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Rivals, Best Friends, & Much More: Jack & Jim, a Dynamic Duo for 88 Years

From the mid '60s to mid '70s, two competing Lancaster County high school football coaches were known to hunt with each other on Saturday morning and compete against each other later that day.

It was more than good sportsmanship that allowed their camaraderie to thrive. The two coaches—for the Conestoga Valley Buckskins and Manheim Central Barons—weren't just buddies with common interests. They were the Forsha brothers; in fact, the Forsha twins. Today, at age 88, their good-natured rivalry is as evident in their banter as it was 50 years ago.

Jack and Jim Forsha now live at Brethren Village Retirement Community with their wives, Billie and Jean. Remarkably, their individual paths through life have been strikingly similar, with one rarely making a major decision without the other one. It's who they are, it's what they know, and neither of them would have it any other way.

Born John and James in Blairsville, Indiana County, they moved to Johnstown while in junior high. From a young age, Jack and Jim played and excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. Upon graduation, they got jobs with the same plumbing firm but later decided to enlist in the Marines.

However, upon learning they might not remain together, they instead chose the Air Force, which assured them they could. The Air Force kept its promise. The twins shared boot camp in San Antonio, the football field at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, DC, and even a tent in Korea.

Both guys married young women from Johnstown, who are more like sisters today than sisters-in-law. Jim and Jean met at a dance while in high school, dated, and then married while Jim was in the service. Jack and Billie had been close in junior high—playing tennis, riding bikes, meeting at the movies—and reunited when Jack returned from Korea. They married after a whirlwind courtship of three months.



The guys took advantage of the G.I. bill and decided to attend Indiana State Teachers College (now Indiana University of PA) to become teachers. Jim says they both liked their teachers while in school and enjoyed instructing kids at summer playground activities. So, teaching seemed the right fit for each of them, and they hoped they would be able to coach as well. Of course, they commuted to school together, and both played on the football team—Jack, a tackle, and Jim, a guard.

After teaching for six years, both in the history department at Bedford High School, the brothers learned of comparable jobs in Lancaster County from a friend teaching there. The better wages and benefits motivated them to apply, as Jack and Jim were raising families by then. They interviewed for the same two jobs, and both schools said they would be glad to take either one.

The two families moved to Lancaster County—together, of course—with all their furniture and household goods in a single truck. Jack, Billie, and family settled near Bird-in-Hand in

the Conestoga Valley School District, where he taught history for 26 years and coached football, basketball, and baseball. Jim, Jean, and family located to Manheim in the Manheim Central School District, and he taught history there for 30 years, coaching football and baseball.

As adults, the brothers routinely played basketball and baseball with other teachers, often on the same team. As teachers and coaches, they travelled in the same social circle and regularly confused their peers and students. For example, students hanging out at Park City were puzzled at seeing their team's coach but knowing the team was playing an away game

at that very moment.

The brothers enjoyed golfing in retirement, and their wives frequently joined them on the golf course. Billie recalls that they rarely went on vacation without loading their clubs into the car.

Beyond sports, both have always liked to sing, and Jack, more outgoing than Jim, sang on a church choir for 30 years. Now, with sports and teaching

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Enriching each life touched by our
ministry at Brethren Village.

OUR MISSION

Rooted in the tradition of service
within the Church of the Brethren, the
mission of Brethren Village is to provide
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Stories Headline Banquet Celebrating Donors to the Good Samaritan Fund.

Through the generosity of friends and supporters of the Good Samaritan Fund, net proceeds from the 2018 Banquet have once again exceeded the previous year. Thanks to donors like you, over \$71,000 has been raised for the Good Samaritan Fund! These contributions were received from sponsors, those who paid to attend, from contributions at the event, and from individuals who could not attend, but made a donation.

You can experience the spirit of the 2018 Good Samaritan Banquet by viewing the inspiring story about our generous volunteer, Marie Prichard, who shares her time to enrich the lives of Residents in The Courtyards. When you give to the Good Samaritan Fund, you are supporting BV's ministry of providing housing and services to ensure that Residents have access to the care that is needed for living with dignity. Special events such as the banquet and upcoming golf tournament help raise funds for this care. Thank you!

If you'd like to view the videos, go to:
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Register Today for Brethren Village's 28th Annual Golf Tournament

With a drawn out winter now behind us, it's a great time to get out and golf. Brethren Village is excited to announce that this year's tournament will again be held at **Iron Valley Golf Club** in Lebanon on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** and we would love for you to join us! Registration is now open—please visit the Giving page of the Brethren Village website to learn more.

Special thanks to our Ace Sponsors: Benchmark Construction, Sodexo and The Graham Company. These Brethren Village partners have already committed

to sponsor the tournament, and their representatives look forward to joining you for a great day of golf, delicious food and friendship with others who support the Good Samaritan Fund.

You can choose the morning or afternoon round to fit your schedule. Both groups will enjoy a bountiful barbecue lunch together, with a full breakfast for the morning round, and dinner for the afternoon round. In addition to prizes for skill contests, there will be prize drawings and award celebrations after both rounds.

Registration is \$125 per player, and many sponsorship opportunities are available. Proceeds from the event directly benefit Residents through the Good Samaritan Fund.

Register by **August 13** to ensure your spot for this fun event in a beautiful setting. To register, visit www.bv.org/giving/golf/ or contact Samantha Rineer, Development Associate, at srineer@bv.org, or call (717) 581-4316.



With its beautiful natural terrain, expansive vistas, and extreme elevation changes, Iron Valley Golf Club provides a genuinely great test of golf.

67 BV Residents Bring Home 66 Medals from the 2018 Senior Games



The 2018 Senior Games were held at the Spooky Nook Sports Complex, Leisure Lanes, YMCA, Hempfield High School, Evergreen and Overlook Golf Course. 919 seniors from Lancaster County participated, including 67 Residents from Brethren Village. BV Residents brought home 66 medals: 25 gold, 23 silver, and 18 bronze participating in events such as bocce, darts, weight lifting, swimming, corn hole, foul-shooting, and shuffleboard. The Senior Games are a fun way for seniors across the county to interact, socialize and have fun, all while being active!

The benefits of activity for older adults are significant. Although no amount of physical activity can stop the biological aging process, there is evidence that regular physical activity can minimize the physiological effects of an otherwise sedentary lifestyle and increase healthy life expectancy. At Brethren Village, our goal is to improve a person's quality of life and provide activities that our

Residents enjoy. Participating in the Lancaster County Senior Games is just one way our Wellness team helps Residents achieve healthy goals.

Wellness plans a robust schedule of land and pool classes, has two fitness centers as well as two aerobic rooms and a warm water pool with spa. A sampling of the activities our Residents enjoy include yoga, bocce, golfing events, shuffleboard, water

volleyball, and a walking and bicycle club that meet weekly as well as plan monthly off-campus outings. For the adventurous Resident, we plan trips that include zip lining, snow tubing, and other exciting venues for our active seniors. If you'd like to learn more about the Wellness program at BV, please visit: www.bv.org/senior-wellness.



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behind them, they are most proud of their families. Jack and Billie have two sons, three grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren. Jim and Jean have a son and three daughters—including twins—and five grandchildren.

Along with their wives, the brothers chose the senior living services at

Brethren Village and moved here in 2013, Jack and Billie in the spring and Jim and Jean in the fall. Both Jack and Jim now reside in The Courtyards, with Jim two floors directly above Jack. Their shared identity can be seen even in similar health challenges that they have faced.

Considering their shared experiences over 88 years, the two obviously have basked in the pleasure of being twins. Jim sees only "an advantage" and "no downside" to his lifelong experience, to which Jack adds, "No matter where we go, we know at least one other person."

New Residents

MARCH 2018

James & Carol Nelson, Northside Court, formerly of Bradenton FL

John MacDonald, Northside Court, formerly of Akron PA

Ilene Cottingham, Northside Court, formerly of Renfrew PA

Paul & Bette High, Northside Court, formerly of Strasburg PA

Daniel & Sarah Nafziger, Northside Court, formerly of Lancaster PA

Sally Rohrer, Northside Court, formerly of Lancaster PA

William McCann, Northside Court, formerly of Lancaster PA

Kathleen Kennel, Fairview Meadows, formerly of Greensburg KY

Jay & Harriet Burkholder, Northside Court, formerly of Leola PA

Lester & Ann Sauder, Cottage, formerly of Ephrata PA

APRIL 2018

John Miller, Northside Court, formerly of Indiana PA

Glenn & Ruth Shultz, Northside Court, formerly of Lancaster PA

Michael & Gail Bowers, Northside Court, formerly of Dumfries VA

George Hershey, Village Garden, formerly of East Petersburg PA

Anita Ginn, Northside Court, formerly of Alexandria VA

Patricia Jackson & Nadine Gladfelter, Northside Court, formerly of Leola PA

David & June Sloat, Northside Court, formerly of Stevens PA

Joyce Cipalla, Northside Court, formerly of Lititz PA

William & Jaris Woller, Northside Court, formerly of Lititz PA

MAY 2018

James & Elizabeth Maxwell, Cottage, formerly of Leola PA

Donna Kreider, Fieldcrest, former of Lancaster PA

Keith & Elaine Snyder, Northside Court, formerly of Landisville

George & Mary Ominski, Northside Court, formerly of Lititz PA

Everett & Laura Balmer, Northside Court, formerly of Schaefferstown PA

Jerry & Donna Siatkowski, Northside Court, formerly of Hanover PA

June Studer, Village Townhouse, formerly of Lancaster PA

Parke & Elaine Eckman, Fieldcrest, formerly of Mountville PA

Glenn & Carol Good, Northside Court, formerly of Mountville PA

Dorothy Weaver, Northside Court, formerly of Portage MI

John & Linda Murray, Northside Court, formerly of Lititz PA

Catherine Hofmann, Northside Court, formerly of Lititz PA

LaDonna Eppley, Northside Court, formerly of Strasburg PA

Rebecca Hynicka, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA

Charles & Doris Lownsbery, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA

Russell & Kathleen Stahley, Northside Court, formerly of Manheim PA

Gordon & Lois Derstler, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lititz PA

Wanda Wahl, Fieldcrest, formerly of Lancaster PA

Lois Hosler, Village Townhouse, formerly of Manheim PA

Donald & Pauline Winters, Northside Court, formerly of Lancaster PA

Donald & Amelia Paque, Village Townhouse, formerly of DePere WI

Save the Date: CAPE MAY

For questions or to sign up, please contact Kelly Collier at **717.581.4470** or kcollier@bv.org.



Join us for a relaxing getaway to Cape May, One of America's Best Beaches, from September 18–20, 2018.

Our first stop in Cape May is Fisherman's Wharf. The tour begins at the edge of Cape May Harbor, where the dock is often alive with activity as fisherman unload their catch or prepare their boats for the next journey. At the end of the tour, feel free to explore the dock and stroll through the fish market. Be sure not to miss the 37 lb. lobster displayed in the entryway to the Lobster House Restaurant! After the tour, check in to the beautiful Marquis de Lafayette Hotel, and spend some time exploring the well-known Washington Street Mall, only two blocks from the hotel. You can shop, dine, or relax there and enjoy lunch on your own. We will reconvene at the hotel for a buffet dinner. Day two will begin by enjoying a breakfast buffet at the hotel. If you finish breakfast early, enjoy some free time exploring Cape May. You can visit the beach or explore the historic downtown area. Then we'll head to the Washington Inn for a special Victorian Luncheon. Lunch will be followed by a trolley tour of the historic district and a guided tour of the Physick Estate. Next, spend some time at the Carroll Gallery, Carriage House, and gift shop. We will dine at Elaine's Dinner Theatre while enjoying a delightful circus-themed show!

Price Per Person: Single: \$850 • Double: \$614 • Triple: \$536 • Quad: \$496



Spotlight:

Resident Garden

Many of you know I love gardening, especially flowers. Pictured is my flower garden, which is located below my balcony. The beautiful blue Grape Hyacinths go well with the Daffodils and Narcissus. There are some red Tulips around the light pole just to the left of center of the picture. There are many other perennials that will be blooming

all summer. Please note the bench in the lower left corner of the picture. That is the bench our kids had placed there in our honor. When I tire of weeding and planting, I can sit on the bench and enjoy God's creations. I reached 91 in March and I feel so blessed to be able to get up and down, and crawl all over my garden, playing in the dirt. I don't

take any of this for granted. My motto is, I want to do as much as I can, as long as I can. Please note that my garden is in the shape of a Grand piano, that didn't happen by accident.

—Leon Whiteman,
Fieldcrest Resident

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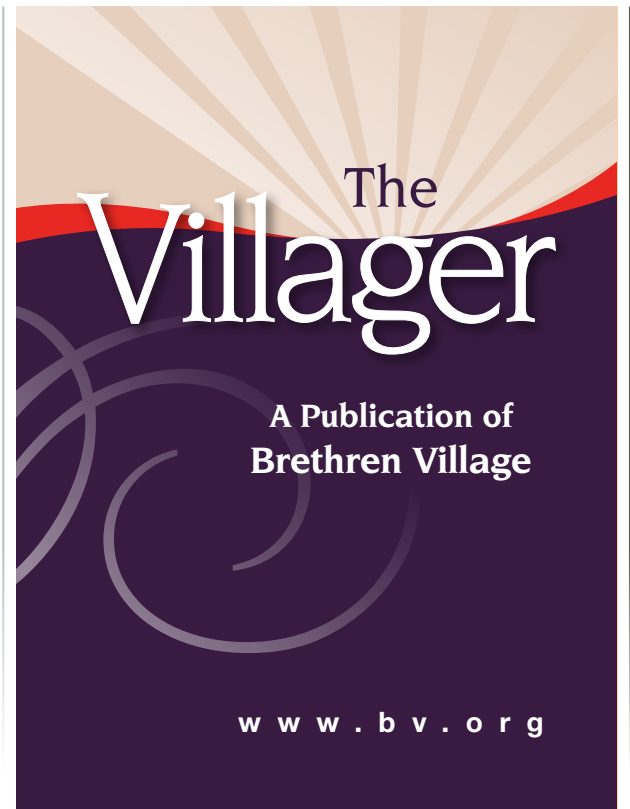
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2018 Senior Games



3001 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543



Saturday
October 20
from
10 AM to 4 PM

8TH ANNUAL *Open House Event*

Prospective Residents and community members are invited to truly explore all that Brethren Village has to offer by attending our FREE Fall Open House event on Saturday, October 20, 2018, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration begins at the Fieldcrest Building Entrance C, located by entering our campus at Fieldcrest Drive and Rt. 501/Lititz Pike.

You'll be able to explore our Residential, Personal Care and Short-Term Rehab options at your leisure, tour amenities, plus enjoy refreshments from BV's Dining Services. No reservations are needed.

- Residential living cottage, apartments
- Personal Care apartments, services and amenities tours
- Tour the Rehabilitation Center at Brethren Village
- Workshop and other buildings open

Joining forces with 18 other retirement communities in Lancaster County, our BV Open House Tour will allow visitors to find more to explore in our community as part of the "Explore Retirement Living Open House Tour" event. For a full list of participating communities, please visit www.exploreretirementliving.org. We look forward to welcoming you!