

# The Messenger

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The swallows chattering as they bask in the early morning sunshine from the wire, and watch for a buzzing insect breakfast on a dewy summer morning that carries the scents of freshly mowed hay, multiflora roses, and locust blossoms, have been replaced by the chirping of crickets and smell of falling leaves. Yes, a busy summer is coming to an end in Helvetia, as we look forward to the beauty of autumn. Much appreciation to Freddy Burky, Mabel Simpson, Susan Betler Reynolds, Chip Hicks, Lois Hicks Marsh, Jeanne Hicks Zickefoose, Evelyn Hicks Overton, Jeanne Williams, Betty Fahrner, Dorothy Winkler, and Glenn and Judy Haddix for their generous donations and continued support of *The Messenger*. As before, we will continue to publish *The Messenger* every couple of months and appreciate information that we get from our readers to share with others. Please continue to submit articles anytime by mail, email or Facebook messages. Please let me know of any corrections in dates and mailing addresses. I also welcome suggestions and comments. Again, many thanks to Bruce Cressler, at the Helvetia Public Library for taking time to print the pages of *The Messenger*. I certainly appreciate his help. I look forward to hearing from you. Have a blessed autumn.

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## ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Much appreciation to Joe McInroy who diligently works so that we can continue to have Sunday worship services at our beautiful community church. We are grateful to have supply ministers each week to lead worship. We are having Children's Sunday school twice a month. The dates are always posted on the Kultur Haus store window. If anyone is visiting town on a Sunday, please join us for Sunday school or regular church services.

In July Zion Presbyterian Church held Bible School. The theme was Jungle Safari. The lessons taught how God is our Creator, Provider, Protector, and King. The students enjoyed singing, making birdhouses, decorating flower pots, making picture frames, and going on a nature walk. We had up to 16 students a day who all seemed to enjoy learning and having fun with the activities. Many thanks to Nancy and Leroy Gain, for donating vines for our flower pots. Also, much appreciation to Iris Smith Davis, who organized and lead craft making; and to Velda Booth for leading and organizing games. Both of these wonderful volunteers also helped with snacks and clean up. It was such a great summer learning experience. We plan to do bible school again next summer.

## HELVETIA CEMETERY

How beautiful the cemetery looks this summer!! Many thanks to Dave Loudin and his family for donating their time to the continued beautification of the Helvetia Cemetery. Each year the cemetery fund pays for supplies for ground maintenance, but Dave and his family work very hard to keep the grass mowed, the trellis repaired, and the ground maintained. Any donation for cemetery care can be sent to Helvetia Church / Helvetia Cemetery fund.

## **OBITUARIES**

**Mary Frances McNeal Hicks**, age 104 years, a former resident of Helvetia and a resident of the Elkins Rehabilitation and Care Center, passed away Saturday morning, June 4, 2016 at the Center. She was born December 23, 1911 at Helvetia, a daughter of the late James Peter and Anna Marie Merkli McNeal. She is survived by several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family having also been preceded in death by three sisters, Bernadine Law, Agnes Prysock and Irene Hartford and two brothers, James and Wibur McNeal. Mary was a homemaker and a member of the Helvetia Fair Association, Helvetia Farm Women, Board of Directors for the Little Meadow Clinic and supporter of the 4-H. She enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a former member of the Beech Mountain Hunting Club for many years. Mary was a wool spinner, seamstress and created the first Folk Dancer costumes for the Helvetia Folk Dancers. She attended the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Pickens. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 am Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at Pickens. Fr. Joe McLaughlin was the celebrant, and interment followed in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery near Pickens.

**Bobby Charles Carpenter**, age 71, of Buckhannon, died Thursday, June 2, 2016, at his home. He was born on May 14, 1945, in Upshur County, a son of the late Orace Frank and Iva Beatrice Sayre Carpenter. On July 1, 1966, he was united in marriage to Carolyn Pearl Freeman Carpenter, who survives. Also surviving are three daughters: Kimberly Smith of Ripley, Carmen Carpenter of Buckhannon, and Shannon Smith of Buckhannon; six sons: Sean Carpenter of Holly Grove, Brent Carpenter of Carter, Gregory Carpenter of Buckhannon, David Carpenter and companion Cyndi Cook of Buckhannon, Daniel Carpenter and companion Rebekah Simons of Buckhannon, and Todd Carpenter and companion Carrie Ferguson of Matewan; six grandchildren: Brandi Carpenter, Kiona Smith, Tyler Smith, Nicole Smith, Aidan McDermott, and Kyser Tyson, all of the home; nine grandchildren: Brittany White and husband Dustin of Ripley, Kelley Endicott and husband Joshua of Powellton, WV, Christopher Elmer and wife Sandi of Buckhannon, Shayla and Ashley Elmer of

Buckhannon, Elijah and Shasta Carpenter of Holly Grove, Cayden Carpenter of Matewan, and Kaleb Simons of Rock Cave; three great grandchildren: Dillon White, Bryce Elmer, and Adalynn White; one brother Richard Frank Carpenter and wife Linda of French Creek; brother-in-law John Freeman and wife Sharon of Selbyville and their son Jonathon and his family; a special niece Joyce Carpenter and companion Charles Pringle; and a special friend Mike Carpenter. The funeral was held on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at 2:00 PM, with Pastor James Gifford officiating. Interment followed in the Bethlehem Cemetery.

**Rosa L Thomas Stolzenberg** began her adventures in Pickens, West Virginia on April 24, 1941 and she left us quietly on the morning of Monday, May 31st, 2016. She was only 75. Valedictorian of her high school class, she went on to attend West Virginia University and was a woman pioneer in veterinary science when that field was dominated by men. She was a member of the Dairy Science Club at Kansas State University where she got her Master's Degree in microbiology. A brilliant and beautiful woman, she had an infectious laugh and brought light to the lives of everyone who knew her. She was a cornerstone and inspiration to many people. The embodiment of hope and kindness, she found joy in everything, always with a twinkle of mischief in her eyes. She began her career at the United States Department of Agriculture in 1967. Rosa was first involved with research in Maryland of common button mushrooms. Her future work included research in the Plant Science unit and then in the Sugar beet/Potatoes unit. She worked at the USDA for more than 43 years. A prolific author to scientific journals, she was also deeply concerned with worker rights and safety and was a Secretary for the local chapter of the USDA workers' Union, and a member of retired USDA co-workers coffee klatch. Rosa was an active volunteer and member of the South Island Lake Association, Lower Crow Wings Lakes Association, the COLA meetings of Hubbard County, the County Coalition of Lakes Association, and the Headwaters Coalition of Lakes Association. She and her husband Gary were committed to protecting and preserving environment and water purity of South Island and its neighboring lakes. Also a patron of the arts, Rosa appreciated fine wines, world travel, classical music, opera, live plays, symphony concerts, and National Public Radio and television. She was a contributing member to the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County. For

more than twenty years she was a member of the Paul Bunyan Mushroom Club where she meticulously recorded the location, size, amount, taxonomic phyla and sub-phyla of the fungi they gathered. She always had a camera in her hand to record her adventures with friends, family, and co-workers. She brought this dedication and passion to everything she did. She was a caregiver to the earth and all its creatures and was deeply committed to preserving the environment. She was kind to spiders. She was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years and heart-mate Gary Stolzenberg., her five brothers and sisters, and her parents Cecil Dana Thomas and Rosa Thomas. She is survived by her cousins Tommy Bennett and Betty Buzzard and a plethora of nieces and nephews.

**Virgil Hull**, 90, a resident of Pickens, passed from this life Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015 at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. Virgil's request for cremation was honored. A graveside memorial service will be conducted Sunday, June 19, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the Pickens Cemetery

**John Phillip Chandler**, 83, of Westminster, S.C. died peacefully July 20, 2016. John was born Dec. 27, 1932, in Alton. John was the son of the late James H Chandler and Carrie M Arnold Chandler. John grew up in Randolph County and attended Homestead School in Dailey and Tygarts Valley High School in Mill Creek. He graduated in 1950 and immediately joined the U.S. Navy at age 17. He served on a destroyer and was a veteran of the Korean War. After spending three years in the Navy, John joined the U.S. Air Force in 1956 and retired from active duty in 1978, after serving a total of 26 years in the military. John was very proud of the numerous awards and decorations received during his services. After retiring from the military, John resided exclusively in Westminster, S.C., adopting South Carolina as his second home. John was a member of Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is survived by his daughters, Marcia Chandler and Leinani Roubison of Clovis, N.M.; grandson, Bryce Hill and granddaughter, Megan Roubison; great grandsons, Brayden and Braxton Roubison; brothers, Tom (Mary) Chandler of Reedsville and Jerry (Olive) Chandler of Woodstock, GA; and sister, Page (Don) Bracken of Englewood, FL; Sue Chandler of Tucker, GA; and Marcia (Tim) Swoger of Woodstock, GA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, William A Chandler, Robert M. Chandler

and infant twins James Howard and Harts Junior; a sister, Lois A Gum. A funeral service was held on August 6, from the chapel of Sandifer Funeral Home, Burial followed in Heritage Memoria Gardens, Westminster, SC.

**Evelyn Straley Dean**, age 85 years, a resident of the Blue Rock community near Mill Creek, passed away at 5:40 pm Monday, August 15, 2016 in the Ruby Memorial Hospital at Morgantown. She was born March 6, 1931 at Copen, WV a daughter of the late Hayward Allen and Virgie Evans Straley. On August 6, 1951 at Maryland, she was married to Gerald Lee Dean who preceded her in death December 28, 1990. She is survived by one sister, Dorcus Arbogast of Elkins, a sister-in-law, Roydetta Cutright and husband Butch of North Carolina and several cousins, including two special cousins, Vonda Straley and Mike Evans. Also preceding her in death was a brother-in-law, Victor Arbogast. Evelyn was a graduate of Burnsville High School and along with her husband Gerald owned and operated Dean's Texaco at Mill Creek for over thirty six years. Evelyn loved the outdoors, especially the beautiful sunrises and her flower gardens at her home at Blue Rock. She was a member of the Providence Baptist Church at Copen, WV. A funeral service was held on August 19. Interment followed in the Brick Church Cemetery near Huttonsville.

**Lapel Clark Bodkins**, 88, a resident of Valley Head, WV departed this life Aug. 19, 2016. He was born on December 9, 1927 in Montes, WV, son of the late Herbert J. Bodkins and Pearl Marie Hoover. He attended the school at Bemis and acquired his GED while in the US Army. He married the love of his life and best friend, Bonnie L. Rhodes, on November 17, 1951 in Elkins, WV. She preceded him in death in Feb. 2016. Surviving are two sons, Steve and wife Barbara of Independence, WV; Doug and wife Donna of Fairmont, WV; one daughter, Connie Pumphrey and husband Roger of Crownsville, Md.; two brothers, Aubrey Bodkins and wife Ruth of OH, Joe Bodkins and wife Connie of OH; three grandchildren, Joshua and wife Ashley of Eglon, WV; and Taylor and Addison of Fairmont, WV; one great grandchild, Abigail Bodkins. Preceding him in death are four brothers, Forrest, Harry, Donnie, and Leslie Bodkins; seven sisters, Elsie Edmond, Gladys White, Palley Goodwin, Rose Teter, Teen Shiflett, Cecelia Mullens, and Monnie Bodkins; and one half-brother, Curtis Bodkins. Mr. Bodkins proudly served in the US Army in the 1940s and spent most of his adult life as an

employee of the Western Maryland Railroad as did his father and brother, Les. He enjoyed railroading and many of his childhood memories were formed on or near the WMRR. He retired as a track foreman of the Slaty Fork section with more than 40 years of service. He also worked for the Walker Mining Company, Glenn L. Martin, General Motors, the WV Department of Highways, Labcraft Corporation, various sawmills and other jobs. After retirement, he recorded and kept detailed weather records which he continued doing until recently. The National Weather Service discovered that he maintained these detailed records and requested copies. He also reported any unusual weather to them as it occurred so they could manage flooding down river, etc. Mr. Bodkins was a member of the Point Mountain Church and its choir. He was also a musician who played the guitar, mandolin and harmonica. He and his wife, Bonnie, were a well-known duo and often played and sang at various events and churches. Early in his life, he and friends played music at various events around Randolph County and he was always a big fan of Johnny Cash; but as his love of reading the bible and his Christian faith increased, he played and sang mostly gospel songs. Lapel and Bonnie recorded two CD's of their favorite gospel songs. He and Bonnie were very interested in history and helped their son Steve complete research for his history books. They conducted interviews, searched records in the courthouses and found and copied many historical and vintage photographs that were used in his books. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Marshall Williams Tuesday at 11am. Interment followed in the Elkins Memorial Gardens cemetery.

**Morris Dee Heater**, 74, of French Creek, WV, passed away Sunday, April 17, 2016 in the United Hospital Center of Clarksburg. Born June 19, 1941 in Czar, WV, he was a son of the late Macel Thorn and Thelma Mildred Smith Heater. He is also preceded in death by his son, Jeffery Allen Heater; two brothers, Billy Joe Heater and Charles Vernon Heater. Survivors include his two sons, Kevin Dee Heater and wife Michelle, Christopher Shane Heater and wife Brandi all of Front Royal, VA; one sister, Juanita Bunner of Buckhannon, WV; one special nephew, Michael Heater and wife Paula of French Creek; 9 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; special friend, Tim Cogar and wife Marcia. Morris was a retired carpenter, was Methodist by faith, loved hunting and fishing, and was an avid gardener. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday,

April 21 in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Czar with Tim Cogar officiating.

**Margaret Ann Casto Haught** Rejoice with the family of Margaret Ann Casto Haught, age 87 a long time resident of Sun Valley, for she is with the Lord. September 5, 2016. Margaret Ann was born April 1, 1929 in Pickens, WV the daughter of the late Cecil Charles Dulaney and Elsie Anna Freida Betler. Twice married, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Bernard Casto on September 15, 1977, and also her second husband, Oral "Doc" Haught, on April 10, 1989. She is survived by her children, Sherry Marra (Claude), Barbara Barberio (James), Brenda Albright, Michael Casto (Tina) and Melissa Casto; and three step son's, Doug Haught (Earl); Mike Haught (Delesa); Keith Haught (Elaine). One of her greatest joys were her eight grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. Also surviving are her brothers, Charles Dulaney (Rosie) and Ed Dulaney (Sue), and two sisters Ruth May "Tommy" Shears and Freida Marie Drummond; many nieces and nephews; and one sister-in-law, Mrs. William (Sandy) Dulaney. Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Cecil Claude Dulaney and William Dulaney. Margaret Ann, prior to meeting her husband, Bernard, worked as a switch board operator for C&P Telephone Co. Margaret Ann, in the many years of practicing her faith, was a pianist for the church choir, youth choir director, sang in the church and senior citizen choir, delivered the love of Christ to many in their home and nursing centers. Margaret Ann was an active member at United Methodist Temple and prayer chain, and recently attended at the Heaston United Methodist Church. Margaret was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Pythian Sisters Holy Temple no. 78 of Pickens. She loved crocheting, reading her Bible, and writing in her journal. Family and friends may call at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home, 201 Edison Street, Nutter Fort on Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. Margaret Ann will be taken to the Pickens Baptist Church to lie in state for 1 hour prior to the service, which will be Friday, September 9, 2016 at 11:00 am, with Reverend Paul Stadelman and Reverend Dustin McCune officiating. Interment will be in the Pickens I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Thank so much to Anna Chandler for always forwarding the obituary information to be sent as part of The Messenger.

## **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENT NEWS**

### **Follow Your Bliss Celebrates 5th Year**

The Follow Your Bliss music festival marked its 5th year on the Helvetia calendar this past June 24-26. Started by the McAvoy family in 2012, as a tribute & celebration to their father, Rogers McAvoy, known to many as "The Professor", this quaint & intimate music festival has gathered fans through the years by providing wonderful local musicians & vendors a unique setting to share their talents. The Helvetia meadow provides the perfect location to enjoy Live music, local beers & crafts & BBQ during an early summer weekend in June.

A free music festival in the mountains of West Virginia is the ideal setting to reunite with old friends & welcome new friends, with the primary purpose being to raise funds for local community projects & Hospice care.

There have been many generous companies & individuals that have helped support the festival over the past 5 years, Kultur Haus Helvetia, Pig Pen catering, Masterpiece Rentals, Wendling's food service & of course the people & town of Helvetia, to name a few. Also, with invaluable help from our volunteers & attendees & our talented musicians, we are proud to have donated over \$10,000.00 to local Helvetia projects & Hospice Care in Elkins WV.

The Follow Your Bliss Festival happens each year the weekend following Father's Day, so please consider joining us as we go for 6, next year, June 23-25 2017.

You can also like us on Facebook at:  
Follow Your Bliss Festival

Thanks to Phil McAvoy for submitting information about this wonderfully, fun community event.

### **Helvetia Farm Women**

Greetings from the Helvetia Farm Women. These summer months are a busy time "down on the farm" gardening, canning, making hay

and just trying to find a cool spot for a tall, cold drink to unwind!! In July The Farm Women found just such a spot at our own Holy River State Park in Hacker Valley, WV. FYI, Holly River is the second largest park in the WV park system with a total of 8,101 acres. We had our afternoon cut out for us!! At noon our hungry excited group gathered at Pickens Post Office, piled into our "wagons" and headed west (?) in a round-about way to our destination approximately 15 miles away. When we arrived and sat down in the Holly River Restaurant, operated by Debbie Schoolcraft, we were not disappointed. So many choices of delicious home cooked entrees and pies; the only hard part was making up our minds! (Did I mention pies!!) After a long leisurely lunch we needed to walk off and the park offers ample opportunity for strolling along the meandering streams, lined with shady trees or for the more ambitious, miles of hiking. You can guess what category we are in. Hehe

Our upcoming community events include the Helvetia fair. September 10 and 11, a fun time for all; and an opportunity for residents to display their multiple talents and creativity. Look for the Farm Women's float and bring the kiddies. We will have treats!! You can find lots of info online and around town. Hope to see you there.

On October 1 at 6:00 at the Helvetia Community Hall, we will be hosting our second international dinner. This is covered dish and provides an opportunity to experience and share your favorite (or new) dish from another county. We will be decorated with, and display items from around the world and welcome anybody to bring items and/or stories from world travels to share. The dinner will be followed at 8:00 by the first Saturday dance.

Also on Saturday, October 29, we; with the help of Pickens Legion will be hosting the annual Helvetia/Pickens Halloween party at Helvetia Hall. This is always a fun time for kids and adults alike with lots of treats, goodies, games, ghosts and goblins, princesses and aliens, and of

course a few witches thrown in. Please come and join us for a “feel good” evening of kids just having a great time!! More information on time etc. will be available later in October at Pickens School.

Soooo, everybody have a great end of summer and take time to enjoy our beautiful fall days and glorious scenery. A shout out to the kiddies, teachers and staff who are back in school, YAY, PICKENS PRIDE!!! Until next time.....The Helvetia Farm Women

By: Charlotte Chandler

\*Editor’s note: Since this edition of the Messenger has gone out a week or so later than anticipated, the 2016 Helvetia Fair over. By all accounts there was wonderful weather, great attendance, and everyone had a fabulous time!! We look forward to hearing more about the Helvetia Fair in the next Messenger.

### **Kultur Haus Helvetia**

The Kultur Haus Helvetia annual community meeting and picnic was held on July 10. The current project of the organization is restoration of the old garage section of the building. The garage foundation was replaced and the tarpaper siding has been taken down and replaced with wood siding. New doors have been installed. The old windows will have new glass panes installed. These renovations will make the old garage a great storage area. Many thanks to Dan Lehmann for donating the wood for the doors and siding. Also much appreciation for Dave Whipp and Danny Daetwyler for volunteering many hours of work to make the garage so secure and look so nice.

Since the current building now stands where the old store building once stood, and the old building was moved to the back of the new one, the old store structure is badly in need of repairs. The foundation is beginning to creel, and the roof leaks. Restoration of this part of the building is the next project that Kultur Haus Helvetia will undertake so that the old store

building could be used by the community in the future.

Kultur Haus Helvetia has a new employee. Flora Kelley of Helvetia works part time and replaces Cecelia Smith. Cecelia has decided to dedicate her time to family, church, community and personal interests. Many thanks to Cecelia for many hours of service. Also, many thanks to Jerianne Davis, who now volunteers to assist Kevin with the bookkeeping and business obligations. Also, much appreciation to the dedicated financial donors who continue to support the community efforts in keeping and maintaining Kultur Haus Helvetia.

### **Pickens ATV RUN**

The date has been set for the fall Pickens ATV ride. This event was held September 17. This event is a lot of fun and a great fundraiser for the community organizations of Pickens.

### **NEWS FROM READERS**

#### **WILLIAMS REUNION**

Descendants of Oliver and Myrtle Williams of the Fork Ridge Community on the Randolph-Webster County line known as ‘The Welsh Tract’, gathered at the Pickens WV community pavilion following Decoration Service at the local cemetery, for their Annual Family Reunion on June 19, 2016. A pot-luck picnic dinner was served at noon, followed by an afternoon of visiting and a game of gift exchange. Jeanne Williams read a history of the Williams coal miners called “I Am A Proud Coal Miner” followed with “A Miner Wife’s Prayer” in memory of Oliver Jr. “RED” Williams.

Present were: Bob and Dolores Williams, White Post, VA; Dave and Connie Shaw and children, Clayton, Kyle and Connor, Silver Spring, MD; Chuck and Donna Cochran, Lois Martin, Jeff and Tammy Anderson, and son Coy; Corey and Tina Cochran and daughters, Katelyn and Kassie; all of Webster Springs, WV; Clinton and Lisa Cochran and children Kennedy and Carson;

Clifftop, WV; Mary Jane Walters, Green River, WY; Marie Knight, Sam and Ida Male, Mesa, AZ; Charles Williams, Litchfield, NH; Bette Ruth Baughman, Art Beatty, Kenny Knight, Jimmy Knight, Richard and Traci Knight, Roger and Jan Knight, Roman Scott, Dave and Maria Bell, all of the Clarksburg area; Jeanne Williams, East Dailey, WV, and Michael Williams of Huntington, WV.

Submitted by: Jeanne Williams

### **FAMILY ON THE HILL**

Many years ago there was a family that lived on the hill above Helvetia, West Virginia. They lived there since 1919. Along with their children: Carl, Mable, and Earl. Their last name was Marti.

The Marti family made their living by farming. They had many different animals, and in the summer, there was a lovely garden. Therefore, there were plenty of fresh vegetables to eat.

Many relatives and friends came to visit, and they always had an enjoyable time.

In the early 60's due to ill health, Mr. and Mrs. Marti had to move from the farm. The children had all gone their own separate ways by then.

As of now, Mabel, the only surviving family member, is 91 years old and living in Georgia. But Helvetia will always be home to her.

Submitted by: Mabel M. Simpson

**Derik Robert Craft**, son of Robert Eric Craft and Kelly L. Sassi-Craft, grandson of Bobby Craft of Webster Springs and Emma Irene Woofter-Craft of Hurst, WV. Also grandson of Henry Dale Sassi of Pickens and Helen Mae Kelley-Sassi of French Creek, graduated from Muskingum University, New Concord, OH; in May 2014 with Bachelor's Degree in: 1. Physical Education, 2. Health Education, 3. Health Administration, 4. Fitness and Health and a minor in business. Derik recently completed a Master's degree in Athletic Training from Gannon University in Erie

PA. While at Muskingum University, Derik received Varsity Letter all 4 years in Soccer.

**Tyler Eric Craft**, son of Robert E. Craft and Kelly L. Sassi-Craft of Vienna, WV, grandson of Bobby G. Craft, Webster Springs and Emma Irene Woofter-Craft of Hurst, WV and Henry Dale Sassi, Pickens, WV and Helen Mae Kelley Sassi, French Creek WV. Recently graduated from Muskingum University, New Concord, OH with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology and Political Science. While at Muskingum University, he received varsity letter all 4 years in Soccer. This past May, Tyler earned the Greg Riggat Dedicated to Sports Award from the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. The Golden Hook Awards are awarded to the student athlete who is Muskingum's most outstanding student athlete. It recognizes their competitive successes, good sportsmanship, and commitment to academics. The Golden Hook Awards were voted on by members of SAAC which represents all 21 varsity sports at Muskingum University.

Submitted by: Helen Mae Kelley Sassi

**Tess Betler**, a dedicated swimmer, and recent graduate of Elkins High School will be attending West Virginia Wesleyan College and joining their swim team. Tess is the daughter of Scott and Lori Betler of Elkins. She is the older sister of Lillyana. She is the granddaughter of the late Gene and Pauline Betler and of Richard and Sherri Smith of Elkins.

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

October 1---6:00 International Dinner hosted by Helvetia Farm Women at the community hall.

October 29---Community Halloween Party

November 6----Helvetia Annual Community Meeting

Please remember that Helvetia Restoration and Development Organization sponsors the First Saturday of the Month Square Dance each month at the Helvetia Community Hall at 8:00.