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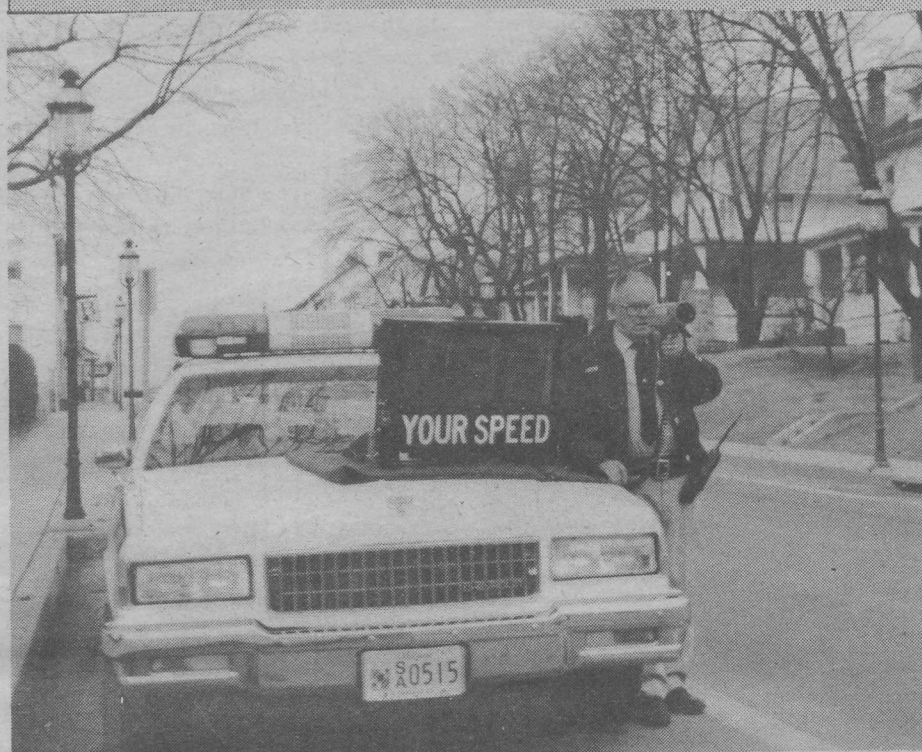
## DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength From One Another

April 1997

### Friendly Persuasion



This is a radar officer watching you. A county deputy monitors traffic entering town on E. Main Street as part of the campaign to control traffic speed in Emmitsburg. Deputy Bartlett reports that the majority of speeders were "just passing through" this day. *A Dispatch Photo*

### Committee Seeks Residents' Views on Speed Limit

According to Streets and Transportation chairman Brian Brotherton, committee members will poll the citizens of Emmitsburg on the question of a uniform 30 mph speed limit through town. We would like to see the 30 mph speed limit extend from Tract Road to Harney Road," said Brotherton.

The committee's recommendation for a uniform speed limit died in last month's town meeting for lack of a second to a motion opening discussion on the issue. "We were very disappointed that the issue wasn't open for discussion or citizen comment," Brotherton said. "We plan to poll as many residents as we can to see if we can challenge the status quo—we want to jog the commissioners."

"Our poll will be very simple: a yes or no answer is all it takes. Do you favor a uniform 30 mph speed limit through town or the present mixed 25/40 mph limit?" said Brotherton.

The committee sees the issue of a uniform speed limit through town as being part of a strategy of dealing with the state in getting a traffic signal at the Silo Hill Road and MD 140 intersection. "We feel that the state will be more inclined to work with the town if they see a willingness to cooperate," said Brotherton.

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### Town to Celebrate Municipal Government Week

April 21 - 25 has been declared as Municipal Government Week. To celebrate this week the town council has planned special events and activities to occur in connection with Election Day which is scheduled for April 22.

The activities for Emmitsburg's Municipal Government week are scheduled as follows:

April 21 - Public Workshop Meeting 7 p.m. As a part of this meeting, the Council will have an official ceremony honoring a past or present town official, employee, or community volunteer. This ceremony will become an annual event. The Council will present a plaque to the recipient of the Annual Municipal Government Award.

April 22 - Election Day. During Election Day the town office will be deco-

rated and Municipal Government Week pens and buttons will be available.

April 23 - Water Treatment Plant Tour (9 a.m. - 12 noon). Doug Wantz will lead visitors on a tour of the water treatment plant. Large drawings (courtesy of Smith Environmental) will be on display inside the water plant illustrating the changes to be made to the Town's water treatment process. This is open to everyone.

April 24 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour (9 a.m.-12 noon). Doug Wantz will conduct a tour for the students of Emmitsburg Elementary School and Mother Seton School. Mu-

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### New Candidate Makes It a Race For Commissioner's Seat

Duane Pilch, Northgate resident, announced that he will seek the upcoming open position on the town council.

Pilch acknowledged that while the following might not be a typical biographical sketch, it is what he wants to say:

"Here's some background. I have lived in the Northgate area of Emmitsburg since 1993 when my wife Nancy and I purchased our home. I was elected to the board of the Northgate Homeowners' Association nearly two years ago and currently I am vice-president. We [Northgate residents] have recently finished re-surfacing our playground with Woodcarpet for the safety of our children. I have worked in Bethesda as a cancer researcher, at the Mount teaching chemistry, and currently I teach chemistry at Western Maryland College.

"By becoming a Town Commissioner, I would hope to find out more about our community while doing something good for all of our futures in



Duane Pilch

Emmitsburg. That future involves responsible growth and development, first most of our children and secondly of our homes and businesses. My abilities of creative but efficient problem solving and my strong belief in team-

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## Letters To The Editor

### Loves the library

My husband and I will be moving into the Emmitsburg area next year and have had the opportunity to use the Emmitsburg Public Library on many occasions. We find the personnel, resources, and current reading materials to be excellent.

Frederick County should be proud of the libraries they offer their residents and Emmitsburg being one of its shining examples. We look forward to retiring to the area and being able to get

up-to-date books, magazines, newspapers, and research materials.

The staff is extremely helpful, courteous, and welcoming to outsiders, making us feel a part of the community even though we are not yet residents. Emmitsburg is lucky to have such a facility and we know everyone appreciates its excellence.

BOB AND ESTHER ROBINSON  
Soon to be of Emmitsburg

### Election Day Musings

At this time of the year, every voter is confronted with the inevitable—selecting the most qualified person to serve the municipality in an official capacity for a term of three years. This is a serious matter!

Our democratic republic insures that the majority prevails. Is this true in Emmitsburg? Has Emmitsburg ever had a majority of the registered voting population actively participating in an election? How many candidates have ever received a REAL majority vote? How many candidates have assumed office with less than one third of the total voting public? This has been a critical issue in this municipality!

What qualities does each candidate possess to provide efficiency in governmental affairs? How many candidates have familiarized themselves with the terms of the Charter or the Code? Are they cognizant of the basics of *Robert's Rules of Order*—such as, does the president of the Board of commissioners ever second a motion, or does the mayor appoint the president of the Board? How many candidates are knowledgeable about the obliga-

tions of each department *before* assuming the duties of that office? Can one declare that "When I discovered I was responsible for those operations, I said I wanted no part of it"?

How does the voter discover the qualities a candidate might have, except for a public forum to promulgate his/her views? Reading a sentence that states, "I want to help people" doesn't reveal very much, does it?

Does the office contain any seeds of "conflict of interest"? Has nepotism ever entered the job opportunities in municipal operations? Should not time be allotted in public forum for candidates to meet and discuss their platforms for serving the public interest? This writer will ever be grateful to Mrs. Jane Bollinger, who encouraged public meetings for candidates to deliver their views or reasons for running for office.

It seems that the time has come for all voters to actively participate in town administration!

JOAN BOYLE  
Emmitsburg

### CELEBRATION from page 1

municipal Government Week pens will be distributed. Everyone is welcome.

April 25 - Arbor Day, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Mother Seton School and Emmitsburg Elementary School will assist in the planting of 12 trees in Community Park. Refreshment and Municipla Government Week pens will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend.

A challenging/fun activity will be provided as a bonus. A special Municipal Government Week Crossword Puzzle has been created for Emmitsburg and is printed on page 25. At 2 p.m. on Friday April 25, Mayor Carr will award a prize (supplied by the town) to the person who successfully completed the crossword puzzle. If more than one person completes the puzzle correctly, the winners split the prize. Everyone is welcome to compete. Turn in your solutions to the town clerk.

### Responds to traffic concern

Dear Mr. Bass,

In response to your recent letter to the Editor of the Emmitsburg *Dispatch*, you stated some concerns over the speeds of vehicles traveling on Route 140 in the vicinity of Silo Hill and also the intersection of Harney Rdan.

Your obvious concerns for the safety of these areas are very real to many of the residents of Emmitsburg. Let me assure you that the Emmitsburg Streets and Transportation Committee has been hard at work on this very issue since April, 1996. We have held several meetings, to include a meeting with officials from the State Highway Authority, to attempt to make changes that would enhance the safety of these areas. The installation of a traffic light at Silo Hill & Route 140 is not able to be accomplished at this time due to insufficient traffic volume (a fact that will soon change upon the completion of construction of the projected homes and the Eagle Oil Co. convenience store/gas station on Silo Hill Rd.). However the SHA did state they are considering the construction of a "roundabout" at Silo Hill & Route 140, similar to the one recently constructed on Route 140 in Taneytown, in an attempt to slow traffic down. The only other proposal that the SHA had for a temporary fix was, to re-post the speed limit from Harney Road intersection all the way west on Route 140, to the area

of Tract Road., making a uniform speed limit of 30 mph all the way through town. Our Resident Sheriff's Deputy was in favor of this because it would make the speed more enforceable. However this was not acceptable to the Town Council and they would not even discuss the matter in reference to all of the research that had been done by the Committee. The only rationale proffered was that the adoption of the uniform speed limit would raise the limit in town from 25 mph to 30 mph and the Commissioners felt that would pose a safety problem. The only argument with that rationale is that the traffic is presently doing in excess of 25 anyway, so what difference would 5 mph make? The main purpose for this uniform speed limit is to attempt to slow the traffic down traveling through the intersection of Silo Hill & Rt. 140 by 10 mph, and thereby enhance the safety factor of this intersection.

So, Mr. Bass, in answer to your question why isn't something being done? Something is being done, however due to legislative restraints, change often takes time. I assure you that the Committee will continue working on this issue until we are able to accomplish a solution that is acceptable to all concerned.

BRIAN BROTHERTON,  
President Emmitsburg Streets & Transportation Committee

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work are values well suited for serving the residents of Emmitsburg.

"Here is one of my more creative ideas. I would like to write Emmitsburg into the pages of history as the first town that uses the Internet to democratically decide issues by everyone voting by e-mail. This would not happen overnight and voting would not be on all issues. Only those decisions without a clear direction, such as a split council vote of 2-3 or 3-2. This would mean that Town Officials would have to work more to keep people informed, and we all would have to set aside some time every day to check our "e-ballot" and cast our "e-vote" by using e-mail. This process would give us all a sense of pride and ownership in the decision making process in Emmitsburg on a level not experienced anywhere in our great country, yet.

"What a future awaits us! I hope you will vote for me, Duane Pilch, for Town Commissioner on April 22."

**POLL from page 1**

Previous attempts by the town to extend the present 25 mph speed limit beyond the town boundaries have been rejected by the state. The state survey shows nearly 100% non-compliance through the Silo Hill Road area, with speeds as high as 50 mph. It is the State Highways Administration's contention that a 30 mph speed limit is seen by most drivers as being a safe speed at which to operate their vehicles.

The view seemingly held by the majority of the town's official body is that 25 mph is a safer speed and that potential injuries would be lessened if a vehicle were traveling at that slower speed.

At the present time there is a section of the road that is marked 25 mph on one side and 40 mph on the other. According to town deputies this inconsistency weakens their case in enforcement and adjudication.

Committee members will poll the community in a door-to-door campaign from April until their May meeting. Each member has been assigned a section of the town and will do the polling mostly on the weekends and in the evenings. Committee members who will do the polling are Brian Brotherton, Patrick Sullivan, Ken Howard, Jim Hoover, and Denise Warthen.

**Town Elections**

Town elections will be held this year on Tuesday, April 22, 1997, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the town office for the Commissioner seat currently held by Commissioner Thomas Gingell.

The last day to file for candidacy is Thursday, April 10, 1997, by noon. The names of the candidates will be placed on the ballot chronologically as filed. To qualify to run for the Commissioner's seat one must be a resident of Emmitsburg for one year prior to election day.

The last day to register to vote is Monday, April 14, 1997 by 4:30 p.m. Citizens 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 April 7, from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To register to vote one needs to have resided in Emmitsburg for thirty days before the election date.

**Editors' note:**

**1997 Town Election News**

It was learned on March 29 that Thomas Gingell, the present town water commissioner, has announced that he will seek office as an incumbent.

We regret that this announcement came too late for an interview or a position statement from the incumbent.

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**Members of the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company battling the smoke and fire at this farmhouse on Harney Road. Fire companies from Harney, Thurmont, and Greenmount assisted in the three and one-half hour-long effort. A Dispatch Photo**

An old farmhouse owned by John Davis on Harney Road about 11/2 miles from Route 140, was heavily damaged by fire Thursday night, March 20.

Noah Whitehair and his wife Tracy Roche were renting the property, having just moved into the house the pre-

vious Saturday. She was taken to Gettysburg Hospital for a checkup.

A woodstove was cited as the cause of the two-alarm blaze, which gutted most of the house and spread through the second floor and attic. There was heavy smoke and water damage according to Wayne Powell, VHC's Public Information Officer.

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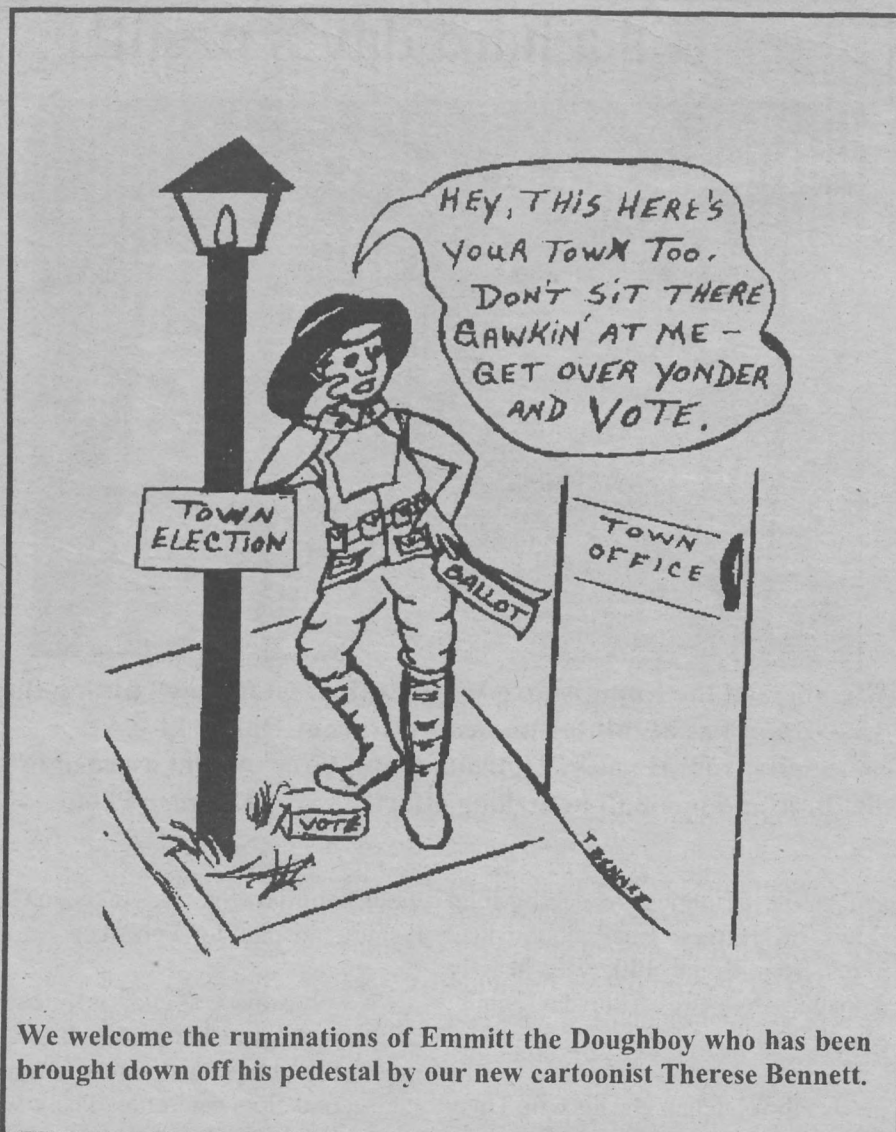
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## 100 Years Ago "In this place" from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

### To Protect the Fountain

April 2, 1897 - The Town Commissioners at their last meeting passed an ordinance to protect the fountain, making it a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine to throw sticks, stones, or anything that will create filth, or injure fish in the fountain, etc., or to deface the main structure, basins, chains, posts, grass plat, &c.

### School Entertainment

April 23, 1897 - Last Monday afternoon marked the closing of another very successful year of St. Euphemia's Colored School. As usual, quite an elaborate programme was well rendered by the pupils, before an appreciative audience. One of the special features of the entertainment was the awarding of two beautiful silver medals, donated by Miss M. Egan. This department of St. Euphemia's School is under the direct care of Sister Elizabeth, who has so successfully directed its course for the past several years, and her untiring efforts and ability to train

the minds of the colored children are too well known to need any comment.

Rewards of Merit: First premiums in Catechism and Bible History - Misses Stella Hill, Mary E. Brown, Mary Constance, Olivia Beatty, Alice Landers, Rose Constance.

Junior Class - Master Samuel F. Woodyard, Claud Brown, Ambrose J. Hill, Anthony Coates, Eddie J. Hill, James Ross, Willie Simms.

First premiums in Scholarship and Conduct - Misses Olivia Beatty, Mary Constance, Alice Landers, Rose Constance.

For being a good little girl - Florence Parker.

Punctual attendance every day - Masters Ambrose J. and Eddie J. Hill, Allen and Ward Brown.

For being a good boy - Master Anthony Coates.

Special premiums for neatness and order were awarded to Miss Stella Hill, and Miss Mary E. Brown.

Roll of Honor Medal awarded to Miss Stella Hill for having her name on Roll of Honor every month - including regular attendance, good conduct, and application to studies.

A special Silver Medal was awarded to Miss Mary Ellen Brown for uniform good conduct, application and punctual attendance during her entire school term.

### The Corner Stone

April 23, 1897 - The corner stone of the new Catholic Church to be erected near Mt. St. Mary's College will be laid on Sunday, May 2, at 3 p.m.

Easter day was bright and cheerful, and the services at the different churches were largely attended.

Impudent small boys will soon go in swimming and catch their little deaths of cold.

### "Local Logic"

April 30, 1897 - The following appeared in the *Frederick Daily News* under the caption of "Local Logic."

"I would like very much to see the road from Harney to Emmitsburg taken up and encased and presented to the county commissioners as a souvenir. - Daniel Burras."

No doubt the County Commissioners would willingly furnish a case or box for the above purpose, if the gentleman will undertake the task of putting the road into the box and delivering it to their office in Frederick free of charge. Honorable Commissioners, will you furnish the case for the above laudable purpose?

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## Commentary: "A bunch of hooley" ... or hui?

April 21-25 is Maryland Municipal Government Week, a time to promote good will and understanding of the governmental process. A time for citizens and government to get on the same page. Good idea, but currently the attitude across this nation for promoting governmental and political processes does not encourage clear reception of the message. Apathy abounds. So much so that in Frederick County a group calling itself the Institute for Government met to formulate goals and a plan to reach voters.

Much of the America public has become skeptical, if not cynical, about the shenanigans occurring on national and state levels. Even here on the local level it would not be difficult to find several or more citizens who believe that what goes on in the town meetings is mostly "silly and worthless talk"—in a word, *hooley*. As in, "I don't go to town meetings because it is a bunch of hooley"—pop goes the beer can, on goes the TV, end of responsibility.

This month a town committee will conduct a poll on a contentious issue that affects every citizen. Is this any time to call for vision? Could this be a time for more HUI? (Same sound, different spelling, different meaning.)

Among the Maori, the indigenous people of New Zealand, *hui* is an increasingly popular way to discuss and reach consensus. As reported by Gordon Ell in his

book *New Zealand Traditions*, "The Maori *hui* is usually accompanied by formal welcome or *powhiri*. Speakers take turns to put their views, often arguing vigorously on the *marae* (conference field) or within the meeting house. Yet no formal decisions are made and people revise their own position as it suits them. The end result may be general agreement or disagreement but all views should by then have been expressed and the participants at the *hui* better informed. Holding such a *hui* and taking note of what is said is part of the process of consultation with Maori interests now built into a number of Acts of Parliament, particularly in the area of resource management."

And *hui* is what participatory government is about. (Maybe *hui* would work; Emmitsburgians have been known to go a little native occasionally.) You can be a part by attending a town meeting, public hearings, or committee meetings.

There will be an election this month, a time to choose a commissioner. The expected level of participation by the citizens is shamefully low. Voters who excuse their non-participation by saying "it doesn't matter," strike a crippling blow at the representative process. Once again civic responsibility will suffer from a bad rap and that is *hooley*—silly and worthless behavior on the part of the citizens. And it could be a dangerous thing.

## BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following Emmitsburg residents:

Shay and Melissa A. Wagerman on the birth of a daughter on Feb. 22.

Patricia and Timothy Boyle on the birth of a son on Feb. 27.

Diana Banz Eureka and Tracy A. Eureka on the birth of a son on March 2.

## Lincoln Avenue Studies Continue

The Emmitsburg Streets and Transportation committee met on March 25, 1997, with representatives from Mother Seton Elementary School and the Antique Mall to discuss widening of E. Lincoln Ave. At this time the committee is awaiting information from Mother Seton School officials regarding property acquisition details.

In other matters the committee has been advised that further traffic surveys are being done by SHA at the Rt. 140/Silo Hill intersection. The highway department is considering installing a roundabout.



Dave Copenhaver, recipient of the first Sisters of St. Francis Award gets an additional "well done" from grandson Coleman.

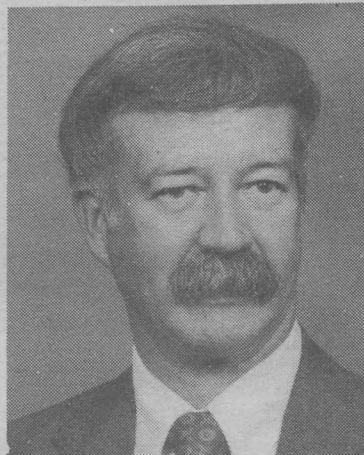
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- on the Town of Emmitsburg Board of Appeals,
- on the Emmitsburg Up-County Advisory Board,
- as Chairman of the Emmitsburg Community Center Fund Raising Committee and the Committee to save the Community Center,
- as an active member of the Emmitsburg Art League,
- as an active member of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association,
- as Historian of Emmitsburg Historic Society.

Founded the Friends of the Community Center of Emmitsburg. Operating four Emmitsburg businesses which employ over 40 Emmitsburg area residents.

### PLATFORM:

- ✓ Create jobs for our citizens who commute and broaden the economic base to reduce everyone's tax by attracting clean industries to Emmitsburg's Industrial Parks.
- ✓ Include Emmitsburg's subdivisions in town activities and decisions by supporting the subdivisions when they need help implementing playgrounds or rerouting developers construction equipment.
- ✓ Improve the quality and quantity of Emmitsburg's water supply. This is the key to the economic growth of Emmitsburg.
- ✓ 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 agencies: CASS, Health Department, Up-County Family Center, and the Food Bank. We need Job Training and more.
- ✓ Support the innovations and improvements to our Emmitsburg Library. We should be represented on the FCPL library board.

A paid political advertisement.

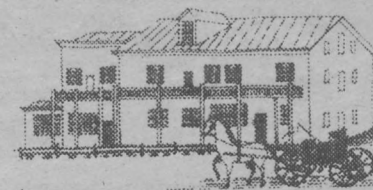
On Wednesday, March 12 the first Sisters of St. Francis Award honoring a Mount employee who embodies the mission of Mt. St. Mary's both at work and at home was presented to Dave Copenhaver. According to its guidelines the recipient should be "guided by high moral standards and a mature faith resulting in compassionate and just engagement with the world, and dedication to the highest standard as a Mount employee. The nominee should respect the dignity of all person, display a concern for problems facing humanity and be committed to living as a responsible citizen."

In reading the Citation History Professor Robert Preston said "Today we

gather to honor a man who for years has served not only this community but also the broader community in which the Mount exists, the Emmitsburg Community. He has done so in such a fashion that he sets a standard of service for this Award, as its first recipient, that will be a model for years to come that maybe only a handful will be able to approach."

"It is refreshing in this age of cynicism about government officials, a cynicism that is regrettably often well-placed, that there are public officials like Commissioner Copenhaver who are honest and fair when dealing with the citizenry," said Preston.

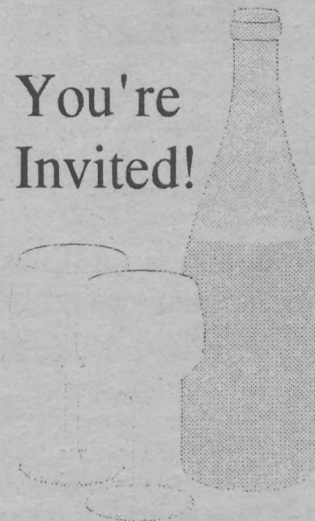
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## Senior Citizen News

By Anna Margaret Martin

"April showers will bring May flowers," so the saying goes. Isn't spring wonderful?

The Seniors are glad that winter is over, but it wasn't too bad this year.

Activities at the center for April are as follows:

Monday, April 1 - Board meeting

Tuesday, April 2 - Catoctin Reading Day at the Emmitsburg Elementary School, 10:00 a.m. We will be reading to the students.

Thursday, April 3 - and 17 - Bingo, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 10 - and 24 - "500" Card Party, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15 - Meeting Day. Bring your talents for entertainment—a poem, story, etc.

Wednesday, April 23 - Night card party, a fundraiser. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Cost \$2.00 per person. Refreshments on sale.

Tuesday, April 8 - Frederick Shopping Day, 1:15 p.m.

Each Friday, following lunch, is Jubilee Shopping.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is served at 12 noon each day with reservations a must 24 hours in advance. You must be 60 years of age to participate in the program. Come join us for good, fun, and fellowship.

## 'KINSHIP CAREGIVERS' PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR MAY

Grandparents and kinfolk raising their grandchildren is nothing new, but it is a growing phenomenon. More and more grandparents and other kinfolk are facing the primary responsibility, at least temporarily and usually informally, of raising and sheltering their grandchildren. Unfortunately, many of the caregivers are not adequately prepared for the obstacles associated with raising someone else's child.

"Kinship Caregivers: Raising the Children of Tomorrow" is a free workshop for anyone who has been or may be faced with the reality of having to care for and provide for a family member's child. The Frederick County Health Department, Substance Abuse Division, in conjunction with the University of Maryland, Center of Human Services Development, is offering this free workshop to anyone in need of information, resources, and support.

Presenting this program will be Dr. Nancy M. Pinson-Milburn, Senior Consultant with the University of Maryland, Center of Human Services Development,

on Tuesday, May 13th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The program will focus on the needs of the caregiver as well as the needs of the grandchild/dependent, changes that have resulted since taking over the care of the child, and resources available to the caregivers in order to adequately support the child and the caregiver.

A guest panel consisting of members from the Frederick County Public School system, Department of Social Services, Frederick County Health Department Nursing Division and WIC programs, the Commission on Aging, the CASS program, and a local attorney will be available to answer questions regarding their perspective organizations.

This program is being co-sponsored by the Frederick County Family Life Center, 365 East Church Street, Frederick.

Advanced registration is required. Class size is limited to 30 persons. Child-care will be available. To register or for more information, please call Todd Crum at 694-1775 no later than Thursday, May 8th.

### MILITARY CONVENTION

A military convention is announced for Navy veterans of Landing Craft Tanks (LCTs) in both European and Pacific areas in World War II: LCT Flotillas of WWII—14th Reunion, April 14, 15, and 16, 1997, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Contact Larry Noel, 8730 Hampton Valley Rd., Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Phone (301) 447-2224. If you cannot make this reunion, please send information on LCT experiences.

### DePaul Street Singers in Concert

The Rev. David W. Shaum presents the DePaul Street Singers in a concert, "Song Time with Sondheim," on Sunday, April 27, at 3:00 p.m. for the benefit of St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg. The program will be held in the social hall.

This group of talented professionals will be heard in an array of solos, duets, and ensemble pieces from the musical works of Stephen Sondheim. The artists are Harold L. Ditzler, James Muro, Marilyn L. Raezer, and Olga Sambuco. Bonnie J. Sanders is the accompanist. Bruno Amato is special accompanist for Olga Sambuco.

There is no admission fee, although a free-will donation will prove beneficial. For additional information call (301) 447-2326.

## BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE CHOIR TO SING AT LUTHERAN CHURCH

As part of its spring concert tour, the 46-voice Bridgewater College Concert Choir will present a program at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church on West Main Street in Emmitsburg.

The Emmitsburg concert will be a homecoming for one of the musicians. Amy V. Valentine, a senior music major from Taneytown, is a member at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church and a 1993 graduate of Catoctin High School. In addition to singing in the Concert Choir, Miss Valentine, the daughter of Sam and Betty Valentine, also is a member of the 24-voice Chorale and is a handbell choir director.

The concert is open to the public at no charge.

The Concert Choir and Chorale are directed by Dr. Jesse E. Hopkins Jr. The repertory ranges from Mozart's "Ave Verum," Haydn's "The Heavens Are Telling" from *The Creation*, and "Heilig" by Mendelssohn to spirituals and selections by American composers, including "Anunciation" by Lloyd Pfautsch, a Southern Methodist University professor emeritus.

Also included in the program are two selections from the Moravian tradition: "It Is a Precious Thing" by Johann Friedrich Peter and "The Fruit of the Spirit is Love" by Johann Christian Geisler.

Bridgewater College is a private, four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the Church of the Brethren. Founded in 1880 and located in the central Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, it was Virginia's first senior co-educational college.

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## Zita Hobbs Celebrates 90th Birthday

Family and friends of Zita Sneeringer Hobbs gathered on February 22, 1997, to celebrate her 90th birthday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. During the celebration, daughter Anna Marie McCleaf presented a biographical sketch and tribute to their mother. The *Dispatch* is pleased to share with the Emmitsburg community the following excerpts from her presentation:

Zita Sneeringer Hobbs can trace her ancestry back to Jacob Henry Long and Catherine Sprouh, who came to this country from Baben, Germany, in the early 1800's. They met on the boat which brought them here. Their families settled near what is now Mount St. Mary's College, in Emmitsburg, Md. Several years later they married. One of their children, Annie Magdalene Long (Zita's grandmother), married Isaac Pecher, son of Henry and Sarah Wills Pecher. Isaac and Annie took up residence near Fairfield, Pa., on the farm where Zita Sneeringer Hobbs lives today.

It was with Anna that Zita lived for most of her young years. Grandma was alone, and it was common practice in those years to send a family member to stay with the elderly person. Hence, from eight years of age to adulthood Zita was with her Grandma.

Zita had no siblings to play with. She was lonely and she was very homesick. There was lots of work to be done and she worked hard. However, there must have been some time to sit on the front porch and tell stories, because history bears out that Annie had a vivid imagination, and she used it to spin her tales; and Zita, so young and impressionable at her grammy's feet, believed the master storyteller, and will declare anyone to be "anathema" who doesn't believe these stories of snorting bulls, fiery brimstone, and spirits stalking around in houses, to be true.

In her late teens, Zita, met Raymond Hobbs, a 25-year-old enterprising young man. He knew and loved farming. He already owned a car, and was a self-taught fiddler. The minute Raymond laid eyes on Zita, he said to himself, "That's the girl I'm going to marry!" But there was a hitch. Zita was not interested in him. In fact she had her eye set on a neighbor boy. But this did not deter Raymond from pursuing her.

Later, when he came to see her she wasn't home, so he went to visit Zita's Uncle Harry and his wife, Aunt Helen, who lived just up the road. There Raymond, with his fiddle, and Helen Pecher, on the piano, made music together for the afternoon. Harry Pecher was a man of intuition and a respected uncle of Zita. He saw that Raymond had integrity and that he was a hard worker; he saw his kindly nature and



**Zita Hobbs surrounded by her sixteen children celebrates her 90th birthday. Seated l-r: Martha Bravo, Winter Park, Ill.; Carolyn Lydon, Arlington, Va.; Rose Bream, Littlestown, Pa.; Zita S. Hobbs, Fairfield, Pa.; Mary Brinkman, Salem, Oreg.; Ann McCleaf, Brinklow, Md.; Lillian Harner, Fairfield, Pa. Standing l-r: Agatha Foscatto, Fairfield, Pa.; Angela Parrish, McLean, Va.; Corona Naylor, Biglerville, Pa.; Karl Hobbs, Fairfield, Pa.; Joseph Hobbs, Emmitsburg, Md.; Michael Hobbs, Gettysburg, Md.; Paul Hobbs, Fairfield, Pa.; Lawrence; Hobbs, Fairfield, Pa.; Linda Steinle, Carroll Valley, Pa.; Janen Hobbs, Los Osos, Calif.**

friendliness and his love of making music with his fiddle. He also observed his niece's lack of interest in Raymond, and he gave her the benefit of his counsel. He told her, "Zita, there's a lot of good in Raymond Hobbs." Well, Zita took her uncle's counsel and began to look beyond her indifference toward this young man to see the gold of his character. And Cupid's dart hit its mark.

Raymond and Zita married on January 7, 1926. She was 18 years old; he was 26. They lived with Annie Pecher on her farm. After Annie's death in 1936, they bought the 110-acre farm from her estate for \$2900. This money was borrowed from Raymond's Aunt Nellie Hobbs, who lived in Emmitsburg. And a dressed hog from the annual butchering paid the interest on the loan in full each year.

Raymond and Zita were now settled into farm life, and the Lord blessed them with a little one about every 13-18 months. While Zita knew she wanted a large family, neither had hoped for 16 children—*BUT FOR SURE God had it in His plans.* He had given this couple a deep center of

faith, which would cause them to cling to Him and to each other. And they would instill this strong faith in their children and point them heavenward. Zita gathered the family for daily prayers; they saw to it that the children went *with them* to church, had catechism instruction and parochial school education. By their example, they planted in their children's hearts the seeds of faith to seek and serve God. Seeds which would sprout into branches, anchored and nurtured, ever growing in the Vine of Jesus. *What better or more priceless gift can parents give their children?*

There's a strong cord binding the hearts of all 16 children born to Raymond and Zita: what a legacy! Who but us can share the experience of 15 siblings? Who but us bathed 4-6 siblings in a galvanized tub in the middle of the kitchen floor every Saturday evening? And groomed our brothers' hair for church? Who but us can identify with the spectacle it must have been to see all those kids spilling out of the old Hup car on Sunday mornings to attend church? Those are our unique experiences.

We have memories of cranking out homemade ice cream nearly every Sun-

day, of family sitting on the front porch in the evening talking, Zita telling Annie's stories. Country music played on the front porch—Raymond with his fiddle stomping the floor and the Pecher boys with their guitars and banjo, practicing for the firehall dances which were such fun times. How many families gather on the front porch anymore? And there's the big country kitchen. It's still the place where people congregate when visiting the farm.

Zita's beloved Ray died nearly 11 years ago. She is lonely and misses him very much. Now she depends upon her children for companionship and to do for her what she can't do for herself. The love, care, and attention that Zita gave her grammy in years past is returned to her now by her family.

We want to honor you, Zita. We are here to celebrate your 90 years of life. You are the matriarch of the clan and the eldest surviving member in the Pecher/Hobbs family. Happy birthday, mom! God bless you and thank you for the precious and enduring gifts of the work ethic, music, dancing, and of life and faith.

## Internet Workshop To Be Held at the Library

Instructional workshops on how to use Sailor, the Library's gateway to the Internet, will be held during the month of April at the Emmitsburg Library.

According to Amy Schildwacher, library associate, "Many people seem to be intimidated by the Internet because they are not use to the computers and there is so much information that it's mind-boggling."

"In these workshops we will emphasize basic skills and techniques that are practical and useful for the beginning 'surfer.' We will focus on specific things you need to know to operate the machine and the specific things you need to know to search for addresses or topics," Schildwacher said.

"I see the Internet as a giant reference book that has practical applica-



Amy Schildwacher "surfin'" at the Emmitsburg Branch of the Frederick County Library.

tion. The workshops will be small so that everyone can participate. What I hope is that people won't leave wondering 'What?'" Schildwacher said.

Amy is a graduate of Radford College majoring in Business and Finance. She worked with her husband



Chuck, but her love of books and libraries led her to become a substitute in the Taneytown Library as a reference specialist. She started working as a part-time associate in the Emmitsburg Branch Library in September of 1996. Here her duties in the library cover the entire gamut of operations and services. "I love this job!" she said. "People are so appreciative of what we do. Everybody

seems to put on their 'nice' hat when they come into the library."

The "instructor-friendly, hands-on" workshops will be held Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m. To register call the Emmitsburg Branch Library at 447-2682.

## LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS

Spring has arrived and that means Little League baseball and softball will soon begin in Emmitsburg. Managers and coaches from close to 20 teams from T-ball through Senior League age have been busy putting together their rosters. From now until opening day, plenty of team practices will be taking place all around the town. The official Opening Day will be Saturday, April 19th, with games scheduled throughout the day.

Our Little League directors are counting on many volunteers this year to ensure a successful season. Help will be needed selling goodies in the concession stand, announcing in the press box, umpiring on the field, etc., etc. Please volunteer!! Your support is greatly appreciated.

The next Little League meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW. The public is always welcome.

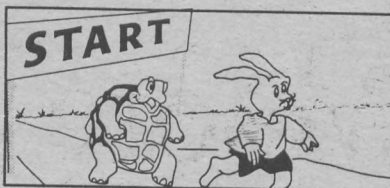
Hope to see everyone at the ballfield!

## GIRL SCOUT SPRING REGISTRATION

Whether you are a currently registered Girl Scout or would like to become one for the 1997 fall season, the Girl Scouts in the Thurmont and Emmitsburg areas are registering girls during the month of April. We are offering troops for any age from kindergarten-age Daisy to the girls in high school with the Cadette and Senior Girl Scout programs. We are also looking for a few adults who would be interested in acting as leaders for various age levels. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Shirley Greene at 447-6308.

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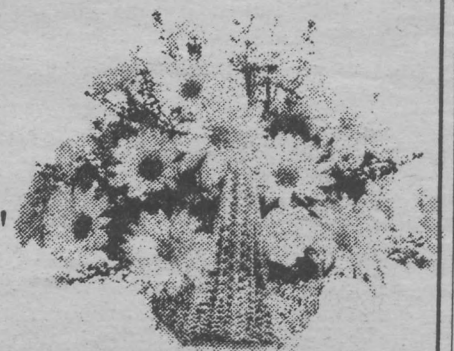


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## World Marriage Day Celebrated at the Mount

Mount Saint Mary's College recently celebrated World Marriage Day as nine Mount couples renewed their vows before the community at a special Mass—a witness to the value of marriage in our society.

Millie and Phil Valentine of Emmitsburg found their participation in World Marriage Day especially appropriate. They are celebrating 25 years of marriage this year.

Millie, who works in the Mount's accounting and financial affairs office, spoke during the Mass about how God has played a part in her marriage to Phil, a member of the Mount's maintenance department.

"I thought about the question and said to myself, 'When has God *not* played a part in our marriage?'" Millie said.

Among those honored at the Mass were George and Bettie Delaplaine of Frederick, Bill and Betty Meredith of Emmitsburg, Pauline and Harald Engelstatter of Fairfield, and Jim and Linda Stultz, also of Fairfield.



**Bill and Betty Meredith were among those honored recently at Mount St. Mary's celebration of World Marriage Day.**

Photo courtesy Mount St. Mary's

World Marriage Day attempts to highlight the importance of faithful relationships in a culture that is not always supportive of the value of commitment or the value of struggle in view of long-term gain. Churches across the United States celebrate World Marriage Day in February each year.



**Marriage Day celebrants Phil and Millie Valentine**

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## Chatterton - Himes



**Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg was the setting for the wedding uniting Deidre Chatterton, Gaithersburg, and Eric Himes, Emmitsburg, on February 15, 1997. The newly married couple honeymooned in Williamsburg, Virginia. They now reside at their home at 120 DePaul Street, Emmitsburg.**

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## Emmitsburg At Work

By Rena Damskey

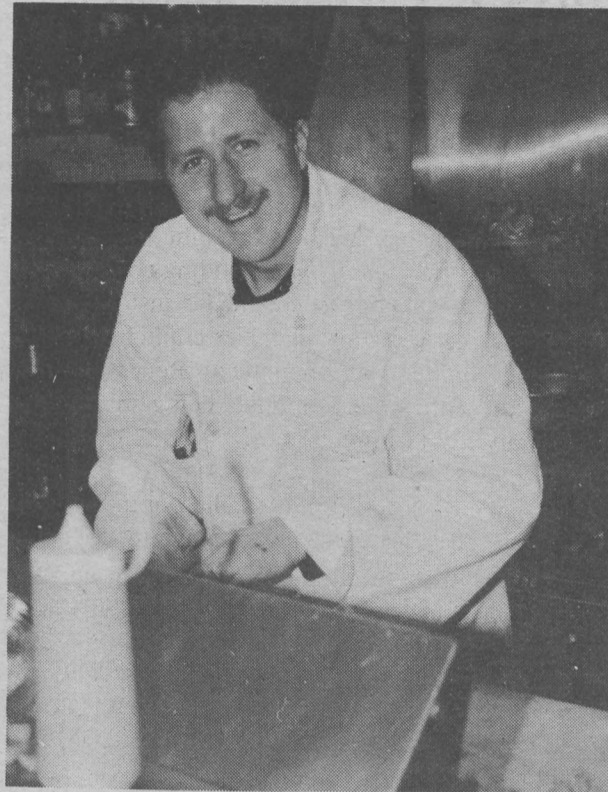
Bob Fritts, stirring pots and putting together sandwiches with a fury, says his goals are to run a profitable business ("That's in the future.") and try to be a good husband and father. "That would be a new experience." Mixing salads with humor and sarcasm, Bob says he would also like to learn to read and drive at the same time, referring to the cause of his recent car accident.

Before coming to Emmitsburg, Bob spent fifteen years washing dishes and cooking for Sir Walter Raleigh Inn in Wheaton. His wife Holly also worked at the inn while commuting to college in McLean, Virginia. After college she quit her job and started the Main Street Deli in Emmitsburg. Soon after, Bob resigned in order to work at the deli. He made improvements and enlarged the business. The deli went from a kitchen

with the capabilities of preparing cold sandwiches and sodas to a full-service restaurant, now named the Gourmet Grill. The back room at the grill was carved out of a meat storage locker left from when the building was a grocery store. The Pasta Factory Lounge expanded the business again. The bar was bought from a bar in Baltimore and was used in a scene from a Babe Ruth movie.

Bob is always trying new ideas. He has offered brunches, a salad bar, and live music; and the catering business is quite active. Before his sons were born, Holly baked for the restaurant.

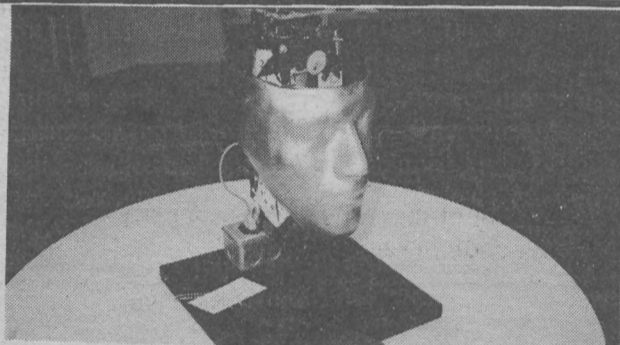
Now she occasionally makes special desserts. Bob and Holly recently opened a bed and breakfast cottage in Orrtanna, Pennsylvania. I asked Bob what he liked to do when he is not cooking. His answer was "Sleep."



Bob Fritts

Then he told me about his cottage on the Chesapeake Bay. His love of the bay started as a child growing up. When everyone else was going to Ocean City, his family visited his uncle's cottage on the bay.

Next I asked employees about Bob. Everyone was busy. The answers were short: "Good boss," "a pal," "great boss," "good guy," "a friend." I asked Bob the traits of a good chef. His answer was "Dedicated, punctual, dependable, the kind of guy that sticks around, no matter what." Did you just describe yourself, Bob? No answer—just a red face. I'm sure from the kitchen's heat.



"Untitled" by Seth Adelsberger. First in sculpture.

### THIRD ANNUAL EMMITSBURG ARTS LEAGUE MEMBER SHOW

An opening reception for the EAL member show was held Sunday, March 9, at Studio Gallery on East Main Street.

Ribbons were awarded by popular vote of the membership during the opening.

**Watercolor:** 1st, "Irises," by Helen Kelley; 2nd, "Annie's Bag," by Linda Postelle; 3rd, "Untitled," by Rena Damskey.

**Acrylics and oils:** 1st, "Emma Van Name," by Elizabeth Prongas; 2nd, "Middletown," Jack Kaiktsian; 3rd, "Summer Garden at Spring Plains," by Dorothea Barrick.

**Photography:** 1st, "Appalachian Forest," by Roger Johnson; 2nd, "Waterfalls," by Roger Johnson.

**Sculpture:** 1st, "Untitled," by Seth Adelsberger; 2nd, "Invitation to the

Dance," by Annie DeGeorge; 3rd, "My Only Horse," by Jan Lamb.

**Pottery:** 1st, "Tall Pitcher," by Valerie Parsons; 2nd, "Bottle," by Valerie Parsons.

**Glass:** 1st, "Land of the Egyptians," by Fr. Robert Terentieff; 2nd, "Medicine Bag," by Mary Theresa Klotz.

**Fiber:** 1st, "Beach Reflections," by Peggy Schadler; 2nd, "Fiber over Ceramic Vase," by Peggy Schadler; 3rd, "Symbiosis," by Mary Theresa Klotz.

Studio Gallery, located at 304 East Main Street in Emmitsburg, is a cooperative effort of several local artists and crafters providing a market outlet for local artists. The gallery is a charming source for both small gifts and larger paintings that is becoming increasingly popular and deserves "discovering."

### Health Fair

The 14th annual Health Fair of the Emmitsburg Lions Club will be held on Saturday, April 5, at Mother Seton Elementary School from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A Multiphasic Blood Test will be conducted by the Gettysburg Hospital for \$25. There will be a PSA Test for an additional \$15 for men over age 45. A 12-hour fast is required.

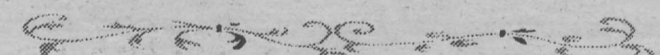


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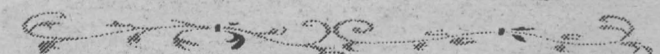
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## If You Think AIDS Is Deadly, Read This

By Debra A. Brownley

Like AIDS, rabies is also a deadly virus. Once symptoms appear, it is almost always fatal. There is no known cure. Rabies is a virus that can affect virtually any warm-blooded animal, including man. Birds, fish, reptiles, and insects do not get rabies. In nature, rabies is transmitted when an animal is bitten by another animal carrying the rabies virus in its saliva. However, scratches, fresh abrasions, open cuts, and mucous membranes such as those of the eyes, nose, and mouth can act as sites of contamination once they have had contact with the saliva-bearing virus. When this occurs, it's considered an "exposure." All bites and possible exposures should be reported to the local health department.

For several years, rabies has been occurring in large numbers of wildlife and is considered an epidemic. Year-end statistics for 1996 showed that Frederick County had the highest number of rabies incidents reported in Maryland. As of December 31, 1996, 100 cases in Frederick County tested positive for the rabies virus: 80 raccoons, 11 skunks, 3 foxes, 3 cats, 2 groundhogs, and 1 cow. In just three years, the number of rabies incidents in Frederick County has nearly doubled from 47 positive cases in 1993 to 100

in 1996! Although statistics may seem substantially lower than that of Frederick County, residents of Adams County, with just eight confirmed cases, and the surrounding counties in Pennsylvania should be just as concerned. Low statistics could be due in part to lack of public awareness and to not as many animals being submitted for testing.

Wild animals can harbor the rabies virus for several months before showing any symptoms. They may appear healthy and normal. If a wild animal wanders into a residential area, *do not coax it, or attempt to approach it.* Even if the wild animal appears tame, it may attack if it feels threatened or cornered. The offspring of wild animals can also be infected with the virus prior to birth, even if born and raised in captivity.

If a person is bitten or "exposed" by a wild animal, confinement of the animal is not advisable. It should be humanely killed without damaging the brain and submitted to a laboratory for testing. Animal control may come out to help capture the animal or pick up the carcass for testing. In more rural counties, the Department of Natural Resources, police and sheriff departments may be of assistance. Protocol varies from county to county. If it's



**Opossum in live-trap awaiting its release--one of the few urban wildlife permitted to be released because it doesn't rank high on the rabies list as a potential carrier of the virus.**  
Photo courtesy Debra Brownley

necessary to handle the animal, make sure to wear rubber gloves. Although sunlight rapidly destroys the rabies virus outside of the animal's body, the virus may live longer on the inside of the carcass depending on the rate of decomposition. Wash hands and bite/wound thoroughly with plenty of soap and water. Contact a physician immediately, and report the incident to the local health department.

If the laboratory tests come back positive for the rabies virus, and a person has been bitten or exposed to the known positive animal, then anti-rabies treatment is necessary. Antiserum is given at the beginning of the treatment, followed by five doses of vaccine over a one-month period.

Because the rabies virus attacks the central nervous system and ultimately affects the brain, symptoms may vary. Rabies is recognizable in two forms: the paralytic form and the furious form. In the paralytic form, frothing at the mouth and staggering may be apparent, followed by paralysis of the body parts, coma, and eventually death. Animals will commonly stop eating or drinking and may seek solitude. These animals are usually not vicious and appear to be overly affectionate and tame. For this reason, *it's advisable not to touch stray animals.* Even though they may appear friendly, they could be sick. The furious form of rabies is characterized by the animal's aggressive, irritable, and excited behavior. The animal may lose fear of its natural enemies and become unapproachable, snapping at anything in its path.

Most dogs and cats will die from rabies within 10 days once onset of symptoms occurs. If the dog, cat, or farm animal has been bitten by a known positive or unknown animal, but has been previously vaccinated against rabies, then it should be boosted immediately by a veterinarian and restricted

for 3 months. However, if the animal's rabies vaccination isn't up-to-date, or if it hasn't been previously vaccinated against rabies at all, then the animal will have to be destroyed and tested, or quarantined in a double enclosure for up to six months. The local health department advises on such matters.

If a person is bitten by a domestic dog or cat, confine and isolate the animal. Whenever it's possible, obtain the owner's name, address, and telephone number. Wash hands and bite/wound thoroughly with plenty of soap and water. Contact a physician immediately, and report the incident to the local health department.

If a pet has been attacked by an animal, *do not touch the pet for at least two hours* unless it is seriously injured. The other animal's saliva might be on the pet's fur. A person could be exposed to the rabies virus simply by touching his pet. Try to confine, isolate, and handle the pet as little as possible. If the pet is severely injured and medical treatment is necessary, wear rubber gloves and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling the pet. Contact a local veterinarian. A rabies booster may be necessary. Report the incident to the local health department.

In Maryland, all dogs and cats are required to be vaccinated against rabies at 4 months of age, 3 months at the earliest. Anyone who lives in Pennsylvania and owns dogs or household cats over the age of 3 months is required by law to have them vaccinated against rabies. Anyone violating this law can be fined up to \$300 for each day in violation. Ferrets can be vaccinated, but if they should bite, they must be tested for the rabies virus. There are rabies vaccines approved for horses.

**Please see RABIES on page 23.**

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## LOOKING AHEAD

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### 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 4 from 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat., April 5 from 1 to 7 p.m. Adults: \$8; children 6-12: \$4. A craft table will be featured.

### Saturday, April 5

**14th annual Health Fair of the Emmitsburg Lions Club** at Mother Seton Elementary School from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

### April 7, 8 and 12

**Sailor Workshops at the Emmitsburg Branch of the Frederick County Public Libraries** on Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m., Tues, April 8 at 2 p.m. and Wed. April 12 at 11 a.m. Learn to search the Internet and more. Call 447-2682 to register. Class size limited.

### Sunday, April 13

**The Gettysburg Antique, Art, and Autograph Extravaganza** will be held at the College Union Building Ballroom at Gettysburg College. The preview of the catalogued auction starts at 2:00 p.m. with the auction to follow at 4:00 p.m. All proceeds from the sale are to benefit South Central Community Action Programs, Inc. For more information contact Brian (717) 334-5347 or Anna (717) 630-8194.

### Monday, April 14

**Thurmont Evening Aglow Monthly meeting** will be preceded by a dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. at the Cozy Restaurant, 103 Frederick Road. Cost for the meatless buffet is \$6.50. To make reservations call 694-2713 or 271-4346 by April 11. The meeting time is 7:30-9:00 p.m. with prayer support afterwards for those wishing to stay. Shirley Koerber from Waynesboro, PA will be speaking. She has a testimony of being healed of epilepsy. 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.

### Wednesday, April 16

**Readers Theater at the Emmitsburg Library.** Everyone is welcome. Call 447-2628 for more information.

### Sunday, April 20

**A good old country breakfast at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club** will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Menu is pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, homemade biscuits, toast, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding & hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples, fruit cocktail, orange juice, and coffee. Adults: \$4.50; children 8-12; \$3.00. Show paid-up membership card and get 50 cents off. For information call (410)751-1685.

### Wednesday, April 23

**A card party sponsored by the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens** will be held at the Senior Center, 300 S. Seton Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Pinochle and 500 will be played. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$2.00. IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. For more information call 301-447-6253 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

### Thursday, April 24

**A spaghetti dinner at the Elias Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg** from 4-8 p.m. Adults: \$5.00; Children 6-12: \$2.50.

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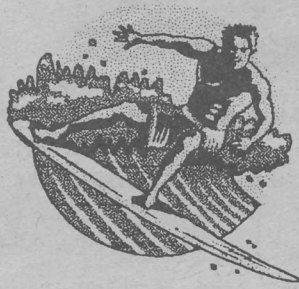


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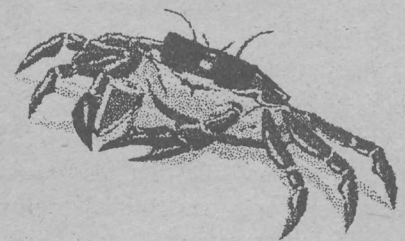
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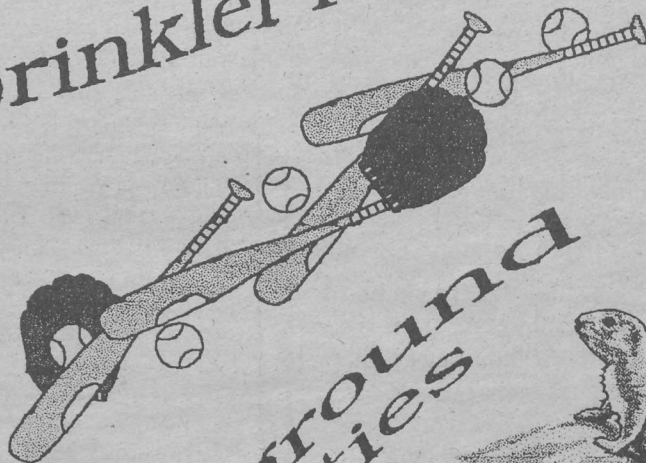
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## Over The White Board Fence

By Mike Hillman

For those of you who may have missed the first half of this story (which, short of the guys at Zurgable Brothers, could be just about everyone), let me recap the story so far. I met my wife because she had the same car as I did, and she acquiesced to date me out of hope of finding relief from ever-mounting car repair bills. The uniqueness of how we got together was always a point of interest with our friends, and on her wedding shower cake Audrey's staff placed two Fiestas under a logo of "It's Fiesta time."

After years of faithful service, my car died, and I got Audrey's clunker and she got the new car (go figure). Last spring the second Fiesta began to show its advanced age, and with the memory of Kermit Glass questioning my nuclear engineering credentials fresh in my mind, I threw all greed and humility to the wind and sought out Phil May's help in rebuilding just about everything mechanical in it. Phil, as it turns out, taught Ford just about everything they know about how to build and repair cars. He did a flawless job on the engine, and even today, a year later, I am reminded of his quality workmanship every time I turn the key and the engine jumps to life and purrs.

Now, finding someone to do the body work turned out to be a little harder than I expected. Over the years, the car had developed a good case of rust. Some might even have gone so far as calling it a "rust bucket." Most of my inquiries ended with the suggestion that it would be easier to start with a body out of the junk yard. While they were probably correct, it just wouldn't have been the same thing. I had set about to restore Audrey's Fiesta, and that was what I was going to do.

After I was laughed out of just about every auto body shop this side of the Mississippi, Paul at Zurgable Brothers suggested I go see John Wood, who runs a small body shop just off Route 15 and Steinwehr Avenue. Now I liked John the minute I met him, especially since the first thing he did was offer me a bottle of good English beer. I sat patiently while John began to evaluate the condition of the car, which is a nice way of saying that he walked around punching holes through its rusty skin. After about fifteen minutes of listening to what can best be described as the

sound made by 4 ten-year-olds popping bubble wrap, John let out a "finally!" Taking his bait, I sheepishly inquired about its location, and with a smile, he handed me the car's license plate.

While the offer of the beer definitely influenced my decision, I asked John



John Woods, owner of a body repair shop on Route 15 near Steinwehr Ave. says "...restoration work is good for the soul, and working on this little car will be fun." Photos by Stan Licharowicz

to do the body work for four reasons: (1) the body work I saw in progress in his shop was impeccable, (2) his price, like Mr. May's, was a downright steal, (3) he didn't ask if I was an abuser of drugs for wanting to fix a Fiesta, and (4) most importantly, the rear axle had almost come off when he tried to remove the two-by-fours which I had bolted to support the frame, so the car wasn't going anywhere anyway.

In spite of its dilapidated condition, John happily agreed to take it on, explaining that "It's a little-known fact that we in the auto body business are required to do *pro bono* work. The way I figure it, this project should keep my quota in the black well into the next millennium. Now understand, I'm going to take my time on this," John said. "While I specialize in collision repairs, restoration work is good for the soul, and working on this little car will be fun. Bring it back in three weeks and I'll get started on it. By the way, do you want that two-by-four, or can I have it?"

The following weekend I began the long-awaited dismantling of the car. Everything that had not been removed for Mr. May—door latches, lights, windows, bumpers, seats, and nuts and bolts of every shape and size—were removed, bagged, catalogued, and as usual, promptly misplaced or carried off and buried by one of our dogs. Three weeks later, as promised, John was ready to begin work on the car. Before the real restoration work could

begin, John had to spend a fair amount of time undoing years of my patchwork. The two-by-fours were removed with great care, lest the car split in half. The plywood upon which the seats had sat for the past few years was removed with great difficulty, especially since I had superglued it in place. Then there were the fourteen gallons of Bondo....

John surveyed my car like a surgeon conducting triage. "It's going to get a little ugly; there's a lot of rust that's got

to be cut out. I think it would be better if you didn't stay around and watch. We'll call you when it's in the recovery room."

And with that, John turned to his assistant and asked for the turbo-powered metal-cutting chain saw, acetylene torch, and the jaws of life, and with that, I was out of there.

Under what can only be called a craftsman's hand, John managed to successfully strip the Fiesta down to the

bare frame and all the rusted parts were removed, which—I soon discovered—amounted to a rather sizable portion of the car. Following the removal of all unusable metal, John handcrafted a new undercarriage and welded it to the six remaining inches of the original frame. With the body now ridged for the first time in years, John then set about installing new rocker panels and rear fenders, and a used hatchback from a local junkyard. With the exterior again bearing some semblance of the shape of a Fiesta, John turned his attention to the interior, again handcrafting all the metal work, including the floor pans, spare tire compartment, and trunk.

Every few days I would eagerly stop by John's to see what could truly be called a metamorphosis. While admittance was always a six-pack of good English beer, it was always worth the price. Once the coarse body work was done, the fine work began. The car was hand-sanded down to bare metal, years' worth of minor dents and dings were revealed and masterfully fixed, and all the major body components, e.g., the door, hood, and hatchback, were realigned to their original factory specification. Following extensive priming,

See FIESTA on page 15.

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the actual painting went quickly and flawlessly. Before I knew it, John had turned the rusty gold Fiesta that I had despised for so long into a sleek, metallic, dark jade green touring machine, or something to that effect. Even Audrey admitted that the car had never looked so good, even when it was brand new. I was astounded with John's impeccable work. I was even more pleased when John's bill was exactly what had been agreed to, even though the scope and depth of the necessary work proved to be much more than he had bargained for.

With newly painted car in hand, I headed down to Quality Tire to have tires put on the newly painted rims. Bob Mort took one look at the new paint job and smiled. "I had from Paul at Zurgable Brothers that you were restoring that old rust bucket of yours. Audrey still hasn't found the right medicine yet to keep you under control, huh?" Chuckling to himself, he disappeared into the back of his store and quickly returned with tires he had specially ordered for me. I gingerly handed him the newly painted rims, which he handled as if they were gold relics. "I hear Phil May did your engine work. Good man Phil; you know I sponsor his son's race car?..." As we traded jokes about Thurmont,



**Phil May helped rebuild just about everything mechanical in the Fiesta.**

Bob mounted and installed the new tires without a single nick to the rims, a feat I've unfortunately been unable to repeat.

Recognizing that the quality of the work on the Fiesta to date had been exceptional, I decided that I would go all out and finish the car right. What was missing, I figured, was something that would make the car rather unique, like the real wood interiors found in

Rolls Royces. As I was plotting my strategy with Joe Wivell, Jr. (who managed to keep a straight face through it all), Joe suggested that I use walnut, some scraps of which he had saved from a project from many years back. Under the watchful eyes and skillful hands of Ed Reaver, Emmitsburg's premier cabinet maker, the scrap walnut was quickly cut, glued edge to edge, and planed down to size. What hours before had been raw walnut boards were now beautiful walnut panels.

Following Ed's detailed guidance, I set about shaping the panels to fit the inside of the Fiesta's doors, and then again with the help of Richard Broadbent, they were finished, sanded, sealed, and installed. I then removed all the original fake wood on the dashboard and replaced it with the scraps that Ed had thoughtfully saved for me. For the coup-de-grace, a walnut stereo deck was also made and installed. After spending a week tracking down the hinges, bolts, and other car components that our new puppy had carted off, I was finally able to finish the reassembly of the car. And after some minor shakedown problems (e.g., the windshield wipers flying off at an inopportune time during a heavy rainstorm), I was finally able to return the car to its daily duty of transporting back and forth to work. Needless to say, Audrey was pleased as punch with

the results, and even managed restrain herself and not mention that my original time estimate of two weeks had turned into five months, and my original cost estimate for the total restoration, upon which she had based her OK, had been exceeded ten-fold.

In the end, the car for which Audrey berated Ford 14 years ago is getting close to 37 MPG and is humming along steadier than ever. Following the tightening of the last nut and taping of the last electrical lead, I sat down and wrote a long letter to the current Chairman of the Board of

Ford Motors, reiterating the story you have just read. I attached a copy of Audrey's original letter, and photos of 'My' Fiesta, just so he would know "...the rest of the story."

*Michael lives with his wife Audrey, and PJ, his trusty JackRussell, on their farm southeast of Emmitsburg, where he eagerly awaits the arrival of strawberry daiquiri season.*

## Thurmont Riding Club

On February 22, 1997, the Thurmont Riding Club held their "1996 Year End Awards Banquet at the Emmitsburg VFW. The evening began with an introduction from the 1997 president which included ways to raise money for the year, a list of repairs that need to be done, and a list of events that will be held for the year. After the meal there was a presentation of awards, trophies, and door prizes. The evening ended with music from DJ Anthony.



**Participants of the Thurmont Riding Club.**

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**The 1997 Officers and Board of Directors of the Thurmont Riding Club. Shown from the left are Patricia Smith, Secretary; Melissa Hobbs, President; Susanne Maruskin, Treasurer; Candy Bennett, Vice-President; Sheila Shuman, Board; Shannon Wetzel, Board; Kim Beckett, Assistant Treasurer. Board members not shown are Margie Smith, Tom Smith, Roy Propst, and Paula Wetzel.**  
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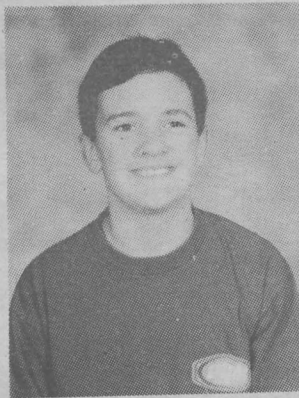
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## Student qualifies for National Contest

David Allen, a seventh grader at Thurmont Middle School and winner of the school spelling bee held in February, participated in the *Washington Post's* Preliminary Spelling Bee on March 6, 1997. Finalists from 95 suburban Washington, D.C. schools competed in the Bee, which was held at the Westin City Center Hotel in Washington.

David's interests are reading, word games, and crossword puzzles, science, sports statistics, and Magic cards. He is the son of Jay and Susan Allen, and the grandson of Anna Margaret Martin, and lives on Dem Road east of Emmitsburg.



David Allen

David successfully completed five rounds, and is one of the eight finalists who advanced to the 1997 Regional Spelling Bee. The regional contest will be held at the WRC-TV (Channel 4) studio in Washington, D.C. on April 1, 1997. The winner of the regional bee will represent the suburban Washington area in the National Spelling Bee in May.

## ROCKY RIDGE NEWS

By Emma Keeney

**Happy birthday wishes for April:** Rosemary McCombs Maxey, Loretta Glass, Mary Louise Peomroy, Lori Angleberger, Marlene Danaher, Bonnie Lou Eyler, Carrollton (Toot) Houck, Michelle Dinterman, Kevin Albaugh, Doris Sharrer, Shirley Greenc.

**Belated birthday wishes:** Jeff Sharrer, Ruthann Masemore, Treva Fishpaw, Rebecca Shields, Annabelle Mackley.

**Happy anniversary wishes to Marie and Franklin Stambaugh, James and Loretta Glass, and Kenneth and Gloria Frushour.**

### CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN NEWS:

Deepest sympathy to family and friends of Eva Fogle, who passed away on March 16. Her large flower garden supplied the church with lovely flower arrangements for over 25 years.

Happy anniversary wishes to Norval and Romaine Eyler on April 11.

Belated anniversary wishes to Ray and Ida Lescalleet on March 22.

Happy birthday wishes to Lynn Eyler Ott and Steve Wolfe.

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## St. Anthony/OLMC News

By Ann Marshall

**The 100th Anniversary Celebration** at St. Anthony Shrine Parish will continue with an Anniversary Dinner for parishioners and friends to be held at Mother Seton School on April 12 at 6:30 p.m. The catered dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children age 3-10. Reservations will be accepted at the

Parish Office, 447-2367, until April 7. Centennial souvenirs will be available for purchase at the dinner. This is one of a series of events leading up to the anniversary of the consecration of St. Anthony's Church which took place on October 26, 1897.

**The Nursery Coop**, which opened recently on an experimental basis, has

been so successful that it will continue to be open every Sunday during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Children under five are cared for at the Little Red Schoolhouse by parent volunteers. Parents are invited to bring toys for their children to play with and to share with other children.

**Mr. William Cacioppo**, owner of Professional Computer solutions, re-

cently donated a Compaq computer to the Religious Education Office. The joint parishes are grateful for this much needed equipment.

**A Pastoral Council Leadership Development Workshop** will be held at Mount St. Mary's College on Saturday, April 26, 8:45 - 3:00 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Division of Planning and Council Services of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. For more information call the Parish Office, 447-2367.

**The regular monthly Food Bank collection** for the Emmitsburg and Thurmont food banks will be held on April 19 and 20. Donations may be left at the back of either church. Children in Religious Education classes can drop donations in the box available at Thurmont Middle School during their scheduled classes.

**Baptisms:** St. Anthony's welcomes into the Catholic faith Amber Lee Sanders, daughter of David and Catherine Sanders, who was baptized on March 2, 1997. Our Lay of Mt. Carmel welcomes three baby parishioners. Tiffany Christine Ritter, daughter of James and Michele Ritter, was baptized on February 23, 1997. Hayley Marie Meunier, daughter of Mark and Kathleen Meunier, was baptized on March 16, 1997. Ashley Frances Rowe, daughter of David and Sheri Rowe, was baptized March 16, 1997.

## Empty Bowls

Catoctin High School and its feeder school will be hosting an Empty Bowls Banquet on April 2, 1997, at 6:30 p.m.

"Empty Bowls" is an international program designed to increase awareness of hunger and raise money for local charities. A second goal is to increase art appreciation. Participants will donate five dollars per ticket. For this donation donors will receive a hand crafted clay bowl as a reminder of people in the world who are hungry because they have empty bowls.

The theme for the Empty Bowls Banquets will be a multicultural one since all people over the world experience hunger. This year the money from the event will be donated to the Catoctin CASS program which helps families in need in northern Frederick County.

For information call April Wells at Catoctin High School, 271-7406. Donations may be made to CASS at the Emmitsburg Community Center.

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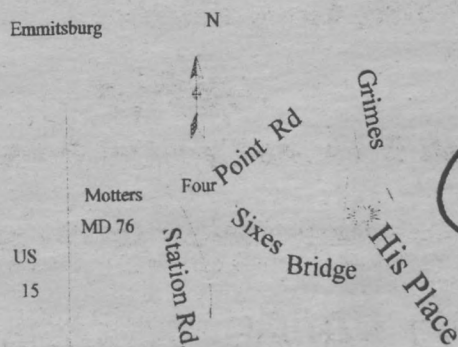
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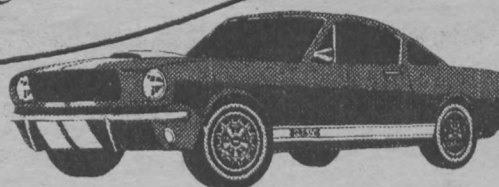
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## Once upon a Time...a Goat Walk:

By Christine Maccabee

On-going Adventures with Fleetfoot and Fawn

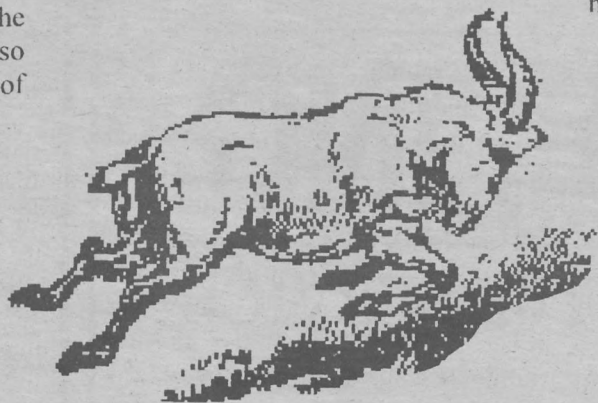
You should have been there...wish you could have seen it...Kate, Elizabeth, and Rena on a Goat Walk. "We need a video of this!" exclaimed Elizabeth as we leisurely strolled down the paths through the dogwood trees, Fleetfoot, Fawn, and Blueberry in the lead. As it was, we had no camera so we would just have to retain pictures of the experience in our memories. I am certain this will be no problem for Kate and Rena. Allow me to explain....

All was going smoothly, even delightfully, until the tail end of our walk when we began to mingle with the goats in the open field. For some reason, Fawn took it upon herself to try to put these strange two-legged intruders with the high-pitched voices, in their place. She began to pester Kate, butting her a little, and she wouldn't even follow me as she usually does when I attempted to call her away. She was fully intent upon getting Kate, and now, Rena.

"Get her, Christine!" they shouted, in fearful tonalities. I truly wish I'd had a camera then. I laugh aloud as I think about it. Picture Kate and Rena holding on to one another, as if in a

fond embrace, a natural reaction to a threatening situation. Again, I laugh out loud to think about it, tears in my eyes. Sorry, Kate and Rena, but the memory of you in that horrified embrace is wonderful.

In no time flat I'd pulled a reluctant Fawn away from them, and ushered the ladies down the hill to the house via



another path. The trauma had lasted only a few moments, but I was worried lest they hate my goats forever.

"Do you think you will ever recover?" I quizzed Kate, once the goats were safely back in their pen.

"Oh, sure," she said with her usual good-natured positivity, a smile on her face, and a twinkle in her eye. After all, what is life without an occasional real-life adventure or unexpected mini-mishap?

As you probably already know, the type of behavior my animals exhibited today is quite typical of goats. In their world, any strange "goats" who enter their territory become subject of total scrutiny, even if the foreigners happen to be harmless, good-natured folk like Elizabeth, Kate, and Rena. The goats haven't a clue.

The Goat Walk today was part of a morning well-spent, talking and singing together. Eventually you will hear more of the singing part. Does this mean I am going from gardens, to goats, to singing? Perhaps.

I have to wonder as I type this little tale, if my friends were laughing together on their trip down the mountain back to town. I suspect they were. Now they, too, have a goat tale to tell of their very own!

Well, Fawn, you really did it....You upstaged the prima donna Fleetfoot and got more press time as a result! Back to "Milking Madness" next month.

## Quilters

By Inspector 13

*The Name Game...*

With January, February, and March behind us the Quilters can say 1997 has been kind to us, weatherwise. However, several of us "caught the bug," including yours truly. Winter vacations in the South are over and it's time to think of planting a garden.

Most of us in the Quilters Block will content ourselves with container gardens of flowers, but I'm sure our most avid gardener, Bea Keilholtz, will again be tending her wonderful herb garden. Maybe we can convince her to make a "Flower Garden" quilt.

There are many garden quilt patterns, such as "Bed of Roses," "Rose Wreath," "Carolina Lily," "Lancaster and Ohio Rose," and several tulips. With fabric of the '90's one can make a quilt of seed packets, pansies, sunflowers, and other prints.

This is an era of realism and younger quilters often expect to see a flower on a quilt if its name is a flower. If the pattern is called "Flying Geese," they feel there should be birds on that quilt, not a bunch of triangles in a row.

Our quilting ancestors most often used a series of squares and triangles in different arrangements and colors. The same design would evolve into quilts with different names. A star quilt in Maine might be "Ship's Wheel," in Pennsylvania it became "Carpenter's Wheel," and in Kansas it was "Prairie Star," all using the same diamond and triangle pattern.

Another confusing pattern may be called "Jacob's Ladder," "Road To California," or "Steps to the White House." There's also a variation called "Contrary Wife." Research reveals several more names for this pattern.

One authority will point out that the name depends on the position of the triangles and the colors used. But, often the same colors and position are used and the quilt is given two different names.

I've researched this pattern for 20 years and just when I think I've solved the mystery, some magazine prints the pattern with another name. In the meantime it's a great scrap quilt pattern. I think I'll call mine "Rocky Ridge Puzzle."

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## Obituaries

### Mr. Leo H. Yingling

Leo Harvey Yingling, 79, of Iron Springs Road, Fairfield, died Sunday, March 2, in Gettysburg Hospital.

Born April 8, 1917, in Thurmont, Md., he was a son of the late Irvin and Mary Lee Portner Yingling. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elizabeth Margaret Myers Yingling.

He was a member of Wellers United Methodist Church, Thurmont.

He retired from the housekeeping department at St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg, Md., after 17 years of service.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two children, Mary Smith of Emmitsburg and Leo Douglas Yingling Sr. of Thurmont; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Dorothy Angle of Thurmont; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by one brother, Charles Yingling, and one sister, Thelma Stackhouse.

Funeral services were held on March 6 at the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Kenneth Tyson officiating. Interment was in the New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be sent to The American Cancer Society, Frederick County Unit, 1011 E. Patrick St., Suite B, Frederick Md. 21701

### Mr. Robert Henke

Mr. Robert J-M Henke, 83, of Tract Road, Emmitsburg, died Thursday, March 13, at Gettysburg Hospital.

He was the husband of Delores Joy Henke, whom he married Aug. 9, 1952.

Born Feb. 8, 1914, in Nantes, France, he was the son of the late Ernest and Yvonne Chollet Henke.

Following the death of Mr. Henke's mother, he traveled with his father, captain of a merchant ship, to the United States to reside in Upper Darby, Pa., where he graduated from Upper Darby High School. He received his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and

completed graduate work at Laval University in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. He taught at Upper Darby High School prior to coming to Mount St. Mary's College in 1946, where he taught French, and was chairman of the foreign language department at one time.

He also taught part-time at St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg. He was a member of several scholarly and professional societies, including the Modern Languages Association, Phi Delta Kappa, and the American Association of University Professors. At Mount St. Mary's, he served in the Academic Senate and on the Library Committee, among other assignments.

Upon retirement from Mount St. Mary's in 1984, where he taught for 38 years, Mr. Henke was awarded the title of Associate Professor Emeritus of Foreign Languages.

He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Counter-intelligence Corps during World War II, stationed in New Caledonia in the South Pacific. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, the Emmitsburg VFW, and American Legion Francis X. Elder Post 121 of Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Dr. Robert J-M Henke Jr. of Hanover, Pa.; three grandchildren, Adrienne Henke and Alexander Henke, both of Hanover, Pa., and Jean-Miquel Escola of Barcelona, Spain; and a son-in-law, Manuel Escola of Barcelona.

Mr. Henke will also be remembered by close relatives in France, Yvonne Clergeau, Gaby Battalini, Hélène Brisson, Renée Leblanc, and their families, whom he visited and kept contact with over the years.

Mr. Henke was preceded in death by his first wife, Beatrice Mosley Henke; and a daughter, Yvonne Henke Escola, who died in 1983.

Funeral services were held on March 17 with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, with the Reverend Carl J. Fives as the principal celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

### Mr. John Eigenbrode

Mr. John Henry Eigenbrode, 76, formerly of Rocky Ridge, died Friday, March 21, at St. Catherine's Nursing Home, Emmitsburg, where he was a resident.

He was the husband of Janie Agnes Davis Eigenbrode of Thurmont.

Born Sept. 2, 1920, in Philadelphia, Pa., he was the son of the late Cameron H. and Elsie Anna Dotter Eigenbrode. He was the last of his immediate family.

Mr. Eigenbrode served in the U.S. Army during World War II and saw action in Normandy. He was retired from Cambridge Rubber Co., Taneytown, where he worked as a guard. He was a member of Monocacy Church of the Brethren. Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Cameron Lee Eigenbrode, and wife Shirley of Thurmont; one daughter, Kathy Marie Eigenbrode of Waynesboro, Pa., and three great-grandchildren, Ashley Nicole Smith, James J. Smith, and Jonathan Smith.

Mr. Eigenbrode was preceded in death by a daughter, Janie Davis Eigenbrode, in 1952.

Funeral services were held on March 25, with Mr. Eigenbrode's pastor, the Rev. Donald Stine, officiating. Interment was in the Brethren Cemetery in Rocky Ridge.

### Mrs. Pauline Summers

Mrs. Pauline Ellen Summers, 86, died Sunday, March 23, at St. Catherine's Nursing Home, Emmitsburg.

She was the wife of Franklin Theodore Summers, who died Feb. 20, 1961.

Born July 21, 1910, in Keysville, she was the daughter of the late Charles David and Bessie Virginia Fox Olinger.

Mrs. Summers was a 20-year employee of Cambridge Rubber Co., formerly in Taneytown, and was later employed as a seamstress at Emmitsburg Manufacturing Co. She was a longtime member of Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are a nephew, Charles Olinger of Taneytown; a niece, Doris Houck of LaPlata; and a number of great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mrs. Summers was preceded in death by a brother, Carroll Olinger, and a sister, Helen Smith.

Funeral services were held on March 25, with Mrs. Summers' pastor, the Rev. Ronald W. Fearer, officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Elias Lutheran Church, North Ave., Emmitsburg, Md. 21727

## Perinatal Loss Memory Garden To Be Dedicated

All those who have experienced the death of an infant are invited to join in the dedication of the new Perinatal Loss Memory Garden at Frederick Memorial Hospital. Sponsored by the Birthplace and Hospice of Frederick County, the Memory Garden will be dedicated on Saturday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m. Those who wish to attend are invited to gather in the garden, next to the Emergency Walk in the entrance at Frederick Memorial Hospital. For more information, please call Cathy Walker at 694-6444.

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## Emmitsburg Elementary School A Special Banking Partnership

Students at the Emmitsburg Elementary School and the Thurmont Branch of the Woodsboro Bank entered into a business relationship Wednesday, March 12. Save For America is a program designed to help elementary students understand basic concepts of savings by actually banking at school. The program is designed for students in grades K - 6.

Students will make deposits once a week before school. In conjunction with making the actual deposits there will be a special curriculum teaching children why saving is important, how to save, and the mathematics of saving. There is a Save for America video that will help teach students about deposit tickets, withdrawal tickets, savings registers, savings statements, and interest concepts.

"This is a terrific program that can teach children how to save for a purpose such as college or perhaps a new car," said Linda Miller, branch manager of the Woodsboro Bank. Students waiting in line to make deposits quickly volunteered other savings goals: "a motorcycle, a hockey stick, a Ford Explorer, a dirt-bike, Nintendo."

"It's great!, Look at them...bringing in their pennies. I hope this gets students started on the right foot," said principal Wanda Severance.

Woodsboro Bank provides the special computer software package which will be used on a school computer. Jim Roubal, special education teacher at the school, will be the school's "banker of the day" and operate the program for the school, assisted by Joyce Fogle from the Woodsboro Bank.

## A Penny Saved . . .



Michael Compton (center) receives his savings passbook from Jim Roubal, school banker as Joyce Fogle (seated) and Linda Miller of the Woodsboro bank look on.  
A Dispatch Photo



Fifth Grade Career Fair

A Dispatch Photo

Chef Martin Karsteter (center) from the Carriage House Inn demonstrates his triple-flip grilled cheese sandwich to students Derek Cool and Frank Kwarta during the Fifth Grade Career Fair held recently. Bob and Jean Hance assisted in demonstrating the full aspect of ordering, preparing, and serving a full dining experience.

Representatives from 21 different trades and professions brought props and told students about their work. Participants were Nancy Wiles, musician; Brian Kain, artist (commercial); Wendy Crummitt, florist, Bo Cadle, the *Dispatch*; Helen Reaver, Town Office; Debbie Krietz, McDonald's; Ronnie Voigt, Mount St. Mary's; Amy Gorsuch, pharmacist; Ann Messner and Denny Ott, emergency medical technician of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company; Becky Clarke, veterinary technician; Nancy Baumgartner, law-

yer; Martin Karsteter (chef), and Bob and Jean Hance, Carriage House; Kate Warthen, librarian; Fred Balus, social worker; Dennis Derry, Deputy First Class; Tom Antolin, carpenter; Ken Seville, truck driver; Mike Myers, radio technician; Jennifer Westhoff, wildlife manager (Catoctin Zoo); Debbie Mills, ranger (Catoctin Mountain Park); Loren Roth, CPI Printing; and representatives from the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank.



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"Students chose which career representatives to meet with based on the results of an interest survey they had taken earlier. The survey helped them learn more about their own special interests," said Terri Zigler, the school's guidance counselor.

As part of the program, the students also take field trips to the Frederick Community College, Mount St. Mary's College, and the Career and Technology Center in Frederick. "They learn it takes training and education to go with a career," said Ms. Zigler. "And the reaction to Career Day has been wonderful. They like the one-on-one interaction with the career representatives."

Go Eagles!

The Emmitsburg Elementary School Community is invited to attend the PTA-sponsored annual FAMILY FUN NIGHT. Mark your calendar for this year's fun-Fri., April 4, 1997 at 6 p.m., in the school's gym. Family Fun Night activities will include carnival games, face painting, a silent auction, and book fair. One of the new attractions planned this year is a "Country Store, where children of all ages can decorate cookies and make their own gloopy. Plenty of food will be available. Plan on eating dinner at school this night. For information call Lori at 447-6583.

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## Mother Seton School News

By Val Mentzer

### Mother Seton Students Celebrate Traditional Passover Meal

As a prayer partner activity, the 1st and 6th graders at Mother Seton School prepared a traditional Seder meal. Through the various foods eaten and the words spoken, the Seder tells the story of the Israelites' last night in Egypt.

The students prepared and ate matzoh, grape juice, and horoset, a combination of grated apples, nuts, and cinnamon eaten on bread. Students set the table with traditional linens and

crystal glasses, many of which were family heirlooms lent to Mrs. Mary Louise Hoban by the Allan Lowe family. Using a *Haggadah* from Israel given by their daughter to the Lowe family, Mrs. Hoban, Resource Instructor, led the students through the historical and religious rituals of the Passover meal.

The Mother Seton School is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Lowe for sharing with Mrs. Hoban their knowledge of the Passover traditions, as well as Jewish books given to their children over the years. Mrs. Lowe's excellent support of Mother Seton School has included the gift of her time as she, along with Mrs. Hoban, planted bulbs to beautify the front of the school.



Students setting the table for their Seder meal under the guidance of Mrs. Mary Louise Hoban. From the left are Donna Smith, Mary Louise Hoban, Ryan Wiles, and Mary Robinson. Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

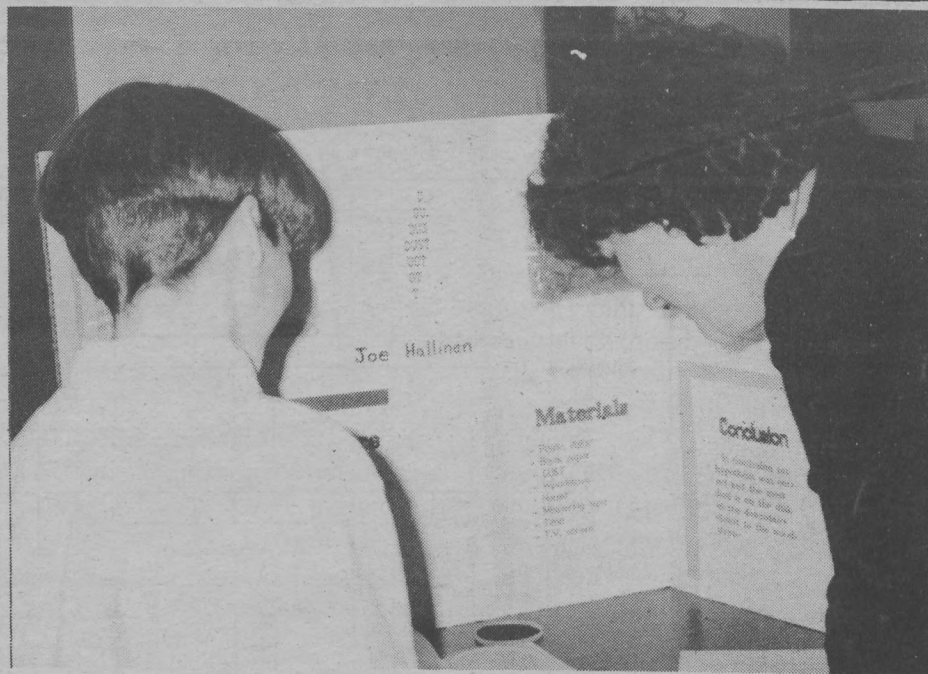
### Mother Seton School Science Fair

The Mother Seton School Science Fair, coordinated by Mrs. Mollie Herrick, brought nearly 140 students' projects to be judged. Many parents, friends, and local business people volunteered as judges for this event. The following were award winners:

**Demonstration:** Amanda Zier; **Experiment:** Jennifer Krebs, Samantha McCarron, and Tyler Mentzer; **Behavioral/Social:** (1st) Tim McKenzie, (1st) Katie Hansbrough, (2nd) Kristy Fasano; **Biology:** (1st) Brcanna Mitchell, (1st) Amy Greene, (2nd) Sung Jin Park, (3rd) Alma Ritz; **Botany:** (1st) Matt Robinson, (2nd) Sarah Heiderman, (3rd) Molly Joyner, (1st) Jennifer Hewlett, (2nd) Tyler Boone, (3rd) Rene Parks; **Chemistry:** (1st) Melissa Eaton, (2nd) Russell Hoyt,

(3rd) Ian Cuddahee (HM) Katie Beth Williams, (1st) Eric Bowman, (2nd) Alex Adelsberger, (3rd) Rebecca Liddle, (HM) Joseph Burkell; **Earth/Space:** (1st) Caitrin McCarron,

**Engineering:** (1st) Edward Kalas, (2nd) Ben Whitney, (1st) Shannon Connell, (2nd) Adam Portier, (3rd) Jason Quillen, (HM) Kevin Kelley; **Environmental:** (1st) Nicolette Hance, (2nd) Joe Crawford, (3rd) Abby Whitney, (HM) Kate Emory; **Medicine/Health:** (1st) Amanda Greene, (2nd) Katlyn Howes, (3rd) Matthew Sanicola, (HM) Morgan Williard, (HM) George Connell, (1st) Joseph Hallinan, (1st) Mike Moore, (2nd) Amy Kalas, (1st) Kathleen Oster; **Microbiology:** (1st) Morgan Williams; **Physics:** (1st) Zachary Mentzer, (2nd)



Joseph Hallinan (left) and judge Joan Williams, a nurse at Gettysburg Hospital review his project. Photo courtesy Val Mentzer.

Andrew Beck, (3rd) Barbara McCarron, (HM) Kevin Bowman, (HM) Colleen Weeks, (1st) Stephen Harrington; **Zoology:** (1) Tony Ventura, (2nd) Mark Krebs.

### Mother Seton Spelling Bee Champion

Eighth grader Rene Parks, the Mother Seton School Spelling Bee champion, advanced to the regional finals of the Washington Post Spelling Bee held at the Weston City Center Hotel in Washington, D.C. Finalists from 95 suburban Washington, D.C. schools in grades 6-8 competed to advance to the national finals. Rene Parks advanced through 5 preliminary rounds to the semi-final round where, after she was eliminated, only 8 students continued to the final round.

### THE LEPRECHAUN

By Jillian Plummer, First Grade

One day I met a leprechaun. I stared at her. She took me through a shiny river. She took me to a nice place where her pot of gold was. But there was not gold in the pot. But there was a pretty doll waiting for me. I found it. Me and my doll had a great 1997.

### LOOKING AHEAD

It's **Penny Power Week, April 14-17**. This year's classroom competition encourages students to bring in quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies, dollars, whatever to raise money for the Mother Seton School Technology Fund. Prizes will be given to the classrooms collecting the most donations.

**The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Musical Production will be performed on April 23 at 7:00 p.m.**

Each grade studied a different era of American music by integrating singing, research, writing, directing, acting, composing lyrics, costuming, and technology. Students chose 4 areas of interest and worked cooperatively on a production to be performed for the school students and families. Mrs. Karen Quillin (Music Education Director) and Mrs. Myra McCarron (Librarian) are the facilitators of this course.

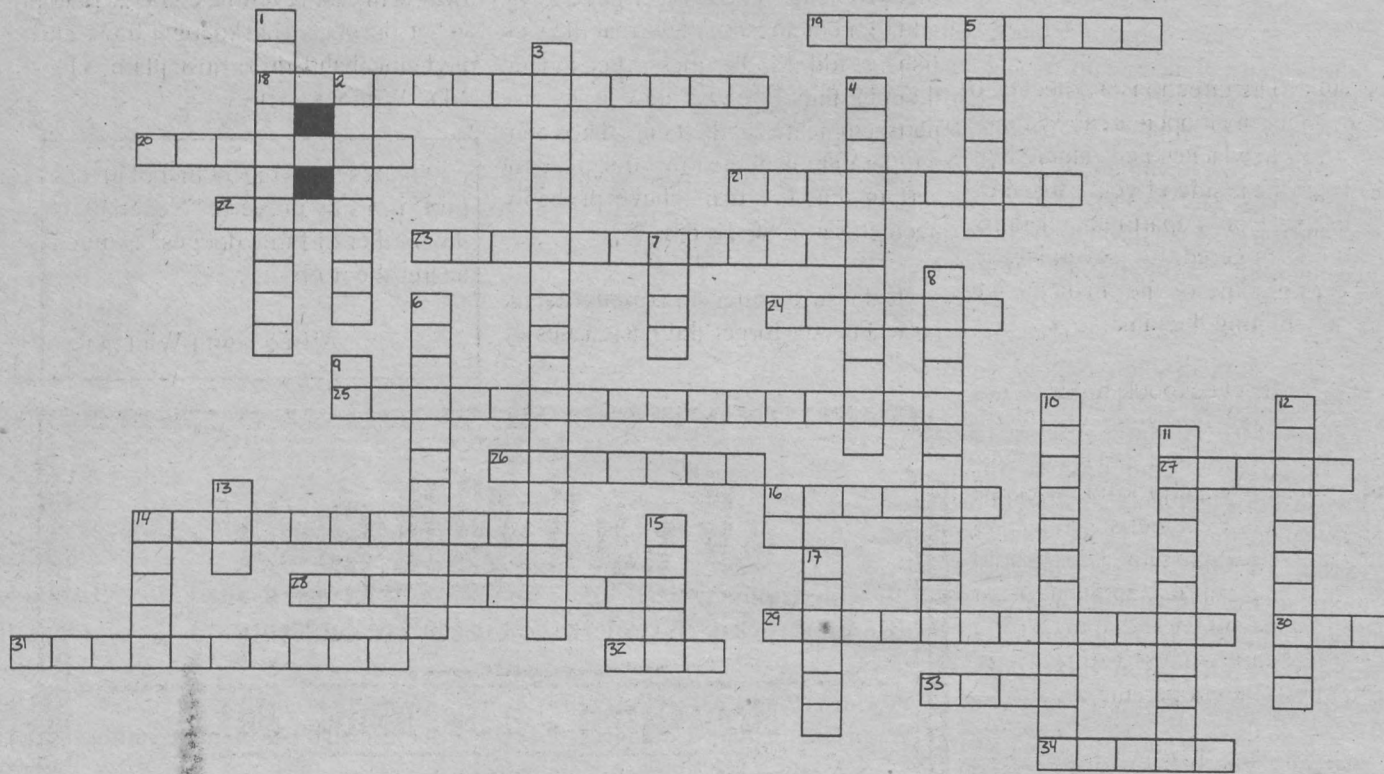
We invite our Mother Seton School alumni to an **Alumni Homecoming Open House** during this special performance of this spring music program on April 23 at 7:00 p.m. Be our honored guests, visit with former classmates and enjoy light refreshments in the school library after the musical performance. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Development Office at 447-3165.

**Arbor Day, April 25, will be observed by Mother Seton School students**, along with students from Emmitsburg Elementary, as they plant trees in one of the parks in Emmitsburg. They will also mulch and plant flowers.

The **Mother Seton School Walkathon will be held on May 2** (raindate May 5) to benefit children's cancer research. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event or offering a pledge, please contact the Development Office at 447-3165.

Deadline  
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April 22.

## Municipal Government Week Crossword Puzzle



Test your knowledge of Emmitsburg's Municipal Government and its history! Submit your completed puzzle to the Town Office. Winners will be announced on Friday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m.

## DOWN

1. The Emmitsburg Town Meeting is held on the \_\_\_ of each month (two words).
- 2 Streets and Transportation Commissioner.
3. The town's water treatment plant is located on what road?
4. Town of Emmitsburg's newest commissioner (two words).
5. Town Water Operator Bill Boyd's pumpkin won what award at the Town's 1st annual Pumpkin Carving Contest?
6. Who has the nickname "Tillie"?
7. How many commissioners serve on the Emmitsburg Town Council?
8. Name of the Emmitsburg Town Manager (two words).
9. Zoning region of the duplex dwellings in Silo Hill Subdivision.
10. What subdivision will have new water lines installed this year?
11. Name of the person Emmitsburg is named after (two words).
12. What street is pictured on the town seal (two words)?
13. What is Mayor Carr's nickname?
14. The border of the Town's colored seal is yellow and \_\_\_.
15. The term of a council member is \_\_\_ years.
16. Jubilee Foods is zoned \_\_\_.
17. To build a shed in Emmitsburg's corporate limits, a(n) \_\_\_ permit is required.

## ACROSS

18. Mayor who served immediately before Mayor Carr (two words).
19. Center that the Town and County are trying to restore.
20. The public is always welcome to attend any \_\_\_.
21. What town employee sang the fifth day in the town's version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
22. We hope you'll do this in April.
23. In 1786, the village of \_\_\_ (two words) had its name changed to Emmitsburg.
24. Number of full-time and part-time town employees.
25. Town Office address.
26. Town of Emmitsburg's oldest commissioner.
27. Month of town election.
28. Town of Emmitsburg's Sewer Commissioner.
29. The town was \_\_\_ in 1825.
30. Town Code Enforcer's first name.
31. Maryland's Governor.
32. What was Mayor Carr's profession prior to becoming Mayor? (Abbr.)
33. The Municipal Government Works flag is made up of three colors: green, white and \_\_\_.
34. There are 155 other municipalities in the \_\_\_.

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### Rocky Ridge News

The Rocky Ridge firemen will hold their Sportsman night on May 10. The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a Basket & Pottery Bingo on May 17, doors open 4:30 p.m. and Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Bingo will be on all paper.

The tickets are now on sale for \$10 and this includes 20 games. For tickets contact Linda Northrup, 447-6714; Teressa Kaas, 271-3781; or Tammy Smith, 271-3739. Remember, BINGO every Saturday Night at the Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

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# FRESH WATER FISH, THE PET

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Dead fish are not as interesting as live ones. Well, maybe dead trout fried with bacon, or a dead tuna cut into steaks (broiled and served on Kaiser rolls with mayo, a slice of dill pickle and fresh cracked black pepper) could be interesting. Generally speaking, dead fish aren't worth keeping around. Dying ones can be frustrating.

The corner tank Don Stoner and I designed and built back in '94 sat empty for the last year as we rearranged our household. At the moment it is the only aquarium in our upstairs apartment. As it is a piece of furniture more than a fish tank, we had to bring it into the living area.

The original idea had been to design a tank that would occupy a corner and not intrude into the usable space of a room. That was before Don got his "I can make this really special" head on. My plywood and glass tank became a mahogany and walnut piece of furniture!

There were design flaws: neither of us had ever built a wooden aquarium. Money was limited. (That's news?) Wanda's critical eye and constant need for proof I was getting my money's worth caused us to rush the job. (Never design anything with someone else who is not involved in the actual construction, holding the checkbook.) Some of the mistakes may have come from painting the plywood with an ep-

oxy paint. The directions warned us to use the paint in an open area. We didn't. Nasty headaches and rather staggering physical side-effects caused us to evacuate Don's apartment. I think the fumes lingered for several days considering some of the mistakes we made assembling the tank.

Due to the checkbook holder's demands to see something that held water, we skipped some minor details: a solid tank top, waterproofing what we did build as a top, cabinet doors, a good sealer on the mahogany and walnut front and the careful application of what little sealant we did apply. (The glass still bears witness to that when viewed from the proper angle.)

Painted black, filled with water, an air-powered filter, some plastic plants, off-white gravel and bright red-orange swordtails, blue-green/red neons, and a pair of Cory catfish—I have to admit that the tank looks downright pretty.

If it weren't for an estimated cost of \$600 to build a 22-gallon tank, and the fact the fish in it now have Ich and what looks like a secondary bacterial infection causing the tail fins to tatter and rot, I'd say the corner aquarium is a perfect example of KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid) beauty.

Medicines are not high on my list of important equipment for my fish. Proper maintenance is the number-one job for keeping healthy fish. I did something wrong with these fish and I

mal to be vaccinated more often than required. Remember to keep animals properly confined or on a leash while at the clinic.

*Special thanks to J. Casper, D.V.M. (Laboratory Director for Dept. of Agriculture-Animal Health & Consumer Services), Melvin Phillips & Pat Cut-sail (Md. State Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene-Environmental Services), Bruce Reimer & Richard McGarvey (Pennsylvania Dept. of Health), and Frank Skinner (Howard County Health Dept.-Bureau of Environmental Health) for their help in providing information and statistics used in this article.*

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lent out all the books I had dealing with this problem. Worse yet, I gave away all the medicines I had to treat the sick fish. Add to the mess the sudden thought that I really blew it by not putting a heater in the tank. The room temperature is in the low 70's. I'm not certain, but the fish I have probably need closer to 80 degrees F.

It doesn't matter how pretty a tank is, when you forget the basic rules or

cheat on them because you've gotten away with it a few times, you're going to get burnt. Not keeping a book and medicine handy was just plain STUPID. Without a KISS.

"Necessity is the mother of invention" is a silly proverb. "Necessity is the mother of futile dodges" is much nearer the truth.

Alfred North Whitehead

## RABIES from page 11.

cows, and sheep. It is highly recommended that they, too, be vaccinated against rabies. There are no approved vaccines for wildlife, and there are laws that prohibit keeping them as pets. The best way to control rabies is through mass vaccination of dogs and cats, and the elimination of strays.

Rabies vaccinations can be obtained through licensed veterinarians, as well as many spring/fall rabies clinics held throughout the year. If the animal has been previously vaccinated, it's a good idea to bring to the clinic a copy of the rabies certificate. In dogs and cats, the first shot lasts for only one year. Subsequent shots may be good for one to three years, depending on the vaccine used. It will not harm the ani-

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