

Catch of the Day



It Didn't Get Away!

There's no "fish tale" here. Eight-year-old Eric Hewitt, son of Tammy and Harry Hewitt of Emmitsburg, caught this 10 lb., 27 1/2 inch catfish in a Carroll County pond. "I just used a piece of sunfish that I caught as bait, but I'm not going to say where the pond is," said Eric. "I had a heavy line. I couldn't believe it when I saw it." Nana [Ott Hewitt] cooked it and we ate it. It tasted pretty good."

Photo courtesy Ott Hewitt

State Highway Officials Agree to Move Speed Sign

At a public workshop held August 21 at the VFW officials from the State Highway Administration agreed to adjust signs at the intersection of Silo Hill Drive and Route 140 to slow down traffic entering Emmitsburg. They will relocate the 25 mph sign, now located west of the intersection, to a spot east of Silo Hill Drive where drivers will see it soon after crossing the Route 15 overpass.

That decision was made even though the officials don't think it will work. "People ignore signs and pushing the 25 mph sign out to the overpass will not solve it," said Robert Fisher, District Engineer for SHA. "They will still come in at 40 mph. You can't set unrealistic speed limits."

But many residents and the town's Streets and Transportation Committee have been urging the SHA for over a year to do something before someone gets hurt. "The intersection is a total disaster," said Commissioner Rosario Benvengi. "We're asking you to slow down traffic or put up a light."

The public workshop was arranged by the Streets Committee for the purpose of discussing with SHA officials a proposed roundabout at the intersection. John Concaning, Assistant District Engineer for Traffic, said roundabouts are flourishing around the world for accident reduction. They have a calming effect and people slow down, he said.

The proposed roundabout, as described by Edward Myers, a consultant with Hurst-Rosche Engineers who completed the feasibility study, would cost about \$200,000. A signal would cost approximately \$100,000.

However, according to SHA guidelines, the intersection does not meet the requirements for signalization. Mr. Concaning said the volume of traffic is not great enough nor the number of accidents. Only two accidents have been reported in four years, and while the traffic along Route 140 meets the volume criteria, the number of cars coming from Silo Hill are not enough.

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Proposed Equestrian Center Focuses on Emmitsburg

Owners of a proposed equestrian center have made inquiries about locating in the Emmitsburg area.

The Emmitsburg site is considered convenient to horse-related activities in Northern Virginia, Central Maryland, and Southern Pennsylvania. Its close proximity to the Gettysburg National Battlefield, ski resorts, and family-oriented recreational areas makes Emmitsburg a desirable location.

Bart and Pamela Bartholomew, owners of the Whispering Hollow Equestrian Center, Forest Hills, Md., and the proposed Emmitsburg Equestrian Center see the center as a place that will have "everything a horse person could want—and then some."

Included in the plans for the equestrian center are a 7,500-seat exposition arena whose location though not selected would be near the Route 15 corridor. This arena will be used as a site for cutting competitions, team penning, hunter jumpers, racing, futurities, shows for all breeds, and concerts and other entertainment.

According to Bartholomew's associate Dennis Reimann, EEC's activities will not be just Western related. "Olympian Dennis Glacken has been retained to design the Three-Day Eventing course," Reimann said.

There will be facilities for horse management—professional trainers, a veterinary clinic, blacksmith shop, boarding, and a breeding area with quality stallions and broodmares. A Western and English tack shop is also to be featured. Support facilities planned will include a motel, restaurant, gas station, camper facilities, grocery store, and a specialty butcher shop.

The Emmitsburg Equestrian Center proposes to be a total service provider for horse-oriented activities. The 270' x 255' exposition arena will be the hub of several horse-related businesses. Four farm properties comprising approximately 1,100 acres will be used as sites to raise and feed stock including a cattle herd of approximately 6,000 head to be used during the competitions. It is planned that

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2nd School Meeting Planned

Residents as well as parents will have a second opportunity to discuss concerns about plans being developed by the Board of Education.

A meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 23, at the Emmitsburg Elementary School with members of the BOE, County commissioners, and residents of the Emmitsburg School District.

This second important meeting has been called to clarify the issues, dispose of misunderstandings, and seek common ground.

In the first meeting parents voiced concerns about the negative effects of busing on elementary students' educational experiences and opportunities to participate in important school activities, as well as the disruption of

family routines. Residents addressed concerns regarding the economic impact and the effect on the overall image of the community a marginalized school system creates.

The school committee considers the number of people attending the next meeting to be critical. "I thought we got our point across in the first meeting," said Mayor William Carr. "But I was a little disappointed that more residents didn't attend. The folks who did come were great, but we need more residents with or without kids in school to be there and look them [BOE and BOCC] in the eye."

The school committee also sees the

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Letters to the Editor

The *Dispatch* encourages its readers to express their thought about issues that appear in this paper or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the *Dispatch*. They should be brief and must be signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number to be used for verification. Deadline for letters is the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Remembrances

As a former Emmitsburgian, I enjoy every issue of the *Dispatch*, and especially the names of people whom I knew as a youngster.

But before undertaking to comment on events of former years, I suppose I should establish my credentials. I was born in November, 1903, one of the six children of Thomas C. and Minnie E. Hays. It was the same month in which the Wright brothers made their historic flight at Kitty Hawk, and I mention this because I remember what I think was the first visit of a plane to Emmitsburg. It was sometime around 1915, and there was much excitement when the word spread that a plane had landed in a vacant field just beyond the Emmitt House, on the road leading to the town reservoir. Being the proud possessor of a box camera, which had cost me a dollar, I hurried out to see this wonderful creation. I still have the picture which I took that day.

There is another incident which stands out in my mind, and that was President Wilson's visit to Emmitsburg, sometime about 1916. The President's wife was a relative of Mr. Sterling Galt, the editor and pub-

lisher of the *Chronicle*, so on a bright summer day, the President and his wife motored from Washington to have lunch with the Galts. Soon after they arrived every boy and girl in town gathered round the Presidential limousine, with hopes to see such famous people. The President's chauffeur was a kindly fellow, and as I recall, he allowed my younger brother, Harry, to sit in the driver's seat. The next day the *Baltimore Sun* made note of the fact that the President and wife had gone off without any escorting police and without any notice to anyone, leaving the Secret Service agents greatly alarmed and upset.

I left Emmitsburg in 1922 for college and law school, but over the years I have tried to keep in touch with town events. In subsequent issues of the *Dispatch* I will hope to recall other incidents and names, among which could be the big Patterson Brothers Horse Sale, the town baseball team on which I played at times, Fraley Brothers' foundry, the Emmitsburg Railroad, and the town high school and the teachers to whom I became greatly indebted for their excellent and dedicated labors.

William E. Hays
Bedford, Mass.

Books Lost

A few years ago I asked the director of the county library if I could donate a portion of my book collection to the Emmitsburg branch. I was told the county could not maintain private collections and donations might not remain in Emmitsburg. In fact, the donated books might be sold if the county found them to be outside what *they* believed their patrons' interests were.

I was disappointed with the news. Emmitsburg once had a library made up of books donated by its citizens. While turning the library over to the county was a wise decision, gaining access to many more shared books, it cost the community in another sense. We have lost access to books the county deems "not" useful.

I suspect I am not alone in collecting books that others might find useful if they were available. The tropical fish hobby has led me to

books the library would never think of stocking. Having stumbled into cavies and small caged birds, I am now buying more books. Books the county library doesn't have! I've looked.

With the renovation of the Community Center perhaps a room could be set aside for local people to lend their book collections for the town's use. Having access to what I suspect is a very rich source of written material could be a boon to all of us.

I am sure every inch of the Community Center is being clamored for. But give it some thought, Emmitsburg. The people of this community felt their collections were valuable and important enough to be shared 80 years ago when they started their own library. I know there are collections as *important* hidden in our homes today.

Jack Deatherage, Jr.
Emmitsburg

A great day

It started out on a great morning. At 6:30 the park came to life. It was so wonderful seeing this Community Park being used from front to back. Hundreds of people were involved in softball, horseshoes, and volleyball—everybody smiling and having a good time. So many people said how great it was that Emmitsburg has softball again. It has been missing for years. Fourteen hours of Food and Fun.

The dedication of the Pavilion was

tremendous. I'd like to thank the Bollinger Family and all others who helped put the Pavilion up. A special thanks to the Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation Committee and their families. Without their help this day could of never happened. The day was a big success. Everyone I talked to asked when are you having another [Community Park Day]?

I'd like to thank all the Emmitsburg citizens for their support and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Clifford L. Sweeney
Parks & Recreation Commissioner

Town News...

At the August 4 Town Meeting Mayor Carr presented a proclamation to DFC Bartlett in appreciation for his time and service given to Emmitsburg. He also thanked him for exemplary service. DFC Bartlett has been reassigned to the barracks in Frederick, Maryland.

The mayor also congratulated Commissioner Sweeney for a fine job done in holding the Community Day festivities August 2. He commended the Parks and Recreation Commission for their efforts in giving the community a fine, fun-filled day.

Interfaith Housing-Silo Hill Subdivision

Town Manager Yvette Semler reported that she and Mayor Carr met with representatives of the Maryland Interfaith Housing Corporation who are interested in acquiring the 33 town house lots in the Silo Hill development. These houses would be developed in accordance with the approved plans and would be owned and maintained by Interfaith Corporation. The homes would be directed to responsible families with a yearly income range of the upper-

teens to the upper twenties, and families would work towards home ownership.

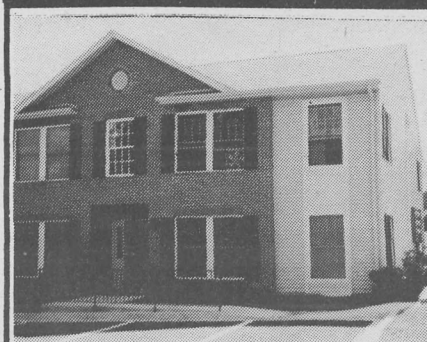
The Interfaith Corporation would be working to obtain grants for the project and many would require an in-kind contribution by the Town, such as tap fee reductions or tax credit. Ms. Semler said the Interfaith Housing representatives wanted to know the Council's feelings regarding this concept.

Commissioner Postelle stated that he would like to get some input from the Silo Hill people, as their property values may be affected. It was agreed this issued would be discussed at the next Public Workshop on September 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Skateboarding Report

Julie Seifert, assistant to the Public Works Department of Emmitsburg, presented a report regarding skateboarding facilities. Commissioner Benvengi requested that the issue of a facility for Emmitsburg be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Committee to investigate what is needed before a decision is made. The council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

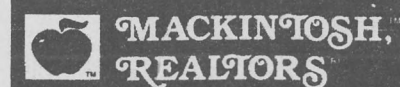
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Frederick County Plan To Be Presented at the Mount

On Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. the Frederick County Planning and Zoning Committee will present the updated version of the Frederick County Plan to the public in this region. The presentation will take place at the Knott Auditorium on the campus of Mount Saint Mary's College.

This document is the policy document for Frederick County. Its purpose is to guide development and address land use control. The last update of this plan occurred in 1990.

There will be a short program and planners will be there with their maps to discuss aspects of the plan with cit-

izens. The program will include state requirements, new goals and objectives, and a brief overview of the 10-chapter document given by a one or two line synopsis. Copies of the plan will be disseminated. An open question and comment session will take place after the short presentation for citizen reactions.

This public hearing is one of five such scheduled meetings throughout the county. Two public hearings will be held on Thursday, Oct 9 and Wed., Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the first floor meeting room at Winchester Hall Frederick where public comments will be heard by the commissioners.

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800 acres of the farm properties will be put into agricultural preservation easement ensuring that the land will remain in agricultural use.

According to Bartholomew, Emmitsburg and neighboring communities and businesses will also benefit from the presence of EEC. "We want to be a good neighbor. We've received many letters from horse clubs and horse-related businesses throughout the area supporting our project. We intend to become a focal point for community activities and have set aside times for area organizations to use our facilities—4-H, country music, even a youth center," Bartholomew said.

In an interview with the *Dispatch* Bartholomew and Reimann exhibited an awareness of community concerns. "Since the exposition center would be east of Route 15, most of the traffic would be coming from the north or south along this corridor. I don't think there will be much effect on the traffic at the Silo Hill-MD 140 intersection," Bartholomew said.

As to the local residents' interest in jobs, Reimann said, "The impact should be astounding. There will be jobs related to farming operations and facilities management and operations: landscaping, communications, concessions, and all kinds of support jobs at many different skill levels. We don't want Emmitsburg to be just a bedroom community either."

Bartholomew's life story has been one involved with horses, as a rider of cutting and reining horses, training and showing Quarter horses, and

training race horses and steeple chase horses."Being involved with horses is a wholesome sport and Pam and I see the center having room for horsemen who ride the back-yard horse to the show horse. There will be something for anyone interested in horses," Bartholomew said.

Pam, whose interest in horses began with showing them at age nine, has moved up through the horse business as rider, exercise person, and trainer. She now teaches riding and is involved in the overall operation of the farms with her husband Bart.

Bartholomew could not give an exact start date for the project because of the on-going state of negotiations. "But," he said, "we are moving along in our efforts."

Meanwhile, get ready. Not everyone in the community is familiar with the specialized horse industry terms. These concepts or terms may become part of the everyday vocabulary in this part of the range. The *cutting horse* is one developed through superior breeding and careful training. It is considered the aristocrat of Western horses. When a cutting horse is *collected*, it is balanced and can quickly respond to the moves of a cow. If you think that cowboys riding cutting horses have bad posture, be assured that the *cutter's slump* is the posture a rider should assume when working a cow. The cutter's back is relaxed and bent, never rigid. Maybe we'll see you at a *workoff*, a tie-breaking competition in any major National Cutting Horse Association event.

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meeting as important to all residents—not just those who have elementary school children who would be bused. "This issue affects the whole region, everybody," said Phil Postelle, a member of the commit-

tee. "I think that a lot of people didn't show up because they already have kids going to Thurmont Middle school and didn't think their presence mattered. But this is a whole community problem. There is a lot at stake here for the future of this town," Postelle said.

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"We are not at a point to justify the construction of a roundabout, but as the traffic grows it's a viable option," Mr. Concanning said. "We will continue to monitor the intersection."

In the meantime, local enforcement of the 25mph speed zone will be what attempts to slow the traffic. Local deputies feel that since the area is no longer a staggered speed

zone, traffic enforcement will be more effective.

The proposal is not without contending viewpoints which were shared by local citizens.

Bob Gauss, speaking for the EBPA, said, "We believe a roundabout to be the solution to the problem. Left turns into oncoming traffic are avoided."

Another resident said, "This is a safe intersection. The roundabout would be an overkill."

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Cigarette Insanity

Sept. 3, 1897 Charles Edgar Fink, a young man living at Harney, was adjudged insane by a jury Wednesday last and sent to the asylum at Springfield by order of Judge Roberts. The evidence in the case developed the fact that his insanity was mainly caused by excessive cigarette smoking.

you, Mr. Horner.

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Mr. James Slagle treated the Chronicle force to some very fine cinnamon buns, Wednesday afternoon.

New pews have been purchased for the Lutheran Church in this place, and a number of other improvements are contemplated.

Bought the E.R.R.

Sept. 17, 1897 The Emmitsburg Railroad, together with its fixtures, was sold at public sale in front of the Court House in Frederick city, on last Saturday afternoon, by John C. Motter, J. Roger McSherry, Vincent Sebold, and Isaac S. Annan, trustees, to Dr. James A. Elder, and Dr. J. B. Brawner, of this place and Mr. William A. Himes, of Oxford, Pa., representing a syndicate of this place, for \$29,500. The railroad extends from this place to the village of Rocky Ridge, where it connects with the Western Maryland Railroad, a distance of 7 and 3/10 miles. The manner of operating the road will be materially changed by the new company, and the Chronicle wishes the gentlemen success in their undertaking.

Centennial Celebration

Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church of this place, will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary on Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, and 3. A very interesting program has been arranged for the occasion by the pastor, Rev. Chas. Reinwald. The church is being elaborately decorated for the approaching event. The floor has already been carpeted with a handsome carpet, and new pews. Pulpit furniture and memorial windows have been purchased, and they are expected to arrive in time to be placed in the church before the centennial celebration takes place. A large attendance is expected.

Gettysburg Bullet Located

Sept. 24, 1897 During the third day of the battle at Gettysburg, Isaac Koble, of Shippensburg, was shot in the body. The ball could not be located by the surgeons and in time the wound healed. Koble for some time has been suffering from a carbuncle on his back. On the 11th, the carbuncle was lanced and the bullet received over 34 years ago was removed.



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Commentary: A human purpose - A bleak response???

It seems a bleak prospect to announce another public meeting, but fortunately for us the local school committee perseveres. There will be a follow-up meeting of the Board of Education, the Board of County Commissioners and the residents living in the Emmitsburg School District. It will be held Oct. 23, 7:30 at Emmitsburg Elementary School.

This meeting will have a long-term effect on the educational experiences of children from this area as well as having effects that will ripple through the town. Access to extra-curricular activities, less disrupted family routines, and excess time on the bus are some of the issues. Also at risk is the image of the community as a desirable place to live for families with school age children and the wise use of tax dollars.

Just another committee meeting? Hardly! It is one with a critical human purposes—the best possible learning environment and development of our children and the future growth of the community.

And just who is affected?—parents, single parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, employers, the fire company, church members, the ambulance company, the Grange, Masons, VFW, American Legion, auxiliaries, clubs, merchants, EBPA, Lions, the Knights of Columbus, Senior Citizens, retirees, as well as the children.

Bless their hearts, the School Committee are putting it on the line. They may score their points or they may end up with egg on their faces, but they are willing to make the effort to speak with the BOE and BOCC about policies and plans that will affect the welfare of this community. Much of the success or failure will result from the physical presence of members of the entire community at the meeting and backing those parents with children in school.

Consider the outcome: it could make you cry either way. Tears of joy? Tears of disappointment? Your call. You can demonstrate your choice by your presence at the meeting.

How To Get Rid of the Northgate Tax

by Bill Steo, a Northgate Homeowner

Two members of the Northgate Homeowners Association (HOA) in Emmitsburg recently drew up a proposal to disband it. Doug Swartz and Brian Keuhl obtained signatures of more than enough homeowners to get it done. Some members do not like the covenant restrictions, but their main purpose is to eliminate the Northgate tax.

Northgate homeowners claim the HOA fee is not only excessive but unnecessary. One said, "Any doubt that it has been excessive was wiped out by Claggett Enterprises, the management company that gets the bulk of the Northgate tax." The company lowered the HOA fee as soon as it learned of the proposal to disband the HOA — which would cancel all its income from this source. "Why did Claggett not lower the fee sooner?" he asked. "Did its costs suddenly go down, after the proposal? If so, let the company prove it before it claims the HOA fee has not been excessive."

At present the Northgate tax pays for the upkeep of property owned by the HOA, which consists of a drainage pond and a playground. To eliminate the tax, the HOA needs only to give them to its Town, Emmitsburg. Both are within the Town limits.

Northgate's HOA has a fund, about \$5,100. If it were not needed for property management, some considered parcelling it out to member families according to their contribution. On average each would receive about \$65.

"That's not enough for us to keep the Association," one member said. He noted that the pond, playground, and adjacent sidewalks (which the HOA is obliged to maintain), need repairs. If the HOA gives them to Emmitsburg, it would also give its Town, instantly, another expense. In that case, the Town might be justified in imposing a special assessment.

A Town source said, however, that Northgate could avoid a special assessment by making the repairs before

giving these properties to the Town. "And why not?" the member said. "The HOA will have to use the money to make the repairs anyway! So the cost can't even be considered a price for killing the tax. Any money left over could be donated to our Town as a good-will gesture to nail down the deal. In any case, the alternative for us is to keep paying the Northgate tax year-in and year-out.

Dissolving the Northgate HOA would probably have undesirable consequences. It has 21 covenants which provide benefits not provided by the Town of Emmitsburg. Some relate to issues that are obsolete, like the color of siding; all or most houses already have vinyl siding unlikely ever to be repainted.

But Town commissioners, atown spokesperson said, almost certainly would not adopt some of the 21 special covenants that most homeowners want. These include prohibitions against: advertising signs, the location of lawn furniture, equipment and machinery, children's recreational equipment, rentals

"Whoa! Maybe we shouldn't dump the HOA," the HOA member said. "Who wants even the possibility of seeing front lawns disfigured with commercial signs, picnic tables, swing sets, or truck hoists?"

Homeowners may need the Association to preserve its covenants, he asserted at the HOA's annual meeting on August 20, but they should still get rid of the unnecessary Northgate tax. He said this could be done in a few steps: the HOA Board of Directors should: 1.) Terminate Claggett Enterprises, 2.) Get the repairs done. 3.) Then donate the HOA's common property to the Town of Emmitsburg.

In this way, he claims, Northgate residents could get the two things that many want: To keep desirable covenants, and to free themselves of the Northgate tax.

The HOA appointed a committee to explore both proposals. Its first meeting is scheduled for September 5.



Men from Mars assist county in "getting the lead out." The Hazmat Abatement crew from Envirabat clean up lead paint from Community Center windows. *A Dispatch Photo*

Counseling Office Reopens

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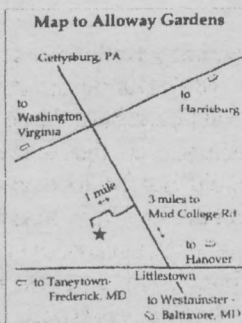
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Senior Citizen News

By Anna Margaret Martin
"School's In
Summer's Out"

The Seniors have moved to the Ambulance Building and it's a new ball game for us. We appreciate their willingness to have us use their building, but it will be good to go back "home" (wherever that is).

We are trying to continue our programs as usual.

Monday, Sept. 1 - Labor Day, we will be closed. Wednesday, Sept. 3 - Pizza Party at Pizza Hut, 5:30 p.m. Reservations a must. Price \$1.

Thursday, Sept 4 & 18 - Bingo 1 p.m.

Thursday, Sept 11 & 25 - Cards, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept 9 - Frederick Shopping, 1:15 p.m.

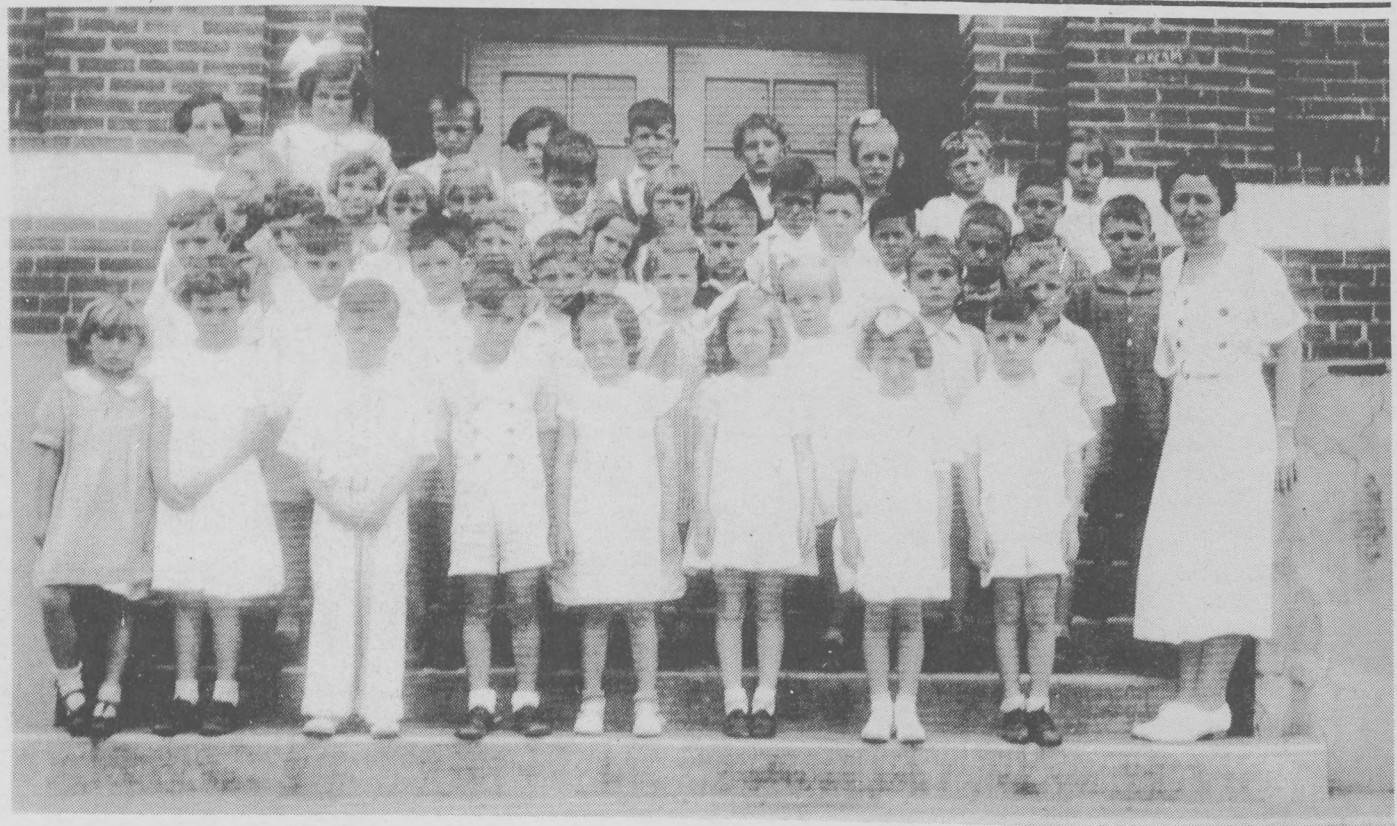
Tuesday, Sept 16 - Celebration of the 1997 birthdays with cake and ice cream. Meeting Day.

Tuesday, Sept 23 - Nutrition Program, "Health Benefits of Soy."

Tuesday Sept 30 - Board Meeting.

The center will take its quilt to the Community Show which will be held on Sept 5, 6, and 7. Stop by and take some chances on our Wedding Ring quilt.

The "Food 'n Friends" program continues each day at noon in our temporary home at the Ambulance Building. Reservations are a must. Call Anna Margaret 2 days in advance at 301-447-2906.



Remember When ..White suits and frocks were *in* for Mrs. Yonkers' 1935 first grade class at Emmitsburg Elementary School. Front row (l-r): Sylvia Long, Mildred Glass, Carroll Frock, unidentified, Hazel Glacken, Audrey Baumgarder, Inez Glass, Roger Adams. Second row: Richard Jones, Harry McNair, Eugene Newcomer, unidentified, Betty Grimes, Esther Martin, Eugene Brewer, Corkey Corbet, Ivan Bollinger, Chester Masser, Jim Kelley. Third row: Unidentified, Unidentified, Rachel Wantz, Unidentified, Unidentified, Doris Long, Anna Cline, ?? Bollinger, Harvey Miller, Earl Andrew, Charles Damrouth (The third row had to stay after school for not standing in a straight line.) Fourth row: Anna Six, unidentified, unidentified, Betty Eiker, Ira Ambrose, Harry Abrams, Betty Baumgardner, Charles Springer, unidentified. Photo courtesy of Rachel Wantz.

Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

Mt. Tabor Quilters have lost so many of our people from illness that we are contracting less work. However, we still meet on Tuesdays to quilt and share thoughts. All of us were dismayed at a recent TV commercial depicting quilters working on Northern toilet tissue with *knitting* needles. In a corrected version of the ad, the newest member remarks, "I always thought they were quilted to look pretty."

Making something "look pretty" is just one reason for crafting a quilt. Quilts have been made for covers, as gifts and keepsakes. An Alexandria, Virginia, woman made a quilt to purge herself of all the horrors of a bad marriage.

A mountain woman, living alone in Appalachia, used quilting as an artistic crutch to escape a family she was ashamed of, but too proud to give up.

Her home, deep in a hollow, at the end of a narrow dirt road, was spotlessly clean with new "whitewash." The many flower beds were surrounded by white-washed stones. Rocking chairs invited one to sit on the porch and "visit."

But there were few visitors. Her only family were four huge men—sons legally named Junior, Sonny, Buddy, and Baby. Their father had met a violent death that the woman wouldn't talk about. The three older sons lived "over the mountain" and made moonshine whiskey. The youngest son claimed no relationship to them and rarely visited

his mother.

Her only regular visitors were the preacher and some U.S.D.A. agents. After her work was done, she spent her time painting, sewing, and making quilts using supplies her visitors brought her.

She painted portraits of her sons and religious pictures—using a child's watercolor set. She copied *The Last Supper* using crayons. But she was most proud of her quilts—most of which were Bible patterns she would say: Crown-of-Thorns, Jacob's Ladder, etc. The day I met her she showed me the center of an appliquéd quilt she was working on. "Jesus in the Garden," she said.

Yes, there are many reasons for making a quilt and many kinds of quilters. This was just one.

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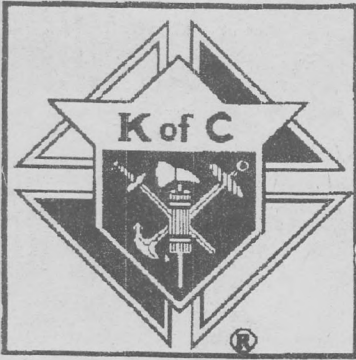
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Knights of Columbus



by Linda Knox

You have certainly seen the "Knights of Columbus" sign on the building directly across from the F&M Bank on the square. Have you ever wondered what the group does or who is involved in their activities?

Mr. Patrick Sullivan, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Bruté Council, can answer any question you may have. Founded in the 1880's by Father Michael McGivney, the organization admits men of the Roman Catholic faith who are willing to advance through one to three degrees of service levels to Knighthood. Named for a bishop, the Council of Bruté started in Emmitsburg in 1916. Besides performing duties at the Church as requested by the priest, the Knights concentrate on helping those in need in the community.

Mr. Sullivan came to Emmitsburg about two and a half years ago from Putnam, Connecticut, where he had served on the police force for twenty-six years. He was Deputy Grand Knight before recently being elected Grand Knight. On the state level he is the Chairman of the Maryland State Council Columbian Squires— young Catholic men from the ages of 12 through 18 who have separate

officers but are sponsored and advised by the parent organization, the Knights.

Throughout Maryland there are 122 Councils and presently 320 men are members of the Social Council of Bruté which also draws members from the Carroll Valley and Fairfield regions.

Service to the community and to individuals in need, regardless of religious affiliation, is a main objective of the Knights of Columbus. Calls come frequently from the Up-County Family Center on West Lincoln Avenue in Emmitsburg. Last summer the Knights provided a refrigerator for a family with four children and no way of preserving food in the warm weather. They have given meals to many families who would have little or nothing for special holidays.

Currently their focus is the Amy Eyer Van Fund. Money is being raised to purchase a vehicle to transport seven-year old Amy and the equipment required for her mobility. Various events are being planned, but the chief one is going to be a Hawaiian Luau night. Tickets are \$25 per person. Anyone interested may contact the KOC home or Grand Knight Pat Sullivan at (301) 447-3782.

Quick to give credit to the Ladies of Bruté, Sullivan points out that the help given by the auxiliary is truly invaluable. Headed by Loretta Sprankle, the ladies lend their talents to whatever project are going on at any particular time and often come up with good ideas for promotion of fund-raising causes. They can always be counted on to help reach the goals of the council.

Emmitsburg Community Chorus

By Sue Allen

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus will begin rehearsals for its 34th concert season on Tuesday, September 3rd. Plans for this year include a concert appearance at Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg in June, 1998. The chorus will also present its customary Christmas and spring concerts in Emmitsburg, and participate in the community's Easter Sunrise Service at the Grotto.

If you are an experienced choral

singer who enjoys a wide variety of music, join the Emmitsburg Community Chorus for this special series of concerts. Former chorus members are always welcome to rejoin the group. Rehearsals are held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at St. Joseph's Provincial House. Our director is Kelly Crenshaw, who can be reached at 301-416-7313 if you have questions about the chorus and its concert schedule this year. You may also contact Ellie Davis, 301-898-9776, or Shannon Boyle, 717-642-5366.

Artist of the Month



Eloise Bralove exhibits her Chinese brush paintings at Studio Gallery

Studio Gallery is happy to honor charter member Eloise Bralove, as the Artist of the Month. Eloise has been a member of the cooperative since it was founded a year ago. Her serene Chinese brush paintings have won wide approval. She also offers other items which make wonderful gifts. Small acrylic paintings of birds are popular as well as wonderful handmade silver and bead jewelry.

Eloise grew up in Chevy Chase and then moved to Rockville after her children were grown. Here she had the opportunity to study art intensively with a Chinese woman who was living in the area. After a year the teacher and her husband were transferred to Australia. Eloise was advised to start teaching immediately because that would force her to work hard on her technique of "The Way of the Brush," or Chinese brush painting, to keep ahead of her students. In order to supply her students with the brushes and paper they needed she began ordering supplies from Hong Kong using the supplier recommended by her teacher. Since she was not able to read or write Chinese charac-

ters she would take her shipment invoices to the nearest Chinese restaurant to get them translated.

Eloise made friends with a Chinese woman who came to take classes with her. They decided to open a gallery to promote Chinese and Japanese art forms and sell supplies necessary for the students of these arts. Her Chinese partner was a tremendous help in reading, writing, and speaking Chinese. Together they ran the "East West Art Associates, Inc." for ten years.

Eloise and her husband then retired to North Carolina. After his death she moved back to Maryland to be near her children. She attended an outdoor art show in Frederick and renewed acquaintances with former artist friends including Linda Postelle. Linda told her about the art opportunities in the Frederick area. In addition to being a member of Studio Gallery, Eloise is now recording secretary of the Frederick County Art Association and has taken booth space with the newly opened Wye Creek Galleries which is near her home in Jefferson, MD.

Emmitsburg Girl Scouts Resume

It's again time to sign up for Girl Scouts. Parents, look for a flyer to come home from school with your daughter. If she doesn't bring one home in the first few weeks of school, please give Emmitsburg Elementary School a call. Someone from Girl Scouting will be set up at the school on Back-to-School Night to register your daughter.

Remember, scouting is for any age from kindergarten through high school. Kindergarten-age scouts are called

Daisies, first through third grade are Brownies, fourth through sixth are Juniors, seventh through ninth are Cadettes, and tenth through twelfth are Seniors.

Emmitsburg currently offers all levels of scouting; however, we may be in need of a Daisy leader. If you are interested in becoming a scout leader, please contact the Frederick Field Office, 662-5106. The scout leaders of Emmitsburg look forward to serving your daughters in the coming school year.

A Special Thank You and an Invitation

by Jean Eyler

We at the Indian Lookout Conservation Club of Emmitsburg would like to send a special THANK YOU to all of the Life Time Members of the Club. It was brought up several months ago, about everything that was done to and for the club. It was decided to send all the Life Time Members and Regular members a note of thanks. We have a couple of Life Time Members who have done many things in the past to help with the coming forth of the club. I wish that we could see all of your smiling faces at meetings and social functions, but we know that some things can not be helped. If you don't drive, just ask one of the regular members for a ride. I'm sure someone would be glad to pick you up. We also want

to say THANK YOU to all the regular members who have attended meetings in the past and some of our social events.

There have been many up-dates. Please stop by one of the meetings to find out what's been done and what we have planned for the near future. **YOU WILL BE SURPRISED.**

Again, we would like to invite all of our Life Time Members, regular members, and anyone interested in becoming a member, to come to our shooting matches starting in September.

Here's a big THANK YOU for everything anyone has ever done for the club. We hope to see your smiling faces in the future.

American Legion News

By George Danner

The Francis X. Elder Post 121 American Legion, Emmitsburg, will be holding a sportsman drawing and Pig Roast affair on Sunday, Sept 7th, at Kumps Dam, beginning at 1:00 p.m. In case of rain, it will be held at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall. The price of a ticket is \$25 which includes a guest. There are many prizes to be awarded. All members and their guests are invited, but you should know that we will be selling only 200 tickets and they are going fast.

The post will hold a new event—a bus trip to Atlantic City, NJ—where we will spend the day at the Showboat Casino. The trip is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 28. Ticket

price will be \$25 with a rebate of \$18. The bus will leave from the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building at 5:30 a.m. and return around 10:30 that evening. Parking will be behind the Community Center. Your money must be in by Sept. 15 at the Post Home (301-447-2274) or call Bob Dinterman at 301-447-2465.

The September meeting will be held at Kumps Dam, weather permitting, on Tues. Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. The meeting is for the Legion Men, S.A.L., and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Saturday, Sept. 13, will be a DJ night featuring Al Nova spinning the discs. Time: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. No cover charge. Come on out and support your Legion.

New Deputy Assigned to Emmitsburg



Deputy Jeff Goulden

Photo by Christina Stevenson

Mary Topper Serves the VFW Auxiliary for 50 Years

Mary Topper (l), President of Emmitsburg VFW Auxiliary 6658, receives an award for 50 years of service to our servicemen and community from State of Maryland President Mary Koelbel.



Emmitsburg VFW Auxiliary #6658 Elects New Officers



Officers of Emmitsburg VFW Auxiliary #6658 are (l - r): Joan Tracey, Senior Trustee; Gloria Bauerline, Chaplain; Ev Ott, Conductress; Dixie Vivalde, Junior Vice-President; Lois Hardtagen, Senior Vice-President; Mary Topper, President; Rita Byard, Treasurer; Delores Henke, Secretary; and Mary Bowne, Guard.

By Christina Stevenson

A new deputy has been assigned to the town of Emmitsburg and although he is fairly new to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Jeff Goulden, a native of Emmitsburg, is a familiar face to most residents. Goulden began his career in law enforcement by serving three years as a Correctional Officer for the Frederick County Detention Center. He then served one year as a Frederick County Courthouse Deputy before entering the Western Maryland Police Academy in October of 1996. Goulden received his certification from the State of Maryland after four months of training at the academy. Prior to his assignment to the town of Emmitsburg Goulden patrolled the northern section of Frederick County.

While the crime rate in Emmitsburg is fairly low, Goulden stated there is a problem with speeding on the main arteries of the town. In order to keep this at bay the town deputies are utilizing radar enforcement and

positioning their vehicles at strategic points in town. The officers also respond to emergency calls, issue arrest warrants, transport criminals to the central booking office in Frederick, process crime reports, and prepare monthly statistic reports for the town. The monthly reports, which are presented at town meetings, detail time spent on specific duties and the number of arrests.

The town of Emmitsburg has a contract with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for the service of two police officers. In addition to Deputy Goulden, Deputy Dennis Derry is assigned to the town. Each is on duty four days throughout the week with a twelve-hour shift. Currently the shifts are 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. If there is not an officer on duty, Emmitsburg residents can contact the Sheriff's Dispatch at (301) 694-2071 or in the event of an emergency, call 911. While on duty the deputies can be reached at (301) 447-2312 or by calling the Sheriff's Dispatch.

Portier - Young

William and Bonita Portier, Emmitsburg, announce the August 16 wedding of their daughter, Anatheia Elizabeth Portier, to Stephen Andrew Young, son of Edward and Claire Young, Virginia Beach, Va.

Anatheia graduated from Catoctin High School (1991), Yale University, Phi Beta Kappa (1995), and is now working on her master's degree in Biblical languages at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. Stephen is proceeding toward his chef's degree at California Culinary Academy, San Francisco.

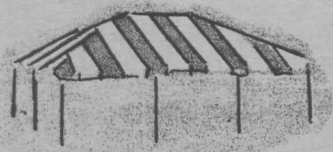
The wedding took place at the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes on the campus of Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg.

Timmerman Reunion



The second annual Timmerman reunion was held on July 27 at Gettysburg Recreational Park. Over fifty descendants of Fred and Marion Timmerman attended, including the Emmitsburg couple's sons and daughters, shown above: Catherine Hodge of Naples, Fla., William Timmerman of Newport News, Va., John Timmerman of Hanover, Pa., Ann Besash of Coatesville, Pa., and Christine Timmerman of Frederick, Md.

A number of the next generation were present, including all five of the remaining children of the late Joseph Henry Timmerman, twin brother of William. Also present were nephews of Fred and Marion: Richard, Robert, and William Myers. In addition, quite a few great-grandchildren were in attendance.



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Long-Kuster

The Graceham Moravian Church was the setting for the May 10 wedding of Gwendolyn Jean Long, of Emmitsburg and John Albert Kuster of Frederick. Pastor Terry L. Folk performed the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Raymond & Naomi Long of Thurmont. Parents of the groom are John and Jean Forrester of Glade Springs, Va.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She carried her mother's wedding Bible.

Matron of honor was Susan Bell, sister of the bride,

Detour. Bridesmaids were **Mr. & Mrs. John Albert Kuster**

Tammy Harbaugh and Deborah Taylor, sisters of the bride, both of Thurmont. Flower girls were Lindsey Bell, Detour, and Carrie Long, Thurmont, both nieces of the bride.

Best man was Ronnie Hammond, Ijamsville. Ushers were Mike Williams of Braddock Heights and Dan Simmons of Bartonsville.

Servings as guest book attendant was Leslie Bell, of Detour, and greeter was Stacy Bell of Detour, both nieces of the bride.

Beautiful music was provided by organist Anna K. Layman, as well as by Kelly and Anita Harding and



Brent and Patty Progecene.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Thurmont American Legion, with music provided by the Power D.J. Company of Waynesboro, Pa.

The bride graduated from Catoctin High School and the groom from Brunswick High School. Both are employed by State Farm Insurance Co. of Frederick.

Following a honeymoon at the Bavarian Inn, Shepherdstown, W. Va., the couple are residing in Emmitsburg.



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LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS

By Marta Hillis

After four and a half months of practices, league games, play-offs, and post-season tournaments, Emmitsburg's 1997 Little League year is finally over. Whew!!

To celebrate our successful season, Little League is holding its annual picnic at the Town Park on Saturday, September 13. The fun begins at 1:00 p.m. Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and beverages will be provided by the League. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. Also remember to bring along

your uniform. Too many of them get buried in a closet over the winter.

Besides lots of good food, there will be many awards given out to T-ball players, minor leaguers, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-place major division teams, the 1st place Pink Panthers, and the senior league Red Wings team. All 12-year-olds (baseball and softball) will be honored with special Little League mementos.

Mark the date today to celebrate together on September 13. See you there!

Emmitsburg Senior Little League All-Stars

The Emmitsburg Senior Little League All Stars went into tournament action July 6 and finished the following Friday, July 11, posting 3 wins and 2 losses.

The boys played extremely well throughout the tournament, defeating New Windsor, Mount Airy, and Taneytown. They lost twice to Thurmont. These young men demonstrated a lot of ability and class and

represented Emmitsburg with dignity. 1977 All-Star Roster

Russell Wivell, 2B; Adam Myers, SS, P; Josh Wivell, 3B; Ben Hillis, P, 1B, OF; Chris Wantz, 1B, 2B; Rob Clontz, Jr., 1B, OF; Larry Miller, CF; Corey Cregger, SS, OF; Jeremiah Stull, OF; John Compton, C, OF; Robbie Seidel (injured); Adam Wivell, C; Jeff Ridenour, OF, P; Matt Myers, 3B, P, 2B.

Redwings Take Division II Title

By Mike Myers

Congratulations to the 1997 Emmitsburg Redwings, the 14-15 year-old baseball team. They finished with a 10-5-1 record and won Division B of the Maryland District II.

There were a lot of hard-fought games and these young men played with a lot of heart, courage, and especially class.

As coaches and managers, our jobs are not only to teach baseball to these young men but to instill sportsmanship. I believe these young men have accomplished this and

Emmitsburg should be proud of them. I know I am.

1997 Redwings Roster

Russell Wivell, 2B; Matt Myers, 3B,P; Adam Myers, SS,P; Chris Wantz, 1B; Robbie Seidel, LF, 3B, P; Corey Cregger, P, SS, OF; Larry Miller, CF,C, P; Adam Wivell, C; Jeremiah Stull, OF; Michael Haines, OF; Nathan Tasker ,OF. Manager - Mike Myers. Coach- Jeff Wivell. Coach - Rick Young.

The Redwings were sponsored by Myers Radio & TV and Benson Garage Doors.

Well Done, Emmitsburg Liners!

The Emmitsburg Liners, the 16-to-18 year-old boys' baseball team, completed their first season with a 4 and 7 record. The record is not indicative of the effort the boys put forth, as this recently formed team shows a lot of potential. The team included many young players who competed against older and more experienced players. Emmitsburg should be proud of these players, coaches, and manager who gave their efforts to compete with teams in Southern Adams County.

The teams members are: Chris

Ryder, Josh Krietz, Corey Kreitz, Jeremy Sweeney, Paul Eyer, Travis Dawson, Aaron Dove, Andy Young, Kevin Davis, Keith Reed, Adam Creager, Paul Emory and Adam and Matt Myers (on loan from the Red Wings), and Josh Wivell (on loan from the White Sox). The coaches are Mike Myers and Rick Young. The manager is Gene Myers.

Special thanks to Bollinger Construction Company who sponsored the team; without their sponsorship, this team could not have materialized.

One-Pitch Softball Tournament

On Saturday, Sept 27, there will be a One-Pitch Softball Tournament in Community Park. Entry fee \$50. Call the Town Office to sign up or call (301) 447-1712. Fees must be paid by Thursday Sept. 25. Drawings will be held on that date in Community Park at 7:00 p.m. First, second, and third places. Eleven individual trophies for 1st Place. Mixed teams, 2 ladies playing at all times. A great time for all. Sign up soon to reserve a slot.

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Monday, September 8

Women's Aglow outreach meeting in Thurmont at Cozy Restaurant, 103 Frederick Road, with a meatless buffet at 6:30 p.m. and general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Cost for buffet \$6.50. Reservations or cancellations by Sept. 5. Call 301-447-2283 or 301-271-4346. Patsy Lennon, Aglow Regional Rep. of Mid-Atlantic Region will be the speaker.

Saturday, September 13

Peach Festival and yard sale from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville.

Saturday, September 13

Lions Chicken Barbeque to benefit the Shawn Wivell Medical Fund, from 11:00 a.m. until the food runs out at South Seton Avenue across from the Getty Mart.

Saturday, September 13

St. Joseph's High School Class of 1972 Alumni Dance & Social from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, MD. All graduates are invited. Please call a friend and let them know. B.Y.O.B. For more information call Ken Adelsberger (301) 447-2890 (evenings) or Greg Hollinger (301) 447-2277 (day) or Dale Shields (301) 447-2854 (evenings). Looking forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday, September 16

Community information meeting on the 1997 Staff Draft of the Frederick County Comprehensive Plan, from 7 - 9 p.m. at Knott Auditorium, Mt. St. Mary's College.

Saturday, September 20 & October 18

Thurmont Riding Club Speed and Games Show, Dressage Show, Hunter Show, October 12. Call Melissa (301) 241-3669, Candy (717) 762-1032, or Pat (717) 642-5032.

Wednesday, September 24

Emmitsburg Senior Citizens will sponsor an evening card party (provided the renovations are completed and we are back in the building) at the Senior Center, 300 South Seton Avenue at 6:30 p.m. IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Pinochle and 500 will be played. Refreshments will be available.

Admission is \$2.00. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 301-447-6253 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 27

The Elias Lawn Festival returns. How would you like to have a real taste of the good old days? Maybe you remember the summer celebrations called Lawn Festivals. In days gone by they were held at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church.

As part of the church's 200th Anniversary Commemoration, an event is being planned for September 27 that will feature many of the old favorites from those past years. There will be a glass pitch, a basketball pitch, a dart game, and grab bags for children of all ages.

Cake walks will give participants a chance to take home something for their sweet tooth. Food for sale will include chicken and corn soup, beef barbecue and chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, and pie.

Coral bells, Lamb's ear, Primroses, and Rudebeckia are some of the perennials and herbs that will be available just in time for fall planting. You may even find a few trees and ground covers; all plants will be easy to grow and low maintenance.

Along with musical entertainment there will be many other surprises. Plan to come and enjoy.

Saturday, September 27

Tom's Creek Buffet Breakfast (all you can eat), 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the church on Tom's Creek Road off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg. Sausage and pork chop orders are available by calling 410-756-6878 or 301-447-2691. There will be a Bake and Craft Table. Prices for the Buffet are \$4.50 Adults, and ages 5-10 \$2.25.

Sunday, September 28

Tom's Creek UMC Celebrates 200 Years. As part of an on-going cele-

bration, Tom's Creek is planning a day-long event filled with special guests and former pastors, beginning with the 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour, 10:00 a.m. morning worship service, a 12 noon covered-dish luncheon, a 2:00 p.m. Celebration Service culminated by the serving of the Bicentennial cake.

There will be an array of talent to share their music and messages. Listed among the special guests are Rev. Susan Boehl, Allen Clarke, Richard Lee Troxell, Janice Siehl, George Bruchey, Carolyn Kelso, the Rose family, the Taneytown Chorus, and the Youth Chorus of Tom's Creek.

The public is invited to attend any or all of these events during this special day.

Sat. & Sun., October 11 & 12

Ridgefest. Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of Rocky Ridge will host festivities at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge, just minutes from Thurmont. On Saturday, Oct. 11, enjoy an apple butter boiling demonstration. Apple butter will be available for sale (advance orders accepted, call (301)271-2880). The Rocky Ridge firemen's famous fried ham sandwiches will be on sale both days. Flea markets, crafts (free set-ups available, call (301)271-2135), good home-cooked food, a country store, and more will be yours to enjoy. Mt. Tabor Park is the home of the "Big Slide," a giant sliding board that is

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Sat. & Sun., Oct. 11 & 12

Sabillasville Community Fair.

Relax in Catoctin Mountain splendor! The Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association will host the annual Community Fair at the Sabillasville Elementary School on Saturday October 11 and Sunday October 12. The fair features the display and sale of crafts, antiques, baked goods and agricultural produce, Chicken corn soup and other country favorites are available. On both days there will be dog obedience demonstrations by the Blue

Ridge K-9 Center. There will be an exhibit by the Fisheries Division of Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Musical entertainment will be performed by Christine and Bruce Maccabee on Saturday. The Dusty Valley String Band will entertain on Sunday.

Frederick County To Hold Snow Rodeo

FREDERICK, MD - On Wednesday, September 24, 1997, highway and road crews from Frederick County and City governments, the City of Brunswick as well as the City of Emmitsburg will hold a friendly competition to test their snow plowing skills. The Frederick County Snow Rodeo will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Harry

Grove Stadium's side parking lot, Adventist Drive.

During the rodeo, teams of two (a driver and a spotter) will maneuver their plow trucks through an obstacle course while being timed. Points are deducted for errors. The highest scorer with the least amount of time through the course is the winner. The winner will represent the County in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Snow Rodeo in October. Frederick County placed first in the 1996 COG Snow Rodeo.

For more information about Frederick County's upcoming Snow Rodeo, call Tom Kroon, County Highway Department, at (301) 694-1567.

Cheerleaders wanted. Must be able to install tire chains and jump start engines.

Twenty-Sixth Annual "Boonesborough Days"

"Boonesborough Days" will be held September 6 and 7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Shafer Memorial Park, Boonsboro, Md. Over 175 participants: early American arts, crafts, and antiques sales/demonstrations, civil war relic display, pony rides, and country foods. Saturday: Appalachian puppet shows with music at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Sunday: antique car display, 10 a.m. community worship service, and bluegrass music at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Free parking at Boonsboro School Campus, shuttle bus to park - 25 cents.

For more information call (301)432-5889.

Wine Festival

The Maryland Wine Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster.

The event is hosted by the Association of Maryland Wineries, the Maryland Grape Growers Association, the American Wine Society, and the Carroll County Farm Museum. Admission is \$13 per adult 21 years and over and those under 21 are admitted free if accompanied by a paying adult.

The admission cost includes a logo-engraved wine glass, ten one-ounce samples of Maryland wines, seminars, guided tours of the farm-

house and tours of period artisan exhibits and demonstrations. Nine Maryland wineries will be showcasing their vintage wines and the Governor's Cup Trophy will be awarded to the best state wine. For information, call 410-848-7775.

Call For Entries - Emmitsburg's Country Christmas Fare

Booth space is available for the fourth annual COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FARE to be held the first weekend in December in Emmitsburg's Community Center building. Booths are approximately 10 x 10 and cost \$20 for the entire weekend.

Booth displays may contain items that would have appeal for Christmas shopping. Emphasis is on original arts & crafts but gift items from local businesses are also welcome.


For more information please call Linda Postelle at 301-447-1666 or Crystal Gauss at 301-447-2222.

Greenhouse Short Course

Penn State Cooperative Extension Service is excited to announce the upcoming Program "Greenhouse Short Course." This four-day program has been designed to train new greenhouse operators and update the skills of those presently running greenhouse businesses. Overall program emphasis is on practices that directly relate to plant production. Topics will include: Heating and Ventilation systems, Water Sources, Growing Media and Soil Mixes, Crop Scheduling, Insect and Disease management and much more. Those considering entering the greenhouse business and new hires are strongly encouraged to attend. One-day follow-up programs in Poinsettia, Bedding Plants and Fall Blooming plant production are planned for the future to build on the skills learned in this workshop.

The "Greenhouse Short Course" will be held on four consecutive Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, & 22, 1997 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Arena Restaurant in Bedford, PA. The cost of the entire program is \$85.00 per participant. This price includes lunch and snacks each day and the short course manual. Preregistration is required and the size of the class is limited. Certificate of completion provided. For registration forms or more information, contact Steve Bogash, Blair County Cooperative Extension, 814-693-3265. Registration forms are also available at Cooperative Extension Offices

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Rocky Ridge

By Emma Keeney

Birthdays

Happy birthday wishes to Marie Stambaugh, Helen Ogle, Vicky Keeney, Michael Harris, Jr., Betty Brown, Betty Lee Brown, Bonnie Eyler, Tammy Wiles, Michele Martin, Guy Pittinger, Robert Burrier, Kenneth Sharrer, Ralph Baker, Bonnie Beall, Betty Ann Mumma, Bonnie Hurley. *Special* happy birthday wishes to Mae Long, who will be 94 on Sept. 23rd!

Anniversaries

Belated wishes to Carl and Verna Keeney on their August anniversary.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ohler for their 50th wedding anniversary on August 27th. Mrs. Ohler is the former Eleanor Valentine.

Happy anniversary wishes to Jeff and Shirley Sharrer, Steve and Faye Wolfe, Bobby and Betty Ann Mumma, Ralph and Naomi Baker.

Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bret Shearer, who were wed August 2nd, at the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. Mrs. Shearer is the former Shannon Glass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Glass.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Keeney. They were married August 16th at the Victory Tabernacle. Mrs. Keeney is the former Melissa Wiles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wiles.

Rocky Ridge Carnival

Winners at the carnival drawing were Dick Mort, Keymar: \$200; Richard Krietz, Emmitsburg: \$100; R.H.Oland, Woodsboro: \$50; Ken Kepner, Fairfield: \$50; Kay Fisher, Thurmont: \$50.

Baby Show Winners

At the annual baby show, held on Saturday, August 9, 62 babies (36 boys and 26 girls) were entered in numerous categories. The intrepid judges were Bonnie Reid and Helen Woelful of Thurmont and Cindy Hart of Rocky Ridge. The adorable winners were as follows:

Youngest Baby: Cody Clark (18 days), son of Alvin & Nancy Clark of Thurmont.

Farthest Distance: Denise Mannix (12 mos.), daughter of Ed and Andrea Mannix of New Paltz, New York.

Twins: Nicholas Joseph Boller and Stephen Christopher Boller (6 mos.), sons of Donnie & Kris Boller of Emmitsburg.

Age 1-3 months (13 babies: 8 boys and 5 girls):

Prettiest Girl: Tiffany Gladhill (3 mos.), daughter of Andy & Christi Gladhill of Thurmont.

Cutest Boy: Coety Eyler (3 mos.), son of Tobey & Carreanne Eyler of Rocky Ridge.

Chubbiest Baby: Kyle Brady Davis

(3 mos.), son of Jamie & Laurie Davis of Thurmont.

Age 4-6 months (9 babies: 5 boys and 4 girls):

Prettiest Girl: Margo Sweeney (6 mos.), daughter of Hal & Mary Sweeney of Thurmont.

Cutest Boy: Jesse Hubbard (6 mos.), son of Bill and Rachel Hubbard of Thurmont.

Chubbiest Baby: Stephen Christopher Boller (6 mos.), son of Donnie & Kris Boller of Emmitsburg.

Age 7-12 months (17 babies: 10

boys and 7 girls):

Prettiest Girl: Kendra Keeney (12 mos.), daughter of Kenny and Tammy Keeney of Thurmont.

Cutest Boy: Matthew Lenhart (8 mos.), son of Bob & Cherylyn Lenhart of Thurmont.

Chubbiest Baby: Ciara Woodby (11 mos.), daughter of Trisha Woodby of Emmitsburg.

Age 13-18 months (13 babies: 9 boys and 4 girls):

Prettiest Girl: Kayla Kettells (17 mos.), daughter of Keith & Crystal Kettells of Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Cutest Boy: Jordan White (14 mos.),

son of Bob & Lisa White of Thurmont.

Chubbiest Baby: Timmy Lee Stone (14 mos.), son of Timmy & Marilyn Stone of Frederick.

Age 19-24 months (10 babies: 4 boys and 6 girls):

Prettiest Girl: Kasey Opel (24 mos.), daughter of Janet & Scott Opel of Thurmont.

Cutest Boy: Brian Fogle, Jr. (20 mos.), son of Brian & Tina Fogle of Taneytown.

Chubbiest Baby: Morgan Orndorff (20 mos.), daughter of Kevin & Tammy Orndorff.

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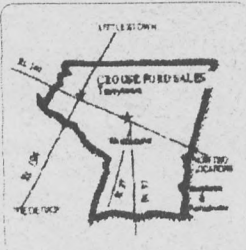
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St. Anthony/OLMC News

By Ann Marshall

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every Monday evening from 7-10 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

St. Anthony's **Annual Picnic** served 714 delicious dinners and realized a healthy profit of \$5,400. Winner of the \$500 raffle was **Dick Siejack**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for the two parishes was attended by 37 children, grades K6. Seven high school students assisted. Directed by **Kathy Cashiola** and **Yvette Leith**, a week of rich experiences in faith was provided for the youth of the parishes. Teachers were **Mrs. Donna Gebhart**, **Ms. Jessica Decker**, **Mrs. Anita McCulloch**,

and **Mrs. K.L. Radford-Williard**. Each child received a backpack made by **Megan Hilliard**, **Maggie Lechowicz**, **Amanda Hamilton**, and **Eliza Cashiola**. Snacks were coordinated by **Lorry Buckmeier**, **Judy Bumgardner**, and **Jenny Durski**.

Among the many volunteers who kept the program running smoothly were **Emily Ballenger**, **Amanda Leith**, **Carolyn Stambaugh**, **Ashley Wivell**, **Lorry**

Buckmeier, **Ann Ruppert**, **Stacey Bell**, **Kasey Hill**, **Aimee Merriman**, **Jessica Satterlee**, **Jeannie Dower**, **Rosemary Goodman** and **Barbara Ruppert**.

The Knights of Columbus, Council #11975, meet the first and third Mondays of each month at OLMC Parish Center. The Knights recently repaired and refurbished the OLMC Parish House which is the residence of Sr. Carol, Pastoral Associate, and Sr. Mary Jan, Pastoral Minister.

The project was planned and carried out by **Rick Essma**, **Gene Adelsberger**, **William Berkey**, **Louis Cashiola**, **John Dowling**, **William Joyner**, **John Hawkings**, **Stanislaw Sluga**, **Ron Stouter** and son **Eric**, and **James Wiggins**. Anyone wishing to join the Knights may call **Todd Hildreth**, Membership Director, at (301)271-3453.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish welcomes into the Catholic faith **McKenzie Elizabeth Ridgway** and **Charles Raymond Perella IV**.

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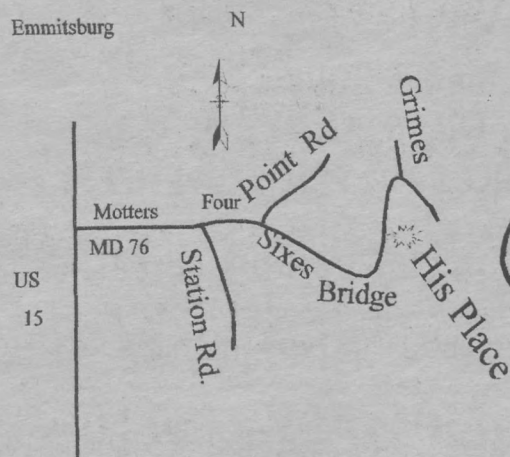
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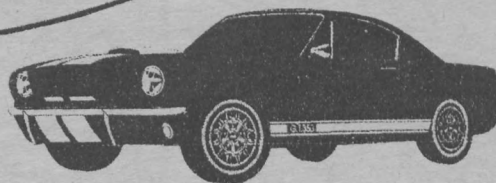
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He who laughs at himself will never cease to be amused

By Mike Hillman

After reviewing the results of my first attempt at brazing a plumbing fixture, my father smiled and offered me some rather sound advice: the solder is supposed to be on the pipe, not the window. Maybe you should forget becoming a plumber. Have you ever considered the field of nuclear engineering?" It wasn't until the mass marketing of PVC piping that guys like me could once again feel comfortable in discussing plumbing issues with fathers who could braze snow to ice over new Persian rugs without dripping a drop of solder. With the advent of PVC piping, all one has to do to become a plumber is be able to cut, smear some blue stuff, and then smear some glue, according to Mark Zurgable, that is.

One of the first jobs that had to be tackled on the farm after we bought it was to gut the barn and turn it into a stable. The first task was to move the existing water supply 25 feet from the center of the barn to the tackroom, in which our saddles, supplies, sink, and bathroom were to be placed. No problem, I thought. I'd just dig a trench from the base of the existing freeze dry hydrant to the planned tackroom. As I would soon learn, many things are easier said than done on a farm, and moving the water supply was no exception. At times during the excavation, I seriously considered dynamiting my way through the rock-hard clay that formed the floor of the barn. Three days, two pick axes, and 8 blisters later, the trench for the new pipe was finally completed. Then the real fun began. Because the original line had been covered by concrete, I had to tunnel underneath it to get at the base of the spigot and its PVC water supply pipe. In spite of my best efforts to cut the pipe, the tunnel turned out to be too small for the saw I intended to use. After an hour of fruitless attempts at cutting the pipe, I reached the limits of my patience. Racked with pain from bleeding knuckles and an aching back, I grabbing the digging bar and quickly tore the tunnel open wide enough to wedge in my circular saw. With a click of the saw's trigger, the pipe was cut. Unfortunately, I had forgotten to turn off the water.

Dropping the saw, I ran to the house to look for the shutoff valve for the barn's water supply. Having not been turned in years, the valve was rusted in place, and just as I realized that a wrench would be necessary to turn it, the lights in the house went off,

a result of the still-plugged-in saw shorting out in what by now was a water-filled trench. Needless to say, my wife Audrey was not very pleased. The power interruption and resultant loss of water pressure came just as she had stepped into the shower and was shampooing her hair. As I fumbled in the dark for the circuit breaker, I was greeted by a rather chilly "Congratulations! You've really out-done yourself this time. We've owned the farm for only two weeks, and you've already managed to lose not only power, but water pressure as well."

My thought that things couldn't get worse was proven wrong the next morning, when I was greeted by the sight of a now-frozen trench, the offending saw fully visible under two feet of ice. Two weeks, 8 space heaters, and 24 propane bottles later, the trench was once again free of ice, and efforts resumed to run the water line to the tack room. Much to my chagrin, in spite of following all the directions given to me by Paul and Mark (Mr. "Sure, Anyone Can Do Plumbing") Zurgable, the junction of the old and new piping leaked when the water was turned back on.

Remembering to turn the water off first (contrary to the rumors Audrey is spreading, I may be a neophyte, but I *can* learn new tricks), I re-cut the line, dried it, and reglued it all to no avail. It seemed the more pipe I cut and reglued, the more it leaked. Before I knew it, my 16-foot pipe had been whittled down to 10 feet. Finally, out of desperation [read: I was running out of pipe, and the trench was filling with cold water from the leaks, which was beginning to freeze], I grabbed a roll of duct tape and wrapped the pipe until the leak had slowed to a trickle. Before I could regain my sanity, I had refilled the trench and was headed off for a well-deserved gin and tonic.

Now, moving the water supply to where the tack room would be was only the beginning. Determined to regain my technical credibility with Audrey, I spent days designing how all the valves and pipes for the hot water heater, sink, toilet, and hot and cold faucets for the horses' wash stall should be arranged. Drawing upon my expert nuclear engineering background, I set about putting together a first-class system. For every valve, I had a backup valve; that way, if the first failed, the second could be used to shut off the water supply. For every valve I had a bypass valve, so if the first got stuck shut, the bypass could be opened to allow water to flow. My

system was so good, I could even run hot water to warm the toilet in the winter!

By the time I was finished, the entire wall was covered with valves and piping going every which way you could imagine. Standing back and admiring my work, it occurred to me that I probably had the only nuclear-grade barn plumbing system in Emmitsburg. Audrey, however, had another opinion. "What is that?! Did you really have to buy every valve Zurgable Brothers had? This is supposed to be a tack room, not a nuclear submarine!" My highly logical explanation as to why I did what I did fell on deaf ears, and the hot toilet water didn't move her much, either.

Most galling of all was her pointing out the fact that when the sink and water heater were installed, most of the valves would be unreachable and, therefore, unusable. "Didn't think about that, did you, Mr. Nuclear Engineer?" Hmm ... I hadn't thought about that, but I'd be damned if I was going to admit it. It did, however, occur to me that, being smaller than I, Audrey could reach the valves if she could learn to contort her body and lost a little weight. Discretion fortunately got the better of me and I kept these thoughts to myself and ceded the argument while I was still alive.

Since fixing water problems in the barn always gets top billing on Audrey's "Honey do" list, I've found creating problems with the barn's

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water supply a good method of getting around my Zurgable Brothers allowance. When I find my Zurgable allowance for a month maxed out, but still have things to buy, all I have to do is realign the valves so hot water comes out of the cold spigot and visa versa. Since anything out of order drives Audrey crazy, all I have to do is say that the repairs will require some spare parts from Zurgables' and my allowance ceiling is waived for that month. After purchasing what I really want, I realign the valves and once again pronounce the systems fixed, and everyone is happy. Although after she reads this, I'll never be able to use this ploy again. Much to my surprise, the water system in the barn has worked pretty well over the years, though in the back of my mind, I've always dreaded the day the duct-taped joint, now under two feet of concrete, would give way. Many a night I've awakened dripping with sweat from nightmares of the effects of years of dripping water underneath the barn floor. I have convinced myself that one day a hole big enough to swallow me will form as punishment for not taking the time to glue it right.

Michael lives with his wife Audrey on their farm south east of Emmitsburg. There is no truth to the rumor he is spreading that after the ladder he was using to paint the chimney fell, she left him dangling until she checked to see if his life insurance was paid up and made him swear never to make light of her in any future story he wrote.

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A Day In the Park

Residents were treated to an enjoyable day in Community Park

Below, the Bollinger Family gathers to dedicate the new Tom Bollinger Pavilion in Community Park.



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At right, Mayor Carr watches Samantha, Josh, Zack, Rosie, and Tracie of the Bollinger family as they participate in the ribbon cutting at the dedication of the new pavilion

A few words from Cliff, the organizer of the day.



Below, Up-County's Jane Houston adds a bit of color to the happy faces of Jackie and Becky Lajoy.



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Above, Herb prepares balloons and Trey enjoys a cotton candy break.

The Evolution of Emmitsburg

Part I -How Residents and Government Can Help
by Teresa Moore

Concerned residents of the greater Emmitsburg area are working to shape the prospects for the future. Their motivation is the fear that this unspoiled rural community will gradually be whittled up into undistinguished subdivisions linked by major highways and serviced by strip developments that lack warmth, character, and appeal. These fears are not far-fetched.

Although county officials are not alarmed about rampant growth breaking out in the Emmitsburg area, they are struggling to manage growth and the accompanying demand for services in other parts of Frederick County. Frederick is one of the fastest growing counties in the state. While there is some evidence of subdivision activity in the Emmitsburg area, it does not appear that wholesale land speculation is underway. However, there are some conditions that, if not addressed, could set the stage for unplanned and unwanted changes. Now is the time to be proactive and make a plan for how the community should grow.

The area under discussion stretches from Thurmont to Emmitsburg and is bordered by the Catoctin Mountains and the Monacacy River. The rolling countryside and historic small towns make for a quaint setting and an attractive place to live. Many of the farms, however, are owned by a single member of an aging generation who no longer makes a living off the land. Heirs are not likely to hold onto the family properties, and the possibility of selling farms to land speculators and developers is not unrealistic. Some elderly farm owners may have to sell their property just to make ends meet. Living on fixed incomes with most or all of their assets tied up in the real estate leaves them few choices.

Choices would be a tremendous help. A small group of area residents* are banning together to develop a strategy for revitalizing the area and providing some choices for rural landowners. Now is the best time to undertake such a planning or visioning activity before there are established plans or agreements that will substantially alter the qualities that make this region special, and before businesses and farms go belly-up.

Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary To Meet

The Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary will hold a meeting of the newly formed Emmitsburg branch at St. Joseph's Parish Hall on Sunday, September 7 at 3 p.m. Rev. Mark Chapman, Ph.D., and founding member Rev. Frederick Jelly, O.P. will speak on "Mary, the Mother of Jesus: a Roman Catholic/Lutheran Dialogue."

The meeting will be followed by a brief Ecumenical Prayer Service and light refreshments. Information and application for membership in the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin

Mary/USA will be available. All are welcome at the meeting.

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*Teresa Moore writes from Annapolis. She is the executive director of the Maryland Greenways Commission. For more information on greenways, call (410)-260-8780. In future articles Teresa will discuss Developing a Strategy, Land Conservation Tools, Heritage Areas Programs, Rural Legacy, and Alternatives for Conservation and Development. *For information on the local group call Elizabeth Prongas (301) 271-4459.*

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European Ensembles Highlight Mount Arts Calendar

Got a thirst for a *cappella* ensembles?

Mount Saint Mary's College will attempt to quench the desire by offering up "Quink," the internationally renowned singing quintet from Holland, during the 1997-98 academic year.

More than 20 cultural events from theater, music, and art will be presented by the Mount's Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

Recording artists "Quink," who have entertained audiences from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., to Germany's Festival of Hitzacker, will take the Knott

Auditorium stage Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m., performing selections from the Renaissance to modern era.

Adding even more international flair and flavor to the Mount's arts calendar is the Vanbrugh Quartet, one of Europe's most successful chamber ensembles. The string quartet, based in Cork on Ireland's south coast, will perform at the Knott Auditorium on Feb. 11, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.

The Mount's cultural season begins by welcoming back students and faculty with a fine arts retrospective of student artwork from previous years. It will be displayed in the Delaplaine Gallery, Knott Auditorium, through Sept. 19.

"We have a wide variety of events to entertain the students and our local arts community," said Rev. Daniel Nusbaum, chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department. "We hope Quink and the Vanbrugh Quartet also attracts an outside audience who have not yet seen our outstanding auditorium.

"Quink" and Vanbrugh are not regular college performers. This is a rare and special opportunity to enjoy two of Europe's most popular ensembles right here on our campus."

A highlight of the spring semester will be the Mount students' presentation of The Who's *Tommy*, the legendary "rock opera" to be directed by Dr. Kurt Blaughner. Performances will be given April 23-25 and April 30-May 2 in Flynn Hall.

Other theater productions on the calendar are the Greek play *The Trojan Women* and several student Spotlight Productions.

The Mount's Delaplaine Gallery in the Knott Auditorium will host art and photography exhibitions by Fred Maroon, Kraemer Sims, Bernice B. Duvall, the Emmitsburg Art League, as well as the annual Simon Gabriel Brute juried Student Exhibit.

Featured at Family Weekend, Sept. 19-22, are a One-Act Festival of plays, student art show and a Mount Band concert.

The college's band and the Mount Heritage Chorale will present a joint Christmas concert Dec. 11 at the Knott Auditorium.

The Mount's repertoire of cultural activities ranges from the sophisticated musical impressions of European ensembles to the popular Brown Bag Concerts performed by faculty and students of the Visual and Performing Arts Department.

All events are open to the public and many are free. For more information, contact the Visual and Performing Arts Department at 301-447-5308 or the Public Relations Office at 301-447-5366.

FMH Wellness Center To Move

Bigger and better would aptly describe the Frederick Memorial Hospital (FMH) Wellness Center when it literally opens the door to a new era of services September 2 at the FSK Mall. The move will mark the fourth relocation of the growing hospital program.

"This will mark the beginning of enhanced health services within a popular community setting," states Jeanette Eleff, director of Corporate Health and Wellness. "The Wellness Center's mission of 'helping you celebrate a healthier life,' can be realized more fully in an environment where people are drawn for a variety of reasons." Noting the mix of attractions available at the mall, Ms. Eleff says the addition of health product lines was "a natural."

Enhanced Wellness Center programs will include stress management consultations, smoking cessation assistance, cooking classes, and personal health management programs. The new area is more than twice the size of the present Rose

Hill site, and more space has been dedicated to classrooms.

The new Health Information Center, which will also open in September, will complement the Wellness Center programs. Books, tapes, and selected videos will be available for loan. There will be Internet access on two computer terminals to fascinating health Web sites, plus interactive CD-ROM programs. Health information specialists will assist with information searches, referrals to specific hospital and community-based programs, and providing answers to health-related questions.

Free blood pressure testing will be available at the Center, which will be open during regular mall hours. Other health screenings will be offered on an intermittent basis.

Initially, only the outside entrance to the Wellness Center will be open as the interior Mall entrance is not yet completed.

Local Catholic Churches Offer Information to All Comers

by Bill Steo

The world-wide Catholic Church has a large budget (and deficit) but in every country a typical priest is among the lowest paid workers, or is not paid at all. The head of the Church governs its 1 billion members, but is merely the chief bishop among about 2,500 bishops who are his equals. How many know these facts?

Catholic organizations in the U.S. publish more than 150 newspapers and hundreds of magazines and newsletters, hundreds of books annually, operate a few radio stations, and a television network. Still, informed Catholics are astounded that workers in all media demonstrate less knowledge and more misinformation about the Catholic Church than any other major organization.

Is it Catholic doctrine that the Eucharist is a symbol of Christ? That only Catholics can be saved? That no one else knows revealed

truth? That someone's works can earn faith? That the Bible does not contain facts? Or that the universe was formed in 6 days? That the first human persons were produced by a different species? Or that humans have not evolved? Has the Church made any of the 10 Commandments optional? Or adapted its moral standards to the gospel of Hollywood and Wall Street?

On Wednesday evenings at 7:30, a team of Catholics from St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's in Emmitsburg gathers with anyone with a desire for faith or hope, or for information about Catholicism. The team present facts and share their experiences. Anyone not sure about the questions above (or who said "Yes" to any) may enjoy leaning the answers. No preaching, no collections, no obligation, and the companionship is always excellent. Please call 447-2326 or, outside business hours: 4473220.

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Apple Facts and Fancies

By Debra Brownley

Perhaps there's some truth to the old saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away!" Apples contain lots of vitamin A, vitamin C, and potassium. The vitamin C content is highest when the apple is half ripe or slightly green. However, cooking or removing the skin decreases the vitamin contribution as well as reducing the fiber content by almost 20%. Apples are an excellent source of dietary fiber, ranking just behind prunes, and providing more fiber than most hot or cold cereals. Not only do apples contain pectin which helps to lower cholesterol, but they're also fat-free, saturated fat-free, and sodium-free. For those health-conscious individuals or persons watching their weight, try an apple. There's only 80 calories per serving, and they're loaded with carbohydrates, which supply the body with energy. A fresh, juicy apple consists of 85% water, helping to quench one's thirst after a rigorous workout. And despite the fact that apples are relatively high in natural sugars, eating apples regularly may help reduce tooth decay!

Apples have been a favorite fruit for over 2 1/2 million years, and the apple tree is one of the most widely cultivated fruit trees in the world. The apple tree is actually a member of the rose family. In the spring, its five-petaled blossoms open looking like tiny white roses that produce a beautiful fragrance. Apples are believed to have originated in Southwest Asia, where the Bible places the Garden of Eden.

There are almost 10,000 different varieties of apples. About 2,500 of those can be found in the United States. Leading the nation in apple production are the states of: Washington, New York, Michigan, and California. Pennsylvania ranks fifth, harvesting about 420 million pounds of apples per year, valued at \$56.1 million.

Red Delicious apples total one-

third of the apples raised in the U.S., and are most commonly found in lunchboxes. They tend to be sweet and juicy, and are eaten fresh.

The Golden Delicious apple is the most popular yellow apple in the U.S. They taste sweet, and are great when cooked, baked, or eaten raw.

Granny Smith apples are bright green in color, and have a tart and tangy taste to them. They make an awesome apple pie, and are great sautéed with pork, or sausage.

Rome Beauties are often called the "Queen of the Baker's Apples" because of their large size, deep-red color, and rich flavor.

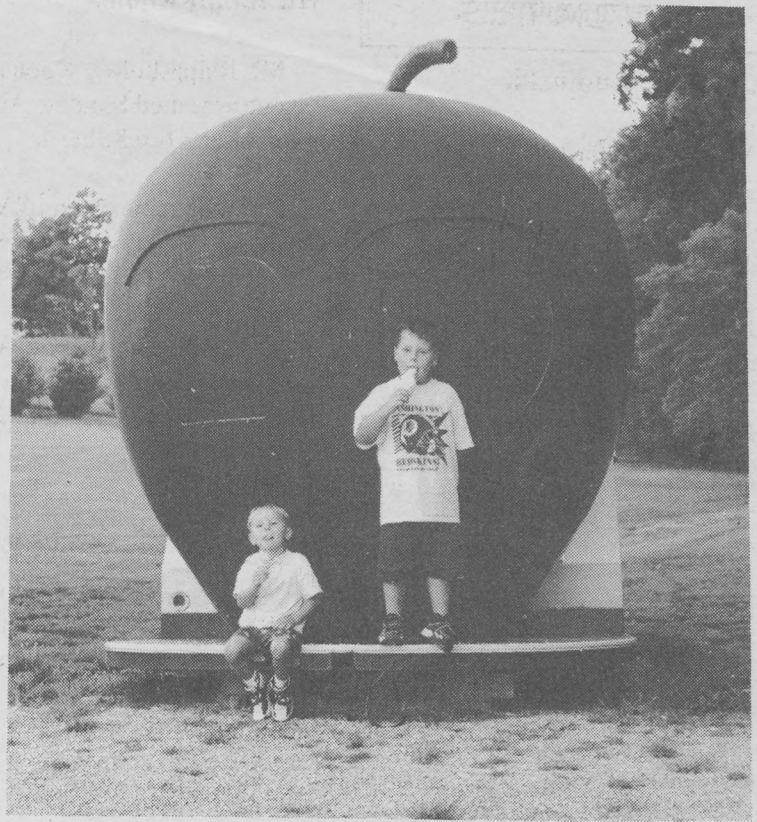
Cortland apples are good for salads because they don't turn brown quickly.

Apples can be baked, roasted, stewed, boiled, dried, fried, and canned. They can be used to make caramel and candy apples, cakes, breads, applesauce, syrups, brandy and wine, vinegar, apple butter, dumplings, turnovers, jellies, juice, and cider. Last, but not least, is the apple pie, which is considered the all American dessert—wholesome and good. Ranking first in the state of Pennsylvania for apple production, Adams County produces enough apples to make 7,163,000 pies!

We can be assured that the apples grown in the Fairfield area are of the finest color, flavor, and size. Even in this modern day and age, many of the apples grown locally are carefully hand-picked as they were in early colonial times. Each apple is gently cupped, so as not to bruise the apple, then it is lifted up and twisted away from the tree.

This insures freshness of the apple, and promotes new bud growth the following year. So, the next time apples come to mind, think Adams County!

This article was produced with the cooperation of Adams County Fruit Growers Association, and the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.



Shawn & Donnie Drietz, Jr., showing off the size of the "Big Apple" at Donaldson Farm Market, located on Fairfield Road.

Volunteer Recruitment - Fall Training Session

The Frederick County Hotline is looking for persons who are interested in helping others. Through a 36-hour training program, volunteers acquire training and skill in listening and communication, problem-solving, community networking, and crisis intervention. Group interviews are currently being scheduled. For more information, please call Kirsten at 301-663-0011

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OBITUARIES

Mr. Stanley Lupinski

Mr. Stanley Gustav Lupinski, 68, of Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, July 30, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was the husband of Elizabeth Jurena Lupinski.

Born April 12, 1929, in Monesson, Pa., he was the son of the late John and Martha Sovinski Lupinski.

Mr. Lupinski was retired as Procurement officer at COMSAT in Rockville. He served in the Army from 1948 to 1968, attaining the rank of sergeant first class, and was a Korean War veteran. He was a life member of VFW Post 6658 of Emmitsburg, where he served as commander from 1993 until the time of his death. He was a life member and past commander of American Legion Post 121, Emmitsburg. He was also a member of AMVETS Post 7, Thurmont, and the Fort Campbell Chapter, 11th Airborne Division Association.

He was a member of St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, and a fourth degree member of the Knights- of Columbus, Brute Council-1860 of Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three sons, Stanley Lupinski Jr. and Michael Lupinski, both of Emmitsburg, and Joseph Lupinski of Fairfield, Pa.; a daughter, Marie Ott of Thurmont; a grandson; a granddaughter; two brothers, Edward Koehler of Minnesota and Jack Lupinski of Florida; three sisters, Josephine Miller of Florida, Stella Stafford of Maine and Ann Eusanio of New York state; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Michael Kennedy as celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vigilant Hose Co., Emmitsburg, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., or the American Cancer Society.

Mr. Ralph Koons

Mr. Ralph LeRoy Koons, 91, of Taneytown, died Sunday, Aug. 3, at home after a brief illness.

He was the husband of Mary Pauline Koons, his wife of 64 years, who died May 11, 1996.

Born July 27, 1906, in Allegany County, he was a son of the late Edwin Cornelius and Annie Gilbert Koons.

Mr. Koons served in World War II in the Pacific. He retired from the E.E. Stuller Construction Co. of Taneytown. He was a member of the Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ, Tyrone.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Edwin and Rebecca Koons of Taneytown; granddaughters Mari Koons of Taneytown and Laurie B. Propst of Union Bridge; and great-grandson Dylan S. Propst of Union Bridge.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ralph E. Koons, and two brothers, Robert L. and Guy C. Koons.

Funeral services were held on August 6 at Skiles Funeral Home, with his pastor, the Rev. Gerald Fuss, officiating. Interment was in the Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ Cemetery, Tyrone.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Emmanuel (Baust) United Church of Christ, 2950 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, Md. 21158.

Pamela Jean Miller

Pamela Jean Miller, 38, New Oxford, died at 12:15 p.m., Friday, Aug. 8, 1997, at the Brethren Home.

Born Dec. 23, 1958, in Hanover, she was the daughter of the late Francis H. and Lillian J. Small.

She was a former manager of the Rutters Farm Store in Emmitsburg and most recently served as the store manager of the Spring Grove Rutters.

Surviving are two sons, Jerry L. Morningstar and Joshua L. Morningstar, both of New Oxford;

two daughters, Katlyn Marie Miller and Ashley Ann Miller, both of New Oxford; two sisters, Barbara Ann Small of Abbottstown and Diane M. Eltz of Hanover; and three brothers, Jeffrey L. Small of Hampton and Gregory A. Small and Kevin Small, both of Hanover.

The funeral service was held at the Upper Conewago Meeting House with the Rev. Harry Sellers officiating. Interment was in the Mummerts Church Cemetery, East Berlin. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Ms. Marie Peters

Ms. Marie Louise Peters, 60, of Taneytown, died Friday, Aug. 15, at the Taneytown home of her daughter, Mary E. Garner.

Born June 12, 1937, near Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late George Joseph and Alice Genevieve Topper Cool.

Ms. Peters served for 18 years as a housekeeper at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Taneytown.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, the Medal of Honor Archdiocese of Baltimore, St. Joseph's Sodality, and the Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group. She assisted the director of instructions at the church Sunday School. She was one of the founders of the Clothing Ministry of Taneytown and inaugurated post-funeral luncheons at the church.

Surviving are two sons, E. Michael Peters of Keymar and Douglas J. Peters of Union Bridge; two daughters, Mary E. Garner of Taneytown and Karen M. Curnutte of Baltimore; four grandchildren; and six brothers, George Albert Cool, Lewis A. Cool, Donald B. Cool and Joseph Seton Cool, all of Emmitsburg, Cletus Cool of Sykesville, and V. Richard Cool of Thurmont; four sisters, Daughter of Charity Sister Angela Cool of Baltimore, Mildred Sponseller of Hanover, Pa., Thelma Deatherage of Emmitsburg, and Frances C. Hemler of Taneytown; and her former husband, William Edward Peters of Littlestown, Pa.

Ms. Peters was preceded in

death by a brother, Allen D. Cool, and a sister, Mary Alice Cool.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Aug. 18 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Taneytown, with the Rev. Martin Feild and the Rev. Paul F. Dolan as concelebrants. Interment was in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph's Church, Taneytown, Md.

Infant Adam Cool

Adam Wayne Cool, infant son of Leroy G. and Leslie K Groves Cool Jr. of Emmitsburg, died Monday, Aug 25, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Surviving in addition to his parents are a sister, Roxanne Cool of Emmitsburg; paternal grandparents Joseph and Elizabeth Groves of Thurmont; paternal great-grandmother Ethel Cool of Emmitsburg; maternal great-grandparents Herman and Lizzie Duckworth of Rawlings; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Mother Seton Elementary School

We welcome the new faces of 1997-98!

The 1997-98 school season has begun and many new changes are ahead for Mother Seton School. A few new faces will be seen on our teaching staff. One of our new faces is a very familiar face in the Emmitsburg community - Cheryl Carney, our new music teacher, has been the music director for Elias Lutheran Church for the past 15 years. Along with classroom teaching, Ms. Carney will be directing the school chorus, an extracurricular activity for students in 4th through 8th grades.

We also welcome Ms. Tina Schornstein, the new Middle School Math/Science teacher. Ms. Schornstein has been a long-term substitute teacher in the Frederick County school district and presently resides in Walkersville. Ms. Schornstein will also be one of the 8th grade homeroom teachers. Welcome aboard!

Our Frederick students riding Bus

501 will be chauffeured by our new bus driver, Mary Rice. Although Ms. Rice is new this year in the bus driver's seat, she is well acquainted with the classrooms seats at Mother Seton. Ms. Rice is a graduate of Mother Seton School, and we welcome her to our staff.

Also joining our school staff as the new Title I teaching assistant is Anne Marie Hallinan. Mrs. Hallinan will be working with students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Mrs. Hallinan has been a Mother Seton School parent for several years and has always been a very dedicated volunteer in the classroom and other school events. We are pleased to be share the classroom and lunchroom with our new staff member!

Full Speed Ahead ...!

This school year not only brings a 10% increase in our school enrollment, but also a very exciting addition to our school facility. Thanks to our Mother Seton School Technology Committee and our many generous benefactors, our new Media Center is ready to house 15 state-of-the-art



One of Mother Seton School's newest faces, Middle School Math/Science teacher Ms. Tina Schornstein, prepares for the upcoming school year.

Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

computers!

Mother Seton School is one of eleven schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore to pilot the new report cards. After this year, all of the schools in the Archdiocese will begin using them.

Middle School "Explores" New Worlds of Interest

Our Middle School students this year (6th - 8thgrades) will be participating in a new Exploratory Activities Program. This program is

designed to offer students non-graded mini-courses in various areas of interest. These courses give the students the chance to express their creativity in a variety of interesting courses. These courses are offered every Friday, during the last period of the day. Students can choose one activity per term of the school year. These activities are aerobics, school newspaper, soccer, French, arts and crafts, tennis, theater, yearbook, computers and technology.

Goat Tales

By Christine Maccabee

The Inevitability of Change

Now that I've fallen into an easy-going pattern of behavior with my goats, well-established routines of feeding, cleaning, and milking, I ask myself, "Am I ready for change?" As the seasons change, so do we and the world around us. Even this summer has seen unexpected moments within the routine...one bad: a smashed fingertip...one good: an extra person to help me in my gardens!

As I contemplate the breeding of two of my goats this fall, I also must consider expansion of the goat pen into the upper meadow, as well as a smaller intake of milk due to the necessary drying-up process of my one milker, Fawn. Less milk will impact the lives of two friends who have been enjoying the fruits of my labors on a weekly basis for over one year now, but in some ways I will welcome the change. I milk my girls by hand, and my hand has had its share of problems, especially the right one

most recently, the ring finger to be exact. The smashing of this finger between two boulders as I clumsily tried to fix a hole in the fence brought change I could have lived without. The first day of pain and agony my friend Cathy helped with the milking, but thereafter I struggled on alone. I am quite certain I slowed down the process of healing by stubbornly refusing to ask for help. As a consequence of this injury and my inability to suspend use of my hand, I had to postpone my performance at the Pasta Factory. Interesting how changes fall like a line of dominoes in chain-reaction fashion.

Yes, I will breed two of my goats in November, namely Fawn, my mellow lady, and Blueberry, who is sweeter and gentler than her mother, Fleetfoot. However, Fleetfoot is my best milker and is still going strong after nearly one-and-a-half years. I will continue to milk her until she dries up. At the rate she is going she may just set a record for longevity of milk production, that is, if anyone is even keeping records. Time will tell. Once she does dry up I will give her

a well-deserved break, and myself as well, tho' I must say, I've not had any spilled pails of milk for many months now.

Yes, change happens. Sometime we *will* it to happen and other times it occurs in spite of us, even to *spite* us. Change can be humbling, and change can be wonderful, such as the coming of rain. I write this today as a cool late-August breeze blows its moisture-laden blessing upon the land. The difficult drought of the summer of '97 is over, and all of Creation rejoices. I observe 4" of rain in a bucket, and the weatherman is calling for more. I sit, resting, while my water-soaked garden relaxes, too. Both of us are luxuriating in this needed change, as are all farmers and gardeners throughout the region. However, the effects of the drought

are still seriously felt as handlers of livestock struggle with the issue of limited supplies of feed for their animals. Creative minds are busily coming up with solutions as the farming community pull together in order to survive this crisis. Good ideas and good change are just around the corner.

Peaceful enough for now, however, I wonder when and if another dramatic circumstance will be imposed upon us, disrupting our otherwise comfortable lives. It is hoped the only significant change will be the inevitable but welcome advent of autumn weather and the awesome splendor of the changing colors of leaves.

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Snakes Alive

by Sophie Clyde

Aghhhh! A snake! How many times have you shrieked those words? Fear not, snake haters; you are in the majority. But, unfortunately for the snake, there is NO logical reason for your hatred of it. But, you say, "Snakes are wriggly, crawly, slimy, dark creatures that nightmares are made of." You cringe as you speak of gaping mouths with fangs dripping of venom. Whoa, Bessie! Think about what you're afraid of. Did that last little green and yellow garter snake you saw in the garden lunge at you with fangs before he beat a hasty retreat? Of course not. Neither did the black snake crossing your lawn on his way to another mouse meal. So where did this snake phobia come from? Why, from mythology and folk tales, of course. Where all good stories start out good and end up with some exaggerated twist.

You remember Medusa, don't you? The mythological goddess who turned to stone anyone who beheld her? Do you also remember she had snakes for hair? What a terrible, frightening sight that must have been as the last view before stone cold death! How about Hercules, the cartoon hero? Did you know that in mythology the Greek goddess Hera tried to kill the infant Hercules by sending vipers (poisonous snakes) into his crib? They are great classic stories, but guess what? They're not true!

Other stories were somewhat true, but were twisted to make them seem more glamorous. One well-known story is about Cleopatra, the Egyptian queen, who killed herself by allowing poisonous snakes called *asps* to bite her. Yes, she possibly did use snake venom as a poison to commit suicide, but did she allow snakes to bite her? Who really knows? (It makes a good story to say she did, though, doesn't it?)

Some folk tales have been handed down from generation to generation and carried on as modern myths. Did you hear the ones about snakes who suck milk from cows? How about snakes who poison people with their breath? What about snakes who swallow their young for protection, or snakes who roll like hoops to escape prey? These stories are very interesting and amusing, but THEY ARE NOT TRUE.

Snakes get a very bad rap.

They are not slimy. They do not hang from trees so they can pounce on passers-by. And the world is not overrun with poisonous snakes. Venomous snakes make up about 10 percent of snake species worldwide. And the two in Maryland, the copperhead and the timber rattlesnake, are both reclusive and generally confined to isolated areas. The copperhead hunts mainly at night and generally only moves out of its hiding place to search for water. The rattlesnake isn't the least bit interested in you. It hunts small animals for food, and when confronted by humans will retreat if it can. If you see a rattlesnake in the woods sunning itself, stay back at least three feet. A snake can only strike with one third of its body length. And there is no rattlesnake nine feet long!

I've observed many snakes where I live. There is a beautiful milk snake who lives under our front steps. He is patterned a bright copper, white, and black. He is about three feet long, and although he scurries out of the way when he sees us, he has learned to accept our presence as we have his. He helps keep our property free of mice. Unfortunately, many people kill milk snakes because they think they are copperheads. Milk snakes are a very distinct, bright copper, white and black, while a real copperhead snake is a very muted color, almost a medium brown and cream color. Milk snakes are very gentle AND very beneficial.

I also have a resident black rat snake. He is about six feet long and lives in a large bird house on an old oak tree within view of the house. He is also beautiful. He's charcoal black on the top and cream-colored on the underside. We see him often with just his head out of the bird house opening looking for a good rodent treat. He doesn't appear to be afraid of us, and we aren't of him. He's just another animal, like a rabbit, trying to survive in the wild.

We have many other snakes, and so do you if you have a lawn or garden or live near a wooded area. These animals (who admittedly don't look like us) are like us in that they are just trying to survive in this world they were placed in. Please try to think about that the next time you see one instead of following a gut instinct to kill it. You might even enjoy watching it. A snake is a fascinating creature, indeed!

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plus many other dinner specials

Fabulous Weekend Entertainment!

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Sept. 8 & 9	TBA
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