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Randy Rannels

Randy Rannels brings bicycle motocross here

The latest fad in East Donegal Township is racing bicycle motocrosses.

What's that? A bicycle motocross is a bicycle with small heavy duty wheels that give the cyclist great control over rough terrain.

The bicycles have hand brakes operating on the rims, like ten-speeds, but there is only one gear ratio on the bicycle motocross, 44-16.

The idea of bicycle motocrosses was introduced into East Donegal by Randy Rannels, who moved to Rowenna from Williamsport last October. He got "hooked" on these vehicles last September when he attended a race at State College. He started "Baja-ing around" on cross-country racing courses and motorcycle trails. He came in fifth at State College. He was second at Easton this spring in the novice class and ninth in the intermediate class at Vineland, N.J. Last weekend he placed first

in his class. Obviously, he has improved rapidly since first becoming interested a year ago.

Randy has also gotten other local youths interested in the new sport: Don and Nick Reich, Jeff Eby, Tony Houseal, and Mike Ferguson.

The Reich's father, Jay Reich, has donated land near his garage and chicken hatching plant for a track. The track will circle back, a total of 900 feet, and will include a number of jumps as well as heavily banked turns.

The enthusiasts for the new sport have one sponsor already, National Hydron, Inc., of East Petersburg, but they need more sponsors. Right now they need someone with a dozer with a blade or bucket to work on their track. As they get underway, they will need sponsors for trophies and also for signboards along the track.

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Rev. Roger O. Colvin preaches sermon favoring Creekside apartments for poor

Several Sundays ago, after the people of Mount Joy had turned out at two meetings to voice what seemed to be their unanimous opposition to Creekside, the proposed new apartment complex for families with low and moderate incomes, a local pastor spoke up in favor of Creekside in his sermon.

The Rev. Roger Colvin preached at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on the subject of personal identity: who am I? His important point was that a Christian knows himself by his relationship to God, but he noted that many people in our society identify themselves in terms of their possessions. For example, some people think, "I am who I am by the kind of car I drive."

Some people define themselves in terms of the property they own. Rev. Colvin said he could understand why people who do this would feel threatened by the possibility of apartments for low income families nearby, which they fear might lower their property values. Rev. Colvin said they are not really worried about their possible loss of property value, but

about their possible loss of their selves. They think: "I am a building, I am a property, I am worth so much, and I don't want to be worth less."

Rev. Colvin concluded his sermon:

"No one wants the kind of ghetto climate that exists in many of our large cities, yet we want to confine low income housing to such places. We live in a kind of society where there are going to be people at the top and people at the bottom, and the myth that anyone can make it with hard work just isn't true.

"It doesn't matter if it is at Creekside or elsewhere, the response may be the same. And don't say I don't know, because I have lived among the poor and next to low income housing, and I am still alive.

"But what I am looking for is some kind of Christian response and concern. Lower income people do not have to be worse than the rest of us. It is largely what we make them. Reject and resist them, and they feel the need to retaliate. Accept them and make them part of the community, and there is no need to fight back.

"They do not lower

property values, we do. We say property is worth less. Do we not worry about what we have to lose? Maybe there is something to be

gained. When we can stop measuring ourselves by what we have and begin to see that who we are is [continued on page 2]



Rev. Roger O. Colvin

Charles Patterson says U.S. might cut funds if Mount Joy rejects Creekside apartments

Last week Charles K. Patterson, executive director of the Lancaster County Redevelopment and Housing Authorities, finally came out and said what a good many local people had been fearing: that if Mount Joy residents continued to oppose Creekside, the proposed new apartments for low income families in Mount Joy—the federal government could and very well might cut off other federal money being used to improve the community.

Patterson was one of the speakers a couple weeks ago, who presented the case for Creekside to Mount Joy residents at Beahm Junior High School.

The reactions of the residents were all antagonistic to the proposed apartments. Statistics assembled by Patterson were questioned for their validity. Someone remarked, "Figures don't lie but liars figure." That remark was typical of many thrown at Mr. Patterson and his fellow proponents. An informed source said that Patterson was bitter about the reactions of the audience.

One resident of Mount Joy told the Times, "I knew this was coming. You take money from the federal

government; you lose control over your own community."

The Mount Joy Borough Zoning Hearing Board voted against granting a variance for a large trucking terminal to be built on Route 230 east of Mount Joy.

The board refused to grant the request for the variance because of probable noise, traffic and drainage problems the terminal might have caused.

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