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Gaining Strength Through Each Other.

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New Apartments Open in Emmitsburg

Lincoln on the Park, an attractive two-story apartment building just west of the Emmitsburg public swimming pool and in full view of Mother Carrick's Mountain, is ready for new tenants. The building opened its doors on Monday, October 24, following almost two years of construction. It contains 32 one-bedroom apartments and is designed for the elderly and the handicapped or disabled of any age. Lincoln on the Park offers affordable rents with some rental assistance available.

Each apartment contains a living

room/dining area, bedroom, full kitchen, bathroom (equipped with handrails), patio or balcony, and storage area. Cable television is available in each apartment.

The complex provides several attractive amenities to its residents: a community room and library, coin-operated washers and dryers, several sitting areas throughout the building, and an elevator to make all areas easily accessible. A gazebo in the back yard looks out over the mountains. In addition, mail will be delivered to the apartment building.

To qualify for an apartment in Lincoln on the Park, one must be over 62 and have an income of less than \$21,950 for one (Continued on page 3)

THINK SNOW EMERGENCY REGULATIONS EXPANDED

Snow emergency regulations as described in Article VII of the Emmitsburg Code have been expanded. Ordinance #94-1 amended the article to increase the number of streets that will be affected by the snow emergency

regulations.

Fines of \$15 will now be imposed for parking during snow emergencies along East and West Main Street within Emmitsburg's corporate limits, Robindale Drive, Provincial Parkway, Zanella Drive, Adams Avenue, Williams Court, and Reeny Circle. A snow emergency is defined as an accumulation of snow and/or ice on the streets, in a depth of (Continued on page 3)

Water Concerns Continue

Town 'Tapped' Out

Obviously the biggest question in town is about water. Planning and Zoning meetings are frequented by developer contingents seeking water taps and/or information concerning the water supply for the town. At the Planning and Zoning meeting of October 29, Town Manager Yvette Semeler reported that 30 commercial and 2 residential water taps are presently available. Semeler said the process of approving building plats will continue until a moratorium is declared by the council.

Commissioner Copenhaver said, "The town has not been sitting back" and is looking for ways to resolve the problems of water supply.

When asked about using Tom's Creek as a source Semeler said that the possibility of using the creek had been considered but that the cost of treatment would be prohibitive. The town also has a well located in the park that produces a large enough quantity of water but is of such poor quality that its treatment cost would also be too expensive.

Water Commissioner Gingel said that the quality of the water supply has been above state-mandated levels and that the purification part of the system is working properly. As far as the physical system is concerned the problems are in the distribution lines. Segments of the system are flushed monthly to remove the scale built up within the pipes. Gingel said that the old distribution lines along North and South Seton Ave, Mt. View, and Waynesboro Pike are of galvanized pipe that has scaled badly, limiting the amount of water that can be carried. Bids will be let in November to replace these defective lines and to regrout lines in the Emmitt Garden development.

The water supply's size, quality, and ability to withstand drought is of concern. The (Continued on page 3)

TOWN MEETINGS

Planning and Zoning

Members of the Planning and Zoning Committee at their October 24th meeting approved the final plans for the Emmitt Ridge subdivision. Twenty-nine single family homes are to be built on the property off Irishtown Road. The committee tabled for 30 days the approval of preliminary plans for the Southgate property because the application was incomplete. The Southgate property is south of the Community Center and behind the homes on South Seton Ave. The plan calls for 35 single-family homes on this land. Both plans hinge on the final approval by the Town Council and the availability of water taps.

The Charles Stouter property, adjacent to Rutters and having a 180' frontage on West Main Street, was rezoned to B-2 General Business from Highway Service zoning. Highway services include such businesses as gas stations, motels, restaurants, and automotive shops. Robert Gauss, of Robert F. Gauss & Associates, Professional Land Surveyors, stated that letters had been sent to residents in the immediate area notifying them of the intended request for rezoning the two lots, consisting of less than an acre, for general business purposes. Gauss reported they had received no feedback from the neighbors.

Signs were approved for the Auto Body Shop at 140 S. Seton Ave., and the Catoclin Pregnancy Center at 2 East Main Street. Permission was granted to the Visitors Center to place a sandwich board sign on the sidewalk when the center is open. Sister Patrica Ann Bossles' request for a 10' by 5' sign for the newly licensed St. Catherine's Nursing Home Center was delayed until she receives a variance for the size of the sign. There is no provision for signs that large in Emmitsburg.

A discussion regarding privacy fences on top of decks resulted in the Town Manager being instructed to bring a text amendment to the next Town Council meeting stating that town house and duplex privacy fences shall not be over 10' tall and 8 feet wide.

Meetings At The Town Office

Nov. 28 - Planning and Zoning, 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 5 - Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m.
Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Plan to attend your town meetings.
Government is best when people participate.

EMMITSBURG WHERE??

'Rejected' Residents Riled

Reason #1

Several Emmitsburg residents reacted strongly to the actions of the Frederick County Planning and Zoning Department at the town meeting held Nov. 7.

Mike Boyle asked the town council why a piece of property within the town's corporate limits along Highway 140 just east of Route 15 is scheduled to be rezoned by the county. The hearing is to take place in Winchester Hall in Frederick. "What I'd like to know is why the matter was not brought before the town's Planning and Zoning Committee first," said Boyle.

Yvette Semeler, town manager, and Gene Myers, chairman of the local Planning and Zoning Committee said they had just learned of this scheme. Dave Whitaker, liaison from the county office, said he had just learned of the action. He suggested as a possible reason that the action could be related to the county's working on county-wide water and drainage maps. The town manager was instructed to find out more about this by-passing of the local Planning and Zoning Committee.

Reason #2

Jim Gugel, Project Planner of the Frederick County Department of Planning and Zoning presented its Staff Draft Plan, October 1994. He summarized the proposed changes and suggestions for the Emmitsburg area.

An immediate challenge was raised by Mike Boyle as to why the Staff Draft does not reflect any of the comments submitted at last year's open house held by the county office.

There was heated reaction to the suggestion of placing collector roads around the town on the north and south sides of Main Street. The proposed southern road would run through the community park. The roads are being suggested as a way to relieve the traffic problems in town. Commissioner Gingel observed that these roads would not (Continued on page 3)

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deal with the major traffic problem -- the truck traffic. Gugel pointed out that the proposed roads resulted from the states' recent hard-line stance against building new by-passes.

"These are only suggestions. We want to hear comments like these at the public hearing," Gugel said. The public hearings regarding the Staff Draft will be held on December 8 at 7 p.m. in Thurmont and on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at Winchester Hall in Frederick.

Questions were fired at Gugel as to why Emmitsburg problems cannot be discussed on Emmitsburg turf. Mayor Carr indicated he will present a strong formal request to have the meeting transferred to Emmitsburg.

Copies of the proposed Staff Draft are available in the town office.

In other business the commissioners:

*Scheduled a public hearing for December 5, at 7:00 p.m., prior to the town meeting, to hear the proposal regarding rezoning the Stouter property and to consider Proposed Ordinances 94-9 (stipulates size of privacy fencing at townhouses and condos to 10' high by 8' wide) and Ordinance 94-10 (changes the size of signs on the outfield fence of the ball field to 4' high by 8' wide);

*Responded to a request from Mother Seton Elementary School for a contribution to their DARE program; the council voted to contribute \$135 to be used towards the purchase of DARE t-shirts for the students;

*Accepted the bid of \$22,000 from the Potomac Valley Pool Management Corp., of Ijamsville, for operation and management of Emmitsburg's Community Pool during the 1995 summer season.

Mayor Carr appointed Ben Vengie to fill the vacant seat on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

NOTICE FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

BILL DUE DATE: Due to the change-over in our meter reading system which caused a two week delay in preparing these statements, this quarterly billing is due by December 16, 1994, rather than November 30, 1994. If your account becomes delinquent the Town Council will be notified and upon their direction, will have your water service discontinued with a \$25.00 fee until the total charges are paid in full. The cost to reconnect is an additional \$25.00 charge.

(WATER continued from page 1) town presently utilizes Rainbow Lake and has 6 wells. Presently two of the wells are on line. Corrective work has been done on another Well site to divert polluting ground water. Gingel said, "The well should be on line as soon as the quality tests have been passed." Officials felt that the production of this well will put the water supply on track with the growth of the town. The other two wells are not used because of low production

There are several wells on the property of Mount Saint Mary's College. Investigation into the joint sharing of this supply is under way. Discussion between town and college officials will continue in earnest after the state has completed its testing of the quantity and quality from the selected site. Three possibilities of sharing the source are being considered: Emmitsburg could buy the water, the two organizations could jointly share the water treatment cost, or they could share the piping costs.

Semeler said, "We are actively seeking new sources of water since the sale of water taps is a significant amount of our budget."

SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Emmitsburg Youth Activity Program invites ALL area Senior Citizens (50 +/-) to their annual Christmas Party.

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 11, 1994

TIME: 1:00 p.m. until ?

LOCATION: Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, South Seton Ave Emmitsburg, MD 21727

There will be FOOD, FUN, MUSIC and PRIZES.

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and the

CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS REVIEW

If you plan to attend please pick up an attendance form at the Emmitsburg town office, Jubilee Foods, or the Senior Citizen Center.

Persons wishing to make contributions or assist please contact one of the following:

Depty. - Jerry Horner - 447-2312

Depty. - Dave Hunter - 447-2312

Mr. Bob Koontz - 447-2313

Mrs. Morningstar - 447-3657

Town Office - 447-2313

(APARTMENTS from page 1) person, or \$25, 100 for two. There is no age limit for the handicapped or disabled.

Lincoln on the Park, managed by the Marshall Blackwell Group of Raleigh, North Carolina, has hired Dana Nelson, of Frederick, to be the manager of this building as well as the Woodbury Corners Apartments in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Mrs. Nelson will be at Lincoln on the Park on Mondays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. The telephone number is 447-3911.

As of opening day, 18 apartments had been rented. The majority of the tenants, according to Mrs. Nelson, are from the Emmitsburg area. Two tenants, one from California and the other from Georgia, have moved to Lincoln on the Park to be near family.

An Open House is planned for the end of November.

(SNOW continued from p. 1) two or more inches. Parking is prohibited on these streets until the accumulation has been cleared.

The police are authorized and empowered to take possession of and remove parked or abandoned vehicles that obstruct traffic or interfere with the clearance of snow and/or ice along the streets mentioned above, at the owners expense.

If the accumulation of snow and/or ice takes place after 6 p.m., no vehicles will be towed away, and/or issued a citation until after 8 a.m. the following day.

A snow emergency will be designated by the State Highway Department and the Town of Emmitsburg. Information will be posted on local radio stations, cable channel 22, or you may call Sound Source information lines at 695-2633, ext. 4441.

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COMMENTARY

As far as economic prosperity is concerned, the most pervasive assumption is that it requires growth: we assume we can grow our way out of problems.

Residents in Emmitsburg are looking forward to an economic shot in the pocket-book as plans for the new Silo Hill Commercial Project have been approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee. The "mini-mall" will be situated on your right as you face the Jubilee. There will be 9 retail stores and/or offices with about 60 parking spaces around the 8,600 square foot building and the perimeter of the property. Access by car will be from Silo Hill Road and the new mall will also connect with the parking lot of the Jubilee. The property will be landscaped with pine and red maple trees and assorted shrubs.

Residents can be thankful that the center will not create the dreaded "Wal-Mart" effect of moving cash from local cash registers into those of absentee corporate owners. There is no doubt that the town needs more retail services. It is hoped they will find a home in the new commercial center and be owned and operated by local folk.

Local business is good. To have it we must consider the sage advice of "Alpha" who wrote 100 years ago in the *Emmitsburg Chronicle* (October 16, 1894), "Some of the citizens of our town and community ... ask

why we have nothing going on here? Our town is dead, why is it? Just for the same reason so many go away to make their purchases. Don't you know every dollar carried away is impoverishing our town and community just in the same proportion it enriches the city you carry it to. ... You carry the cash away to a people, who after they have your money, have no further use for you. Won't your love for prosperity at home, where you can get credit, prompt you to embrace every means to make our town prosperous?" So much for progress.

Although we assume those who are bringing us this new project—developers, architects, planners, and government officials on all levels—have our best interest at heart, we see a flaw that exists down on the people level. As new or successful as the proposed development for the town may become it is based solely on automobile access. A village, as this place has called itself, is a place of connections and accesses on a person level. Mothers can wheel their babies into town, the old ones have a place to amble and sit in the sun, and kids can ride their bicycles safely. We can "pop" down the street to see a neighbor. All of this is lost if growth is thought of only in terms of plunking down developments, or malls, or projects to create real estate islands that are primarily accessed by the almighty auto.

As we plan for the future, we might consider the words of John Donne: "No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main." No home, business, school, park, or development is, either.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As organizer of the petition requesting trick or treat time be changed, I was very disturbed to find that the write-up in last month's edition was incorrect. I feel it is my duty to inform the 25 signing citizens that in NO way did I alter the document they signed. I am an honest person and would not like my reputation to be diminished. There is no place in our petition that requested the time to be changed to 7-9 p.m.; the latest time mentioned is a finishing time of 7:30 p.m.

I am a lifetime resident of Emmitsburg and would not request this time frame due to the traditional parade and "party" which occur after our trick or treat. I would never do anything to jeopardize this ever so popular event. Enclosed is a copy of our petition to clear up any questionable thoughts.

100 YEARS AGO "In This Place" From the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

Nov. 2, 1894 - Wednesday was Halloween, and as usual, the boys moved everything that was movable. In the early part of the evening several boys with drums and horns paraded the street.

They Went up Salt River

Nov. 16, 1894 - Quite a number of the Democrats of this place met at Flat Run on last Friday evening and went up Salt River. Notwithstanding the great defeat they suffered, they appeared to be in good spirits, and very happy. The parade was headed by the "Harmony Hall Band."

A number of Republicans met at Gelwicks' Alley on the same evening and stole a march on their Democratic brethren. They marched up town with brooms, etc., before the Democrats started on their weary journey to the Salt River region.

Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 30, 1894 - Yesterday was Thanksgiving Day and a more perfect day for this season of the year could not be desired. Notwithstanding the chilly, bracing atmosphere of the early morning the sun soon shone bright, and its warming rays made the day unusually pleasant.

Sunrise Service

A Sunrise Service of a very interesting nature was held in the Presbyterian Church, at 7:15 o'clock, a.m. under the auspices of the Young People's Society of that church, assisted by the Christian Endeavor Society of the Lutheran Church and the Epworth League of the M.E. Church.

Union Services

A union Thanksgiving service was held in the Lutheran Church at 10 o'clock in the morning and a large number of persons were in attendance. The ministers taking part in the services were Rev. Wm. Simon-ton, D.D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles Reinewald, of the Lutheran Church, and Rev. Alfred M. Schaffner, of the Reformed Church of the Incarnation. An interesting and instructive (Continued on page 5)

Thank you for your time in resolving this matter.

A concerned lifetime resident of Emmitsburg
Editors' note: We regret that the write-up did not reflect the intention of the petition. The discussion, however, was reported as heard.

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sermon was preached by Rev. A.M.
Schaffner.

Music

The Emmit Comet Band turned out in the afternoon, and favored our people with some fine music, which added greatly towards enlivening the occasion.

Dinner and supper

The ladies of the Benevolent Society of the Reformed Church, held the annual Thanksgiving dinner and supper in the house of Mrs. C.M. Motter. It was well patronized and the society realized a neat sum of money.

Football

A game of football was played at Mt. St. Mary's College grounds, between the team of that place and the football team of the Maryland Agricultural College, in the afternoon. The score was Mt. St. Mary's, 24; Agricultural College, 0.

Fifty Years Ago

from *News From Home*, compiled by the Emmitsburg Lions Club

Nov. 22, 1944 - At a quiet ceremony in the Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church, Monday, November 13, at 2:00 p.m. Miss Blanche T. Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Long of Thurmont, became the bride of Lt. Vernon G. Keilholtz, U.S.A.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Keilholtz of Emmitsburg. The single ring ceremony was performed by Rev. George K. Ely, pastor of the bride. Lt. and Mrs. Keilholtz have gone to Phila. for their honeymoon. Mrs. Keilholtz plans to return to Harpers Hospital in Detroit, Mich., where she has been employed since Sept. 15th. Lt. Keilholtz, recently returned from overseas, reports to Richmond, Va., November 24 for a reassignment.

Cpl. and Mrs. Clarence Shorb are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Gwendolyn Margaret, at the Annie Warner Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa, on Nov. 7, 1944.

Boys home recently on furlough:

Pvt. Francis Sanders; Lt. Vernon Keilholtz - home from overseas after 35 missions as a Navigator on a Flying Fortress. He says he has seen all of Europe (from the air) he cares to see. Sgt. Bernard Seltzer - 33 missions European area - Aerial Engineer and Gunner, Nashville, Tenn., Army Convalescent Hospital; Pvt. "Tommy" Hoke - recently transferred; A/C Charles Edward Rowe - graduates Nov. 20; Phm M.M.F. Shuff III, now stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yards; and S/Agt. Louis M. Mondorff - Millville, N.J. Air Field.

Community News

Fire Prevention Week Celebrated



Left to right Phea Maddox, Tracey Goetz,
Photo by Bob Rosensteel

The Vigilant Hose Company hosted approximately 350 residents at its annual Fire Prevention Week activities. This year's ceremonies were held in the Ambulance Service Building because of construction of a bay for the new tower truck. The purpose was to keep residents aware and up to date on fire prevention and emergency medical procedures and information.

Phea Maddox was selected as Miss Fire Prevention, and Tracey Goetz will serve as her alternate.

Frank Rauschinberger, chairman of the Miss Fire Prevention contest, said that the contestants were judged on their interest in and basic knowledge of fire prevention. They will represent the Vigilant Hose Company and take information to local schools and civic organizations. The local winner will also go on to represent the local fire company in county and state-wide competitions.

The local kids were treated to free pop-sicles and rides in the fire trucks. Jessica Legg, scampering down from one of the trucks, said she rode on the medium-sized truck and the ride was "fun and funny." Brandon, her brother, chimed in to exclaim "It was serious fun!" Justin Stark was the winner of a vintage (restored) 1989 electric fire truck.

Area Artists Win Honors

Four artists in the Emmitsburg area won ribbons at the recent Thurmont Community Show and South Mountain Fair. Several of the pieces are on exhibit in the Media Room of the Emmitsburg Library.

Edwin Appel, Sabillasville, won four first-place ribbons, one second-place, and three third-place honors at the Thurmont Community Show. First-place ribbons were for "Girl with Flower" (colored pencil-this picture also won the Best of Department award), "Tiger Cubs" (mixed medium), "Boy with Crab" (watercolor), and "Copenhagen Waterfront" (pen and ink). The second-place ribbon was for "St. Francis Quote" (calligraphy). Third-place ribbons were for "Walter Matthau" (pencil), "Thoreau Calligraphy" (miscellaneous), and "Lanni" (oil).

Ethel Chapman, Thurmont, won first place for her "Roses" (oil) and "Shirt" (painting on cloth) at the Thurmont Community Show.

Rose Keepers, Fairfield, won first place at South Mountain Fair for "Pastel Plant" (pastel); second place for "Little Skater" (watercolor) and "Leaves in Spring" (photography); third place for "Topographical Fantasy" (collage); and honorable mention for "One Proud Rebel" (oil).

Francis Smith, Emmitsburg, captured first place at the Thurmont Community Show with his "Four Ponies" (pastel) and five second-place ribbons in a variety of mediums: "Two Horses" (sumi-E); "Decoy with Still Life" (tole); "Hen and Rooster" (pen and ink); "Canadian Geese" (colored ink) and "Apples" (watercolor). A third-place ribbon was won for "Coffee Break" (acrylic); his "Strawberries" (painting on wood) received an honorable mention.

NOTE FROM WASHINGTON

The Ladies Association of Mt. Vernon held a silent auction the evening of Saturday, October 22, on the grounds of Mount Vernon to raise dollars to support the mansion. Virginia McLaughlin, artist and owner of Antique Cupboard, 812 W. Main Street in Emmitsburg, donated her painted fire board of the mansion and the Potomac. It was purchased by the television journalist, Roger Mudd.

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- CLUBS and ORGANIZATIONS -

BASEBALL MEETING SCHEDULED

The very important Winter Meeting of the Little League will be held on November 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW in Emmitsburg. The purpose of the meeting is to hold an election of officers and discuss the up-coming events of the 1995 season. It is very important that all managers and coaches attend this meeting.

A report will be given on what occurred at the District Meeting which was held on October 16.

Roy Wivell reported that the infield has been cut out on the new field at Memorial Park. Work on the other two proposed fields will begin in spring.

For more information about the Little League and the new season call Roy Wivell at 447-2881.

Senior Citizens News

by Anna Margaret Martin

Well, the witches and goblins, black cats, and all those Halloween "critters" passed by and left the Senior Citizens all in good spirits. The children dropped by for the "goodies" that were prepared for the big night.

By the time you read this article our Fall Bazaar on November 12th will be over. Next month we will publish the winners of our raffles including the winner of the Heritage Quilt. I know everyone can't win but I hope a lot of prizes remain here in Emmitsburg. We're tired from the great amount of work it takes to run a bazaar, but we enjoyed seeing so many of your friendly faces. Thank you for your support.

Our next event will be our public card party on Thursday, November 17th here at the center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the card playing at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy an evening of fun. Everyone is a winner! Cost - \$2.00 per person. Refreshments on sale.

On meeting day, November 15th, we will have a speaker, Barbara Smith, from the Frederick Surgical Center to let us know what is available for patients needing limited surgery. Come, have lunch and enjoy fun, food, and friendship.

Thursday, November 17th, at 12 noon the "Food 'N Friends" program will provide a Thanksgiving lunch at no extra cost, just \$1.50. RESERVATIONS

MUST BE MADE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE FOR ALL MEALS.

Bingo will be the 17th. Cards will be Nov. 10th. On Election Day, Nov. 8th, and Thursday, Nov. 10th, we will be eating at Corney's. On Nov. 8th we will also have our shopping trip to Frederick at 1 p.m.

We will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th. for Thanksgiving. This is the time of the year to remember everything you have to be thankful for and to thank the Lord for all His love and goodness to us. Help the local organizations prepare food baskets for those in need. You will feel good for your effort.

Thanksgiving Services Scheduled

The Council of Churches president Paul Harner announced that the annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. on November 24. Reverend Ben Jones, the local Presbyterian pastor, will lead the service.

The Council of Churches recently presented to the Seton Center a check for \$579 from the Church World Service/CROP organization. This was approximately 25% of the earnings from the May CROP walk sponsored by the local organization.

COMMUNITY CHORUS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus, under the direction of Gary Schwartz and accompanied by Marc Nicodemus, will present its 31st Annual Christmas Concert on December 11, at 3:00 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Joseph's Provincial House, 333 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD.

The program will include "Ave Maria" by Schubert; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach; "Still, Still, Still" by Gilbert Martin, and many other familiar Christmas carols.

There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be received. Facilities are handicapped accessible. For more information please call Gary at 301-898-0198 or Shannon at 301-447-3121.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FARE

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) will present its annual Country Christmas Fare at the Community Center on December 2, 3, and 4. There will be a Grand Opening on Friday evening, December 2, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Door prizes and refreshments will be highlights. Saturday and Sunday hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be interesting arts, crafts, and Christmas-related items that will make excellent gifts and remembrances for the holiday season. Exhibitors for this year's Fare include the following: Pat Stevenson, Peggy Stitley, Elizabeth Prongas, Christine Maccabee, Cindy Mikalouskas, Toni Sands, Barbara Johnson, Kimberly Beckett, May Portner, Nancy Coblenz-Nelson, Myers' Radio and TV, Rena Damsky, Rebecca Pearl, and Linda Postelle. A few booth spaces are still available and those interested in participating in the Fare may contact Crystal Gauss at 301-447-2222 for more information. Proceeds from the Fare will be donated to help with the renovation costs of the Community Center.

Elves and Elf Assistants Needed

The Christmas Decorating Committee will soon be starting their work for the Main Street Christmas decorations. They extend their welcome to all who helped last year and to others who would like to help prepare the fresh greens for the street lights. (Snippers and gloves needed.)

Work will begin Saturday, November 26, from 9 a.m. until ??? at the town's maintenance building behind the town office. For more information call Ann at 447-6236, Chata at 447-2782, or the town office at 447-2313.

3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATION AWARDS

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association announces that it will be awarding prizes for the best Christmas decorations within the corporate limits of Emmitsburg. There are two categories: single family homes and "other" (businesses, offices, multi-units, etc. The prizes will consist of special Emmitsburg Christmas items. The judging will take place on Sunday, December 8, 1994, and the winners will be announced at the Town Hall on Monday, December 19.

Some of the criteria to be considered by the judges (a panel of well-known citizens from outside the corporate limits) will be traditional decoration, live greens, tastefulness, single candles, and compatibility with the National Register Designation.

CORRESPONDENTS

ST. ANTHONY'S/OLMC

by Ann Marshall

A POT LUCK SUPPER will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 5:30 p.m. at OLMC Parish Center. There will be good food, good company, and a brief review of the meetings of the small group RENEW which began in October. Everyone is invited. Every family is asked to bring a dish.

COOKIE BAKING for Thanksgiving baskets will be done on Sunday, November 13, at St. Anthony's upper hall at 7 p.m. Any youth in grades 9-12 or any adults who are interested in baking cookies please call Yvette Leith, 271-3155.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS will be assembled on November 18 and delivered before the holiday to parishioners who are homebound or who have lost a spouse or child during 1994. Please bring non-perishable food donations for the baskets to church by Nov. 12/13.

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A CHRISTMAS PROGRAM for both parishes will be presented at OLMC Parish Center on Sunday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. All parish children and youth (K-12) can be involved in the celebration in many different ways.

A PARISH SKATING PARTY at Skateland, Waynesboro, PA, is set for November 15, 7:00-9:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.00; skate rental is \$1.00. If you only watch, that's FREE. If you need a ride, call 447-2367 by Monday, November 14.

LAY CORPORATORS recently appointed by Archbishop Keeler are Mrs. Ann Hall Marshall and Mr. Joseph Scott for St. Anthony's Shrine and Mr. John Dowling for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish. Mr. Raymond Horst will continue to serve as a corporator at OLMC. The congregations extend thanks to Mr. Dan Lind, Mr. Carl Wetzell, and Mr. Bernard Feeser who served long and faithfully as the previous parish corporators.

St. Anthony Parish Community welcomes Emily Grace Murphy who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on September 10. Emily is the daughter of Michael and Madeline Murphy.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Community welcomes Brian DeRoner who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on October 16. Brian is the son of Paul and Julie DeRoner.

ROCKY RIDGE

by Emma Keeney

The Mt. Tabor activity building was filled with the whirling and twirling of Halloween characters at the church's annual Halloween party Oct. 22. The program was opened with Scripture by Kenneth Sharrer.

And then the contest, whose winners were the following: 0-5 years old; Most original: Pumpkin, Kurt Keilholtz; Prettiest: Angel, Erin Danaher; Funniest: Clown, Wesley Burrier; Scariest: Batman, Drew Henderson. 6-9 years old; Most original: Princess Jasmine, Brittany Miller; Prettiest: Bride, Brittany Henderson; Funniest: Power Ranger, Bradley Greene; Scariest: Witch, Kathy Burrier. 10-14 years old; Most Original: Hula Dancer, Rebecca Shields; Prettiest: Beauty, Sarah Clabaugh; Funniest: Bow Hunter, Anthony Harris; Scariest: Old Woman, Lindsay Greene. 15 and up; Most original: Can Person, Isabel Mathias; Prettiest: Cleopatra, Rosie Stambaugh; Funniest: Lumber Jack, Shirley Greene; Scariest: Old Man, Shirley Sharrer.

Pumpkins were judged as follows: 0-5 years old: Most detail, Richard Sponseller; Scariest, Cody Wolfe; Funniest, Erin Danaher. 6-9 years old: Most detail, Bethany Wolfe and Ben Sanders; Scariest, Josh Ballew and Bradley Greene; Funniest, Jimmy Stambaugh and Katie Burrier. 10-14 years old: Most detail, Travis Sanders; Scariest, Glenn Haines; Funniest, Rebecca Shields. 15-18 years old: Chris Wiles. 19 and up: Most detail, Shirley Greene; Scariest, Kevin Sharrer; Funniest, Pat Haines and Shirley Sharrer.

Prizes were awarded by Shirley Greene. Linda Shields and Bonnie Sanders were in charge of games for the children. A scary bus ride in the haunted basement was conducted by the Young Adult Class, and the Nursery Class was in charge of the refreshments. The Door Prize, donated by Ethel Sharrer, was won by Dale Shields.

Barbara Keilholtz received her 37th-year perfect attendance pin on rally day from the Mt. Tabor Sunday School.

Kenneth Fresher, Jr., has been promoted to Pvt. 1st Class. His address is HHB 4/5 FA, Fort Riley, KS 66442.

Michael Harris, Jr., left Oct. 2, for Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he will receive his basic training.

Belated birthday wishes to Teresa Kaas, Becky Eiker, Cody Wolf, and Franklin Stambaugh.

Correction: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lescalleet attended the funeral of Mrs. Roger (Mary) Royer of Williamstown, New Jersey.

The **MT. TABOR QUILTERS** are happy to announce that the two lucky winners in the recent quilt drawing were Rebecca Eaves (Grandmother's Flower Garden) and Lee Bryce (Gingham Tulips). Our own Emma Harris won the Three Bridges Quilt that was raffled by the Cover Bridge Society.

The Quilters have decided to have their Christmas Banquet on Dec. 27. Be sure to mark your calendar.

We were recently commissioned by a local family to do a special quilt which will require many hours of work. So, if you quilt, we could use your help. Join us some Tuesday and "brown-bag" it with us.

The **ROCKY RIDGE VOL. FIRE CO.** will hold a butchering Nov. 19. Call 271-2880 to place your order. The meat can be picked up on Sat. the 19th from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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Bingo is held every Sat. night at the fire hall. Doors open at 5:00 for the selling of food. Bingo games start at 7:00 o'clock.

THINGS GO "BUMP" AT THE LIBRARY

by Kate Warthen

The library was the spookiest place to be on October 27, 1994. Ask any of the children attending. If you were not there you missed being scared silly. The vampires, witches, scarecrows, devils, Dracula, Kung Fu man, sorceress, fortune tellers, gray wolves, aliens, charwomen, and grey ghosts were everywhere. One lost soul kept inquiring where to find the Emmitsburg International Airport.

Nearly 200 children and their parents showed up to participate in the scariness. The smell of burnt popcorn tantalized the noses while spooky Halloween growls and groans and howls sounded throughout the haunted halls. Smaller children were escorted through a maze by braver teenagers. Bea Keilholtz was the kitchen witch and served up the refreshments of cookies, popcorn, candy, and drinks. Joan Boyle was the good goblin gatekeeper and passed out treats as the guests entered the spooky domain.

Many Halloween characters and "regular" people volunteered to make the party a successful one. Our thanks to new staff member Cathy "the Witch" Link, Conrad, her husband, "the bewitched one," Andrew, Stephen, and Daniel Link. Others serving in the ghostly gathering were: Seth Adelsberger, Donna Shoemaker, Mrs. Phyllis Morningstar, Betty Meredith, Cindy Malette, Nancy Bowerman, Joel Warthen, Joan Boyle, and Kate Warthen. Special thanks go to Dianne Walbrecker for designing the publicity flyer.

While the Halloween juices are still flowing, if any of you have ideas for more elaborate haunts or are interested in designing your own scary/fun area let us know. We will be grateful for your support.

The library is planning a special Doll Show on December 10. Faith Milton of Fairfield, PA, and Mary Krom and Betty Meredith of Emmitsburg will exhibit their dolls. Children ages 5-12 are invited to bring their own favorite dolls and come for "Tea" and "Show and Tell." The party will begin at 11 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Caroling on Horseback

There will be Christmas caroling on horseback Sunday Dec. 11th. Carolers are asked to meet at 3:00 p.m. behind the Community Center. There will be a hay wagon for those who would like to join the fun, but don't have horses. Carolers will be asking for donations that will be given to the Lion's Club food fund for needy families. For more information call Margie Smith, 447-6119.

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The U.S. Fire Administration held the 13th National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Services on the campus of the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg. The ceremony was attended by the families, friends, and guests from all around the nation. Carrye Brown, Administrator of the United States Fire Administration said, "...we gather to honor America's fallen heroes."

Music echoing across the tranquil campus tinged in autumn colors framed the crisply moving ceremony. There was just enough pomp to be comfortable—bagpipers leading honor guards from 27 fire departments. But the real meaning of the day was apparent in the faces of families, friends, and fellow firemen. Ordinary faces of ordinary folks reflecting a deeply held conviction about their duty, their responsibility to the greater community, and a willingness to act on their beliefs. Ms. Brown told them, "I hope the respect and tribute shown here today helps you realize how special your loved ones are to this nation and brings you some measure of comfort in your loss."

Henry C. Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, said those honored in this ceremony "...illuminated for us the inherent goodness of people." Noting that fallen firefighters have made the ultimate investment Cisneros said, "...we must follow that up by making sure that we build upon and protect what they saved for us." Seventy-eight firefighters had an option to simply walk away from danger "but they died for something worth saving .. they died for a just cause—our families and our communities," Cisneros said.



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Book Review

by Lois Starkey

Solitary Places

Joan Vannorsdall Schroeder
G. P. Putnam's Sons
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A small Virginia mountain community is transfigured by the construction of a landfill in this impressive debut novel that reveals what can happen when lines of friendship and tradition are crossed.

A single lie told on a hot summer afternoon sets in motion the story of *Solitary Places*. Speculators who buy the land Hunter McComb inherited from his aunt Lucy, a beloved spinster schoolteacher, promise to build housing, but instead establish a dump. As it swells with out-of-state garbage, it provides jobs along with stench, and creates unexpected heroes as well as villains. Hunter and his wife, Sarah Rose, are blamed for the troubles caused by the dump, and Sarah Rose's brother, strong and silent Berkley Paxton, is mistrusted for working there. Reba Walker, toughened by years of hard work and heartache, becomes the unlikely leader of the fight to close it down.

As voices of Ambrose County entwine to tell a story of love and hostility, of pride and

remorse, of battles won and lost, they are bound together by the spirit of Lucy McComb, who proves to know more about life, even after her death, than do the living.

Joan Schroeder mixes gritty realism with poetic reflection, and her characters' passions come to life with an authenticity that is remarkable for a first work of fiction.

Joan Vannorsdall Schroeder, formerly from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, lives in Virginia with her family. She will be signing her book on Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m., Gallery 30, 30 York Street, Gettysburg. Lois Starkey is owner of Gallery 30.

Gallery 30—Ordinarily Extraordinary

by Shelly IC. Chevalier

Most of the catalogs that come unbidden to my door go directly to the cutting pile for my kids. There are a few, however, that I keep for myself, the pretty ones generally, with interesting covers, printed on good paper. I save these for a time when I can leaf leisurely through the pages, go window-shopping with a cup of tea. I anticipate everything inside to have the aura of the unusual, and look forward to being delighted by a special find.

Stepping into Gallery 30 at 30 York Street in Gettysburg is sort of like stepping into the pages of such a catalog. The better of the experience is that, at Gallery 30, the merchandise you are considering is three-dimensional; it's the photographs in the flesh. Rather than suspect the luster of the metal, the depth of the carve, the vividness of the color and design, at Gallery 30, you inspect them; you know.

"Gallery" tends to be understood as a place where paintings are kept, along with sculptures, perhaps, and a rare antique or two. Gallery 30, however, is a store, a gift shop. There's no item at Gallery 30 so extraordinary that you would say, "It's (Continued on page 23)

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St. Catherine's Nursing Center

St. Catherine's Nursing Center, adjacent to The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, opened its doors in October to older people who face debilitating or chronic illness. Sponsored by the Daughters of Charity, under the direction of Sister Patricia Ann Bossles, the comprehensive care facility provides short-term, long-term, and respite services. Dr. Alan L. Carroll, of Emmitsburg, has been named the Medical Director.


The 38,000-square-foot facility, occupying two recently renovated floors of the north wing of Villa Saint Michael, has the capacity for 69 occupants in single or double rooms. A rehabilitation pool has the latest aqua-therapy technology to assist those with motor problems in moving and exercising. Dental and psychological services are available on site, and therapeutic recreational activities are scheduled on a daily basis under the direction of Mary Van Buren. A specially designed garden area

provides a safe, attractive place for patients with Alzheimer's and other cognitively impaired residents to wander under close supervision.

Timothy M. Fleming, administrator of St. Catherine's Nursing Center, said they expect to draw patients from Maryland, particularly the northern section of Frederick County, as well as from southern Pennsylvania. Mr. Fleming stated that they would work closely with area social workers and discharge planners at hospitals to make their facility available. Medicare, Medicaid, and private-pay residents are accepted. St. Catherine's Nursing Center is an equal opportunity facility, accepting residents without regard to race, creed, color, or religious affiliation.

Mr. Fleming says, "We're very happy to be here, and over time we believe we will be an asset to the community. We will be adding to the local economy and are happy to be able to tap into the skilled work force in the area." He plans to develop volunteer programs with the Mount St. Mary's students, local churches, and the community.

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Future mini courses will include reading and writing, science, and social studies. Also due to arrive this fall at Up-County will be the PLATO software which will enable students to use the computers at the center to prepare for the GED test. Up-County offers developmental child care for infants through age three while their parents are in class. For more information on the ABE/GED classes and the other programs offered, call 447-2810.

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Kathy Ford firmly believes in education as one of the best ways to enhance a person's life and increase one's self-esteem. Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday morning she works with her students at the Up-County Family Center in Emmitsburg to help them build their basic skills in mathematics, reading, and writing.

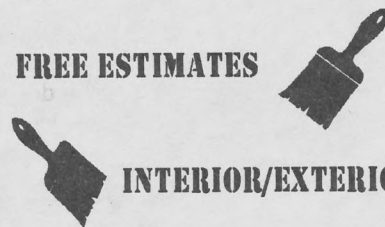
This is Ford's second year of teaching

adult basic education at Up-County. "I love working with adult learners," said Ford, "Those who come to class are here because they really want to learn and to improve their lives. They also bring with them some valuable life experience. We help each other and have fun in class. I want everyone to go away with a feeling of accomplishment."

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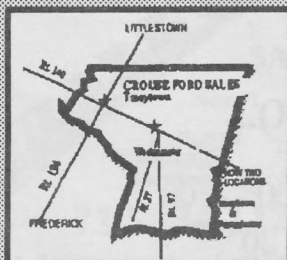
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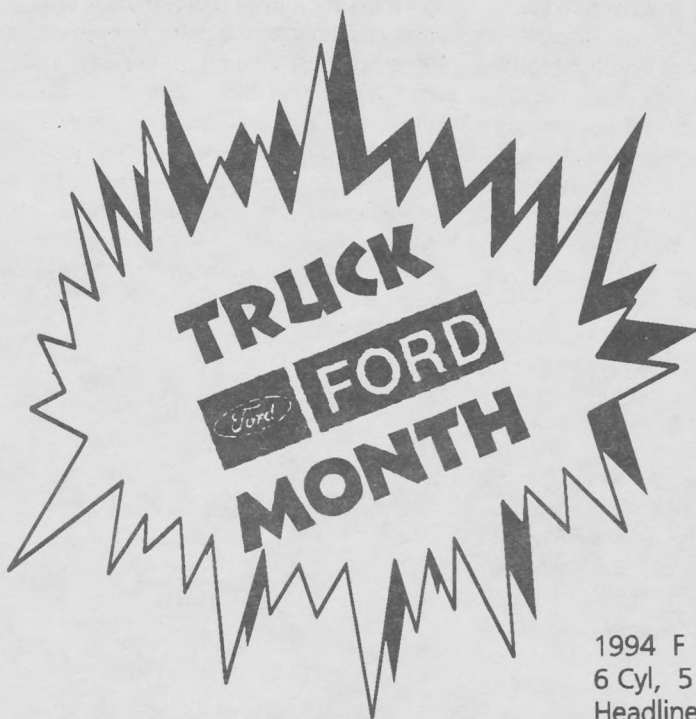
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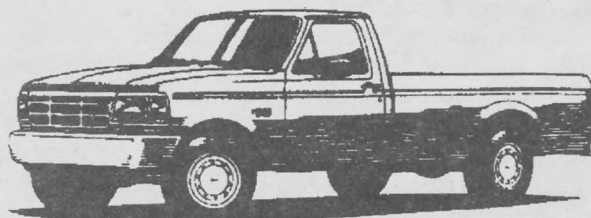
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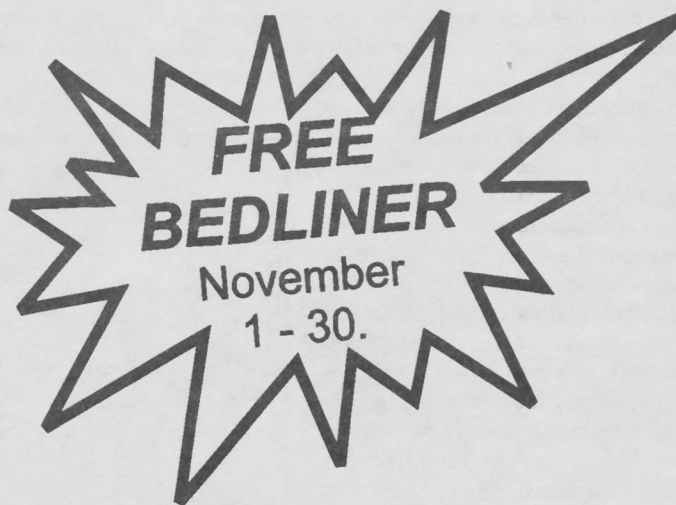
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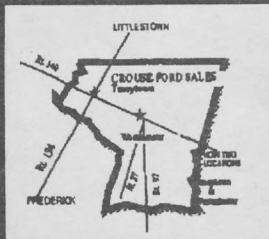
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Pastor's Column

Can We Become A Just, Participatory, Sustainable Society?

by Rev. Stephen Hastings, Incarnation UCC

God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. (Gen. 2: 15)

But what are we doing with the garden called Earth? Consider some of the "wild facts" about our planetary home:

- * the population of the world is growing so fast that every 40 years or so it doubles;
- * global warming raises serious questions about the stability of the earth's climate;
- * the world's rain forests are disappearing at the rate of one football field each second;
- * the ozone hole is reportedly growing;
- * the world's fisheries are being overfished;
- * polluted water causes 25 million deaths a year;
- * our local farmers are compelled to sell out to developers who "grow" townhomes and condos.

The list could go on and on. The time for action is now. We must seek sustainable lifestyles by: 1) eliminating the self-serving utilitarian values that mistakenly enable environmental abuse; and 2) empowering communities to combat the injustices that compel environmental abuse.

The utilitarian view of nature encourages use of the earth's resources almost exclusively for the satisfaction of immediate human desires, which frequently far exceed human needs. Its effects are most damaging in the industrial and affluent nations of the world. The capitalistic, free-market society of America needs to reclaim its ecological connections and reform its economics. Most of us have lost touch with our ecological connectedness to the land. Food production, the most basic industry for human life, has become increasingly remote and disconnected from the average American's daily life. Individuals and the church can reclaim that connectedness, and the sense of responsibility that will naturally fall from it, by relying more upon markets for locally produced food products: buy direct from a local farm and encourage natural production methods; participate as a buyer or board member in a local food cooperative; or plant a garden in your backyard.

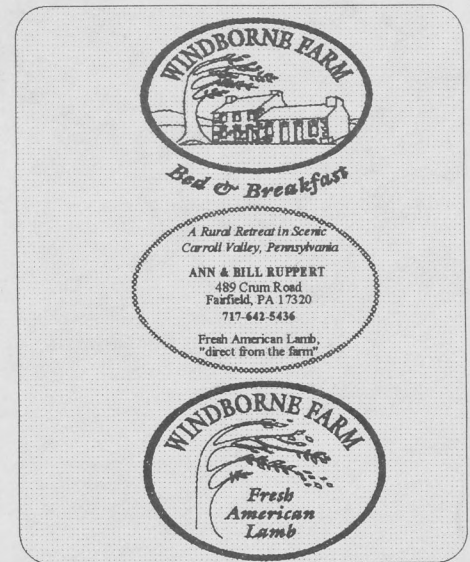
Furthermore, with respect to industry, energy, and consumer choice we need to take into account the cost of externalities. Many of the products we buy are priced artificially low because they do not include the cost of environmental protection. Rather, those costs have been ignored and will be paid by future generations for environmental reclamation. Environmen-

tally responsible consumerism requires a fully integrated cost mechanism: find out which companies are and are not paying for environmental protection and then buy selectively. There are consumer "green" guides that can help you.

On the global level, seemingly disparate issues like materialistic values in affluent nations and environmental destruction in impoverished nations are part of an overall systemic problem. The need to produce export goods in those nations stems in part from injustices in international relations, since many poor nations are caught in the "debt trap" and must ignore their own material needs to repay affluent donor nations. Unable to invest in domestic human services, food and goods production, and environmental protection these nations continue to experience the high birth rates, high mortality rates, and environmental decline of impoverished living. The peoples of these poor agrarian nations know precisely what it means to be connected to the land because the suffering from disconnection is frequently immanent. We must allow them to nurture that connection in a way that best meets their needs for a sustainable supply of food and material goods. That may require forgiving some of their national debt and restructuring unfair trade policies, using political influence against corrupt national governments as necessary to allow local autonomy, establishing face-to-face partnerships between affluent and poor peoples, and putting into place long-term strategies to wean poor nations from dependence upon short-term foreign aid.

Finally, the issues of population and economic growth must be addressed. World popu-

lation has doubled approximately every 40 years in this century. It has grown from 2.5 billion in 1950 to 5.3 billion in 1990 and may well reach 10 billion in 2030. Jesus lived in a world populated by a scant 250 million people whose consumptive patterns did not pose a collective threat to the life-sustaining capacity of the earth's ecosystem. We do pose such a threat. Our legacies, values, traditions, and lifestyles simply will not change overnight and so we must be prepared to deal with worsening conditions, as well as work for a reformed global socio-economy that is based on the steady-state principles of distributional justice over growth, community need over individual greed, durability over disposability, and sufficiency over rising expectations.



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Obituary

Mr. John Rosensteel

Mr. John Francis Rosensteel, 69, of Frederick, MD, died on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Miriam Rhoderick Kefauver Rosensteel.

Born on December 1, 1924, in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late George and Rose Gelwicks Rosensteel.

Prior to his retirement, Mr. Rosensteel was employed with Fort Detrick for 40 years as a lab technician and later he worked for Litton Bionetics, Inc. in Frederick for 10 years.

Mr. Rosensteel was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served in World War II. He was a member of the American Legion Francis X. Elder Post #121, Emmitsburg, and the VFW Post 6658, Emmitsburg.

Surviving, besides his wife, are one daughter, Judith Ann Curry of Lewistown; one son, Barry J. Kefauver of Fairfax Station, VA; two brothers, George E. Rosensteel and Robert A. Rosensteel, Sr., both of Emmitsburg; and a step-mother, Frances Rosensteel of Emmitsburg. In addition, he leaves eight grandchildren: Andrew B. Kefauver of Arlington, VA; John P. Kefauver of Los Angeles, CA; Thomas A. Kefauver of Fairfax Station, VA; Laura C. Curry and April Bentz both of Thurmont; Wendy Demons of Keedysville; Schonda Curry and Kevin Curry both of Lewistown. He is also survived by several great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family received friends at the Keeney and Basford Funeral Home, 106 East Church Street, Frederick, on Thursday, Oct. 20. Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 21, at 10:30 a.m. from the Etchison Memorial Chapel of the funeral home. Officiating was Father Wayne G. Funk, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church. Interment is in Mount Olivet Cemetery,

REMEMBERING.....

Tribute to Jack Bittle
by Anne Stinson

Thomas Sterling Bittle died Sept. 2, 1994, at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore of complications of cancer. He was 71 years old.

The stark, simple words hardly give a glimpse of the man, but those of us who knew and loved him can fill in the rest of the story, each from the prism of his own remembrance.

His wife called him Tom. The rest of us called him Jack, the name he was known by as a skinny kid who came back to Emmitsburg to finish his last year of high school. He'd been born in Gettysburg on October 19, 1922, and moved to California when he was a little boy with his parents, Thomas Clifford Bittle and Nelle Long Bittle. He didn't mention it often in later years, but when pressed, he'd admit that he had appeared in movies as a kid. We should have insisted on titles and dates; how we'd love to find out if any of those relics are still on a shelf in a film library somewhere.

I remember him as a kid obsessed with airplanes; his homework notebook had pages and pages of drawings of the fighters and bombers that filled newspapers and magazines of those World War II years. It was no surprise to anybody that he chose to enlist in the Army Air Corps, as soon as he graduated from Emmitsburg High School.

The war was the high adventure of his life. After training in the States, (and marriage to my sister, Frances Stinson) he was shipped overseas to the European Theater. He flew with the most highly decorated American Combat Group, the 354th Pioneer Mustang Fighter Group, 356th Fighter Squadron, 9th Air Force. He wasn't the kind

of veteran who endlessly rehashed the days of glory, so he never said much about his tour in England, France, and Germany. When it was over, he'd won the Air Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal and the European-African-Middle East Campaign Medal with a Bronze Star. He never wore any of them, as far as I recall. They were tucked into a drawer somewhere, along with indelible memories of lost friends, close calls, adrenalin and fatigue, the common currency of combat.

He attended Fenn College in Cleveland, and later studied at the Maryland Institute, now called the Maryland Institute College of Art, which left a lifelong mark. He studied painting under the legendary Jacques Marquet and then found his real niche in the Rinehart School of Sculpture. In short, he came out of the Maryland Institute an artist. His student work from those days is wonderful; Fran has a wall of his crucifixes; my personal favorites are a long-legged wading bird and a standing nude. Many of us wish he had been able to take his talent as far as it would go, but that path was in direct conflict with raising a family, so Jack went to work for Bata Shoe, designing, casting and making molds. He hated it and moved back to the Emmitsburg area where he devoted his considerable talents to cabinetmaking and refinishing antique furniture.

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A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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His quiet life on the Bullfrog Road was perfect for his low-key temperament. He studied and researched American primitive furniture, collected, restored, and dealt in antiques from the shop adjacent to the house.

if a man's life is measured by the number of friends who mourn him, Jack was rich indeed. The Elias Evangelical Lutheran church, where he had been baptised, was full to standing-room on the day of his funeral, September 6. Pastor W. Ronald Fearer conducted the services, which included full military honors. Jack's friend of many years, Fr. Joseph Stahura of St. Marks Roman Catholic Church, Greencastle, read from a tribute written by Jack's brother Jim (Dr. James L. Bittle of San Diego, CA) that recalled the hero worship of a little brother for his older sibling.

Sculptor Tylden Streett, a classmate from the Maryland Institute, wrote, "Tom was quiet and thoughtful, but strong also... always considerate and gentle. And so, in every sense, a true gentleman."

And those who saw him often would add, what a droll, funny man. What a good father to his four children: Beverly, Jimmy, John, and Steve. What a good brother to Jim and their sister Beverly.

At Jack's burial at Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, a bright sun bathed the hillside with its glorious view of the mountain across the road. Uniformed servicemen sounded Taps and a solo P-51, a survivor of the combat planes Jack piloted in his youth, flew over the gravesite, did a victory roll and tipped its wings in salute. To say that it was a moving moment is an understatement. Many of Jack's colleagues from that war stood rigidly, their jaw muscles clenched and their eyes shining.

It was a fitting, sad farewell to a life we had all learned to cherish. Godspeed, Jack. You will be remembered.

Anne Stinson writes from Easton, Maryland.

THE VILLAGE COUNSELLOR

By Rosemary McDermott

For the past eight months, The "Village Counsellor" has been discussing legal topics. Now we are seeking your thoughts. What legal topics would you like to read about in future columns? What special topics would be of interest to you of the Emmitsburg community? Please take a few moments to complete the following survey. If you include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, you will receive a free copy of a *Living Will* for participating in the survey.

Instructions: Please put a check next to the legal topics you think would be of interest to you or your neighbors. Send this survey to: LEGAL SURVEY, P.O. Box 1143, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

- What should I do if a lending institution starts foreclosure proceedings against my home?
- What should I look for in a nursing home contract?
- How long does it take to obtain a divorce in Maryland?
- What is involved in bankruptcy proceedings?
- What is juvenile court?
- What are the rights of a Landlord?
- What are the rights of a Tenant?
- What should I do if I receive a traffic ticket?
- What are the first steps in looking for a loan to buy a house?
- What is small claims court?
- What are the differences between the Circuit Court and the District Court in Maryland?
- What should I do if I'm summoned as a witness?
- What help can the Court offer me if I am being abused by my spouse or a person in my house?
- What should I do if I'm hurt in an auto accident?
- How can I be certain our children have a guardian if some thing were to happen to my spouse and me?
- What are some important things I need to consider before writing a Will?
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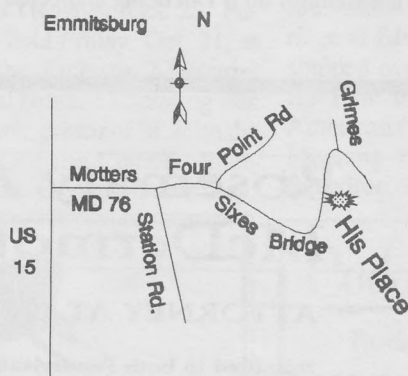
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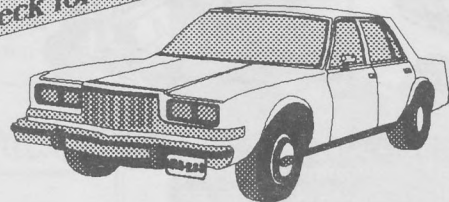
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Garden Perplexities

by Barbara Steele, Alloway Gardens

Avid herb gardeners seem to have a need for green growing plants year around, and go to great lengths with grow lights, timers, and heat mats to keep tender plants alive in the house during the winter months. These people have no questions to ask, but the "rest of us" who have the desire for greenness without high-tech solutions often wonder about plant selection and growing conditions for indoor windowsill gardening.

Many herbs that do well in the house are considered "tender perennials." A tender perennial is a plant from a warmer climate zone that usually cannot survive the winter out of doors in our area. Rosemary, pineapple sage, scented geraniums, marjoram, lemon verbena, sweet bay (*Laurus nobilis*), and sweet myrtle are tender perennials that require indoor protection during the winter months.

Pot these plants up in a good-sized container and move them gradually to a sunny indoor location. A cool room is the best location for many herb plants that just need to be kept from freezing. A few perennial herbs that will survive indoors are dwarf sage, variegated sages, Greek oregano, dwarf oregano, chives, and mints. Re-

member a cool room, light, and good air circulation are necessary requirements for plant health.

Basil, dill, and coriander are annual herbs that need heat and added daylight hours (grow lights) to be grown indoors. You must be truly dedicated to these herbs to succeed (or have a warm green house with lights).

Aloe, the kitchen "first aid" plant is a natural for the indoor windowsill. A north-facing window exposure provides just the right amount of light. Too much sun and the aloe sunburns! The menthol coleus and Cuban oregano (both *Plectranthus* species) are tropical herbs that need warmth and do well in hanging containers. They like humidity as well, and would be happy in the bathroom.

When and how to water house plants is probably the most-asked question this time of year. Make sure that you "just do it"—Don't Forget To Water Your Plants! Water before 2:00 p.m. - too much moisture at lower night temperature causes disease conditions. Group moisture-loving plants together on a gravel tray to create a micro-climate. Gray leaf wooly herbs need much less water, a grittier soil mix, and lots of sunshine to succeed indoors.

Let most perennials stay outside in the garden. They will be much happier with

their winter hibernation and healthier next spring.

Once your indoor greenery is established, settle in with a mug of herb tea, a good gardening book, and enjoy a restful winter season.

Herbally yours,

Barbara

WILD BIRD WORKSHOPS

FREE workshops are being held at the Wild Bird Company, 45 Waverly Drive in Frederick. Ornithologist John Haley will present the programs. Space is limited and it is best to call for reservations at 301-698-2545.

On November 16 there will be two seminars:

7:00 p.m. Attracting Backyard Birds (45 minutes) - Haley will explain the ways to use plantings, water, seeds, and feeders, and how to maintain them. He will distribute free copies of the US Fish and Wildlife Service's new publication Backyard Bird Feeding, written by Heidi Hughes, president of the Wild Bird Company.

8:00 p.m. How To Attract Owls (45 minutes) - Haley will show which of five species of owls you might find in your neighborhood. No matter where you live in Frederick County, you're likely to find an owl within two miles of your home. You can learn how to find them and what you can do to encourage them to nest nearby.

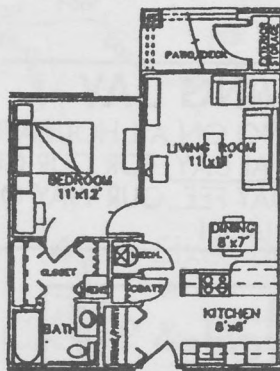
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- School News -

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

Compiled by Val Mentzer

The Student Council Inauguration by Jenni Eaton and Kelly Quillin

Hi! We are the coordinators of publicity. We would like to tell you a little bit about the Moter Seton School Student Council. The members are the following. Officers; President, Audry Hallinan; Vice President, Taylor Eichelman; Secretary, Elizabeth Rhodes; and Treasurer, Michael Herring. Representatives: 8th grade, Besty Moore; 7th grade, Tony Wilson; 6th grade, Amy Kalas; 5th grade, Joey Hallinan and Meeghan White; 4th grade, Ben Hanning. Publicity: Kelly Quillin and Jenni Eaton. Coordinators: Religious, Ashely Keeney; Spirit, Diana Eaton; Safety/Environment, Jeffrey Tracey. Moderators: Mr. Terrence Ruppert, Mrs Bernadette Barnes, and Mrs. Tina Fogle.

Our Student Council inauguration was a simple, yet effective, ceremony. Sister Mary Catherine, Mr. Ruppert, Mayor Carr, and Audrey Hallinan gave speeches of support. A few activities we plan to have this year are bake sales, tag days (these allow students to be out of uniform by paying \$.50 during certain theme activities), and other such fundraisers. We also plan to have Prayer Partner Activities. Younger children are paired with older children and participate in short, fun activities. The Student Council will also be putting out a newspaper written by the students. The first newspaper will be coming out in December. We will be honored to have Mr. Cadle, editor of the *Dispatch*, give us a workshop about publishing a newspaper.

We hope everyone has a great year and good luck!

A Classwork Sampler

Fall Fun

by David Haller (Mrs. Miller, 2nd grade)
I know it is Fall because the apples turn ripe. People start to harvest. I see people jumping in leaves. I like to hike on the mountain. It is fun to see all those animals getting ready for winter. I have some favorite things I like to do in the Fall. Me and Dad like to carve pumpkins into Jack-o-lanterns. Me and my Dad like to go hiking in the mountains. Fall is fun.

Wishes

by Ben Hanning

Everyone sometime has a wish. And here at Mother Seton School we will find out what some of the students' and staff's wishes are. I went around the school and asked the following question: If you have one wish, what would it be?

"I would like to have \$1,000,000." - Tony Patarini, 2nd grade.

"I would like to be a sports player." - Tim McKenzie, 3rd grade.

"For everyone to be happy and well and at peace." - Sister Charlee, faculty.

"To live forever." - Patrick Kelley, 4th grade.

"I would like to go to California." - Vince Testa, 4th grade.

"No homework for a year." - Russell Hoyt, 3rd grade.

"To be in the Emmitsburg news." - Chris Ricketts, 4th grade.

"That my children grow up happy and safe and lead good lives." -Jayne Richardson, staff. "

For peace." - Sister Sandra, faculty.

And my wish is to be "Anything Man" and turn into anything that I want.

Fall

by Amy Kalas

In Mid-October the birds do fly,
As the days and weeks go by.
The leaves turn orange, red and gold,
The weather turns breezy and cold.
Slip on your mittens; bundle up tight,
Soon it will be Halloween night!
Next comes November with turkey and pie,
There's mashed potatoes and cranberries to try.
You see turkeys and pumpkins galore,
Soon it will be snowing once more.

Fall

by Alma Ritz

I look inside my window, and see the colorful trees,
I see the red, yellow, and orange,
which usually makes everyone pleased.
Hey! Halloween is coming! And
Thanksgiving is best of all!

But even better than those holidays,
I like the great season of Fall.
Mrs. Topley's 5th grade poetry

KITE POEMS

Zachary Smith
tall, strong
catching, running, tackling
big boy, growing boy
throwing, hitting, running
brave, funny,
Zachary

....Zachary Smith

Joseph
fast, funny,
running, jumping, hopping,
short boy, lacrosse player,
sliding, rolling, skipping,
brown-eyed, brown hair
Joseph

....Joseph Hallinan

Sedira
tall, big-boned
leaping, running, tumbling
good basketball player, funny girl
falling, jogging, jumping
adventurous, hopeful
Sedira

....Sedira Banan

Stephen
tall, tough
kicking, hitting, reading
baseball player, intelligent boy
striking, blocking, throwing
kind, hard-working
Stephen

....Stephen Harrington

Lauryn
quiet, blond
reading, singing, running
artist lover, bike rider
walking, throwing, catching
funny, loving
Lauryn

....Lauryn Hoff.

Students Receive Award

Justin and Christopher Peterson earned the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) medal over the summer. This emblem is given in recognition by the Catholic Church to a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout who has completed requirements for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual growth. Congratulation for all of your hard work, Justin and Christopher!

(GALLERY 30 continued from page 9) ordinary, but with a twist. If you browse and buy nothing, you still leave satisfied, but if you are shopping, it's a place to buy thoughtful gifts, ones that let the receivers know they were names in your heart, not on your list.

The gift-giving holidays are hot upon us. Soon calendars will be scheduled full with happy events...exciting events, moving events, events that (admit it) you sometimes end up not enjoying as you should because the cookies aren't baked, the house isn't decorated, your shopping isn't done.... This time of year is magical in its promise. We want so much to rise above the tinsel so that we may enjoy the reason it glitters at all, and yet, every year, we fall prey to the time traps we swear and vow to avoid.

Go now to Gallery 30. There are no candles burning or mistletoe hung, but there is an incense of giving in the air. It's a good place to begin the race, to take care of the important warm-up before the run. Its inventory includes books, music, jewelry, clothing, stationery, and yes, pictures and paintings, too. But, as in a catalog, all of it seems brushed with pixie dust.

The jewelry, for instance, talks. The pieces are playful, strong, delicate, nostalgic, futuristic, introspective. Buttons and beads, fabric, wood and stone, silver and gold have been given personal expression by regional artists. It is a typical selection of bracelets, earrings, necklaces and such, but each design has been individually handcrafted to find its home with just one wearer. If you're listening, you'll know which one is yours.

The books at Gallery 30 dance. Most are displayed flat-out, begging for partners. Lois Starkey, owner of Gallery 30, quoted the fact that there are thousands of books published every hour in America. That could make choosing tricky, especially in children's literature, but here you don't have to worry; there's not a wall-flower among the bunch. Pre-selection has assured quality selection, and should there be a specific title you're looking for and don't find offered, just ask for it to be ordered. It's a specialty at Gallery 30.

A great deal of the Gallery 30 experience is subliminal. Music plays a part in this. (C'Mon; you didn't think the books dance in silence, did you?) You may not even note it at first, and when you do, you likely won't be able to name the music you are hearing.

Chances are, though, you'll find it appealing. Suddenly, you'll find yourself considering a gift of music. Go ahead! any of the staff will gladly provide an audio preview of your choice from those available.

Wander as you listen; Gallery 30 isn't meant to be taken at mall-pace. There's so much to see, to absorb, really. With my catalogs, I find myself quickly re-scanning the double-page display before moving on, just to make sure I haven't missed anything. It's like that at Gallery 30, too. You'll want to look behind you, up, down, left and right before stepping forward, just to make sure you've seen all that's there. The miscellaneous merchandise is as intriguing as the group items. Unique pottery pieces, wood crafts, and clothing await your notice along with the leather-bound journals and unsigned cards. These and more could be overlooked in a rush, missed in attention to the art on the walls.

The haunting eyes of Abraham Lincoln will make sure you don't overlook the art on the walls. He's there in multiples at present, the work of Connecticut artist Wendy Allen. Allen is joined by a host of local artists whose work spans the framable mediums. Some are so life-like you'll want to touch the scene; others create the essence so explicitly the mood will enter your soul. Nearly all the pictures speak of everyday sights that feed the heart: old barns, landscapes, people, simple objects, frozen moments. Biographies of the artists are usually given on the back adding to your sense of the work. It's hard to let some go, to leave Gallery 30 without that picture under your arm. The prices are reasonable, though; you can come back.

And that's probably the best thing about Gallery 30. You can come back. Going now, in the advent of the ultimate gift-giving time of year, will assuredly be a highlight of your holidays, but it will be there December 24th, too, and February 24th, and May 24th. It's a catalog-with-a-cup-of-tea treat to benefit from any time of the year.

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Dec. 11 - Christmas caroling on horse-back. Meet behind the Community Center at 3:00 p.m.. For more information call 447-6119

Dec. 11 - Senior Citizen Christmas Party given by the Emmitsburg Youth Activity Program, 1 p.m., Emmitsburg Ambulance Building. Food, fun, music and prizes. ALL SENIORS CITIZENS (50+) INVITED For information call the town office, 447-2313.

WHAT TO DO NOW THAT ELECTIONS ARE OVER

The election is over and the "rascals" are all in their places flushed with the victory high and ready to spring into action. While who they are is still fresh in our minds we might consider writing to them about a pressing local problem—the by-pass around town comes to mind.

A letter can make a tremendous difference. It can be used as a measure of political pressure. Staff members keep score and let their boss know what the current issues are. Few elected officials can ignore mail from constituents. Most want to be reelected and it is generally recognized that those who write also vote.

Some letters are more influential than others. Most effective are personal letters from constituents stressing their own views in their own words. Following is a basic format for writing your governor, state representative, mayor or councilman:

Paragraph 1—Say what you are writing about and what you want your elected official to do.

Paragraphs 2 and 3—Give your reasons (i.e. the impact of the proposed bill on you and the district).

Last paragraph—Restate your position and the action you are seeking.
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Here are some additional tips that can help make your letter to your elected official more effective: focus on just one subject; identify the bill or issue; be courteous; ask for a specific action; give reasons for taking a stand; make it personal; offer information the official doesn't have; mention the official's voting record; stress the local; concentrate on your own delegation; type or hand-write; use the appropriate format; be timely; follow up; give positive reinforcement. One page is normally sufficient.

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JANET SPRINGER RETIRES

Janet Springer, daughter of Margaret Hahn and the late Glenn Springer, recently retired from the Food and Drug Administration Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she was the Director of the Division of Mathematics in the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. Ms. Springer, a graduate of Emmitsburg High School and Western Maryland College, was employed by the federal government for over 31 years, of which 25 were spent with the FDA.

Her mathematical and statistical expertise was employed in such areas as the development of regulations and the solution of problems associated with food and color additives and environmental contaminants. She made significant contributions and published extensively in the area of risk analysis.

Ms. Springer was an active participant on international committees where she worked on sampling plans to promote international trade and also on problems associated with food contaminants. In this capacity, she traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

Tributes were recently given to her by her friends and coworkers at a retirement luncheon aboard the ship, *The Spirit of Washington*.

**FUNDS RAISED FOR
COMMUNITY CENTER**

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association announced that the proceeds from their recent auction are to benefit the renovation fund for the Community Center Building and the expense of running the new Visitors Center Museum. The auction raised more than \$1,200 for these purposes.

The EBPA reminds all who are concerned about the renovation and operation of the Community Center that a special fund has been established by the town. Donations can be deposited in the Community Center Fund at the Farmers and Mechanics Bank in Emmitsburg.

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Nov. 17 - Senior Citizens public card party; doors open at 5:30 p.m. with card playing at 6:30 p.m.; \$2.00 per person; refreshments on sale. Come enjoy an evening of fun. Everyone is a winner!

Nov. 17 - Frederick County Planning Commission's Open House at the Emmitsburg Elementary School, 5-8 p.m., to view the Draft 20-Year Regional Plan and Draft 5-Year Zoning Map, as well as copies of the draft of the Thurmont Region Plan. Planning Department staff will be on hand to answer questions and accept comments.

Nov. 17 - Book signing by author Joan Vannorsdall Schroeder at Gallery 30, 30 York Street, Gettysburg, PA, at 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 19 - Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company butchering. Meat can be picked up from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 271-2880 to place an order. The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary will sponsor an "All You Can Eat" Buffet Breakfast in conjunction with the butchering from 6 a.m. until 11 a.m. Adults \$4.50; Children (5-11) \$3.00; and under 5 free.

Nov. 19 - St. Joseph's Holiday Bazaar, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Crafts and gift items will be available, along with a "Santa's Secret Shop" where the kiddies can do their shopping (no adults allowed). Good food available including turkey platters and sandwiches. New item this year - theme gift baskets - wrapped in cellophane and ready for delivery. All are welcome.

Nov. 24 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Council of Churches, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, 10:30 a.m.; Reverend Ben Jones of the Presbyterian Church will lead the service.

Nov. 26 - Decoration of Emmitsburg for the holiday season, beginning at 9 a.m. at the town's maintenance building behind the town office. All are welcome. For more information call the town office, 447-2313 or Ann at 447-6236.

Nov. 29 - Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association meeting at the Carriage House, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 2 - Grand Opening of the Country Christmas Fare, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association, at the Community Center, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Door prizes and refreshments will be highlights.

Dec. 3-4 - Continuation of the Country Christmas Fare, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Area artists and crafts persons will provide an interesting selection of arts, crafts, and Christmas-related items for holiday gift giving.

Dec. 11 - The annual Christmas concert by the Emmitsburg Community Chorus at the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Joseph's Provincial House, 3:00 p.m. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be received. Facilities are handicapped accessible. For more information call Shannon Boyle at 447-3121. (Continued on page 23)

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