

## Barn

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to secure the barn have been, at times, overwhelming. "We thought, 'What have we done and what do we do?' after we bought the property."

The Friedmans re-hinged and replaced damaged doors, and lighted the interior of the three-story dairy barn. The lower level stalls and stanchions were covered with years of manure. "We had help cleaning it up," says Rob Friedman.

The dirtiest job and dubious distinction — moving piles and piles of manure — goes to Gary Marchesini, a local contractor, who helped clean and secure the barn for the Friedmans. "It was great though, to drive by and see the barn lit up at night, because it was always dark," says Allison Friedman. "Rob came home and said 'It is breathing again. It came back to life.'"

But mysteries remain, and Rob Friedman would like to know more about the history of his barn and the 94 acres he has purchased. He wonders aloud about the various rooms and cellars of the barn, what they might have been used for. He holds up the blueprints for a 1927 addition to the barn ordered by the Payne family.

Friedman purchased the property from Harry Goeringer in the spring of 2003. A milk bottle dug up near the barn is dated and sealed January 11, 1914, and reads Orchard Farm Dairy, Dallas. Was his barn once Orchard Farm?

Plans for the barn include eight horse stalls because Allison Friedman is an avid horse owner and owner. And all that tremendous space upstairs? "Maybe a bowling alley, an antique store, florist or outside cafe." Say the Friedmans, "We're open for suggestions." There's plenty of room for parking and the Friedmans also plan a new family home on a nearby slope.

Allison Friedman has long admired the property. "It's funny, I went to Dallas High School and would ride the school bus past here every day. A pony and white horse were always in the field. I would daydream, thinking how I would love to ride that white horse through those fields. I never believed I would own this field."

The old white horse has since died, but the pony came with the property and is ready for young Diane Friedman to ride.



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Rob and Allison Friedman and their daughter, Diane, inside the barn they are restoring. The floor is made of walnut studs placed on end. Above, Rob Friedman holds a milk bottle found in the barn. It reads, "Orchard Farm Dairy, Dallas," and is dated January 11, 1914. But they don't know if the barn once was part of Orchard Farm Dairy.



## Pillarella

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"He was a deeply religious man and wonderful to work with. Nothing was too much for him when somebody needed him. I don't know how he did it all."

"Andy was a man with a passion for Christ and a passion for people," said Harper, "and he wanted to bring them together. He had a deep commitment to this community although he often had opportunities to go elsewhere."

"He was able to shepherd entire generations of families. He understood his ministry as one of real engagement into the world around him."

Pillarella's sense and spirit of community did not end at the church door. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Dallas for more than 40 years, serving as its president in 1979 and receiving the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship Award from his peers for "Service Above Self." He enjoyed a long relationship with the YMCA in Pittston, which led to his founding



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Rev. Andy Pillarella, (left) founding pastor of Trinity, participated in the worship service to celebrate Trinity's 40th anniversary last year with Rev. Mark Harper, (right) current pastor of the church.

Camp Lackawanna for the Presbyterian Church when the YMCA wanted to sell the property.

"Andy would always encourage the parents in the Presbytery to send their kids to Camp Lackawanna," said Har-

### Scholarship fund begun

There will be a memorial service for Rev. Pillarella at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Road, Dallas at 2 p.m. today. In lieu of flowers, Rev. Pillarella expressed his desire that a fund be set up to provide scholarships for young people. Donations may be made payable to the Rev. Andy Pillarella Memorial Fund and sent to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 105 Irem Rd., Dallas PA 18612.

er. "And I can still see him standing at the stove, year after year, stirring spaghetti sauce. You always knew what you were going to eat when you visited the camp."

"Andy was determined to start a Presbyterian church in the Back Mountain," said Meryl Davis, another charter member. "He and his wife, Edith, even opened up their home in those early days to hold committee meetings and choir practice while we all waited for the building to be finished. It feels strange to know that he is gone from us today."

"Andy was a true soldier of the cross," said Harper. "De-

spite his own physical battles throughout the years, he always maintained a crystal clear sense that he was called by God to preach the gospel and care for others."

Almost two years ago, Rev. Pillarella and his wife, Edith, were interviewed on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. At that time Pillarella summed up their lives of service in one simple phrase. "If you don't pull the rope, the bell won't ring."

Pillarella is survived by his wife, Edith, and their three daughters, Beth Faerber, Julie Sgarlat and Mary Martin, and five grandchildren.

### Volunteers needed for counseling program

Community Counseling Services of N.E. PA is recruiting volunteers for the Senior Peer Counseling Program in Wyoming and Luzerne counties. This program provides one-to-one supportive counseling to senior citizens who are confined to their homes or who don't feel comfortable in a traditional mental health setting.

Volunteers should be 55 years of age or older, able to devote three hours a week, have good listening skills and enjoy relating to new people.

Training is provided. Any interested person can obtain more information by calling Louise Clemmer, Program Coordinator, at 836-3118 or 552-6000.



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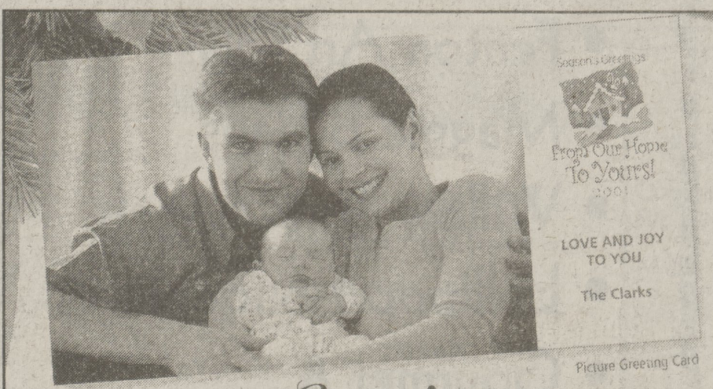
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