

## Barn raising with precision, practice and pride



MILLPORT — In this day and age of prefabricated, metal-sided barns, this scene at the Jacob Stoltzfus farm, along Log Cabin Road near Millport, Lancaster County conjures up memories of the way things used to be done down on the farm — and thankfully still are in some communities.

Scrambling up ladders, across rafters, and like cats on a roof, this barn raising crew combines skillfully-wielded hammers and amazing teamwork to pin these timbers together in short order.

Each crew member uses his form in attacking the construction job — there's the 'on your mark' form, as demonstrated by the two pictured to the left; and there's the rafter perch and rafter clutch, depending on age and experience, above. Some stride across rafters and lath to get the job done, while others deftly pound away from a ladder's vantage point.

The team seemed to enjoy the hard work, at least the sunshine and blue skies made it a pleasant day for building another timbered tribute to farming. (Photos by Stan Hall.)

