

# The Emmitsburg Regional

## DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength From One Another

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### Copenhaver honored by Mount



Dave Copenhaver (left) receives the St. Francis Award from Mount St. Mary's president George Houston.

*Courtesy of Public Relations Department of Mount St. Mary's College*

Dave Copenhaver is being honored as the first recipient of Mount Saint Mary's Sisters of St. Francis Award, presented to an employee who best exemplifies the mission of the college both at work and at home. The award is named after the last order of nuns to serve the Mount community.

Copenhaver occupies a unique position both at the Mount and in the community of Emmitsburg. He combines his job as a painter in the maintenance department of the college with another career as a community activist and volunteer in Emmitsburg. He delves into local politics as president of the town council and has saved lives as a long-time volunteer with both the Emmitsburg Rescue Squad and the Vigilant Hose Co.

In his job at the Mount, Copenhaver literally has reached heights that few others have scaled. He's been atop DuBois Hall, painting the gold leaf on the cross that sits on top of the cupola. And plenty of times, he's hoisted himself up and down the fortress-like stone walls of the Terrace and Bradley Hall on swing scaffolding.

But his more visible community position is at home in Emmitsburg, where Mayor Bill Carr describes him as a valued member of the town council for the last nine years. He's served as president since May 1996.

"Dave is tremendously fair and bends over backwards to be fair to everybody," Carr says. "He's a good listener and gets down real quick to the meat of a matter. He was a bit reticent at first to take over as president. But since he's been in office, he's done a wonderful job. He keeps the meetings moving along."

Copenhaver also has been presented numerous awards for rescuing flood and accident victims, as both a rescue worker and a firefighter. But he said that after 27 years at the fire department and 25 on the ambulance squad, he's starting to wind down his activities.

"After a while, it gets to you. There's the good times, when you help someone and you get that little thank you that means a lot," Copenhaver said. "But there are also the sad times when you pull the body of an 18-month-old baby out of a car. All you can do is come home, sit down in your chair, and cry."

College President George R.

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### Renovation of Community Center To Begin

Representatives of clubs and organizations that use space in the Emmitsburg's Community Center were briefed at a meeting held Thursday, February 20th, on plans and schedules for the upcoming \$600,000 modifications to the building.

Ron Hart, Director of Management Services for Frederick County, told the group representatives that the renovation project is two fold: 1) the mitigation of hazardous materials as well as bringing the building into compliance with the American Disabilities Act; and 2) complete renovation which will include gutting the building to create new offices.

The first part is scheduled to begin **Please see CENTER on page 3.**

April 1 and completed by September of this year. The second part of the renovation is included in the county's Capital Improvement Budget for 2002.

Architects James C. Mills and Maria Pryor of Proffitt & Pryor Architects described building modifications that will take place to meet minimum ADA requirements. The significant changes planned include a common entrance in the rear of the building (the mountain side) where an elevator and new fire stairs will be constructed. The entrance will be into a lobby in the center of the building. Other changes include a new floor-level connection between the

### Postelle to seek council seat

Philip N. Postelle has announced his candidacy for the position of Town Commissioner. He is currently serving on the Town of Emmitsburg Board of Appeals, the Emmitsburg Up-County Advisory Board, and as Chairman of the committee to raise funds for the community center. He also founded the Friends of the Community Center.

Mr. Postelle operates four Emmitsburg businesses which employ over 40 area residents. He is currently the Historian of the Emmitsburg Historical Society, an active member of the Emmitsburg Arts League and an active member of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association.

#### Platform

Create jobs for our citizens who currently commute long distances, and broaden the economic base to reduce everyone's tax by attracting clean industries to Emmitsburg's industrial parks.

Include Emmitsburg's sub-divisions

in town activities and decisions by supporting the subdivisions when they need help with implementing playgrounds or rerouting developers' construction equipment.

The key to economic growth and residential happiness is improving the quality and quantity of Emmitsburg's water.

The regional library is going to be in Thurmont according to the Frederick County Library director. The county could place the regional library on the 2nd floor of our community center. Thurmont has someone on the library board of directors; so should we.

Our children will soon be going to Thurmont with the new elementary school. Let us use undeveloped land in Emmitsburg to keep our kids here.

Emmitsburg has some great support activities: CASS, Health Department, Up-County Center, Food Bank. We need job training and more.

Let us get together for some short-term minor successes and long-range major improvements.

## Letters To The Editor

### Lenten Services

Dear people of Emmitsburg - where are you?

For many years now, the Emmitsburg Council of Churches has been sponsoring Sunday evening worship services during Lent. It is nothing out of the ordinary for churches to hold Lenten services. But it is very extraordinary for many of the churches of the community to be united in one church service. Every Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. during Lent, we have this very unique opportunity of worshipping with other believers at their church - a different church hosts the service each week. It gives you a chance to be with people you are friends with in the community by worshipping with them during the special season of Lent!

My husband and I have attended these services for many years and we look forward to this special time with our friends at the different churches. These services give more meaning to the Lenten season and make us realize

more that our God is the same God for all of us.

The sad thing about these services is that the churches are not full! All of the churches of the community have a combined membership that far exceeds what the capacity of one church would be. However, the attendance at these services is very low with usually the same persons attending. I am writing this letter in hopes that some of you who would like to attend but don't will seriously think about coming out on Sunday evening. Maybe some of you were not aware of these special services and would like to be a part of this special time. After each service, refreshments are usually available for those who like to stay and just talk with each other.

Won't you consider attending a Lenten service this year? You won't be sorry.

RACHEL WIVELL  
Emmitsburg

### Concerned about Text Books

This is just another view of the "crisis" in the Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) projected by John Ashbury in his commentary carried in the *Gazette* of February 6, 1997: "So Why Don't Frederick County Kids Have Textbooks?"

My question is just why do FCPS kids need "textbooks"? First of all, I will allow that some books are necessary, such as reference books, literary works, and some exercise texts for basic skills in reading, math, spelling, and the like. But a textbook for every course of study? I doubt the need.

Looking back after forty years of teaching, I have tried to count the number of classes I taught quite successfully without a "textbook." Let me suggest some reasons why a given "textbook" was not used: 1.) The perfect textbook has not been written; 2.) Often when new courses are introduced, appropriate textbooks do not yet exist; 3.) The textbook an earlier teacher (or supervisor) selected for a course just does not suit the current teacher (or the current kids!); 4.) Textbooks are expensive; in fact, too expensive if their use cannot be maximized; 5.) Some teachers are prone to order new texts without sufficient preview

and evaluation, hence they are practically useless and money has been wasted; 6.) Slavishly "sticking to the text" becomes boring to the student, while 7.) the teacher is not challenged to be creative (and interesting); 8.) Textbooks tend to overlook individual differences.

So, you see, I hope, that maybe the "crisis" in FCPS textbook supply is not one of quantity but quality. And we all know how difficult it is to try to satisfy everyone with the same thing.

What I suggest, in lieu of universal textbooks, is stronger supervisory facilitation of improved teaching. After hiring good, competent teachers, HELP them to do a better job; be positive with encouragement; support strong discipline; provide duplicating supplies and time for teachers to plan courses and prepare appropriate materials; within a broad framework of objectives, allow teachers creative freedom; encourage student use of research and reference skills through ease of library access to books and computer information.

As I see it, limited funds can be better spent by helping teachers to individualize their classes (to suit both themselves and the children) than by

## Town News

### A PROCLAMATION FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

*Whereas*, the Town of Emmitsburg was founded in 1757 and incorporated in 1825; and

*Whereas*, Maryland is home to 155 other municipalities and municipal residents comprise over one third of our State's population; and

*Whereas*, municipal government represents the most responsive form of government, with citizens being able to directly access their elected officials; and

*Whereas*, the Town of Emmitsburg, like many other municipalities, enhances the quality of life for its residents by providing community services, by providing recreational facilities, and by maintaining natural, cultural, and historical sites and structures.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, that the Town Council does hereby proclaim the week of April 21-25, 1997, as MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WEEK IN MARYLAND, and join the Maryland Municipal League in celebrating the government throughout the State.

### TOWN GOVERNMENT VACANCIES

The Town of Emmitsburg has announced three vacancies:

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** The applicant for commissioner would finish the term recently vacated. The member would need to acquire knowledge of the Emmitsburg Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and utilize the information in deciding the present and future development of Emmitsburg.

**Parks and Recreation Committee:**

The committee member would oversee and assist in the enforcement of the Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation Ordinance. Committee members serve two-year terms without compensation.

**Board of Appeals:** The vacancy is for an alternate member of the board. The alternate member would need to acquire knowledge of the Emmitsburg Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and implement the law in a fair manner, taking into account always the welfare of the Town. Board of Appeals members serve three-year terms without compensation.

All candidates for the above positions must be Emmitsburg residents. Interested individuals may contact Yvette Semler, Town Manager, at (301) 447-2313. Send a letter of application to the Emmitsburg Town Office at 22 East Main Street, P.O. Box 380, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Letters of application will be accepted until Friday, March 21, 1997.

### Expression of Appreciation

Our family would like to express our sincere appreciation for the tremendous outpouring of sympathy upon the death of our beloved husband and father Robert Sayler.

We are very grateful to everyone for the many prayers, cards, food, flowers, calls, and visits. In a time like this it is so comforting to have so many caring friends.

Robert touched so many people's lives. He will live on in our hearts forever.

God bless you all,  
BLANCHE SAYLER AND MARY  
JAYNE SAYLER MOSER

imposing mandatory textbooks selected by a supervisor or curriculum committee.

The best learning environment includes books, I agree, but not necessarily "textbooks" for all courses, for all children.

FRANCIS SMITH  
Emmitsburg

### Grateful

I would like to thank all the kind strangers who stopped to assist me on Jan 24. My GEO Tracker overturned north bound on US 15 at Blue Mountain Rd. exit due to the ice. Had it not been for them I would have been trapped until emergency personnel arrived.

I would also like to thank them for responding so quickly.

CHRYSTAL HEWARD  
Emmitsburg

## AWARD from page 1

Houston, Jr. said that it is clear from his work at the college and his civic responsibilities that Copenhaver embodies the mission of the Mount and the guidelines for the award.

In his letter nominating Copenhaver for the award, history professor Robert Preston wrote: "Dave is the Mount. He is a model for all of us, employees and students."

Copenhaver, accompanied by his wife Velma and daughters Mary Ann and Kathy, will be presented the award on March 12, 1997, during a special noon ceremony that includes an ecumenical prayer service at the college followed by a reception.

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school building and the gymnasium, and the installation of public restrooms on each floor.

Mark Boggs, of Boggs Environmental Consultants, emphasized two important concerns in implementing the hazardous materials abatement part of the current project. "The Haz-Mats are primarily lead and asbestos," said Boggs. "We approached the work from two perspectives: ensuring that workers can carry out their tasks safely, and ensuring that the areas outside of the immediate work area be Haz-Mat safe. The air will be monitored by an industrial hygienist during the project," said Boggs.

Project Manager Dennis Cross of the Department of Public Works said that the building will be occupied by the various groups during the construction, but that each group will have to vacate their area when work is in progress there. "People will need to share space with each other," Cross said, "and this will have to be a team effort" He suggested that finding space in the community to use during the time their area is being worked on might be a solution for some.

## Council Seat Up For Grabs

A town election will be held this year for the commissioner's seat currently held by Mr. Thomas Gingell.

Those who wish to file their candidacy for this office must do so in writing at the town office before 12:00 noon on April 10, 1997. The names of the candidates will be placed on the ballot chronologically as filed. A candidate must be a resident of Emmitsburg for one year prior to election day to qualify to run for the commissioner's seat.

Election day will be Tuesday, April 22. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the town office. Citizens must register to vote by Monday, April 14, 1997, by 4:30 p.m.

You may register to vote any workday, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until April 14, 1997. Special evening registrations will also be held on the first Monday of March (3rd) and April (7th) from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each night. To register a person needs to have resided in Emmitsburg for thirty days before the election date.

The procedure for absentee ballots is as follows:

- 1.) The registered voter must make a written application to the town clerk to obtain an absentee ballot on or before the 10th day of April, 1997.
- 2.) The application shall be written and shall state specifically that the registered voter will be absent from the Frederick County, Md., area on April 22, 1997, during the time that the polls are open.
- 3.) The town clerk will deliver, in person, the absentee ballot to the registered voter.
- 4.) The absentee ballots must be signed by the voter and returned to the town clerk prior to April 22, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

## Crimes Down Against People and Property in Emmitsburg

Deputy Jeff Bartlett presented a yearly summary of policing activities carried out by the town deputies for 1996. Records show that, on the whole, Emmitsburg remains a comparatively quiet, peaceful town with a few trouble spots. "Crimes against people and property are down even though there was an 18% increase across Frederick County," Bartlett said.

According to Deputy Bartlett, a major reason for this is the town officials' zero tolerance policy against crime. "When the town adopted the curfews, they really helped themselves. Juvenile complaints and arrests have decreased by approximately 50%," Bartlett said.

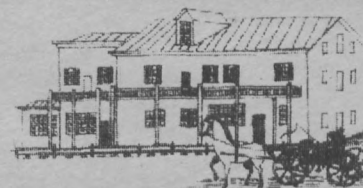
According to Bartlett, "We still have some problems to solve. The number of substance abuse arrests has increased mostly because people in the neighborhoods are getting more involved and making more complaints. This is another example of the town helping itself."

Criminal arrests increased. Most of the arrests were "domestics." According to Bartlett this increase is due to a change in the Domestic Violence Law which now extends the reporting and arrest time limit to 48 hours after the fact.

Commercial vehicle inspections increased about 400% over the year. "We will continue to concentrate heavily on commercial traffic through town and enforce the town speed limit," Bartlett said.

Activity	1995	1996
Alarms	21	25
Thefts	23	31
Domestics	21	24
Breaking / Entering	7	3
Destruct. of prop.	16	10
CDS	10	17
Disorderly Cond.	21	41
Assualts	8	6
Accidents	41	46
Juven. complaints	25	30
School talks	26	38
Escorts	146	109
Criminal arrests	9	15
Traffic arrests	12	21
Citations	337	251
Warnings	348	251
Com. Veh. Insp.	27	109
All patrols	1815	1804

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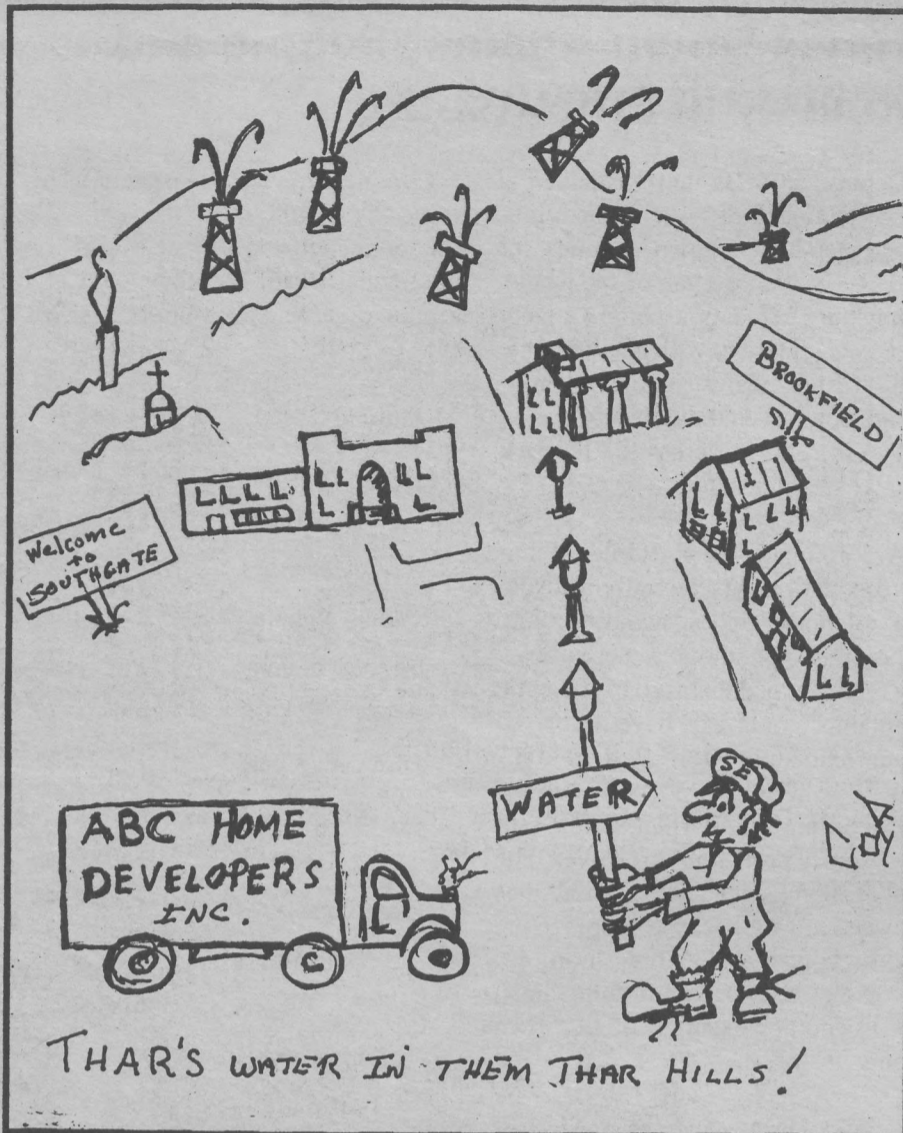


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# Easter Arrangements



## 100 Years Ago "In this place" from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

### A Good Entertainment

March 5, 1897 - "Imogene, or the Witch's Secret," a realistic drama in four acts, was rendered in the Opera House last Saturday evening, by the Forset Rose Concert and Dramatic Company, of this place, before an appreciative audience. Although the attendance was not quite as large as had been anticipated - attributed possibly to the cold and disagreeable weather - the entertainment was a success financially.

The performers exhibited considerable histrionic ability, and with a little more practice would be able to produce some of the more difficult dramas in a successful manner. Their rendition of "Imogene" was very creditable in every way, reflecting much credit upon themselves. The general opinion being that they acquitted themselves in a worthy manner. The play was interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

### Reception

M. Thomas C. Hays and bride will return home from their wedding tour on Wednesday evening, March 10th, when a reception will be held at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. T. Hays, where they will be pleased to receive their friends.

### New St. Anthony's Church

March 12, 1897 - The contract for the new church to be erected by Mt. St. Mary's Congregation, was awarded by the Building Committee to Mr. Frank Hobbs, of Decatur, Ill. The enterprising and energetic young contractor is a native of this locality, but his long residence in the West accounts for him being a "hustler from the word go."

The Church is to cost \$10,050, and is to be ready for dedication in December.

March 12, 1897 - The Emmitsburg Water company has purchased the Sandy Shields property near the reservoir for \$275 cash.

March 19, 1897 - Mr. C.G. Walter has taken the contract for building the church at Mt. St. Mary's off of Mr. F. Hobbs' hands, to whom the work of building the church had been awarded.

### The Electric Railway

March 25, 1897 - The failure of the Senate to pass the House bill providing a charter for the Washington and Gettysburg railway, via Frederick, Thurmont, and Emmitsburg, while a disappointment to the friends of the movement, has by no means determined and settled the question. We are in receipt of information direct from those in charge of the movement, to the effect that so much confidence is felt in the eventual satisfactory outcome of the matter, that actual work is about to begin on the Takoma Park Branch of the road and that at the present extra session probably, certainly at the next sitting of Congress, the Charter rights will be secured and the road built. This is most gratifying information for such a road is the brightest promise to northern Frederick County of anything that has been proposed in many years. - *Clarion*.

Do you have a choice story?  
See Commentary on this page.

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## Commentary:

### Some Good News - Some Bad News

Two months ago we asked for reactions to a couple of ideas concerning the direction of growth of the *Dispatch*. As the comedic line goes, "We got some good news and some bad news." The good news was words of generous support and appreciation for the paper. For that we are grateful.

The "bad news" was the lack of any response to the notion of publishing bi-weekly. So for now we put aside this idea and undauntedly take a look at another aspect of how readers see the *Dispatch*. A recurrent theme among readers' comments has been history "in this place" —there seems to be a wide spread yearning to say "we are."

Therefore as publishers of the *Dispatch* we are launching an effort to take the measure of this town by collecting good stories about our common experiences—from founding until now. We are seeking stories that have meaning to those who were reared or are living in Emmitsburg—the kinds of stories that we agree "somebody should be writing

down," tales which we have passed around our families for years.

We are collecting stories on topics that have left their mark on the history and culture of this area. Topics will include anecdotes, events, legends and myths, customs, unique words and phrases, families, religious groups, ethnic groups, civic clubs, civic and athletic organizations, concerted civic action, beliefs, schools, bridges, mill, storms and floods, business firms, restaurants, photographs, "characters," and people.

## Encyclopedia Emmitsburg

The long-range plan is to collect this information and then to begin the long process of organizing, authenticating, and writing the story entries in a form that can be compiled into an encyclopedic form. More on the organizational aspects later.

Submissions may be made to:

The Emmitsburg Collection  
% The Dispatch  
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# Ambulance Company Holds Awards Banquet

By Mike Hillman

On February 15, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company held its Eighth Annual Banquet to recognize individuals who have contributed above and beyond the call of duty over the past year. Lifetime membership awards were presented to Jack and June Hoke for their 15 years of unwavering support and participation in the company. The Don Byard Humanitarian Award was presented to Sam Cool for his 29 years of support not only of the Ambulance Company, but of the Vigilant Hose Company as well. Sam, part of the Ambulance Company's night crew for as long as anyone in the audience could remember, has been instrumental in insuring that ambulance crews are always ready and able expeditiously to respond to evening calls for help.

Christopher B. Brier was recognized for the courageous action he took during the spring floods when, without regard for his own personal safety, he entered raging flood waters and extracted a fellow member of the community who was stranded in a van, thereby saving a life. The Company also recognized its Top Ten Emergency Call Responders, awarding each an afghan bearing the 911 symbol. The high point of the night was the awarding of the EMS Provider of the Year Award to Robert L. Myers. This highly prestigious award is designed to recognize the one individual over the past year who best exemplified all aspects of the Ambulance Company's activities.

Certificates of appreciation were also presented to Bill Topper, Charlie Stouter, and Tom Hoke for their superb management of the Monday Night Bingos. As a result of their effort, Bingo nights have drawn enough profit to allow the Ambulance Company to purchase, in cash, a new, more advanced replacement ambulance for the town.

Humor was in abundance throughout the evening, and reached its high point with the presentation of 'special awards' to the company's new President Ronald Sheeley,

in recognition of his unique ability to blow out tires. The good-natured ribbing reached its peak when Ron was next recognized for his valiant attempt to float ambulance 269 during the spring flooding. (The ambulance has since been sold to Saudi Arabia, where according to Chief Topper "It's still drying out".) Earl Greene and Pat Sullivan also shared the gag spotlight for their highly touted parking styles, which resulted in the need to refurbish a few choice ambulance components. A good laugh was had by all, especially since the recipients of the 'gag awards' were recognized by all as instrumental in the success of the company over the past year.

In musing over the his past year as the Chief of the Ambulance Company, Thomas Topper noted that he is often asked why he volunteers. Having fielded the question many times, he reflected to the audience that until recently, he had never had a truly satisfactory answer. Chief Topper then shared a letter he had recently received from an individual involved in a terrible automobile accident on Route 15 and South Seton this past summer: "To some people this letter may not be very impressive, but to me, it says it all, the letter simply says: 'I would like to thank you all for saving my life. Love...' now simple as it is," Chief Topper said, "You can't fail to get a warm feeling when you read it. A simple thank you makes it all worth while, this is why we get involved in EMS, and this is why we stay involved."

In addition to providing ambulance support, the Company with its 11 certified CPR instructors has trained in excess of 300 local residents in CPR in the past year. The Company and its community volunteers also provide ambulance support for the local Little League, CYA Football, and many Mount Saint Mary's events.

Next year the Ambulance Company will be celebrating its 50-year anniversary of operation. In preparation for the anniversary, the Company is asking for anyone with any items related to the establishment of the Ambulance Company, or any memorabilia, to contact the company.



The new Corporate Officers, responsible for the financial management of the company, are (left) Ronald Sheeley, president; Larry West, vice president; Dionne Gentile, secretary; Tracy Stambaugh, assistant secretary; Loriann Gingell, treasurer; and James Kittinger, assistant treasurer.



Emmitsburg's Top Ten Emergency Call Responders from the left are Earl Greene, Ron Sheeley, Rick Sharrer, Kevin Tamayo, Scott Stanley, Karen Sharrer, Dionne Gentile, Matt Jacobs, and Ken Bittner.



The newly elected Line Officers are (from the left) Tom Topper, chief; Kevin Tamayo, first assistant chief; Matt Jacobs, 2nd assistant chief; and Earl Greene, lieutenant



Robert L. Myers (left) receives the EMS Provider of the Year Award from Ronald Sheeley and Larry West.

Photos by Stan Licharowicz

## SENIOR SWIMMERS HELP THEMSELVES—AND OTHERS

Generosity is not a prerequisite to join the Arthritis Aquatics Program in the Knott Athletic Recreation Convocation Complex at Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary.

But there seems to be an abundance of it among the area seniors who participate in the aquatic exercise class, an outreach program of the school's recreational services and operations department.

There is such camaraderie among the group that they meet monthly at lunches in area restaurants to celebrate members' birthdays. But instead of pooling money to buy cards, they make donations to charity. Last year the group contributed \$500 to a variety of causes, such as the Arthritis Foundation, Alzheimer's of Frederick, the SPCA, and food banks in Frederick and Emmitsburg.

Two members, Dottie and Lou Plummer of Thurmont, felt they have derived such benefits from the class that they donated \$2,000 to the Mount to purchase a lift that can lower or raise group members into or out of the pool. In turn, they were given lifetime memberships in the class.

"Not only does the exercise help our joints, it also helps our minds and gives us an opportunity to socialize with a lot of people who are just really nice," Mrs. Plummer said. "Some people couldn't participate if they didn't have the lift.



Patricia Whitlow, of Carroll Valley, Pa., does underwater leg and arm exercises as part of the Arthritis Aquatic Program at The Mount.

Photo by Carla Myers

Believe me, after you've been in the water an hour, it's a real pull sometimes to get out."

The class meets in three sessions. The two morning classes meet back-to-back between 9 and 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and are taught by Maura "Moe" Albright, the Mount's aquatic coordinator. An evening session on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m. is taught by Kitty Shriver.

The classes operate year-long, are open to all area residents and require no swimming ability. The series of 68 exercises, all approved by the Arthritis Foundation, take place in shallow water. They include a range of motion and muscle-strengthening activities, from water "marches" to arm-stretching exercises. A water workout program, using aqua joggers, water woggles, and kickboards is also part of the class. The first lesson is free. After that, signed approval from a physician is required before a member can enlist in the series of 15 more lessons, at \$2 per lesson.

Members come from all over the Frederick and Carroll County, Md. area, as well as nearby towns in south-central Pennsylvania. Currently 77 seniors are participating in these classes.

"I've had two knee replacements, and this really helps keep me moving," said Lucille Beale of Emmitsburg. "It works every joint in the body." Retired fireman Bill Gordon of Rocky Ridge said that before he took the classes, the arthritis in his shoulders was so acute that he couldn't lift his arms more than chest high. Now, he can reach above his head.

"You can do exercises in the water that you can't do out of it. And besides, I like the people," added Stan Whitlow of Carroll Valley, Pa.

If you want more information about the Arthritis Aquatics Program, as well as the Mount's whole array of swim classes for people of all ages and abilities, contact Denise Ditch, director of recreational services and operations, at (301) 447-5290.

## Senior Artists Exhibit Work



Edwin Appel (l.) and Francis Smith are just two of several local artists displaying their work at the Emmitsburg Community Center. The exhibit was started in December by the Emmitsburg Senior Art Group and is open to anyone wishing to participate. Contributions are being accepted at the library and will be displayed on a rotating basis. This is an ongoing project that will bring importance to a room used by many community organizations. The gallery-like exhibit can be seen during library hours. The hours are as follows: Mon. and Wed. 10-9; Tues. and Thurs. 10-6; Fri. 1-5; and Sat. 10-1.

Photo courtesy Rena Damskey

## Senior Citizens News

By Anna Margaret Martin

"The March winds shall blow and we hope it doesn't snow."

We really can't complain about the winter weather (so far). Can you believe the 70's in February? If it does snow it can't last too long with the sun getting warmer and the days longer.

Activities at the center are as follows:

Thursday, March 6 and 20 - Bingo, 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 13 and 27 - "500" Card Party, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11 - Frederick Shopping, 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18 - Meeting Day, Nutrition Program "Produce Surprises" with Mary Lou Stone.

We will be closed on Good Friday, March 28.

We will be taking a bus trip on Wednesday, April 2, to the Rainbow

Dinner Theater in Paradise, Pa. (near Lancaster) to see a comedy *Enter Laughing*.

The Senior Center is open Monday - Friday with lunch available at 12 noon. Anyone 60 years of age (or more) is eligible to join us for this program. Reservations for lunch are a must 24 hours in advance. Home delivered meals are available upon approval of the Commission on Aging. Transportation is also available for the lunch program.

Call Anna Margaret at (301) 447-6253 for information. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

**Refrigerator Notes - Dates to remember:**

**Fundraiser - A Night Card Party,** Wednesday April 23. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

**Food and Yard Sale - Saturday,** May 17, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Mark your calendar now and support the Seniors.

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# Easter Lilies

## People in the news

### Carl Angleberger retires

Sgt. Carl Angleberger recently retired from the Baltimore County Police Department with service of nearly three decades. At the time of his retirement Carl was supervisor of the aviation unit.

Carl's police career began in 1978 after completing his training at the Baltimore County Police Academy in Towson. After graduation in July, 1967, he was assigned to Garrison precinct in Reisterstown.

He was promoted to corporal in May, 1977. His next promotion, sergeant, was granted in July, 1978. Carl was reassigned to the Towson precinct. Then, he later was assigned back to Garrison as shift supervisor.

Carl served as the first supervisor of the Baltimore County Police aviation unit which began operation in June, 1989. The appointment required pilot certification and rank of sergeant within the department. At this time the

unit operated a Cessna 150 and had one pilot besides the supervisor. When Sgt. Angleberger retired the unit had expanded to a fleet of one new 4-seater Maule airplane and five jet Ranger helicopters.

During his career Sgt. Angleberger was decorated numerous times for his outstanding service and leadership in the department.

To commence his retirement a celebration was given in his honor by his wife Jeanne and children, Chris and Lori. An executive citation and a certificate of retirement was presented to Carl on behalf of the department. Police stories and events were shared among those attending. Carl's son Chris gave a commentary on his dad's police career. A slide presentation of Carl's personal and police life seemed to be the highlight of the celebration.

Carl's retiring days are active ones....Carl is now doing everything he



Sgt. Angleberger with his unit's 1st helicopter

Photo courtesy Jeanne Angleberger

has been doing, but more of it. You'll find him hanging around the Emmitsburg fire hall. He is a volunteer fireman and loves it. Carl owns and operates Sky View Photos, an aerial photography business. In addition, he is a partner with his wife Jeanne as an independent representative with Excel Telecommunications, Inc. He main-

tains a toy collection. Besides flipping burgers at Ski Liberty and playing golf on occasion, he and Jeanne travel. They love cruising and short getaways. They expect to visit their son in Orlando and travel frequently to Richmond to see their daughter Lori dance in the main stage show this summer.

### On the Dean's List

Irwin L. Goldstein, Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the University of Maryland, College Park, has announced that Mark J. Baumgardner is included on the Dean's List as one of the few students acquiring a 4.0 grade point average for the Fall 1996 semester. Inclusion on this list is recognition of superior scholastic attainment. Mr. Baumgardner, a 1996 graduate of Catocin High School, is attending the university on a full academic scholarship. He is the son of Paul and Nancy Baumgardner, Emmitsburg.

### ERIC GLASS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF BANK BOARD

Frank W. Neubauer, President and CEO of Monocacy Bancshares and Taneytown Bank & Trust Company, has announced that the Board of Directors has elected Eric E. Glass as Chairman of the Board, effective immediately. Donald R. Hull was elected Vice Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Eric and Don had previously worked together as the leadership of the bank with Don as Chairman and Eric as Vice-Chairman. We envision no change in the philosophy of the bank of in the day-to-day operations. Hull says: "Eric and I have worked closely for many years on behalf of the Bank and Monocacy Bancshares. We felt a change in duties will be beneficial to both the Board and our-

selves."

Eric E. Glass has been a Bank director for over seventeen years and has been intricately involved in its physical and financial growth. The Emmitsburg native joined Taney Supply and Lumber Corp. at its inception in 1958, bought the company in 1962 and is currently one of the leading manufacturers of stairways and stair parts in the country. Eric is Chairman of the Board of the Taney Corporation, with his three children operating the day-to-day business. Mr. Glass serves on the Gettysburg Hospital Board of Trustees and chairs the finance committee. Mr. Glass is a member of the JP Foodservice, Inc., Columbia, Md., (NY Stock Exchange) and is involved in many other community service groups and chambers.

### BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following residents of Emmitsburg and Rocky Ridge:  
Mr. and Mrs. William Hollinger on the birth of a son on Dec. 24.  
Tonya and Mark Sanders on the birth of

a son on Jan. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. William Eusini on the birth of a son on January 26.

Kristine and Donald Boller on the birth of twin sons on February 7

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## EMMITSBURG AT WORK

By Rena Damskey

Camera and notepad in hand, I set out one sunny winter morning to find out about Katie Warthen, town librarian. Katie has been a resident of Emmitsburg since 1949 and has been involved with the library since 1962.

She started as a volunteer, scheduling volunteer hours and filling in when needed. I soon discovered Katie's knowledge of library history and her enthusiasm for books and literary events were going to make it hard to get Katie to talk about herself. I learned we are honored to have the oldest continually operating library in the county, in operation since 1906. Our library is in its ninth location. The library operated out of a bookmobile while the rooms were being renovated. An average of 400 children visit each month.

When I got Katie to change the subject, her focus went immediately to her family. Katie has six grown children and six grandchildren. After graduating from high school in 1948 she came to Emmitsburg to help her sister who was having a difficult preg-



Kate Warthen

nancy. A year later she met and married her late husband. She says, "I've been here ever since. I like Emmitsburg a lot; it's nice to meet people. It lifts the spirits up." Katie's grandchildren take dance lessons and she enjoys attending their competitions.

She has a wide range of other interests that include swimming and walk-

ing, visiting, and entertaining friends. She sings and enjoys music. "I love yard work, but don't have the time. I love to shop. I would like to take art lessons and decorate the house again." Katie lives in a beautiful old Victorian on Main Street. Katie loves to eat out and watch movies. What kinds of books does a librarian read? Biographies and psychological books are her favorites. "Most people have a real insight into life. They just need to recognize it."

Thinking back, Katie remembers bringing her son Mark to the library as a baby. He napped under the desk with a blanket and pillow and she believes that it is because of this exposure that he has a deep love of reading and a wide vocabulary. Katie wishes more parents would bring their children to the library, learn to select books together and be concerned about what children read.

And her hopes for the library? Expansion, of course, and for our town commissioners to be intent on renovations, especially in regard to lead abatement and asbestos removal.

## SAILOR: ONLINE WITH THE LIBRARY

By Pam McClellan

Want to explore the Internet and reach those World Wide Web sites that sound so interesting? Emmitsburg Branch Library has a way to learn how to do just that. This spring Frederick County Public Libraries staff will offer a workshop at Emmitsburg Branch Library on using Sailor, Maryland's online public information network. If what follows doesn't make sense to you, this workshop may be just what you need.

Sailor is a project of the Maryland library community that provides free access to a wide variety of Internet resources and Maryland electronic databases. Through Sailor you can find information about jobs, health, business, and federal and state government. Librarians at any branch of Frederick County Public Libraries can answer your questions and help you get started. You can also reach Sailor from the comfort of your home

or office by having your modem dial 620-0055.

Sailor is a homepage on the World Wide Web which makes the Internet a little easier to use. It uses Lynx, a World Wide Web browser that displays text only. You view the hypertext documents and navigate the Web using the keyboard. Lynx is easy to use and fast. When the Sailor homepage appears, you see both plain and highlighted text. Highlighted texts can take you to more information.

What can you reach through Sailor? You can go to Maryland's online library catalogs, America's Job Bank, Cancer Net, Center for Disease Control and Prevention home pages, Pharmaceutical Information Network, Maryland's Electronic Capital, Hearing Schedules for the Maryland General Assembly, Security and Exchange Commission's Electronic Database, and home pages for colleges and universities. You can get to any Web site you choose by typing in the address.

Sailor also provides access to a variety of powerful web search engines such as Alta Vista, InfoSeek, Webcrawler, Yahoo, and others. If you don't have a specific

address in mind, but have a topic or organization to research, these search engines will help.

InfoTrac SearchBank is now available through Sailor and allows you to search for magazine and journal articles. Many articles are available in full while others are available as abstracts which briefly describe the content of the article. InfoTrac SearchBank databases include: Health Reference Center, General Periodicals, and National Newspaper Index.

More information about Sailor is available at all branches of Frederick County Public Libraries and computers to access Sailor are available for public use. Librarians are happy to answer your questions and assist you.

Call or visit your nearest branch of Frederick County Public Libraries for more about Sailor and what you can do using this network. For information about the workshop at the Emmitsburg branch, call 447-2682.

*Pam McClellan writes from the offices of the Frederick County Public Library.*

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## Emmitsburg on the Internet

By Lori Rubeling

Rubeling & Kain Studios has set up a World Wide Web site on the Internet named [www.Emmitsburg.com](http://www.Emmitsburg.com). This interactive site provides information about our community, its history, its businesses, shops, schools, and associations. The information online is accessed through personal computers and WebTV units, by subscribers of the Internet's World Wide Web. The Web offers direct access to ideas, information and resources from around the world, across the country, and down the street. It is a dynamic and democratic format for communication.

Currently it is estimated that 18% of America's households use the Internet. And this number is growing daily. On the Internet neighbors, customers, visitors, and friends meet, chat and establish relationships around common interests.

Emmitsburg is accustomed to this type of interactive communication. Throughout its history, the town has re-

ceived national and international attention and has always offered its hospitality in return. Interest in Emmitsburg and the surrounding region has always been broadly based and significant. Up to one million people visit Emmitsburg's religious and historic landmarks each year. Four million visitors tour annually Gettysburg's National Battlefield. Mount Saint Mary's College attracts thousands of visitors for cultural, educational, and sporting events. The National Fire Academy brings a continual flow of professionals from all corners of the country to Emmitsburg. By establishing an accurate and highly visible image of Emmitsburg on the World Wide Web, the community gains a valuable tool that can help maintain and nurture its unique character. Through [www.Emmitsburg.com](http://www.Emmitsburg.com) the community can increase its availability to visitors. Businesses, schools, and association can attract well-informed customers, educators, and citizens.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Heward

### Hankey-Heward

On October 5, 1996, at the Lower Marsl Presbyterian Church of Gettysburg, Chrysta Belle Hankey and Jeffrey Allen Heward were joined in marriage in a double-ring ceremony with Rev. Dando officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph L. Hankey Sr., and Grace E. Hankey of Emmitsburg. The groom's parents are Ed and Patsy Wetzel, also of Emmitsburg.

The maid of honor was Mary Hankey, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Debbie Wireman and Debbie Wike. Brittney and Tiffany Heward the groom's daughters from a previous marriage were flower girls.

Serving as best man was Robert Ridge. Robert Heward, brother of the groom, and Bruce Bryant nephew of the groom, were ushers.

Following a reception at the church hall, the newlyweds honeymooned at Deep Creek Lake.

Mrs. Hankey currently works for Emmitsburg Child Care Center and for Opack Realtors. Mr. Hankey is employed at B & J Insulators in Frederick. The couple reside in Emmitsburg.

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Board members of the Indian Lookout Conservation Club are front row from left Jason Sanders, Robert Wantz, Jr., and Gil Eiker. Back row from left Greg Medve and Mike Trout.

A Dispatch Photo.

## Conservation Club Holds Board of Directors Meeting

The Indian Lookout Conservation Club held their board of directors meeting on February 20, 1997 at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant.

Jean Eyler, club president, thanked Gil Eiker, Sr., and Jason Sanders for their 46 years of service. Mike Trout remarked that the club owes a great deal to Gil and Jason. "They're our inspiration," he said.

Other members and their years of service were also acknowledged: Robert Wantz and Thomas Wantz, 19 years; Donald Kaas, 18 years; Edger Lewis and Mike Trout, 15 years; Harry Diehl and Eddie Wetzel, 14 years; Theresa Wantz, 8 years; Mary Diehl,

Robert Wantz, Jr., and Patsy Wetzel, 7 years; Charles Champlain, 6 years; Patrick Ott, 4 years; and Carolyn Jean Eyler, 2 years.

Donald Kaas received the Member of the Year award. "No matter what happens he's always there and the job always gets done," Mike Trout said when making the presentation.

Gil Eiker, Sr., historian for the club, read a summary of the year's activities and thanked the members "for a wild year." The club's purpose is to conserve, restore, and manage game, fish, and other wildlife and habitat in and around Emmitsburg.



Donald Kaas (center) was selected the Member of the Year and receives congratulations from Mike Trout, member of the board, and Jean Eyler, president.

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## 'QUICK FIX' PROGRAM WELL-RECEIVED

February 16 was a busy day at the Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital.

In cooperation with the Frederick County Humane Society, Dr. Hugh Matthews and Dr. Julie Holland neutered approximately forty male cats.

The event, called "Quick Fix," was organized by the Humane Society in their continuing effort to control the unrestricted breeding of pets leading to overpopulation that has reached crisis proportions in Frederick County.

Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital was one of 14 veterinary clinics whose staffs, along with Humane Society volunteers, donated time and resources to the event. Veterinary supply companies helped by donating some pharmaceutical and surgical supplies.

Other hospital staff participating in Quick Fix were Dianne Foust, Michele Miller, and Maire Farrell. Humane Society volunteers Donna Pearman and Betty Baer also participated.

The club meets every 4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse on the corner of Annandale and Hornet's Nest Road. New members are welcome and President Eyler encourages those interested to join. "It's especially good for young people," she said. Mike Trout added, "I enjoy working with everyone and we have fun.

**Deadline for the April Issue is March 22.**

## Lions Roar



Community Day Parade Theme: "Emmitsburg 240 Years Ago. This year's event will honor both the fire and

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# Over the White Board Fence

By Mike Hillman

In April 1982, long before I first met her, Audrey sent a blistering letter berating the Chairman of the Board of Ford Motor Company for the quality of Ford cars. Audrey's letter was filled with clichés such as "Now I understand why Ford means 'Fix Or Repair Daily' and 'my car is usually Found On the Road Dead.'" This rare display of Audrey's wrath came about as a direct result of the catastrophic failure of the engine in what was then her new Fiesta, and Ford's response to it. Listening to her long litany of complaints, a Ford customer representative offered to pay half the cost of the repairs, which was not bad, considering the car was out of warranty. In exchange, all that Ford requested was for Audrey to say that she was a satisfied Ford customer. Principled as she is, Audrey refused this request, which while in short run, made her feel good, but nevertheless cost her a bunch of money since Ford immediately withdrew their offer and Audrey was stuck with paying the full cost of the engine repair.

Four years later, while dropping off a horse at the veterinary hospital where she worked, I happened to spy her gold Fiesta. Having put well over 300,000 trouble-free miles on my own Fiesta, I had developed quite an affinity for them, even going so far as to have joined a Ford Fiesta fan club. In the hospital I inquired about the owner of

the Fiesta in the lot, anticipating that, like me, its owner would relish exchanging happy stories about it. Having heard of my inquiries from her staff, Audrey approached me cautiously, figuring "anyone who liked Fiestas had to be on drugs." After listening to several minutes of my happy-go-lucky Fiesta fairy tales, Audrey let out a 15-minute diatribe over the problems she had had with the car, which she ended with a categorical declaration that the only thing she detested more than her stupid car were people who owned Jack Russell terriers. Her spunky attitude, not to mention her good looks, got the better of me, and before I knew it, I was offering to work on her car in exchange for dinners. Unaware of the chain of events her answer would set off, she accepted my offer.

As I left the hospital, I surveyed the condition of her car and greedily rubbed my hands in anticipation of the meals I could milk out of the deal. All that stood between us and our fate was for me to figure out how to break the news to Audrey about PJ, my trusty Jack Russell.

Two years and about two hundred meals later, Audrey discovered that I had long since fixed all the problems with her car, and that instead of working on the car while she was slaving over a stove, I was really out playing chase the cat with PJ. Needless to say,

she was a tad bit hot at PJ and me. My attempts to remind her how well her car was now running did little to pacify her wrath over having been hoodwinked into cooking me all those dinners. Threatened with losing access to her great culinary skills, I succumbed to the inevitable and asked her to marry me, much to PJ's dismay. All went well for Audrey and me and our twin Fiestas for the next several years. In 1991, however, as I was bolting a two by four to the broken frame of my Fiesta, Audrey questioned whether the time had come to retire it and buy a new car. In spite of the fact that the driver's side door had been rusted shut for two years and the car filled with smoke every time the headlights were turned on, I still figured the car's best days were yet to come.

My well-reasoned defense of the car, however, was undermined when the two by four broke and the driver's seat and the piece of plywood it had been sitting on for the past two years fell to the ground. With much consternation, I decided that Audrey probably was right and acquiesced to buying a new car. Always looking for a way to save a buck, however, I convinced a rightfully skeptical Audrey that the car should be dismantled and its parts stockpiled for spares for the other Fiesta. Much to her dismay, I began dismantling the car in the front yard, and just about everything that could be unscrewed, unbolted, or broken off with a hammer was removed, all of which I catalogued, sealed in plastic, and promptly misplaced. After 13 years and 450,000 miles, I figured my Fiesta deserved a decent burial. So when I got down to the frame, I called Dicky Seiss, a neighbor who specializes in septic system installation, to dig a grave for it in my back yard (Audrey, for some reason that still escapes me, had refused my request to bury it in her formal garden). Later, Dicky asked inquisitively if all city folks were that attached to their cars. "Around here we have a saying, 'When they're done running, they're still good for flushing,'" irreverently suggesting, of course, that I should have turned my faithful little car into a septic tank.

Well, as things go around our farm, Audrey got the new car and I got her Fiesta. Now over the preceding years, Audrey had often accused me of not liking her Fiesta as much as I liked my Fiesta, a fact I will not dispute. Chagrined that I had been duped into cutting up my car, I paid even less attention

to her Fiesta. In spite of this, her Fiesta ran trouble free for the next 5 years, and only last spring did it finally begin to show signs of 350,000 miles of wear and tear—signs of its age. For several weeks Audrey and I pondered whether the time had come for it, too, to be buried. In the end, my desire not to waste a \$120 warranty on the rack and pinion steering unit, not to mention the huge stockpile of used Fiesta parts I had collected over the years, tipped the balance in favor of jury-rigging a few fixes. Audrey reluctantly acquiesced to my scheme, especially since I assured her the total cost for needed repairs would not exceed \$200.

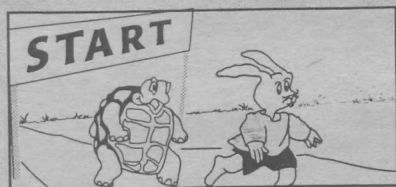
My original plan was to simply pull the engine out of Audrey's car and replace it with the old engine from my car. Although the old engine had been sitting around for several years, it had logged only a couple of thousand miles since it had last been rebuilt, and should, I figured, do well. I had taken the precaution of coating it thoroughly with oil and sealing it in plastic when it was pulled out back in '91. Stored in my carpentry shop, it proved rather useful as a weight for various projects over the years. Unfortunately, the plastic wrapper received a new tear every time I moved it. Needless to say, it was caked in saw dust, and upon closer inspection, it was obvious a simple engine swap was no longer feasible, though I failed to relay this, and the resultant increase in cost, to Audrey.

The first step was to pull the engine, which was easily accomplished with the aid of my Mount St. Mary's rent-a-student, Stas, and my neighbor, Richard Broadbent. Once the engine was out I quickly began to disassemble it. As I was doing so, Audrey appeared out of nowhere. "Great. I've spent years trying to make this place look nice, and now I have a car on stilts in my front yard and engine pieces in the driveway. This isn't going to take long, is it?" "No, it shouldn't take long. Maybe a week or two. I want this engine to be right, so I'm rebuilding it myself." Shaking her head in disbelief, she replied: "Now that's an oxymoron if ever there was one."

By four that afternoon, I had managed to disassemble both engines, and with the help of Stas, and several double gin and tonics, I had intermixed the parts to such a degree that I was no longer sure which parts went with what engine. Perplexed, I sought out the advice of Phil May, who operates an auto

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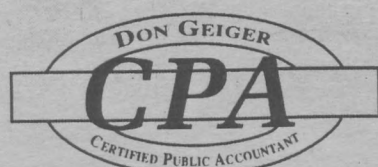
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## Mount students present research on Ku Klux Klan

Nine Mount St. Mary's students from the Class of 2000 presented their research on the Ku Klux Klan to a large audience of students and faculty on Monday night, Feb. 17 at Knott Auditorium.

The research project, under the direction of Dr. Sue Golibar, chair of the Mount's History Department, was initiated in the fall semester of '96. "When the Ku Klux Klan held a rally in Thurmont last summer we realized how little we knew about the organization," Dr. Golibar said. "The project filled this gap for us, and for you," she told the audience.

Students who volunteered for the special project were Meghan Toomey, Joe Kamnikar, Kyle Winkfield, Erin Tully, Betsy Compton, Amy Gagliardi, Kristen Biscoe, Robin Covaleski, and Robert Faustman.

Their presentation, titled "The Cloak of Ignorance," began with a clip from the silent movie *The Birth of a Nation*, which depicted a version of the origin of the KKK. Following this were segments from the more recent films, *Mississippi Burning* and *A Time to Kill*.

Meghan Toomey introduced the students who would read their papers and said, "We will not make any judgment about the KKK. Our purpose was to learn about their beliefs, and we are here tonight to give you that knowledge."

Students reported that the Ku Klux Klan, founded in 1867, reached the height of its power in the early 1920s with four-to-six million members. By the 1970s there were only 15,000 to 30,000 active members in 15 states.

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repair shop over on Keysville Road. Phil, as I've learned over the past few years, has forgotten more about Fords than most mechanics ever knew. "Fiesta, huh? They were a good little car. Made in England." As Mr. May rattled off the history of the car and his experiences with their engines, it occurred to me that, based upon my recent experience with the tractor, maybe it would be smarter to let him rebuild the engine. The decision was made academic when Mr. May told me what he would charge to rebuild it. "Are you sure you haven't misplaced a decimal point? This is way too cheap." Smiling, Mr. May said that he thought the price was fair. "Mechanics charge too much today. At my price, I can work on this engine at my pace and have fun."

In no time at all, Mr. May had rebuilt the engine and the drive shafts, wheel bearings, and just about every other me-

Maryland is one of those states.

Betty Compton and Amy Gagliardi interviewed Roger Kelly of Rocky Ridge, the imperial wizard of the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Thurmont who told them there were 63 active Klans in the United States, each group independent and having their own by-laws. He would not say how many members were in the local Klan - only that they were from age 3 to 90 years old.

Mr. Kelly told the students that he does not allow cross burnings and his group avoids violence. He believes white Americans have the right to express pride in their race and describes himself as a separatist: there should be no dating or marriage between the races, he explained, but he is not opposed to friendships or business partnerships. Ms. Gagliardi said Mr. Kelly told them he even has black friends. That comment brought laughter from the audience. She went on to say that racial slurs and pictures on the walls of his office made it difficult for them to believe his comment, too.

Administrators at Catoctin High School were also interviewed during the project since schools are often places where members are recruited for the organization. The school officials said the KKK was not a big problem at the high school and that the school has set up an Ethnic Diversity Committee to help promote understanding between races.

The attentive audience raised several questions at the end of the presentation.

chanical piece of equipment I could take out of the car. The way I figured it, I couldn't buy the parts cheaper than what I was paying Mr. May to buy and install them for me. Besides, I still had nightmares about the last time I had rebuilt the engine back in 1986. After laboring over it for weeks, I had reinstalled the engine without part of the oil line, an error I did not discover, in spite of the red oil-warning light shining in my face, until I had run the engine for several minutes. When I went to pick up the engine, however, Mr. May refused to give it to me until I gave him the oil pump. When I insisted that I was capable of doing that, he replied, "Sorry, but I've got a reputation to maintain, and if the engine fails, I don't want everyone to read about it in that newspaper you pretend to write for. Besides, this engine looks like it was once run without oil. Didn't you say you rebuilt it last?" Mumbling something about having to get back and help Audrey do the dishes, I handed over the oil pump,

## READING IS FOR EVERYONE

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

I recently completed a seminar that taught tutoring skills to those interested in teaching adults who can't read or have trouble reading. One of the lessons we were given was similar to this paragraph. Can YOU read it?

*Σπρινγ ισ αλμοστ ηεαρ. Ιτ εσ τιμε φορ βασεβαλλ. Τηε Βαλτιμορε Ορι-ολεσ αρε λοοκινγ φορ ωαρδ το αν-στηερ γρεατ ψεαρ.*

If you feel confused, imagine not being able to read *any* of this article! Here is what you couldn't read put into a form most of us can read:

Spring is almost here. It's time for baseball. The Baltimore Orioles are looking forward to another great year.

I can't say I was surprised to learn there are 400,000 adults in Maryland who can not read. What did surprise me was the fact that they *aren't* all products of our school systems. Immigrants from non-English-speaking countries, school drop-outs, stroke sufferers, people with learning disabilities, and many who simply never bothered to read (beyond what was necessary to get out of school with a diploma) make up this group of people unable to do what most of us never give a thought to: READ.

and five minutes later, he handed me a shiny engine, and a bill less than half of my most optimistic estimate.

Once I had the engine back in my hands and Mr. May had washed his hands of any further responsibility, the slings were pulled out and Stas, Richard, and I made quick work of putting it back into the car. Much to my delight, and right in line with Mr. May's expectations, the engine caught and roared to life the first time I turned the key. Following a few minor adjustments, the engine was purring sweeter than the day it came off the factory floor. Thanks to Mr. May's craftsmanship, I was confident that the car for once was mechanically fit, and set about looking for someone to do the body work. Next month, the body work of John Wood.

*Michael lives with his wife Audrey on their farm east of Emmitsburg, where Audrey spends her time field-testing promising new herbal remedies to treat neurotic husbands.*

Correction - We were in error by reporting last month that the map of the Community Center ground plan was part of the original Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani recommendations. It was not. We apologize for this mistake.

From a professional viewpoint I don't have the education or the ability to teach anything. But I have a desire to help *someone* into a world I couldn't imagine not having access to—the world of written words! A world where anything is possible, where ideas have been written that I might never have thought of myself. Where almost any fact I want to know is recorded and waiting for someone, anyone, to read it!

Sister Mary Jerome (of the Marguerite Naseau Literacy Center out of St. Joseph's Provincial House) has been my mentor in this venture: encouraging me, offering a wide range of books, games, computer programs, and assorted teaching aids. Sister is ready to help anyone wishing to learn, relearn, or improve reading skills. She is using a computer program that is having some success with stroke survivors. Her students come from all backgrounds with one thing in common: they want to learn to read.

Do you know someone who can't read what you have just read? Did you have trouble reading it yourself? Everyone needing help can have it. Tutoring is private and confidential. Sister Mary Jerome can be reached at the Provincial House by calling (301) 447-3121.

## MORNINGSTAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Emmitsburg Lions Club announces the Dr. George Morningstar Memorial Scholarship for a high school senior residing in the Emmitsburg Lions Club service district. This district includes the Emmitsburg elementary school district and the 21727 zip code.

This scholarship award of \$500 for college or other post-high school education will be based upon the merit of a letter of application. The letter of application should contain such information as career goals, high school activities, non-school activities, and any other activities deemed relevant by the applicant.

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## NEW CADETTE GIRL SCOUT TROOP

By Shirley F. Greene

I would like to take a few minutes to introduce you to the newest Girl Scout troop in the area. The troop includes Erin, an 8th-grade student from the Lewistown area, as well as Cecilia and Lindsey from Rocky Ridge, who are in the 7th grade. All three attend Thurmont Middle School. The leaders are Shirley and Curtis Greene and we meet in their home on Monday evenings.

This new Cadette troop had formed for the Thurmont-Emmitsburg area. While we have only three active girls we have been quite busy so far this year.

Starting in October we had our annual Nut and Calendar Sale, from which we made a good profit. Also in October we had a campfire at the leader's house for Halloween and to celebrate our founder's birthday. November brought us Election Day, when we had a food sale at Emmitsburg Elementary School with much success. We also raised and lowered the flags outside as a service project. Along the middle of November we had a Day of Beauty. Thanks so much to Catocin Hair Studio for allowing us to use their facilities and to Karen Ward and Anne Baker for teaching us so much about our hair and skin. In December we collected winter coats at Thurmont Jubilee for Up-County

Family support in Emmitsburg. Also in December we had a lot of fun helping to teach crafts at the Lions Club annual Christmas party. In January we attended the sock hop sponsored by the neighborhood. Not to mention the cookie sale. Look for us at a booth cookie sale on the evening of April 5 at the Frederick Wal-Mart.

We also are planning many fun things for the rest of the year. Thinking Day and the Maple Syrup Demo are planned for March. Also in March is another service project: helping to serve the dinner at the New Midway Fire Hall. Some girls will be going for the Program Aid Training, and we will be babysitting for the Women's Fair at TJ High School in March. It just seems like some months are busier than others.

Remember, if the Cadette troop can be of any service to you or your organization, please don't hesitate to call the leaders. If you are interested in joining our troop, please call the leaders at 447-6308. Even if you can't join us, look for updates on our activities in upcoming issues of this paper. We look forward to seeing you around town.

## LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS

By Marta Hillis

If you missed our sign-up dates in February for spring baseball in Emmitsburg, don't worry. A final registration date for new and returning players ages 5-18 has been set for Saturday, March 15 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the ambulance building.

The League still needs coaches for our two girls' softball teams (ages 9-12 division) as well as umpires for softball and baseball. Remember we can't play games without filling these positions! President Bill Wivell has scheduled a special umpires meeting for all interested on Saturday, March 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the press box at the Little League field. Please consider joining us!

Try-outs for all new Little League players (ages 9-12) will be held on March 24 & 25 (Monday & Tuesday) at 5:00 p.m. at the main LL field. All players who are 9 years old by August 1 are required to participate in the try-outs.

Team placement for the minor league division (ages 7-8) will be on Thursday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m. at the main field.

The next monthly Little League meeting will be Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Looking Ahead...

**Friday, March 7**  
**The World Day of Prayer will be observed at the Incarnation Church** in Emmitsburg at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will follow the service.

The **Taneytown Rod & Gun Club**, 12380 Shoemaker Road, Taneytown, will be having a pork loin and chicken **still-target shoot** March 7th. If snow emergency plan is in effect the snow date will be March 14th. Sign up at 6:30 P.M. Twelve gauge shotguns only. They will be gauged with an 0.680 gauge. No alcoholic beverages allowed during shoot.

**Sunday, March 9**  
**Opening Reception for the Emmitsburg Arts League Membership Show** from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Studio Gallery, 304 East Main Street. The show can be seen Tuesday thru Saturday during the month of March.

**Monday, March 10**  
**Thurmont Evening Aglow monthly meeting** will be preceded by a dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. at the Cozy Restaurant, 103 Frederick

Road. The cost for the meatless buffet is \$6.50. To make reservations call 694-2713 or 271-4346 by March 7. The meeting time is 7:30-9:00 p.m. with prayer support afterwards for those wishing to stay. Linda Barnhart from Hagerstown will be speaking. She is a Bible teacher and sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Aglow International is a worldwide, non-denominational ministry of women seeking to know Christ through monthly outreach meetings, Bible studies, and prayer groups as well as being a loving, caring support to one another.

**A Stanley Party at the Incarnation Church** will be held at Fellowship Hall, March 10, 7:30 p.m., to be followed by refreshments. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

**Wednesday, March 12**  
**The Gettysburg Hospital Auxiliary's "Garden of Fashions" fashion show** will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom of the Gettysburg College union building. The show will feature the fashions and accessories of several area retailers. Special guest emcees for the fashion

show are Fred Snyder and Kim Alexander, radio personalities from WGET. The evening also includes a light fare, beverages, and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by singer Corey Keller of Littlestown.

Tickets for the fashion show are \$12.00; raffle tickets are 6 for \$5.00. All tickets may be purchased at The Apple Tree, the Auxiliary Thrift Shop, and the Lincoln Room Museum and Vintage Specialties. For information about the fashion show and accompanying raffle, contact Betty Ann Baker at (301) 447-2212.

**Saturday, March 15**  
**The Gettysburg Hospital will host the second annual Women's Health and Wellness Conference** - a full day of programs designed especially for women. Co-sponsored with The Gettysburg Hospital Auxiliary, the event will be held in the hospital's community rooms from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Admission for the program is \$15.00, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, and informational materials.

Area health professionals will be presenting forums on several topics relating to a woman's health and well-being. The participants will choose from a number of sessions on topics such as

breast health, communication skills, nutrition, and fitness.

Preregistration for the conference is required. For more information or to register, call The Gettysburg Hospital's health information line: 1-800-423-0215.

**Sunday, March 16**  
**A good old country breakfast at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club** will be held from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The menu is pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, homemade biscuits, toast, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding and hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples, fruit cocktail, orange juice, and coffee. Adults: \$4.50; children 8 to 12: \$3:00. Show paid-up membership card to get 50 cents off. [If snow emergency plan is in effect, the breakfast will be held on March 23.] For information call (410) 751-1685.

**Fri. and Sat., April 4 & 5**  
**An Oyster & Turkey Supper at the Graceham Moravian Church**, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road/Rt 77 east of Thurmont, on Friday, April 4th, from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 5th, from 1 to 7 p.m. Adults: \$8.00; Children 6 to 12: \$4.00. A craft table will be featured.

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## VHC Auxiliary Activities

The Vigilant Hose Company Auxiliary will be sponsoring the following events:

- A **Bingo Bonanza** to be held on Sunday, March 9, 1997, at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall. Tickets cost \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes bingo cards and a turkey dinner. For more information, please call (301)447-6501 or (717)642-9717.
- **Old Fashioned Bingo** (Easter Theme) will be held on Thursday, March 20, at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall. Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments available. Come join in the fun!
- A **Sub Sale** will be held on Friday, April 18. The Auxiliary will be selling

8-inch cold cut subs and 8-inch turkey subs. To place orders, contact any Auxiliary member or call the fire hall at 447-2728.

□ The Vigilant Hose Company will be sponsoring their annual **Seafood Sale** on Thursday, March 27, and Friday, March 28. Food items include: Steamed and Fried Shrimp, Fried Oysters, Fried Fish, Crab Cakes, Crab Soup, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Apple-sauce, etc. Platters and sandwiches will be available for eat-in or carry out. The VHC Auxiliary will be holding a bake sale on March 28, in conjunction with the Seafood Sale. For more information, call the fire hall at 447-2728.

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## ROCKY RIDGE NEWS

By Emma Keeney

Happy birthday wishes to Linda Northrup, Vernon and Bea Keilholtz, Rebecca Shields, Kenny Stambaugh, Kathy Wolfe, Kristie Frushour, Robert Ogle, Eugene Stambaugh, Jim Flohr, Heather Stambaugh, Chad Schildt, Ricky Eugene Beall, Joseph Brown, Crystal Shriner, Faye Wolfe, Naomi Baker, Lisa Eyler Reed.

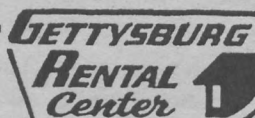
Congratulations to Robert and Helen Ogle on their 60th wedding anniversary on March 26. Congratulations to Richard and Pauline Duble on their 56th wedding anniversary on March 30th. Happy anniversary wishes to Michael and Emma Lou Harris, Carrollton and Annabelle Houck, and Pastor James and Burneda Russell.

Michael Harris Jr.'s new address is  
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Richard Duble has returned home from St. Catherine's Nursing Home. Carrie Ralston has returned home from the Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jody Cool Wastler. On a personal note: Our family will really miss her. Vicky and Jody took turns visiting overnight with each other during their school years and remained close after graduation. Jody seemed like part of the family. Her smile and giggle captured everyone's heart.

Family Fun Night will be held every Saturday night at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall on Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, Md. doors open at 6:00 p.m. Early bird games will begin at 7:00 p.m.



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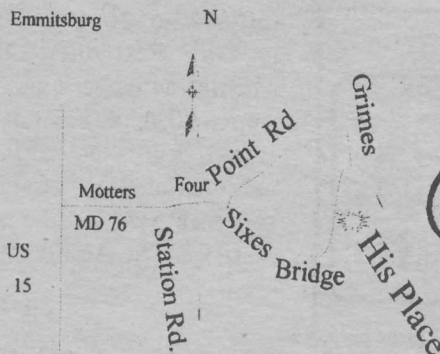
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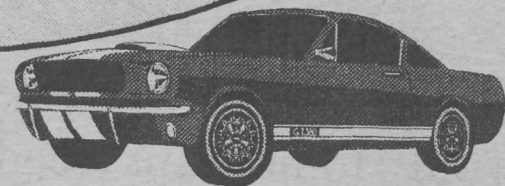
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## St. Anthony / OLMC News

By Ann Marshalls

**Lenten Devotions** for the joint parishes include Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on March 7 and 21, at 7 p.m., and on Good Friday, March 28, at 2:30 p.m. On March 14, the Stations will be recited at St Anthony's at 7:00 p.m.

A **Parish Lenten Retreat** will be held on Saturday, March 15, starting at 9:30 a.m. and concluding with Mass at 4:00 p.m. Call Sr. Carol at 447-2367 for more

information.

**John Boy's Pizza**, an all-you-can-eat dinner featuring 12 varieties of pizza served with garden salad, will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Center in Thurmont on Saturday, March 8, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

**World Day of Prayer** will be celebrated this year of Friday, March 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ on W. Main St., Emmitsburg. Sister Mary Jan and Ann Marshall will represent St. Anthony Shrine at the program, which will be followed by a gathering for fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

**The Lenten Sacrament of Reconciliation** for Religious Education classes (grades 2-8) will be held on Sunday March 9, 1997, at Thurmont Middle School from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Parents are invited to participate in the Sacrament with their children.

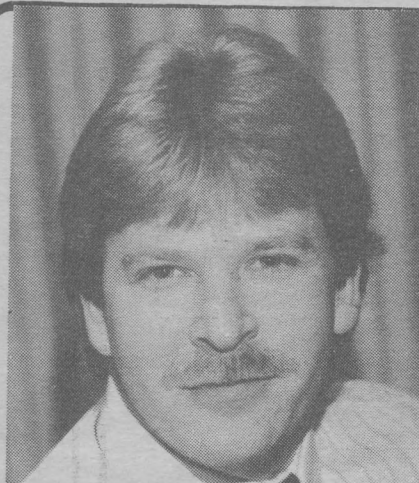
**Catholic School Tuition Assistance** is available for eligible families. Applications are due in the Parish Office no later than April 15. Call 447-2367 for more information.

A **Pastoral Council Leadership Development Workshop**, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, will be held at Mount St. Mary's College on Saturday, April 26, from 8:45 to 3:00 p.m. Registration is required. Anyone interested in joining attendees from the joint parishes is invited to phone the office, 447-2367.

**Congratulations and Good Wishes to Ron and Marty Hemler** who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 5, 1997.

**Four Little Parishioners** were baptized into the Catholic faith in February. St. Anthony's welcomes **Jaden Elaine Orchard**, daughter of Mark and Sharon Orchard, and **Jared Allen Snyder**, son of Dwayne and Teresa Snyder. Both babies were baptized on February 2, 1997. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel welcomes **Elizabeth Kreun**, daughter of Tom and Melissa Kreun, who was baptized on February 2, 1997, and **Tiffany Christine Ritter**, daughter of James and Michele Ritter, who was baptized on February 23, 1997.

A **Nursery Co-op** is open at St. Anthony's on a trial basis for the 9:30 Sunday Mass through March 23. The nursery is staffed by volunteers and welcomes children through the age of 5. Interested parents may bring their children and some toys to the "Little Red Schoolhouse" at the corner of Grotto Road and St. Anthony Road. Initial response to the nursery has been good, and if parents continue to use the service it will probably be offered on a regular basis.



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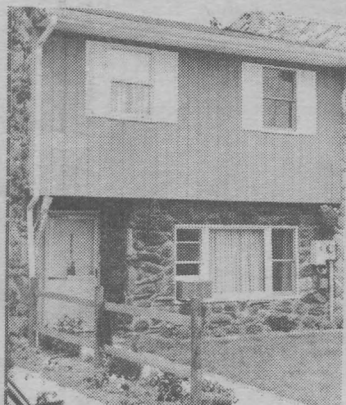
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# GOAT TALES

No Ifs, Ands, or Butts  
or, Who's Boss?

By Christine Maccabee

Lately one of my goats, the bossy one, Queen Tut, Fleetfoot, has taken to butting me. When it happened twice in one week this winter, as I was dutifully leaning over to tidy up their straw bed, I had no choice but to try to show her who the real boss was. Swiftly, without a second thought, even instinctively, I lifted my right leg in typical karate style and simultaneously struck and shoved her a good couple of feet away from me. She is a large goat, and I was amazed at the strength and effect of this shove. But I was not the only one who was surprised. The wild, challenging look in Fleetfoot's eyes, and her rigid stance in order to retaliate, quickly evoked soothing and reassuring words from my mouth.

The battle was over, but who was the winner?

Fleetfoot, the dominant goat in the pen, was trying to put me in my place. Now that I am such a familiar entity, she feels comfortable enough to smell my butt, and now, to butt me. I knew this could not continue, as her long, dull, nonetheless dangerous, horns hurt and create bruises when strategically jabbed into my upper thigh. She knows how to use her weapons, even though I am not her enemy. However, I am a threat to her dominant position in my little herd.

What Fleetfoot doesn't know (or does she?) is that she needs me, and that she is totally dependent on me. Not only do I feed and water her and clean her bed of manure (I still haven't figured out why goats "do their do" right where they sleep), I also relieve her of the terribly full bags she has each day. She is not drying up yet, and if she is like some very good milkers may not dry up for two years! I just wish she were more like Fawn.

Fawn is a dream to milk. The other day I was talking to her, as I do whenever I milk, and I said aloud, "I would love to have two of you for one of Fleetfoot, or three, or four." With only one working bag, the milking time is shorter, and she never kicks or objects....I never have to tether her hind legs as I do with Fleetfoot. I suppose in every family there will be a problem child, or adult, but we still have to love them. Still, some days it is a challenge...such as the other day when Fleetfoot kicked the bucket.

"Kicked the bucket!" my friend Ed exclaimed with great concern in his voice as we were talking one day on the telephone. "Oh," I said quickly, "I don't mean that she died. She simply kicked over the pail of milk." We laughed, and that is really all you can do when dealing with a headstrong animal.

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...for instance, the other day...I entered the pen with my usual optimism, fully determined that all would go smoothly. I praised Fleetfoot for being such a good goat (she is truly good 90% of the time), and hopeful of emptying her fullest bag. It seems I can only empty three-quarters of this one bag before she's had enough and her hind feet are up in the air. True to form, on this particular day after less than 5 minutes, she grew restless. I am never to



lose milk again. Swiftly I pulled the pail away. The fullest bag wasn't empty, but I had a

nice quantity in the pail.

Now you tell me,..."Who's Boss?"

Next month I will relate to you more "Milking Madness" tales, and how through clever strategies I (me, myself, and I) am becoming the dominant one at milking time. Actually, I really don't like being boss. I truly admire

and appreciate the wildness that still abounds in the nature of the goat. So, any foolishness I must put up with is just fine with me...for, in fact, my experiences with my goats are just as rich as the wonderful milk they yield.

*I apologize to Fawn and to Blueberry (the young'un) for giving Fleetfoot most of the press time. In more ways than one, this prima donna is the dominant goat due to her dramatic and fascinating personality. She is also quite beautiful with her long white ears. So sorry...*



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## Emmitsburg Elementary School



### Stop - Listen - Think

Students challenged by Problem Solving Workshop

"Get your gold sticker and say oo-oo-oo-oo-oo," said "Rudy." "OO-OO-OO-OO-OO," was the immediate enthusiastic response of approximately 150 students from Emmitsburg Elementary School. They were attending a special kids' problem solving and peer mediation workshop. Mr. Alan Rubinstein, Director of Involvement Theater, as "Rudy" was winding down his 60-minute presentation which introduced the principles and steps of conflict resolution and peer mediation to the students of the local school.

"Rudy," reminding the students to "Stop," "Listen," and "Think" used the communicative techniques of participatory theater to introduce seven steps of problem solving to the students. Also, with the assistance of students who modeled kids in a typical problem situation, "Rudy" introduced and guided students through the process of peer mediation—kids helping kids.

He presented a conflict management process that is simplified and organized into five basic steps for the students to follow—Introduction, Groundrules, Defining the Problem, Finding Needs and Finding Solutions. Peer mediators are asked to be alert to conflicts that other students are experiencing. In the Introduction phase mediators introduce themselves and ask if help is needed. If so, they get agreements from both parties to follow groundrules that don't allow interrupting, name calling, or put downs. Parties must agree to be honest and to work to solve the problem. Mediators work toward clearly defining the problem, establishing a need to solve the

problem, and drawing out acceptable ways of solving the problem. The peer mediators are required to work with adults and make reports to the teacher or coordinator.

According to Mrs. Terri Zeigler, counselor at the school, several students have already been taught the technique of peer mediation. The school-wide program will be implemented on the classroom and playground level. Student mediators will work with adults in assisting other students to resolve conflicts that affect their performance in school and at home.

"Conflicts are natural," said Mrs. Zeigler. "What we are doing is introducing a program that will give the children a model to follow in working out their conflicts through a simple peer mediation scheme."

According to Mrs. Zeigler the local program grew out of a county initiative. Last summer teachers Cora Wilfong, Kelly Benvengi, counselor Terri Zeigler, and principal Wanda Severance attended a summer workshop on conflict resolution. After returning to school they introduced the concept to the local staff, and consensus was reached on how to implement the program.

Seeking an innovative approach, Mrs. Zeigler contacted Alan Rubenstein of Involvement Theater. Mr. Rubenstein uses creative theater to make the serious lessons of life fit into the kids' world. Mr. Rubenstein is a certified public school teacher who has chosen to use the message-delivering power of theater to teach children techniques for dealing with life's troublesome themes. He presents workshops on Disability and Multicultural Awareness and Responsibility.

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If you're among the minority of Americans who have already done your taxes, congratulations! But if you're like most people, you've probably waited until now to begin thinking about your taxes.

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Now, look at line 8b, tax-exempt interest income. This includes income you earn on tax-free investments, such as municipal bonds, tax-free mutual funds, and unit trusts. You report this income but you don't pay taxes on it. The more income you can move from line 8a to 8b, the more of your interest you keep.

When comparing tax-free and taxable investments, be careful not to fall into the trap of looking only at their stated yields. Remember to consider how much of that yield will go to taxes. On a taxable investment, that amount would be your tax bracket. On a federally tax-free investment,

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# MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

By Val Mentzer

## Mama Mia - Let's Eat!

All are welcome to enjoy the Mother Seton School/Home School Associations's "Pasta Dinner" on March 9th beginning at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds from this annual event will go toward resurfacing of the sidewalks and playground.

## Book Fair

Mother Seton School will sponsor a Book Fair from March 9 through the 15th.

## Open House

Sunday, March 9, and Saturday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m.: Register for the 1997-98 school year for kindergarten to eighth grade. Please call (301) 447-3161 to schedule an appointment for the session you will be attending.

## A Brand New Bus for Mother Seton School

Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg recently received three grants to purchase a new school bus for this 1997 school year. This adds a second daily bus from the Frederick area to Mother Seton School. One of the two Frederick buses also makes stops in the Walkersville-Woodsboro area.

## Mother Seton School Science Fair

Over 150 students participated in the Mother Seton School Science Fair. Many thanks to Mrs. Mollie Herrick for being this year's fair coordinator. Categories included Experimentation, Demonstration, Life Sciences, Behavioral Sciences, Engineering, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry. May of our students will go on to participate in the Frederick County Science Fair later in March. Congratulations to all of the participants for their hard work on this project.

## Raffle Calendars

We are pulling winning numbers for a winner each day of the week! This winner could still be you! It's not too late to get in on the action and winning with a 1997 Raffle Calendar. A \$25.00 winner every day, a \$50.00 winner every Friday, a \$100.00 winner the last day of each month, and a \$1,000.00 winner on Christmas and Easter! Contact the school office at 447-3161 to purchase your winning chance!

## Calendar Dates to Remember:

- March 9 HSA Pasta Dinner beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- March 9 MSS Open House beginning at 2:00 p.m.
- March 9-15 MSS Book Fair
- March 14 Grade 7 hosts the Stations



Sister Mary Catherine Conway with students at Mother Seton School who she hopes will "get a love for learning and learn how to learn."

"It is a real privilege to be principal of Mother Seton Elementary School, the first parochial school established in America, said Sister Mary Catherine Conway," the current principal of the school.

The young girl in Baltimore, who dreamed of taking care of orphans, became a sister of the Daughters of Charity after high school. Sister Mary Catherine graduated from St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg. She has been in the field of education for 35 years, several of those years as a first grade teacher at Mother Seton School. She returned as principal in 1995.

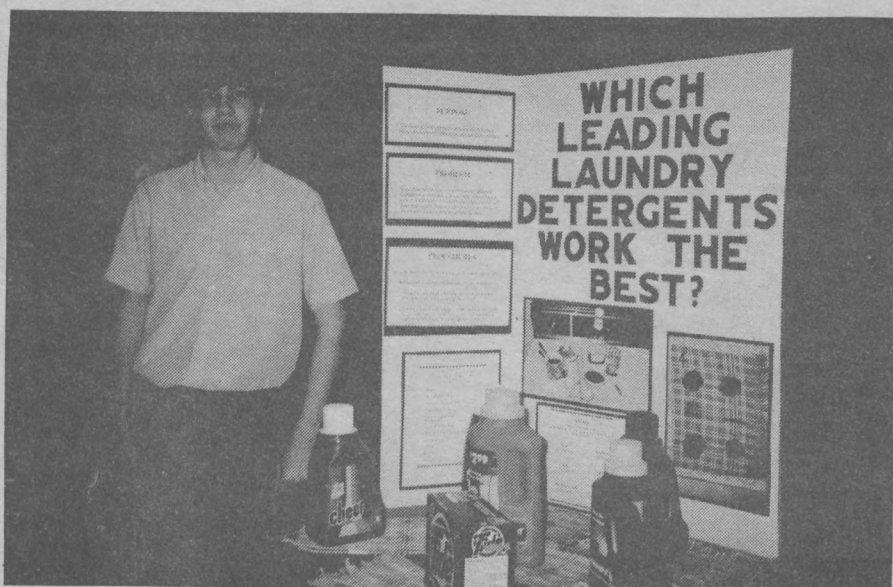
When asked what she thought parents expected from Mother Seton School, Sister Mary Catherine told the *Dispatch*, "I think they want a comfortable family atmosphere where their children are known by name, where there are good Christian values to learn and live by, and a good solid academic program. They want to be involved in

their children's education, too," she added.

"My goals are to help create an atmosphere where the children are safe and can grow in confidence."

As we talked about the influence of the media on children, Sister Mary Catherine pointed out the lack of respect often shown in many of the TV series. "We need room for understanding our humanness, and here at Mother Seton we build our discipline on respect," she said. "Children want limits because without them there is confusion."

"Our reason to be is to teach our faith and to connect with the community," said Sister Mary Catherine. "If families need tuition assistance there are scholarship programs available, and it is the policy of the school to accept any child who is willing to accept our values. We want to make Catholic education available to the community."



Joseph Burkell tested the quality of leading laundry detergents for his project entered in the Mother Seton School Science Fair.

Photo courtesy Val Mentzer.

Students in Mrs. Daugherty's class were challenged to demonstrate their understanding from reading *Come Back, Salmon*. Ways chosen to express their comprehension were poems, artwork, posters of the Salmon life cycle, and comic strips. The following poem is an example.

## Salmon

I was released as a small fry,  
I swam in the stream so deep.  
Soon I got older,  
And I learned how to leap.

I swam to the Pacific,  
And out of Puget Sound.  
Then into the ocean that,  
Went down, down, down.

I had an encounter with a shark,  
I met a friendly whale.

I was so scared out of my wits,  
I think I lost a scale.

I began to grow a little more,  
As I scarfed down a lot of food.  
After a while I thought I was a pig,  
And became a little rude.

I was on my way back,  
I was racing a friend.  
The journey I took,  
I thought would never end.

My tail had got bitten off,  
By a hungry bear.  
I think I scared him a little bit,  
Because he lost his hair.

At last I was home again,  
Back at my own stream.  
I could tell it was mine,  
My trip was like a dream.

Zachary Mentzer.

## Obituaries

### Mr. Richard Lee Clem

Mr. Richard Lee "Dick" Clem, 69, of Easton, died Sunday, Feb. 2, at Pines Genesis Eldercare-Easton.

He was the husband of Nancy Joseph Clem, whom he married in 1956.

Born March 15, 1927, in Rocky Ridge, he was the eldest son of the late Graydon Franklin and Lillian Shorb Clem. He graduated in 1944 from Emmitsburg High School and was drafted into the army. He served in Germany at the end of World War II. After his release from active duty, he attended the University of Maryland, graduating in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

He worked at Armour Fertilizer, covering the Western Maryland region. He then worked for the University of Maryland Extension Service in Westminster as the Carroll County 4-H agent.

He moved to Fort Collins, Colorado, where he earned a master of education degree from Colorado State University. After graduating in 1959, he returned to Maryland, moving to Easton and working for the Easton National Bank in the Agribusiness Department. He stayed with the bank after its purchase and transition to Maryland National Bank, until 1975. At that time he began work at Nily Realty as an appraiser, continuing until his retirement in 1989.

He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Easton, where he taught Sunday School for a number of years. He was a member of Easton Elks Lodge 1622 and a former member of the Republican State Central Committee during the 1950s and 1960s, serving as treasurer.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons, Air Force Maj. J. D. Clem, Darrin L. Clem of Oxford, and Warren D. Clem of Easton; a brother, Roger Clem of Thurmont; and three grandchildren: Spencer, Jeremiah, and Graydon.

Memorial services were held on Feb. 6 at Christ Episcopal Church in Easton. Interment was in Maryland Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery, Hurluck.

### Mrs. Jody Wastler

Mrs. Jody Lynn Wastler, 20, of Sandy Spring Lane, Thurmont, died Saturday, Feb. 8, at York (Pa.) Hospital from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

She was the wife of Donald L.

Wastler, Jr. They were married Sept. 14, 1996.

Born May 31, 1976, in Gettysburg, Pa., she was a daughter of Kenneth Ralph and Linda Mildred Rexroth Cool of Emmitsburg.

She was employed at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont, as a hostess and cashier, and also worked in the gift shop. She was a 1994 graduate of Catocin High School.

Surviving in addition to her husband and parents are a brother, Kenneth L. Cool of Emmitsburg; paternal grandmother, Ethel G. Cool of Emmitsburg; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is remembered by her father- and mother-in-law, Donald L., Sr., and Darlene L. Wastler of Thurmont; a brother-in-law, Steven L. Wastler of Thurmont; and many close friends.

The funeral services were held at Weller United Methodist Church on February 11, with the Revs. Richard A. Zamostny and Larry Eby officiating. Interment was in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

### Mr. Henry Hilton

Mr. Henry Ray Hilton, 64, of 7909 Rocky Acres Drive, Thurmont, died Sunday, Feb. 9, at Gettysburg Hospital.

He was the husband of Nora Catherine Knott Hilton, whom he married June 24, 1961.

Born June 11, 1932, in Woodbine, Mr. Hilton was a son of the late James Francis and Annie Mary Snyder Hilton.

Mr. Hilton was employed in his early years as a parts manager at Key Chevrolet in Frederick and Hoffman Chevrolet in Hagerstown. He was retired from Marriott Corp. in Frederick as a security guard.

He was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish in Emmitsburg and Edwin C. Creeger Jr. American Legion Post 168, Thurmont, where he served as post commander in 1974 and treasurer. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Susan T. Hilton of Emmitsburg, Donna C. Hilton of Emmitsburg, Mary B. Hilton of Thurmont, and Patricia Hilton Boyle of Emmitsburg; a grandson, Patrick Austin Boyle; a sister, Almeda Norwood of Woodbine; a brother, Charles F. Hilton of Woodbine; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a

sister, Nancy Gardner, and a brother, Oliver Hilton.

A funeral Mass was held on Feb. 12 at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Leo R. Tittler as celebrant. Interment was in Reshaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the Graceham Volunteer Fire Department, or Thurmont Community Ambulance Co.

### Mrs. Edna Shorb

Mrs. Edna M. Shorb, 87, of 17629 Old Gettysburg Road, Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Feb. 23, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center.

She was the wife of William A. Shorb Sr., who died in 1970.

Born July 19, 1909, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Guy and Nellie Michaels Favorite.

Mrs. Shorb was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, where she was member of the Altar and Rosary Society, Blessed Virgin Sodality and the Children of Mary.

She and her husband owned and operated the Hillside Tavern for many years.

She was a member and past president of the Greenmount Fire Co. Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary in the Emmitsburg.

She is survived by a granddaughter, Judy A. West of Gettysburg, Pa.; three great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; six brothers and sisters, Mary Bucker of Galesburg, Ill., Guy L. Favorite Jr. of Oklahoma, John Favorite of Muskogee, Okla., Robert Favorite of Chicago, Ill., Patricia Shaw of Eddystone, Pa. and Clarence Favorite of Thurmont; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Shorb was preceded in death by a son, William A. Shorb Jr.; and six brothers and sisters, Helen Bollinger, Henry Favorite, Frank Favorite, Ruth Shoemaker, Quinn Favorite, and Elsie Favorite.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Feb. 28 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Interment was in the church cemetery.

### Mr. John Wills

Mr. John W. Wills, 57, of Thurmont, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Gettysburg Hospital.

He was the husband of Dorothy Ridenour Wills.

Born July 25, 1939, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late

Carroll and Helen Cool Wills.

Mr. Wills was chief chef for Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary for more than 15 years. Later he was employed at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont, and Mountain Manor Home, Emmitsburg.

He was a former member of the American Legion in Thurmont and a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Bernadette Carpenter and husband Olen D. Carpenter Jr. of Hagerstown, and Diane Shockey of Thurmont; three grandchildren, Olen Danvel Carpenter III of Frederick, Sherry Lee Scire and husband Robert of Walkersville, and Scott Wayne Carpenter of Hagerstown; two great-grandchildren, Blake Erryn Wolfe and Jerrett Wolfe; and three aunts.

The funeral services were held on January 31, with burial in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

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## Food for thought...

By George Geralis

Among the many vegetables used in our kitchen, onions remain a staple. Most savory dishes prepared here contain at least a suggestion of onions. Onions are basic to all stocks and broths and an essential ingredient to many roasts.

My gardener informs me that our soil conditions and daylight situation is not suitable for a successful planting of *Vidalias*, one of my favorite sweet onions, and further explains that depending upon where one resides, gardens could be plagued with onion maggots south of the Mason-Dixon line, or by thrips above the line.

Can you imagine the state of confusion faced by these pests in our area?

As mentioned in a previous article, we depend upon local vegetable farms for many of our fresh vegetables, but when we purchase onions, we select them from a nearby supermarket which enjoys a frequent turnover in its produce department. Fresh produce is essential to a healthy diet.

I have an acquaintance who can hardly wait until summer each year so he can savor an onion sandwich comprised of a fresh sweet *Vidalia* from Georgia or a *Walla Walla* from Washington. Onions are, of course, best eaten during their individual seasons

when tastes are at their peak. You should look for *Vidalias* and *Walla Wallas* in midsummer.

Raw onions can be very appealing to many of us, especially the previously mentioned varieties, but one should keep in mind that raw onions begin to oxidize when cut. The juices trapped between their cell walls begin intermixing, thus forming new compounds in contact with air and giving off offensive odors. This is why it is recommended to slice and chop onions with a sharp knife just before use. Dull knives bruise the onion, causing the juices to disperse in the air with resulting tears to the food preparer. It is also wise to discard an unused onion half, or at least to cut away the previously exposed surface before further use.

In our country, aside from deep-fried batter-dipped onion rings offered at many restaurants, onions are mainly utilized as an integral ingredient in food preparations. They are seldom presented as a main ingredient in an entrée or as a side dish.

Many homes in France serve individual large crocks of Baked Onion Soup *au Gratin* as a complete meal. This onion soup is ladled over toasted bread with a generous sprinkling of grated Gruyère cheese. It is then placed beneath the broiler just long enough to melt the cheese until it is golden and bubbly.

Another treat from this part of the world is the delicious Onion Tart—a lovely treat for a spring outing when accompanied by an Alsatian white wine.

### Onion Tart

- 3 Tablespoons unsalted butter
- 5 Medium yellow onions, sliced into thin rounds
- 1 Sheet of puff pastry\*
- 1 Large egg
- 2 Tablespoons sour cream
- 1/4 Tablespoon walnut oil\*
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

\* Frozen puff pastry and walnut oil are available at fancy supermarkets

- Preheat the oven to 450°
- Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium-low heat. Add the onions, stir until they are thoroughly coated with butter, and cook covered, stirring occasionally, for 20 minutes. The onions should be tender, thickened, and lightly golden.
- Allow the puff pastry to thaw.
- Roll out puff pastry to fit a 10-inch tart pan and carefully transfer the dough to the pan and refrigerate.
- Stir the egg, sour cream, walnuts, and walnut oil into the onions. Season with salt and pepper.

■ Spread the mixture evenly onto the puff pastry.

■ Bake until the tart is puffed and golden brown, about 25 minutes.


One of our favorite onion side dishes is Baked Onions. Ever since our son introduced us to camp-style roasted onions, peeled, wrapped in foil with a pat of butter and cooked on the hot white ashes of a fire we were tending while burning brush from our wooded property, we have seldom passed up the opportunity to prepare them in this manner as an accompaniment to our meal. When a campfire is not practical, Baked Onions may be prepared *à la Julia Child* with this recipe.

### BIG BAKED ONIONS

For each 3-inch, 1/2-pound onion, 1 per person:

- Tablespoon or so of butter or sour cream
- Preheat the oven to 400°.
- Place the onions root-side down on a baking sheet lined with foil.
- Set them in the middle level of the oven and bake until they are definitely soft throughout when pressed and when pricked deeply with a small knife. Keep them warm until ready to serve.
- At serving time slit the tops and place a pat of butter or a spoonful of sour cream in each. To eat them, scoop the warm flesh out of the surrounding skin.

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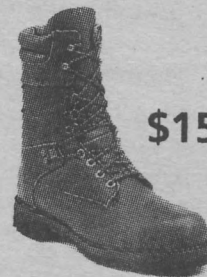
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## FRESH WATER FISH, THE PET

By Jack Deatherage, Jr. would allow me to put it anywhere. But I don't have turtles, yet.

I've got an idea for another fish tank, a homemade one. Stoner and I have talked before about building this particular tank, but the glass has been a major hold-up. Eight feet of quarter-inch glass (18" high) is a bit more than either of us was willing to handle, or pay for. The rest of the tank would be made of epoxy-coated 3/4" plywood. I planned to filter the tank with under-gravel plates set over holes drilled in the bottom of the tank, fitted with shutoff valves attached to canister filters whose return hoses would enter near the surface in the form of spray bars or possibly a waterfall.

Wayne M. (the only person to call in response to my article urging a fish club) tells me he can get safety glass and is used to handling large pieces of it. One problem down.

Wanda has different ideas about new tanks. How much is it going to cost? And where will I put it? I plan to put her Discus in it, maybe even get a few colors she really likes. (There: that ought to be two problems down!)

Where to put it, though, poses a problem I can't schmooze my way around. We have a 125 gallon tank occupying the only floor in the house I feel safe setting it on. I guess I could convert the 125 to a turtle tank and reduce its water load by half. That

Another possibility would be to set it up in some public place for everyone's enjoyment. I contacted the Catoctin Zoo a few years ago with just that thought in mind. Some of the employees were excited about the proposal, but the director never got in touch with me.

I would like to set it up at the Community Center. However, I have serious doubts as to the tank's safety in such a public setting. While most people would respect the display only one irresponsible person would be needed to send 125 gallons of water flooding the floor. I shudder at the thought of 200 pounds of glass, with 1,000+ pounds of water behind it, left where fools can damage it. Maybe I'll keep the monster where it is and design a tank of smaller dimensions.

I can tell that spring is near. The flowers are poking out of the mud and the urge to plant a garden is strong once more. (I managed to kill the urge last year and suspect I'll succeed again this year.) Another manifestation of the spring urge is to build something. An outdoor cavy pen, a compost heap, or a fish tank!

Where to put it? No matter how I work a situation, it always comes back to money or space. I guess the tank will end up where so many of my ideas are—in the space between my ears.

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