. There is no charge for the tour.

Due to the layout of the complex, walking and climbing up and down three flights of stairs is required and the altitude is 8,000 ft. The tour takes about three hours.

When we take the tour, each member of the group will be required to produce some type of identification with a current photograph and Social Security Number (SSAN) such as Driver's License, School or Military I.D. Card, etc. The minimum age is 12 so we will arrange for "child sitting" for those with young children. If any young folk (12 or above) do not have a regular form of I.D. (Driver's License, etc.) please let me know so that arrangements can be made for their entry anyway.

If you would like to go on this tour we need your social security number in advance, which is used to log individuals in and out of special areas, provide an historical record of personnel who have visited an area, and provide information on how many visitors are within a certain area at any one time. Without this advance information you will not be permitted to take the tour, so on the chance that you might wish to go, send us this information:

NOTE: After we send in the list there can be no additions or substitutions, but you can decide not to go on the tour. If you are undecided, we encourage you to make reservations anyway!

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