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Four Siblings, Four Views

"I'm amazed to think we all grew up in the same house and now, at this stage of our lives, we are again all living at the same place," exclaims Dolly Kauffman, the youngest of four siblings who call Fairmount home.

When Dolly and her husband Albert decided to retire after 44 years of farming in upstate New York, they felt a strong pull back to Lancaster County where a daughter and most of their siblings were living. After exploring various options, Fairmount emerged at the top of their list. They moved into their Crest View north-facing, third-floor apartment in July 2022.

Five months later, firstborn sister Reba Yoder settled into an apartment on the ground floor below her sister. "I am afraid of heights," she admits. "When an apartment with a patio walkout and a room for quilting became available, I seized the opportunity. It's just like home, because I have plenty of space to quilt. It's very quiet, and I love that my apartment has a large kitchen with lots of cupboards."

A View for Miles and Miles

Dolly and Reba's brother, Clyde Stoltzfus, and his wife Jane have occupied an apartment one floor above the Kauffmans since October 2018. Clyde never tires of surveying the countryside dotted with farms from their fourth-floor outlook. He identifies the landmarks: "There is the Lanchester mountain at the Chester County line," he says, pointing east, "and you can follow the mountain ridge from there all the way to Leola!" He gestures across the panorama, stopping to name each of the four water towers visible on the horizon.



Siblings (from left) Reba Yoder, Clyde Stoltzfus, Anna Mae Eby, and Dolly Kauffman enjoy spending time together on a beautiful day with a gorgeous view of the valley below.

Jane adds, "On July 4, you can see the fireworks from here! Not only can we see for miles in the distance, but we enjoy warm, bright sunshine most of the day."

Time to Enjoy our Lives

Clyde and Dolly's sister, Anna Mae Eby, and her husband, Lester, were the first family members to make Fairmount home 12 years ago when a cottage with a daylight basement became available. Anna Mae spends her days quilting in her sunny basement space that is large enough for quilt frames of every size. In the evenings, she and Lester relax together on their first-floor sunroom, putting together puzzles, reading, and enjoying the idyllic view of the valley below. Their front porch faces west, allowing them to enjoy many beautiful sunsets.

"We have never regretted coming to Fairmount," Anna Mae says. "We moved here in time to enjoy

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Fairmount Growth Continues

The President's Perspective

I would like to share some exciting news. Fairmount recently engaged the consulting company OnePoint to help us evaluate our operations and guide our future planning. I am pleased to tell you that they found our operations to be lean and operating efficiently.

One suggestion in their report was for Fairmount to expand our number of cottages. Over the past few years, we have purchased additional land adjoining our campus with the goal of adding cottages. We recently partnered with a local land developer to create a site plan for 18 new cottages. The new site will be named Orchard Terrace, as it overlooks Shirk's Orchard. The design phase will be completed in the next few months with the goal of obtaining township approvals this summer.

Each new cottage will include approximately 1200 square feet of living space. A few will have two-car garages, some will have daylight basements, and most will have the option of sunrooms and decks. I am excited about this new addition to our campus! There are many issues to address before we start moving dirt,



but we are optimistic as we carefully work our way through them.

Our current wait list for cottages continues to grow, so we look forward to this expansion that will accommodate additional Fairmount residents. You will hear more about this project in the coming months, but if you would like to learn now about the new cottages, I encourage you to reach out to our Marketing Department for details by calling 717.354.1800. Orchard Terrace could be your next home!

Jerry D. Lile
President/CEO

Thank You, Quilters!

The capable hands of almost 200 volunteers finished 11 quilts and brought several others close to completion for our September 9 Benefit Auction. Special thanks to the coordinators of this annual event and to those who provided food for all the volunteers. Pictured are sisters (from left) Dolly Kauffman, Reba Yoder, and Anna Mae Eby, all Fairmount residents.





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This spectacular rainbow was photographed by resident Anna Helfer from her cottage atop the Fairmount hill.



Ephraim and Mabel Hernley

are delighted that they will have front-row seating during the upcoming Orchard Terrace cottage construction project.



Irvin and Janet Wenger

enjoy strolling on one of Fairmount's walking trails, just down the hill from their Crest View apartment.

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the benefits for many years, including the option to design and tend our own flower gardens. Recently we've gotten someone in to help clean, and in this way, hope we can stay in our cottage even longer."

How is it that four siblings all ended up at Fairmount? While they all agree that the enthusiastic recommendation of family members already here was a significant factor, it wasn't the only reason. A must-have for the sisters, all expert quilters, was that their homes be large enough to accommodate their quilting.

A special draw for Reba was the beautiful spacious kitchen and the fact that she could park right outside her door. "Every time I walk out to my car, I can enjoy the amazing view of the valley to the south."

Clyde and Jane were also impressed with

their unparalleled southern view of the valley and with the wide choice of activities. Clyde explains, "Don't get the idea that if you go to a retirement community there's nothing to do. You could have a full-time job just keeping up with all the activities!"

Anna Mae reflects, "We enjoy the country atmosphere at Fairmount. After farming for years, we feel right at home. Everyone is so friendly, and we love the activities, especially playing bocce in the Courtyard and going to coffee hour."

The siblings agree, "We are so happy to all be here. We are in touch every day, unlike the years when we were all scattered and still working. Our advice to others is, "Go when you can go together and have time to enjoy it!" ➤



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Central PA Blood Drive

On Thursday, June 8, the Central PA Blood Bank will hold a blood drive in the Farm Crest Community Room from 11:30am-6:30pm. Donors may call the blood bank for an appointment at 800.771.0059.

Outdoor Concert Series

Four singing groups will be holding outdoor concerts this summer on the following dates.

- Tru Vintage Bluegrass, Tuesday, May 23, 6:30pm at Wheat Ridge;
- Ransomed Bluegrass, Tuesday, June 27, 6:30pm at Crest View;
- Mill Creek, Tuesday, July 25, 6:30pm at Wheat Ridge;
- J-Tyme Bluegrass, Tuesday, August 29, 6:30pm at Crest View.

All of the concerts are free and open to the public. Please bring lawn chairs.

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