

Going Up



The old school "ain't what she used to be." As the present-day Emmitsburg Community Center, the building is undergoing modifications to comply with ADA regulations. A new elevator shaft rises in the area of the new main entrance to the building.

A Dispatch Photo

Town To Meet With BOE, BOCC to Press for Middle School Return

A follow-up meeting regarding the erosion of Emmitsburg's elementary school population and the possibilities of regaining its middle school will be held at the Emmitsburg Elementary School on Oct 23, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was scheduled as a result of this community's request "to give us back our kids."

"Basically the thrust of the meeting hasn't changed," said Emmitsburg's Mayor Carr. "We feel strongly that our kids have a better chance for better educational experiences if they aren't spending so much time on school buses and they have a chance to participate more readily in extra-curricular activities, and other programs the schools have to offer. We think that we owe it to our kids to get the same kind of education as other kids," said Carr. "We do believe that the circumstances of busing kids to cen-

tralized schools puts them in the situation of being "outsiders" and it creates hardships and inconveniences on the parents. Basically we have a school building here that was originally designed as an elementary and middle school and that's what we would like to see again," Carr said.

"We are not only concerned about the kids but about the whole community," said Emmitsburg commissioner Phil Postelle. "There is a stronger tie between a municipality and its citizens in communities that have schools. Having schools makes for stronger communities."

School committee member John Marshall said, "What we really need for residents of the area to realize is that this meeting is not just for parents, but everyone. The whole community needs to be aware of just how important schools are to everyone."

Interfaith Housing Location Challenged

At the Town's Public Workshop held September 16 at the VFW, residents of the Silo Hill neighborhood expressed overwhelming opposition to the development of an affordable housing community next to their subdivision.

The housing project is being planned by Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland, a nonprofit organization created by the religious community of Western Maryland. There are currently five Interfaith Housing projects located within Frederick County.

"As noble as the cause may be, take it somewhere else," was the message given to Peter Dean, project manager, by many of the residents. "We're not rejecting what you're proposing," one resident said, "but feel it is just the wrong location." A decrease in their property value was the main concern of the residents.

and three bedroom town homes to be constructed in two phases on the land adjacent to Silo Hill which is owned by Ausherman Development Corporation, the Silo Hill developer. Mr. Dean said they are in the process of negotiating for the land.

The homes, priced between \$85,000-\$95,000, will be rented at affordable rates to families earning between approximately \$19,00 and \$42,000 for a family of four.

"Our mission is to help people get affordable housing and, over time, become owners of the home. There is a shortage of rental homes here and we are interested in making it a positive thing for the community," said Dean. Mr. Dean said their experience has been that property values do not go down because of their projects.

Crystal Gauss, owner of Crystal Valley Realty, said the need in her

The project calls for 27 to 43 two

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Rooster Power! David pulls his wagon around the streets of Fairfield during the Pippenfest last week end. Story on page 8. Photo courtesy Debra Brownley

Seat Belts Now Mandatory

Effective Oct. 1 everyone in a vehicle *must* wear seat belts. Officers are now authorized to stop any vehicle in which any occupant is not secured by a seat belt.

In the State of Maryland, injuries in accidents cost approximately \$450 million in medical expenses, insurance claims, etc.

Parks and Recreation Committee Hold Fund-raiser

A fund-raiser featuring a custom-designed, triple-weave throw coverlet featuring scenes of the Emmitsburg Square, circa 1757, will be held by the Parks and Recreation Committee. The original scenes displayed on the coverlet were painted by Emmitsburg artist Linda Postelle. Monies raised will go toward projects in Memorial and Community parks.

The coverlet will cost \$49 and

orders may be placed with any committee member or in the town office. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Town of Emmitsburg. Committee members are Clifford Sweeney, Eugene Myers, Diana Hoover, Carolyn Miller, Pat Boyle, Bill Jones, and Ann Gingell. The coverlet may be personalized by machine embroidery for an extra fee. Christmas orders must be received by November 25, 1997.

We can do no great things; only small things with great love.

-Mother Teresa

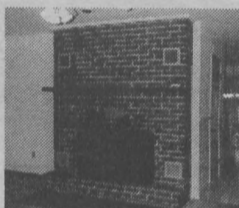
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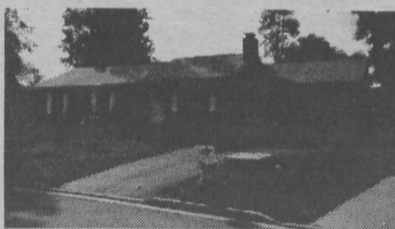


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Town News...

At the September 8 Town Meeting Commissioner Postelle stated that Emmitsburg is still under a mandatory water ban. Although there has been some rain over the past month, it has not been substantial enough to warrant lifting the water ban. According to a hydrologist with the Maryland Department of the Environment, the wells will receive a delayed impact from the drought conditions September and October.

A revised site plan for the Eagle Oil gas station-convenience store at the entrance of the Silo Hill neighborhood was approved by the commissioners. The revised plan reduces the size of the canopy area by half and turns the project around so that car head-

lights will shine into the site, rather than into the residents' back yards. The developer also assured the commissioners there would be no lights behind the building to interfere with the residents.

Commissioner Postelle stated that over the Labor Day weekend in Community Park, vandals damaged the port-a pots, picnic tables, and covered the area in graffiti to the extent that the fire company was called to hose off the area. Resident Joan Boyle suggested instituting a Neighborhood Watch Program at the park. The commissioners agreed to have the Parks and Recreation Committee consider Ms. Boyle's suggestion at their next meeting.

Updates

According to town manager Yvette Semler, the water project in the Emmitt Gardens is moving along. The water mains throughout the subdivision have been installed and the contractors are presently connecting the individual service lines to the new mains. To date, eleven homes have been connected. Residents in the area have noticed increased water pressure.

The water system improvement plans are going forward. Smith Environmental Technologies is examining the watershed area for the

two to six wells the town will need until the year 2000. When these wells are fully operational, groundwater will be the primary water supply and the need for Rainbow Lake will be eliminated. The treatment of groundwater is less expensive than treating surface water from Rainbow Lake.

The installation of the new sewer lines in the East Main Street area has been extended until December 1, 1997. Delays were caused when an unrecorded water line was discovered in the right-of-way and manholes were submitted that did not meet Town or County specifications.

Announcement of Public Hearing

The Emmitsburg Town Council will meet on Monday, October 6, 1997, at 7 p.m. for the purpose of adopting the following:

Ordinance 97-1 1- An Ordinance to Amend Article V of the Charter of Emmitsburg entitled Finances. Section 16: Issuance and Signing of Checks.

Ordinance 97-12- An Ordinance to Amend Article V of the Charter of Emmitsburg entitled Finances. Section 13: Budget-Public Record.

The meeting will be held in the Town Office at 22 East Main Street and is open to the public. Additional information and copies of the aforementioned documents are available at the Town Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Group Seeks Right Path for Development

A new community group, the Northern Frederick County Consortium (NFCC) is now organizing. According to its mission statement, "NFCC is a community organization seeking to strengthen and preserve the quality of life in northern Frederick County." The group consists of residents in this northern region of the county who share an interest in finding the right path for development and changes it will bring. The interest of the group ranges from staying in touch with the types of development and legislation affecting the area to promoting local projects that arise from the concerns of residents of the region.

The group proposes to be actively involved in the development of the region by:

- encouraging broad-based participation throughout the northern region;
- promoting locally conceived projects to meet the needs of the community;
- protecting and enhancing the natural resources and cultural heritage of this region;
- assisting the community in the development of a strategic vision which can mobilize available resources, restore commitment, and lay the foundation for future prosperity; and
- building a collaborative relationship with the community, government, and business to better serve

the public in Northern Frederick County.

One of the long-term goals of the organization is to gain status as a non-profit organization so that grant monies could be sought to fund locally conceived projects. By-laws have been composed and the application process will soon begin.

NFCC is not limited by political boundaries. Residents of northern Frederick County and adjacent areas in Pa. and Carroll County are invited to become advocates for community and regional issues and have a voice in changes that effect this geographic neighborhood. Membership classes include private citizens, institutions, organizations, and governments.

NFCC meetings are currently scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at a place to be announced depending on attendance. The next meeting is set for Thursday, Oct 16, 7:00 p.m. in the president's conference room, Bradley Hall, at Mount Saint Mary's College unless changed due to increased attendance.

For more information or to find out about the next meeting call Elizabeth Prongas at 301-271-4459, Bo Cadle at 301-447-6275, Fax 301-447-2290, or e-mail emmitsburg@aol.com. Please give your name, address, and phone number in order to be advised of any changes in the schedule or location.

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office is for upscale houses. "People wanting to move to Emmitsburg are looking for homes in the \$119,000 - \$184,000 bracket and we just don't have them," she said.

Many people at the workshop agreed that Emmitsburg needed more single family homes. It was also suggested that there are other places in Emmitsburg where Interfaith Housing could build that would not affect homeowners' equity.

Interfaith Housing selects residents for the homes based on strict criteria, and the homes will be professionally managed by an onsite

staff. Following the lenders rules, Interfaith Housing plans to sell the town homes to the residents through a lease purchase program at the end of 15 years.

As part of Interfaith Housing programs, substantial donations are needed from the religious community as well as town, county and state contributions in the form of fee waivers, grants, and loans. The organization was hoping the Town of Emmitsburg would give a partial waiver of water and sewer fees, but the commissioners voted 4-0 at the workshop not to waive those fees.

Another meeting with representatives of Interfaith Housing has been scheduled for October 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW.

Strawberry School

Penn State Cooperative Extension is excited to announce the upcoming program "Strawberry School." Strawberries and other small fruit crops are consistently in large demand and have the potential to add significantly to a farms bottom line. This one-day school is designed to cover all important aspects of strawberry production. Best management practices for both traditional matted-row and newer


raised-bed plasticulture systems will be discussed. The focus of the program is on commercial production, but most of the information is directly usable by hobbyists and gardeners. growers at all levels are invited to attend.

The "Strawberry School" will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 1997 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Irene's Family Restaurant near Bedford, Pa. The cost is \$27 and includes lunch, break beverages, and snacks as well as all course materials. Preregistration is required. For forms or information contact Steve Bogash at 814-693-3265


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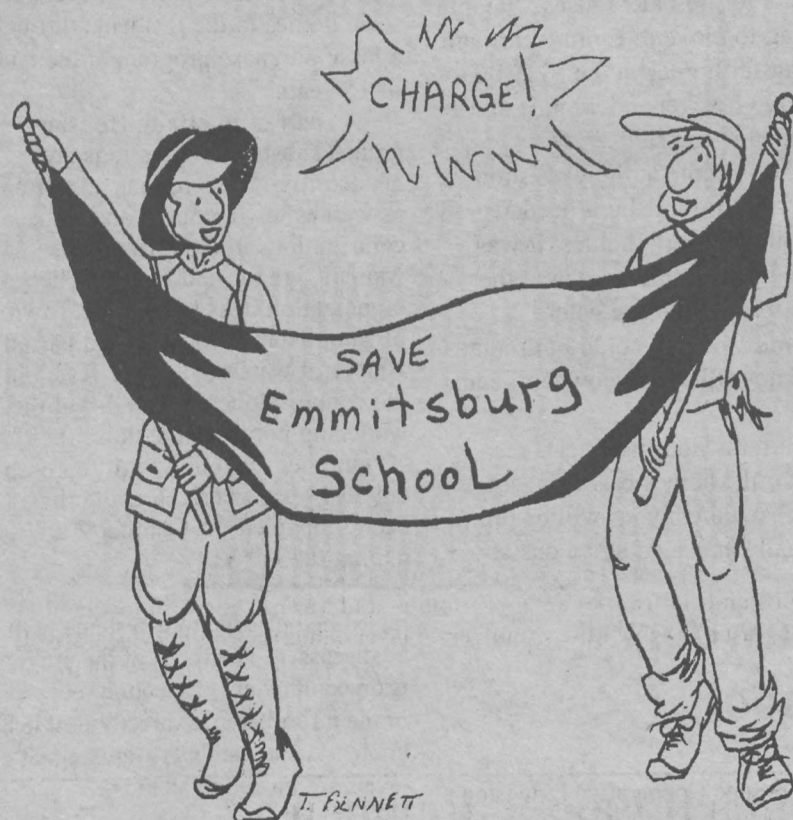
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The Spirit of 100 Years Ago "In This Place" Today

Bea Keilholtz brought to these editorial offices a two and one-half pound tomato grown by her husband Vernon during the recent dry spell. Bea adamantly refused all requests and cajoling to instantly turn the tomato into a bacon, lettuce, and tomato sandwich. No, it was for display only as far as this enterprise was concerned. She did graciously leave with us one of its close kin—a one pound tomato—that did, as we suspected, provide a most flavorful repast.

Best Game in Town

We give a sweeping tip of the hat to the volunteers--staff, coaches, parents, and kids--who made the Little League season something memorable for the children and youth of this community.

Behind the excitement and thrills of the games are embedded experiences based upon a foundation of acceptance, patience, encouragement, instruction, and love that makes each child a bit more secure and, if you will, a winner. Such experiences are the essence and flavor of future remembrances of "my hometown."

This is also the quality of life stuff that glues together a communi-

ty--adult to adult, adult to kid, kid to kid. Sacrifices of time and energy were made, differences were debated, problems were solved, disputes were resolved, and one would expect that even spicy words were uttered. After all it is a human enterprise. But in the end the job was well done and all of us should make a point of showing appreciation to anyone involved in this 1997 Little League seasons.

And as all parents know--from new to great-grandparents--the job of bring up children at home or in a village is never done. The planning starts again this winter. Consider how you can join the team.

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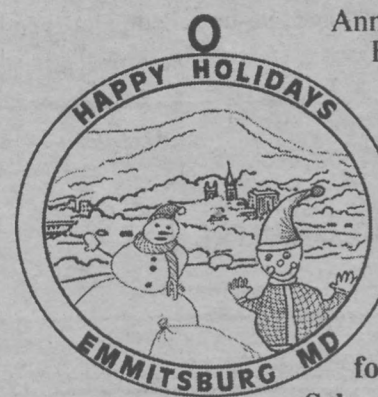
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You can stop by EES's school office and The Studio Gallery to see the ornament first hand or view the ornament on the Internet at www.emmitsburg.com/ees.html. Order quickly - there's only a limited number available! These ornaments will be ready for delivery by mid-October.

The PTA thanks EES's Art Teacher Mrs. Stith, Myers Radio & TV, and The Studio Gallery, without their generous support this project would not be possible!

Pictured is the artwork designed for the ornament.



Remembering Bob Sayler



Bob Rosensteel (l) presents portrait of Bob Sayler, Emmitsburg's "Mr. Baseball" to Bob's daughter Mary Jayne Moser and Mrs. Blanche Sayler as Bill Wivell, head of the Little League, looks on. The portrait will hang in the Little League building. A second portrait will be given to Mrs. Sayler for her home.
A Dispatch Photo

Little League Trophy Day



Bill Wivell stands in front of a sea of trophies and awards given following a successful season in which the volunteers, players, and the community were all winners.
A Dispatch Photo

UCC Organizing Sunday School

Incarnation United Church of Christ is organizing a Sunday School, which will begin on the first Sunday in November. Classes will meet during the regular Sunday worship service, which begins at 9:30 a.m. following the pastor's message for children. Lessons designed for children from kindergarten up through sixth grade will include a story from the Scriptures, songs, and crafts. Our purpose is to help chil-

dren learn the word of God and to share the love and joy of Jesus with one another.

We welcome all persons, regardless of church affiliation, to join us. If you do not have a church home, or if your church does not have a weekly program for children, please contact Rev. Sharon Forbes at 301-447-2270, or music coordinator, Susan Allen at 301-447-6891, for more information.

Orndorff Family Reunion

The descendants of Frank H. and Cora Orndorff will be gathering at Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge, Md. on October 19, for a family reunion.

Families are to bring meat, vegetables, and/or desserts to share in a covered-dish midday meal that will be enjoyed by all.

In addition to the "Big Slide" other activities are planned, as well as good conversation.



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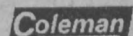


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Senior Citizen News

By Anna Margaret Martin

Summer's gone
Fall is here
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The Seniors are still at the Ambulance Building, but not for long. Perhaps by this time we may be back in our center. It's hard to plan a month in advance, but this is our tentative program for October:

Thursday, Oct. 2 & 16 - Bingo, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 9, 23, & 30 - Card Party, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14 - Frederick Shopping, 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 21 - Meeting Day, Halloween theme. Come dressed for the occasion in odd clothes, old clothes, anything you can find. This is a covered-dish lunch. The center

Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

Mt. Tabor Quilters are proud that our feedsack print quilt won a blue ribbon at the '97 Community Show. However, winning ribbons is not our primary objective. The money we earn is divided among various boards of our two churches. We meet new people through our quilting—literally from coast to coast. Introducing the art of quilting to a younger generation is our dream. In addition, the fellowship-therapy of each quilting session is invaluable.

Regrettably, we are unable to continue our charity work of making covers for people who have suffered catastrophic losses. We need volunteers to use their sewing machines for assembly of quilt tops. The fabric is already cut. If interested, please call (301) 271-2648, (301) 447-6661, or, on Tuesdays, (301) 271-7933. You can drop by any Tuesday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and use our sewing machine at Mt. Tabor Church, Rocky Ridge.

will supply the meat, beverage, and rolls; you bring the vegetables, salad, or desserts. Let's have some fun!

Wednesday, Oct 29 - Night Card Party. A fundraiser will be held hopefully at the center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Card Party starts at 6:30 p.m. Come early for an evening of fun.

On Friday, Oct 31, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon the Health Department will give Flu Shots at the center. If you wish to have the Health Dept. bill Medicare, please bring your Medicare card with you.

Meals are served at 12 noon each day to anyone over 60 years of age. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. Transportation is available if needed. Home-delivered meals on approval of the Commission On Aging.

Come join us for food, fellowship, and fun.

Our attention has been directed to a local quilt project under the leadership of Mary Lynne Ziegler of the DeMarillae Center, Emmitsburg. A display quilt has been made, with others in progress, to honor the lives of unborn babies (stillbirth, miscarriage, abortion). Each block in these quilts will provide therapy for families who have suffered these losses. If interested in learning more about this project, contact Mrs. Ziegler at (410) 751-1865.

On the surface, quilts (and the making thereof) serve three main purposes—as covers, heirlooms, and artistic displays. However, they are so much more. Before "recycling" was a motto to live by, our ancestors were reusing fabrics to make bed-covers. Before "therapy" was a status symbol, or a medical technology, our ancestors were gathering in groups making quilts and exchanging joys, pains, worries, and remedies. Before "stress" was treated with pills, our ancestors relaxed, meditated, and socialized while making quilts.

Mt. Tabor Quilters believe that this is one tradition from the "good old days" that has useful purposes in today's world. Try it; you might like it!

St. Joseph's High Alumni



On Sept. 13, approximately 175 alumni of St. Joseph's High School gathered at their annual celebration and dance which was held at the Mother Seton Elementary School. Shown l to r front row are Loretta Sprankle '50, Loretta Adelsberger '46, and Mary Therese Miller - '48. Middle row: Jim Jay '58, Jean Topper '59, Marie Topper '52, Pat Lingg '52, Helen Wivell '57. Back row Arlene Lingg '56, James Hemler '59, Herbert Klein '57, Margie Brewer '57, William Van Brankle '57. Present but unavailable for the photograph from the class of 1950 were Bill Myers, George Grecco, Fred Sprankle, Mary Louise Jordan Vinck, Dolores Miller Gillelan, and Romaine Feeser Koontz.

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In The Key of C at the Carriage House

By Christina Stevenson

Those who enjoy the sound of a piano can take pleasure in the music of Linda Duffy at the Carriage House Inn. She plays Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings at the restaurant in Emmitsburg.

Linda, a retired Prince George's County educator, moved to Emmitsburg in 1995 and until April of this year searched for a restaurant where she could play piano for the patrons. Her search ended when she became acquainted with the owners of the Carriage House Inn, Jim and JoAnn Hance. When they learned of Linda's desire to play, the Hances purchased a spinet for her to use at the restaurant. Linda stated she is now in seventh heaven.

Music and education have always been at the forefront of Linda Duffy's life. Under the guidance of their mother, a pianist, Linda and her siblings studied piano while growing up in a small town near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As an educator with

Prince George's County she held the positions of Social Studies teacher, Vice Principal, Principal and staff developer.

Twenty-five years ago during her career as an educator, Linda frequented a restaurant in Bethesda, Maryland, and with each visit noticed an unoccupied piano. Finally, she asked the owners if she could play the piano for patrons while they dined. The owners of the restaurant took her up on the offer and she played each Saturday night for a year until the restaurant was sold. Linda did not play again until she met the Hances of the Carriage House Inn.

Linda stated she was blessed with the gift of being able to play "by ear" and welcomes requests. Her repertoire includes love ballads from the 30's to the 80's. After recalling a time when a man requested a love song to be played while he proposed to his girlfriend, Linda stated, "One of the reasons I enjoy playing for people is I can be part of their lives and share LOVE through music."



Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Adams, Emmitsburg, were recently honored at a surprise party on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. The event was held at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Emmitsburg, and was hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Wayne Persinger, Emmitsburg.

The couple were married August 5, 1972, at St. Joseph's Church. Mrs. Adams, the former Beverly J. Davis, is a music teacher at Franklin Middle School, Reisterstown, Md. Mr Adams is retired from the State of Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.

There are only four questions worth asking: What is sacred? Of what is the spirit made? What is worth living for? What is worth dying for? The answer to all four questions is the same. Only love.

-Don Juan de Marcos

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Pippinfest '97

By Debra Brownley

The Pippinfest is held every year during the last weekend of September. Its purpose is to help promote the apple industry of the Fairfield area. During this year's festivity, Saturday was the big community yard sale and flea market. Nobody walked away empty handed. There was something to be found for everyone, from antique spinning wheels to computers, and everything in between. The old saying, "What's one man's junk is another man's treasure" proved to be true, as there were many treasures to be found amongst the tables. One fellow said he even got two fishing poles for a dollar! Now, that sounds like a good deal. Sorry, no cannon firing this year.

Sunday kicked off the Craft Fest featuring hundreds of crafts for sale: wooden crafts, tole paintings, leather works, ornaments, dolls, bird houses, dried floral arrangements, and ceramics, just to mention a few. Entertainment included the Fairfield High School Jazz Band, a Christian musical group, and bluegrass music provided by Country Travelers. Many folks enjoyed square dancing as well with caller Al Groth, and the Fair Squares.

But even if a person couldn't be tempted by all of the magnificent crafts, he surely couldn't resist the aroma of pit-beef sandwiches, polish sausage, chicken barbecue, ham and bean soup, Dutch funnel cakes, fried apples rings, and a wide variety of other mouth-watering foods.

The 18th annual Quilt Show was held in Village Hall on both Saturday and Sunday. Quilts were loaned by people in the surrounding communities, and each quilt meant something special to each family. Some of the quilts had family names embroidered into them, while others had written descriptions of the quilts' origins. Many of the quilts were hand sewn by older residents.

As these senior citizens pass away, they take with them the skill and knowhow of quilting. Family members become too busy to continue the quilting tradition, and it is becoming somewhat of a lost art.

In addition, helicopter rides were provided by East Coast Helicopter of Gettysburg. The cost was \$32.00 for a 4-minute ride, seating up to 2 adults and 1 child, or three small children. All profits above and beyond costs were donated to Boy Scout Troop 76 of Fairfield. Richard Swiat, Chief Pilot for East Coast Helicopter, stated that they will also be giving rides at this year's Thurmont Colorfest, and have been doing so for the past 15 years. Look for them at the Shamrock restaurant!

Crowds also stopped to take notice of Bill Brent's Rhode Island red rooster, David, who was rigged in a harness and pulled a cart up and down the busy sidewalk. Brent and his rooster have been making headlines lately, appearing on the front page news of the *Community Sun*, and there's a possibility of David's being featured on *America's Funniest Videos*, if his is one of the performances chosen.

Special thanks go out to Jim Landis and family, who for years have been donating the use of their property for parking and as a landing site for the helicopter. Kudos to the Fairfield Community Fire Company who remained on standby, and Fairfield Ambulance Service for keeping their ambulances manned throughout the weekend-long event.

All and all, this year's Pippinfest was a great success. About an hour before sundown, the sidewalks had been neatly swept and cleaned. There was not a speck of trash to be found anywhere, courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 76 of Fairfield, who did an excellent job of cleaning up. If a person had not attended the Pippinfest for himself, he might have found it hard to believe that such a festivity could have ever taken place there.

County Comprehensive Plan Introduced to Area

A presentation was held Sept. 16 by the Frederick County Planning and Zoning Commission at Mount Saint Mary's College. Chief of Comprehensive Planning Ed Gorski introduced the Countywide Plan for Frederick County to residents of this region. Gorski and members of his staff gave a slide presentation of the plan and distributed a 275-page staff draft of the plan plus an update. The wide-ranging 10-chapter volume provides an introduction to the planning process, goals, historical development, issues and policies related to environment and cultural resources and much more information about crucial issues that affect every municipality and resident in the county.

The *Comprehensive Plan, Volume I: Staff Draft* is filled with a collection of descriptions, tables of statistics, maps, definitions, and practices to be used in developing policies for the county. In the appendices are questions asked as well as summaries of residents' responses given during a series of meetings held throughout the county. These summaries underline the importance of issues considered by residents to be of the greatest importance. Growth management, preservation of natural beauty, the balance of residential to commer-

cial/industrial uses, and resource management were top concerns.

"This was the first meeting of this sort that I've attended," said Elizabeth Prongas. "It was very informative. One becomes aware of the need for personal involvement as we consider the future." According to Mrs. Prongas the meeting developed an awareness of the unique character of each hamlet and town. "I didn't feel that the plan reflected this unique character," she said.

According to planner David Whitaker, "Meetings similar to this are being held throughout the county in an effort to make county residents more knowledgeable about the plan. Although much of what is in the book is based on previous surveys and community meetings, residents still have an opportunity to submit comments before the draft is submitted to the county commissioners." The deadline for comments is Oct. 10, 1997, and can be made to the planning commission located in Winchester Hall, Frederick.

At least one copy of the book will be available at the local library. Arrangements to obtain a copy may be made by calling Ed Gorski of the Frederick County Planning Office, 301-694-1142.

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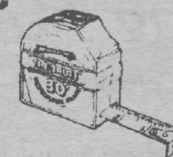
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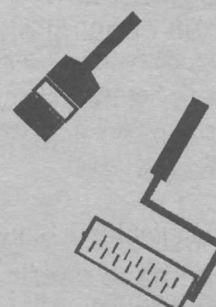
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Frailey's Store

by Ruth O. Richards

In the yesterdays of long ago, I thought Emmitsburg to be old-fashioned. Many times I longed for my more modern home town in South Dakota. As I glance back today I find myself wishing, even longing for the past of Emmitsburg that has faded away. I truly believe that when the truth is made known to those who read my story, they too might wish for that part of long-ago Emmitsburg.

I am thinking of the times when there were many places and ways to shop for food. There were tiny grocery stores, there were small grocery stores, and there were three large grocery stores. There were also door-to-door salesmen with fresh produce. All of the businesses were owned and run by people who lived in and about Emmitsburg. There are many tales to be told about these businesses of Emmitsburg in the forties, but it is of Frailey's Store that I reminisce today.

When John and I as newlyweds came to Emmitsburg in the 1940's, we lived in Mrs. Bruce Patterson's house on West Main Street, across from Frailey's store. This store carried most of the things I might need, and as I shopped from day to day I found it to be a curious place.

This was a kind of country store with merchandise not only of food, but overshoes, rakes, shovels, seeds, straw hats, pails, and other things needed in and about the house.

It was a folksy sort of place where people gathered to discuss the news of the day: the economy, Roosevelt's innovations, the prospect of war, and on and on. "How's the wife and kids?" The men wore overalls and the women wore house dresses. (Slacks? Heaven forbid!) As the talk went on, a feed cap would be lifted, a head scratched, and the cap replaced. No one seemed to be in a hurry. The store was open late both Friday and Saturday night and the socializing went on.

There was a bit of bartering, too: eggs, lots of eggs. "Home-grown" ones were exchanged for groceries. These eggs were stored in the back where they were candled before being sold.

I had never heard of an egg candler before. It was a simple contraption used to determine if the hen had

been visited by a rooster before the egg was laid. (Today the poor hen has never even heard of or seen a rooster. She goes about her business of laying eggs in a sort of egg factory.) If a blood spot showed up in the egg being candled, this egg was not sold. That blood spot indicated the beginning of a miracle—an embryo chick. Some customers were repulsed by the spot of blood.

There was a gift shop on the second floor, entered by permission only. It was most popular at Christmas time with its trinkets, bits of interesting crockery, toys, and other things appropriate as gifts for children and other family members.

The people who worked in the store were like a cast of characters

from a play: Miss Bessie Hoke, Pauline Baker, Mr. Seller. (Please note that of these characters, Pauline Baker had

no title Helen Eyler, Kenny Van Brankle, and Bo Cadle give a fair's day's work for 5 cents. Photo by Dr. W.R. Cadle and Mr. Sellers had no first name.) That's the way they were spoken of and that's the way I learned to call them.

Mr. Sellers dressed immaculately in white shirt, tie, suit coat, and vest. He was incredibly polite, spoke confidentially to all of his customers, and wrapped everything in paper and tied it with string, be it cold cuts or a head of lettuce.

Miss Bessie could have been an aunt in *Arsenic and Old Lace*. She had beautiful white pompadoured hair, brought back in a bun, and snapping brown eyes. She was always friendly, sweet, and eager to please her customers.

Then we had Pauline Baker, bustling about the store, more bustle than helpful, but usually succeeding in her efforts to please.

There were two men who worked in and about the store, doing roustabout work and delivering groceries. One of them was Murray

Hardman, and the other was Dave Harbaugh, I believe. These two men provided the comic relief, always joking and laughing.

Of course the stars of this grocery store were the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Frailey. Mrs. Frailey worked only on occasion. I loved to talk with her, as she was a source of information about local people, and a wonderful source of cooking hints and recipes. I was interested in the local color and badly needed the hints on cooking.

And Mr. Frailey. He was the perfect store owner. He would do anything for anyone and everyone. He was a genial man, and a gentleman, kind, thoughtful, and eager to please. Clarence Frailey. I could never call him anything but Mr. Frailey and he in turn called everyone by title: Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr. He loved people, and

especially he loved children. Every small child that came into his store got a cookie and a tweak on the cheek. (One of my children liked the cookie but hated the tweak.)

Surely there are some of you who remember Mr. Frailey's Christmas party for children. On Christmas Eve in the daytime, children would line up outside the store—this line stretched back to the Doughboy—and as each child got to Mr. Frailey, that child was handed a box of candy and an orange—probably a tweak on the cheek, too. Those were real treats in the fading days of the Depression. The Lion's Club Christmas party of today is no doubt an outgrowth of that party. Mr. Frailey was mayor of Emmitsburg from 1956 to 1960. The only recreation I knew him to have was horseback riding. He could be seen on Sunday afternoon riding on Main Street with his daughter Helen.

Mr. Frailey kept his store supplied with fresh produce by traveling to Baltimore twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, to the wholesalers and to quayside to buy fresh seafood.

When I learned that seafood of all kinds was available at Frailey's store

I knew that I was in for a new experience. I was willing to sample everything and as I sampled I knew I had to have more. In other words, I fell in love with seafood: fried oysters, crab salad, steamed crabs, shrimp in the shell, fish. Doesn't that just make your mouth water? Whatever was wanted, oysters, crabs, shrimp, or fish, Mr. Frailey in his long white going-to-market coat brought all these lovely things back: by the dozen, by the pound, or even by the bushel. And all I needed to do was walk across the street and they were mine.

I and the rest of Emmitsburg were spoiled, and we didn't even know it, but we soon found out that what was once so easily available was soon to vanish. The war came, the world was turned upside down. Food was rationed, gas was rationed, limiting travel to Baltimore and elsewhere. Life changed rapidly. We entered a new era, life as we knew it in the 40's was gone.

Mr. Frailey is gone. His store is gone. I don't know when it was sold to Mr. Joe Welty, nor do I know when Mr. Welty sold it. I just know that there is no longer a grocery store in that building. It has been turned into apartments. There are no longer any home-owned grocery stores in Emmitsburg nor any grocery stores on Main Street at all.

In bringing these memories to light I have become nostalgic. I sigh, I daydream. What am I longing for? Why am I nostalgic? My youth? Maybe. The Good Old Days? Perhaps. Or just for the store where I could buy fresh seafood twice a week.

Addendum: David C. Frailey, son of C.G. Frailey, recalls in a note to the author:

"The place was sort of a social gathering spot, especially for the rural farming folk, with the biggest crowds on Saturday nights. And before you [Ruth] arrived, Dad put on such specials as a concert by the Fairfield High School band and music by the Elder Brothers orchestra — with free ice cream cones available across the street at Matthews' store. [I] don't recall if Mother had her annual gift shop after you arrived — open from December 8 to Christmas Eve. And you might remember the Captains' chairs that, as I recall, became quite valuable though I have no idea what became of them."



Shelling beans outside Frailey's store circa 1940's. Photo by Dr. W.R. Cadle

Artist of the Month

Studio Gallery Welcomes
New Artist Peggy Schadler

Peggy Schadler has joined Emmitsburg's Studio Gallery cooperative. The group of artists who formed the cooperative almost a year ago had the opportunity to select a new member from a list of artists who are interested in becoming part of the volunteer group. Peggy was chosen because her specialties are very different from those already on display in the gallery. Peggy's framed artwork takes the form of collages that are light and airy abstracts. She uses a wide range of textures including handmade papers. She has formed a large collection of textural material to stimulate her creative juices. Recently, she helped the members of the Emmitsburg Arts League create abstract notecards from packets of objects and textures put



Peggy Schadler displays pieces of her work.

together from her supplies.

Peggy also creates "Wild Fibre

anything else that appeals to her. Much of her work has a Southwestern flair. Many of Peggy's things are very unusual, such as her dried herbs and flowers floating in lamp oil complete with wicks. Occasionally she also creates fanciful jewelry and slump glass pottery. Many of you will remember her booth at Emmitsburg's Country Christmas Fare.

Peggy lives with her son Adam in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. She got to know the Emmitsburg art community through taking a stained glass course at Mt. St. Mary's College. Peggy has a dream job, perfectly suited to her. She is head of the arts and crafts department of a local military complex. Come to Studio Gallery to enjoy her work.

Photo courtesy Linda Postelle

Pottery." She enhances her traditional pieces of pottery with fibers, scraps of handmade paper, feathers, glitter, and

Maroon Collection on Display at Mount Saint Mary's

Emmitsburg, Md -The award-winning photography of Fred J. Maroon, whose book *The Egypt Story* sold over 150,000 copies worldwide, will be on display at Mount Saint Mary's College beginning Sept. 28.

Maroon's exhibition at the Knott Auditorium continues the 1997-98 arts agenda sponsored by the Mount's Visual & Performing Arts Department.

Maroon's work, black-and-white and color, will be on display in the Delaplaine Gallery at the Mount's Knott Auditorium until Oct. 25.

The selections from *The Egypt Story* appearing at the Mount have been shown at the Smithsonian Museum, Washington, D.C., as well as galleries in Houston, Minneapolis, and Memphis.

The Egypt Story won the gold medal at the International Book Festival in Leipzig, Germany, in 1982.

Maroon, a native of New Brunswick, N.J., attended Catholic University, Washington, D.C., receiving a B.A. degree in architecture. He did graduate work at Ecole Supérieure des Beaux Arts in Paris.

Maroon, a first-prize winner in the White House News Photographers Association contests, is the author of 11 books, including a collaboration with television journalist Eric Sevareid. Maroon's photography has featured the U.S. Navy, major museums throughout the world, the United States Capitol, the Supreme Court of the United States, Georgetown, English country houses, and the cooking of Jean-Louis.

Maroon is married to the former Geneve Suzanne Murnane, of London, England, and they live in Washington, D.C.

For more information, contact Frank Buhrman, office of public relations, 301-447-5366.

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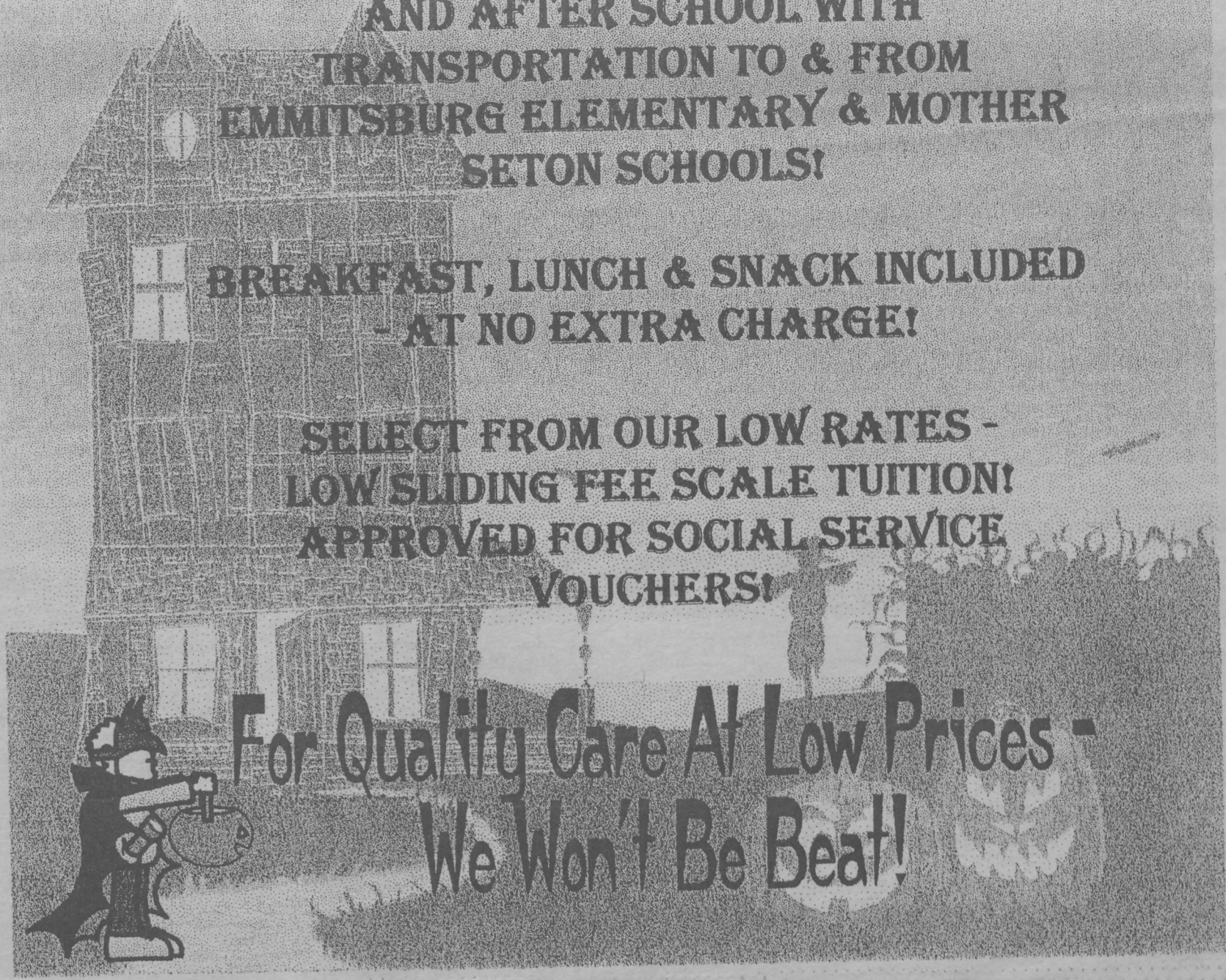
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Looking Ahead

Sat. & Sun., October 11 & 12

Ridge Fest, sponsored by the Willing Workers of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, will be held in Mount Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge. Enjoy an apple butter boiling demonstration on Saturday. 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. Mt. Tabor Park is home to the "Big Slide." From Thurmont, follow Route 77 east to Rocky Ridge, turn left onto Motters Station road. The park is just ahead on the left.

Sat. & Sun., October 11 & 12

Sabillasville Community Fair, sponsored by the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association, will be held at the Sabillasville Elementary School. Relax in Catoctin Mountain Splendor! The fair features the display and sale of crafts, antiques, baked goods and agricultural produce. Chicken corn soup and other country favorites will be available. On both days there will be dog obedience demonstrations by the Blue Ridge K-9 Center. Also, 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.

Boosters Club Fund Raiser

The Catoctin High School Athletic Booster Association is having a fall fund raiser. Our fall athletes will be selling Elegant Desserts (a variety of cakes and cheesecakes) from October 6 - 27. The profits will benefit the athletic programs at CHS. One long range goal of the Boosters Club is to replace the stadium lights by the year 2000. Place your order with one of our athletes and have your holiday desserts delivered to you by Thanksgiving. For more information call Barbara Branson at 301-447-6520.

Sunday, October 12

Annual October Turkey Dinner will be held at St. Anthony Shrine Parish (adjacent to Mount Saint Mary's College) from 11:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. Family Style Turkey Dinner (adults, \$7.00; children under 12, \$3.00; under 6 free). Other attractions — homemade baked goods and candy. Enjoy beautiful country and friendly country hospitality.

Thursday, October 13

Women's Aglow outreach meeting in Thurmont at Cozy Restaurant, 103 Frederick Rd. with a meatless buffet at 6:30 p.m. Cost for buffet \$6.50. Reservations or Canc. by Oct. 10. call 447-2283 or 271-4346. General meeting 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Speaker Nancy Mcguirk, President of Area Board, and a single mother who raised four children.

Thursday, October 23

A community school meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Emmitsburg Elementary School.

Sunday, November 2

Opening Reception from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. for the Emmitsburg Art Leagues's exhibit in the Delaplaine Gallery at the Mount's Knott Auditorium. The show will run during the month of November. All are welcome.

Cougar News

By Marlene A. Tarr

The school year is in full swing at Catoctin High School. A new initiative, called Character Counts!, is being promoted this year throughout the Catoctin feeder schools and the Frederick County School System. The mission of the Character Counts! initiative is to promote good character and good conduct in our students. The program stresses the importance of good character by emphasizing six "pillars of character": trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. By emphasizing these six pillars of character, the Frederick County Public School System is attempting to support parents in their efforts to teach children that it pays to have good character.

There is no set curriculum for the initiative, although schools have been given many materials and resources. Instead, the staff will find creative and positive ways to advocate, model, and enforce the six pillars of character. Each teacher and administrator in the Frederick County School System has been given a training session on Character Counts!. Each school has a team of trainers to provide support for other teachers in their school. The school system is also reaching out to the larger community for help in reinforcing the message that *character does count*. We hope that by developing and modeling the pillars of character, not only in schools but also at home and in the community, we will improve our society. A county-wide parade is planned for Saturday, October 18 at 10 a.m. in downtown

Frederick.

The annual All-County Band Festival will occur on October 23, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the stadium. This is always a great evening of musical entertainment. Please consider joining us.

Interims will be distributed to all students during Block 4 on October 9. Parent conferences are scheduled for evening hours on October 16 and during school hours on October 17. High school students will attend school in the afternoon only on October 16 and will attend morning only on October 17.

October 24 is the Maryland State Teachers' Association conference. There will be no school on October 24 so that teachers can attend this conference.

This year's Homecoming Game will be held on October 31 at 7:30. The Parade and Bonfire are scheduled for October 30, beginning at 6:30. The Homecoming Dance will be held on November 1 from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Chorus is in need of a volunteer to play the piano at least one time a week between now and January 23. The Chorus meets daily from 1:24 - 2:55. If you can help please contact Andy Cook or Marty Tarr at 301-271-7406.

Please support the CHS Athletic Boosters who will be selling cheesecakes and desserts between October 6 and October 27. These delicious desserts are very reasonably priced. See any fall-season student athlete or any Booster to place your order. Your purchase will support all student athletes at CHS. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Mother Seton School News

By Val Mentzer

Our Day at the Frederick Fair by 5th grader Samantha Krauss

We got up early Monday morning to go to the Fair. After parking the car, we crossed the street and enter the Housewares building. We wanted to see if we had won any ribbons. For this year's fair, we entered Mexican salsa, bread and butter pickles, dill pickle relish, and our cousin's chill sauce. We looked around a while and found out that we had won yellow ribbons for our salsa, relish and chili sauce. We were really excited since my sisters and I helped make the salsa.

Next, we walked around and saw some of the animals. We saw Ben and Jacob Leach's cows, Jessica and Heather Willis's sheep, and a mother

pig with 9 baby piglets. We also saw oxen that stood about 6 feet tall. In the poultry and rabbit barn we saw many strange looking chickens with funny feathers and rabbits with long fur and floppy ears. We also saw goats, llamas, and emus. Then we saw a turkey with 5 baby turkeys. That was our day at the Fair!

Congratulations Student Council Officers and Representatives

The following students will represent the Mother Seton School 1997-98 Student Council:

President - Caitrin McCarron, V-president - Alex Adelsberger, Secretary, Shannon Connell, Treasurer - Ashley Lance, 8th & 3 - Kristy Fasano, 8th & 3rd - Mark Krebs, 7th & K - Becky Smith, 6th & K - Nick Monacelli, 5th & 2nd -

Anthony Durski, 5th & 2nd - James Robinson, 4th & 1st - Heather Willis, 4th & 1st Jennifer Krebs.

You've Been Waiting for Them - They'll Be Here Soon!

We have had so many people asking about our 1998 Raffle calendars, and they will be ready in October! Plan to order your calendar by calling the school at 447-3165 or simply stop by and pick one up! They make an excellent Christmas gift!

Each patron has a number that is placed in a drawing that offers a guaranteed winner every single day of the week! Each week day winner receives \$25.00, each Friday winner receives \$50.00, the winner on the last day of the month receives

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St. Anthony/OLMC News

By Ann Marshall

The Emmitsburg Life Chain, a prayerful gathering to protest abortion, will take place again this year on the square in Emmitsburg on October 5, at 2:30 p.m. It will be preceded by an ecumenical prayer service at St. Joseph's Church at 2:00 p.m. Signs will be provided to those who choose to be Witnesses for Life and form a human cross in the center of the town.

Heritage of Hope, a campaign by the Archdiocese of Baltimore to raise \$50 million dollars in the next few years, has gone "over goal" in both parishes. After the target is reached, 80% of further contributions is returned to each individual parish for maintenance and capital improvements.

OLMC Annual Labor Day Festival was a very successful event, serving 825 dinners and raising \$7,800. Chairman Chris Cashiola extended special thanks to John Dowling, Jane and Bruce Sprague, Theresa Whipp and Yvette Leith for their help in organizing and serving the dinner. Raffle winners were Doll House, Kathleen Dropko; \$300, Frances Koontz; Hind Quarter of Beef, Marian Williams.

The Knights of Columbus, OLMC Parish, have installed the following men as officers of Council # 11975: Leo Tittler (Chaplain), John Hawkins (Grand Knight), William Berkey, Jr. (Deputy Grand Knight), Tadd A. Hildreth (Chancellor), Tom Seiss (Warden), Chris Cashiola

(Advocate), Chuck Merriman (Recorder), Ron Stouter (Treasurer), Paul A. Keepers (Financial Secretary), Matt Lechowicz (Trustee), Bob Krebs (Trustee), Bill Joyner (Inside Guard), Larry Freshman (Outside Guard), Arnold Cerezo (Outside Guard), Rick Essma (Delegate to State Convention, and Antipolo Ligsay (Lecturer).

The Knights and their guests enjoyed an Oktoberfest Social on September 15. The next regular meeting for the Council will be Monday, October 6, at 7:30 p.m., OLMC Parish Center.

St. Anthony's Annual Turkey Dinner will be served at the parish hall on Sunday, October 12, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to make this fundraiser successful. Baked goods and other food donations are also being solicited. Call the Parish Office, 301 447-2367, to offer your help. Dinner prices: adults, \$7.00; children under 12, \$3.00; under 6, free.

A **Centennial Mass on October 26** at 10:00 a.m. will be the concluding celebration for St. Anthony's 100th anniversary year. William D. Borders, Retired Archbishop of Baltimore, will be the homilist for the occasion. Mass will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. Fr. Leo Tittler, pastor of St. Anthony's, invites everyone to attend this very special event, saying "Let's fill the church!"

A **Period Fashion Show and Picnic** in St. Anthony's Grove on



Amanda Leigh (right) and Krista Higgs model turn of the century cotton & lace summer dresses that also doubled as bridal and bridesmaid dresses.

Photo courtesy St. Anthony's Parish

September 13, featured models wearing men's and women's clothing from 1820 to the present time. Several women's dresses from the 1800's, too fragile to be modeled, were displayed, as were a christening gown from 1915 and several antique dolls. Arranged and narrated by Mary Catherine Shields, the fashion show was part of the ongoing Centennial Year celebration at St. Anthony Shrine. Models for the occasion were Diane Shockey, Sherry Regalado, Krista Higgs, Amanda Leigh, Ashley Wivell, Peggy Offutt, Mary Anne Shields, Kathy Shields, Mary Agatha Kramer, Angela Fitz, Jessie Decker, and Audrey Decker.

October is "Respect for Life" month. Once again, parishioners may "spiritually" adopt a child who otherwise might not be bom.

Anyone wishing to join this work of love and mercy may call 301 447-2367 for further information.

Congratulations to the newly baptized. St. Anthony Shrine Parish welcomes **David Stephen Shields, Jr.**, who was baptized into the Catholic faith on Sunday, September 7, 1997. David is the son of David and Mary Anne Shields.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish welcomes into the Catholic faith **Ian Patrick, Sean Matthew, and Colleen Elizabeth Weant** who were baptized on Sunday, September 7, 1997. They are the children of Richard and Elizabeth Weant.

OLMC welcomes into the Catholic faith **Eric Charles Myers**, son of Robert and Karen Myers, and **Matthew James Viti**, son of Robert and Irene Viti. The babies were baptized on Sunday, September 21, 1997.

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Mother Seton Students Qualify for the Johns Hopkins Gifted and Talented

Congratulations to 8th graders Tyler Boone, Shannon Connell, Stephen Harrington, Mary Knox, Rene Parks, Tom Taggart and 7th graders Adam Portier and Natasha Thomas! These students have qualified to participate in the program by Johns Hopkins Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth. This program offers an objective assessment in mathematical and verbal reasoning abilities for highly capable students and provides opportunities for them to be recognized and rewarded. To qualify, a student must have scored in the 97th or higher percentile on a nationally recognized achievement test in mathematics and verbal skills. We are proud of these fine representatives of Mother Seton School!



Mother Seton students who have qualified to participate in the Johns Hopkins Institute for the Academic Advancement of Youth are (front row l-r) Natasha Thomas, Mary Knox, Adam Portier, and Shannon Connell. Back row Stephen Harrington, Rene Parks, Tom Taggart, and Tyler Boone.

Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

October - Happy Birthday wishes to Kenneth Frushour Sr., Chad Wolfe, Becky Eiker, Kimberly Dinterman, Kathy Frushour, Franklin Stambaugh, Teresa Kaas, Cody Wolfe, and Dawn Hobbs.

A Labor Day Cookout was held at the home of Cora Setherly and son Carl. Those attending were Gary and Alice Southerly, Falling Waters, W.VA.; Jeff Wilson and Beth Fisher of Manchester, Md.; Terry Wilson, "J.R.", and Jenny; Hilda and Butch Wilson all of Taneytown; Dennis and Regina Cavelle, and Eric and Patrick and friend from Walkersville; John Cavell from Middletown; Keith and Debbie, Kortney Davis from Sabillasville; Bobbie and Sharon Wilson from New Windsor; Harry "Bud" Pittinger, Walkersville; Helen Shank; Cameron and Shirley Eigenbrode, Barry and Barbara Maheny, Ronnie and Kenny from Thurmont; Ronnie and Diane Hahn, Jeff and Paula Smith, Louis Smith, Guy Pittenger all of Rocky Ridge.

Games were played including volleyball, softball, and water balloon. A good time was had by all.

On Saturday October 4, Rocky Ridge Fire Company will start their Bingo at 7 P.m. and will continue every Saturday night. Good food is always available.

RIDGE FEST

The Willing Workers of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church will have Fall Activities at the Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge on October 11-12. There will be apple butter boiling Saturday only. For apple butter orders, call 301-271-2880. Good homemade soups, sandwiches, pies, etc. will be on sale. Also Country Store items will be available. For free flea market set ups, call 301-271-2135. The Rocky Ridge Firemen will have their famous Fried Ham sandwiches both days. Plenty of free parking and amusements for the children. Come and enjoy.

What is Rally Day?

By P.K. Haines

(A talk given to the Sunday School classes on Rally Day.)

When I was growing up, I always thought it was just the day we got our pins and promotions for being in Sunday School the past year.

But the more I thought about it, I figured that our forefathers probably had more in mind than what we might be thinking of today.

When looking up the word *Rally* it means:

To gather for a common purpose

To arouse for action

To come together again to renew an effort To join in a common cause

In looking at these definitions, it brings more understanding to our service today. Everyone, young and old, needs to remember why we join together

er once a year for Rally Day.

To join in a common cause - We are gathered together today. Usually we come to Sunday School and spread out, go our separate directions to our individual classes. We don't always see each other. But today we are gathered together as a single group.

To come together again to renew an effort - What is our effort - our cause? We are here to learn, to teach, to share the good news of our heavenly Father. This past quarter of the adult lesson has

reminded me of what we have been given and the many directions to follow to lead a Godly life.

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We must worship Christ for his exalted nature - he is so powerful so important

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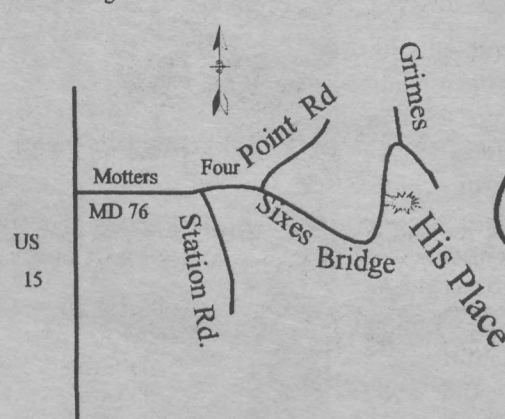
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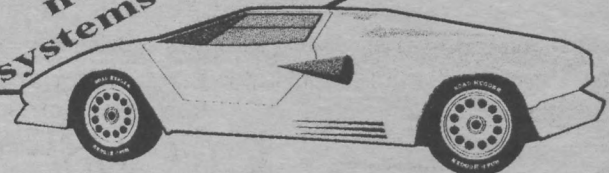
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As with everything else in life, the more we practice our faith, the more mature we become in understanding our Lord

The result of this hard work will be our opportunity for everlasting life through God's grace.

Our world today gives us so much to do, so many places to go, things to do, things to buy, people to be like... and so on and so on.

I believe that you children are at a point in time when things will continue on, faster and faster. More and more difficulties, temptations and fads will pull you from the safety of this place. The world will seek to take away the rights

you have. Others will ask you to forget what you were taught and to take the easy road.

But I challenge you all to continue to meet here on a regular basis. To come to learn about the Lord. To share our happy times and our sad times. And to remain part of our Sunday School family.

It will be a hard road — are you up for the challenge? Remember the result will be everlasting.

Barbara Keilholtz received her 40th Year pin for perfect attendance in Sunday School on Rally Day.

Students Who Serve

by: Ellen Drzewiecki

What do most Mount St. Mary's College students do all day? They work and study, and many volunteer in Emmitsburg helping to meet the needs of others. The students run fund-raisers such as Pennies for the Poor, and food and clothing drives that benefit area agencies. They tutor students at area elementary and middle schools, visit the senior citizens in nearby nursing homes, and volunteer at area soup kitchens and assist the mentally disabled. On Sunday Oct. 26, the Mount volunteers will join once again with the Emmitsburg Council of Churches in a CROP Walk. The walkers will raise money for local and worldwide hunger relief efforts, including supporting the work of the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

At Emmitsburg Elementary, Mount students tutor during class hours and also on Wednesday afternoons helping with math and verbal assignments so that the children can excel. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons other Mount students volunteer to help tutor middle school students participating in the Catocin Community Clubhouse. The Catocin Community Clubhouse is an after-school program sponsored by the Family YMCA of Frederick County that takes place at the Knott ARCC on Mount St. Mary's campus.

New for the Mount community this year is the SEA House, an acronym for Serving the Emmitsburg Area. A group of students live together in a house and run various service activities in Emmitsburg. For example, one student leads other students to visit the retired sisters at Villa St. Michael on Thursday afternoons. The mission of SEA House is summed up by the words of house resident Jackie Marmarou: "Our purpose is to raise the awareness of the need for community service."

Students Jamie McClintock and Amy Sessa-Creque have internships with local churches, assisting with youth ministry programs. They talk to youth about everyday topics and help to run various retreats sponsored by the program. Another student, Kelly Buchanan is interning with Up-County Family Center on Lincoln Avenue.

All of these volunteers give back to the community in which they live. Jesus sent out his disciples to do good works and to preach the Gospel. These students are living examples of what Jesus told us: "Do unto others as you would have done unto you." They are also witnesses to the Mount's mission to "resolve the problems facing humanity."

(Ellen Drzewiecki, from Germantown, Maryland, is a junior at Mount St. Mary's College. She is majoring in English with a minor in education.)

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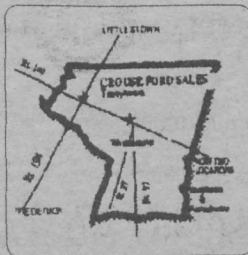
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Over the white board fence...

By Mike Hillman

He Who Laughs at Himself Will Never Cease To Be Amused.

Part II. Mike's efforts at repairing the barn's water system.

Needless to say, when Audrey informed me one day last winter that we had lost water pressure in the barn for a few minutes, I was convinced that my worst fears were about to become reality.

"What do you mean you lost water pressure?" "What do you think I mean? One minute water was coming out of the hose, the next it wasn't. The water pump must be going bad." Unwilling to admit to her my true fear, I wanted to ask her if there was any possibility that she could have absently turned the water off without knowing it, but thought the better of it. It was probably just a fluke. "Let's wait and see if it happens again." And happen it did, repeatedly over the next several weeks, though only to Audrey. Each time, she insisted that the water pump was the culprit, and each time I replied that she was only being paranoid. We live on a farm. Things like this happen on farms. Besides I'm the nuclear engineer, and water pumps don't stop and go. When they go, they go!" Then it happened to me on Christmas Day. I was watering the horses when the water suddenly stopped. After verifying that the hose was not kinked, I headed off to the basement to check out the water pump controller. No sooner had I reached the basement when I heard the pumps turn on. I was lazily checking over the system when I suddenly remembered that I had never shut off the hose in the barn. Running quickly back to the barn, I was greeted by the sight of the hose wildly whipping around, like a cobra out of control. It was dousing everything in sight, and before I could subdue it, it sprayed right into an electrical outlet. The resulting short circuit once again left me wet, cold, and in the dark. Needless to say, Audrey was not amused. "Merry Christmas, Mr. Nuclear Engineer. Now will you please call a plumber and get the water pump checked out?"

The following morning I was up bright and early—well, early for me

at least—and began a thorough checkout of the farm's water supply. First on the agenda was to figure out whether the well was going dry. My flashlight was pretty useless, since it illuminated only the top 10 feet of the pipe, so instead I resorted to dropping stones down the well pipe.

After dropping my 17th stone and hearing no ker-plunk, I made the bold assumption that the well had to be okay and turned my attention to the piping systems. Although I was in the vicinity of the system itself for only 15 minutes, I nevertheless somehow managed to break the pressure-sending unit and the handles on three valves and to crack one solder joint. A rather productive morning, if I do say so myself.

After checking out everything imaginable, and with the pump now cycling on and off every 30 seconds, I finally conceded defeat and called Reckley's plumbing to the rescue. Within an hour, Joe Reckley was examining the scene of the crime. Nodding knowingly as I explained what had transpired, Joe smiled and pronounced the water pump as the culprit. All the signs point to it, but being a nuclear engineer, you must have already figured that out, right?" I confirmed that I, too, had suspected the water pump all along, but Audrey had doubted me. "I don't want to rub it in that I was right and she was wrong, so let's not tell her the pump was the problem. We'll replace it anyway, only as a matter of form, since it's old and out of the well anyway."

The failure of the water pump blew one of my last illusions of the farm. Over the years, one of the treats of having well water had been the illusion that it was free. Now I had to pay the piper, or should I say—the plumber. Showing his years of experience, Joe quickly opened the top of the well and began the long, arduous task of pulling the pump out of the well. My offer to help pull out the pump was politely refused. "You drive a desk don't you?" This is man's uh... heavy work, and I'd hate to see you hurt yourself." So while Joe and his helper got the glory of pulling the pump, I had to settle for the menial task of straightening the hose. By the time the 200-foot marker had been reached however, the hose was becoming rather heavy. I was moving so slowly that PJ, my trusty Jack Russell, had

given up watching me and gone off to play a game of chase-the-cat. By the 300-foot marker, I began to thank my lucky stars that Joe had considered me a weakling and swore that I would never again complain about having a desk job.


An hour after his arrival, Joe had the offending pump lying on the ground and a new one was being lowered into the well. "Do you have kids?" "No, why?" "Well, the top of the old pump was covered with stones. I've found from past experience that stones on top of pumps come either from kids throwing them down the well for fun or from morons trying to figure out if their well is dry or not." Fortunately for me, PJ chose this moment to sprint by with Tony, our Siamese whatever, hot on his tail, so I was able to evade Joe's question. As I went off to the rescue, Joe went about fixing all the damage I had done that morning, as well as several other items that had been on Audrey's "honey do" list for several years.

Several days later, we received a nice thank-you note from Reckley's


and a bill about 1/5 of what I expected. "Wow! Michael, Reckley's was really cheap. At these prices, why don't we get the pump replaced more often?" A quick examination of the bill revealed that Reckley's had failed to bill us for the pump, which I mistakenly pointed out to Audrey. Audrey ignored my sinister suggestion that we wait and see if they would bill us for it next month, and after lecturing me on how cheap I was, she called to find the price of the pump and added it to the bill. I meanwhile returned to writing my paper on business ethics.

With the water supply now restored, things quickly returned to normal around the farm. However, as I have learned over the years, when one part of a system is replaced, the next weakest component will usually fail. So now every time I turn on the hose and feel the gush of water pressure, I cast an apprehensive glance towards the barn floor, under which lies a duct-taped joint, which is dripping, dripping, dripping....

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Obituaries

Mrs. Grace Jeffries

Mrs. Grace C. Jeffries, 90, of Old Frederick Road, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, Sept 2, at St. Catherine's Nursing Home, Emmitsburg.

Her husband, William V. Jeffries, died in 1960.

Born Dec. 16, 1906, in Mississippi, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Loma Winter Crouch.

Mrs. Jeffries was employed as a clerk for the Agriculture Department.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty J. Baer of Emmitsburg; a son, the Rev. William M. Jeffries of Murfreesboro, N.C.; three grandchildren, all of Raleigh, N.C.; and two brothers, M.T. Crouch, and Earl F. Crouch of Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Jeffries was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary K. Jeffries, in 1986.

She was interred in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., with Mrs. Jeffries' son, the Rev. William Jeffries, and the Rev. Jonathan Jeffries, a grandson, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, P. O. Box 1799, Frederick, Md. 21701, and/or to the United Methodist Church of Murfreesboro, 301 E. High St., Murfreesboro, N.C. 27855.

Mrs. Monica Hoy

Mrs. Monica Elizabeth Hess Hoy, 90, of Ottumwa, Iowa, died Friday, Sept. 12, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

She was the wife of the late Rees Lincoln Hoy.

Born Oct. 11, 1906, in Ottumwa, she was the daughter of the late Peter and Mary Ford Hess.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are two daughters, Ruth Kemple of Emmitsburg and Rita Miller of Nashville, Tenn.; four grandchildren, Rita Carroll of Emmitsburg, Carl Miller of Dickson, Tenn., Becky Seul of Nashville, and Kevin Miller of Thornton, Colo.; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

A memorial Mass was held Monday, Sept. 15, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy as the celebrant.

Mrs. Emma Weddle

Mrs. Emma Grace Miller Weddle, 91, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Sept 14, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

Her husband, Libert S. Weddle, died June 30, 1971.

Born Feb. 19, 1906, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late John T. and Sarah Tressler Miller.

She was a member of the Thurmont United Methodist Church.

As a young girl she was employed with St. Joseph's in Emmitsburg. Later she worked for the Emmitsburg and Frederick Sewing Factory. She retired from Claire Frock in Thurmont, where she was employed for 35 years. She was a member of the ILGNRF Union.

Surviving are a daughter, Georgette S. Brown of Thurmont; four grandchildren, Gary Bankard, Paul Bankard, Robert M. Brown Jr., and Peggy S. Miller; seven great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; two sisters, Mary Valentine of Seven Valley, Pa., and Lotice Springer of Emmitsburg; and several nieces and nephews.

She is remembered by special friends Kenny Shriner, Mary Mayne and Cora Gourley, all of Thurmont, and Agnes Zimmerman of Frederick.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Alice Falconer, Bertha Cook, and Jane Wilhide; and seven brothers, Herbert Miller, William Miller, Charles Miller, John Miller, Irvin Miller, Howard Miller, and Harry Miller.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 17, with the Rev. D. Matthew Poole officiating. Burial was in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

Memorial donations may be made to Thurmont United Methodist Church, 13880 Longs Road, Thurmont, Md. 21788, or St. Catherine's Nursing Center, 331 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

Mr. Eugene Austin Stoner

Mr. Eugene Austin Stoner, 85, of Parkton, Md., died September 16 at his home after a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the late Mary Agnes Kelly Stoner.

Born January 21, 1912, in Emmitsburg, Md., Mr. Stoner was the son of the late Frank and Alice Bowling Stoner.

After growing up in Emmitsburg, Mr. Stoner attended Mount St. Mary's College. During World War II he served in the U. S. Navy on the U.S.S.

Yorktown. He retired from Westinghouse, where he worked as a carpenter.

He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Pikesville, Md.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary Clare Jednorski of Parkton, Md., and two sons, Stephen M. Stoner of Baltimore and Paul R. Stoner of Eldersburg. He is also survived by a nephew, Woody Stoner of Gettysburg, Pa., eight grandchildren, and one great grandson. He was predeceased by three brothers.

Funeral services were held at St. Charles Catholic Church on Sept. 18, with Fr. E. Joseph Cote presiding.

Memorial contributions may be made to the USS Yorktown CV-10 Association, 40 Patriots Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, S.C. 29464

Mrs. Isabel Mathias

Mrs. Isabel June "Isy" Troxell Mathias, 66, of 13719 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, died Monday, Sept. 22, at home.

Her husband, Kenneth Milton Mathias, died Oct. 22, 1991.

Born Dec. 30, 1930, in Uniontown, she was a daughter of the late Russell and Nettie Ruth Testerman Troxell. She was also a foster daughter of the late Edgar and Laura Troxell.

She was a 1948 graduate of Emmitsburg High School.

In her younger years she was employed by the Claire Frock Co., Thurmont. She also was employed for six years by Willard Chemical Co., Frederick, for 15 years at St. John's Christian School, Thurmont, and at the Thurmont Child Care Center.

She was a member of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church and Sunday school, Rocky Ridge, where she taught for more than 40 years. She served many years on the church council as secretary. She was a member of the Willing Workers of the church and was past president. She was also a member of the Mount Tabor Cemetery board and was past president and member of the Mount Tabor Quilters.

She was a member of Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co. and was its past assistant secretary. She was a charter member of the fire company's auxiliary, and had served as president and secretary. She was a member of Thurmont Grange 409, serving as treasurer for 30 years. She was also a member of the Thurmont Senior Citizens.

She enjoyed traveling and spending winters in Zephyrhills, Fla., play-

ing cards and quilting.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Lee Mathias Summers and husband Jon of Thurmont; a son, Dennis Dee Mathias and wife Paulette of Rocky Ridge; two grandsons, Jamison Lincoln Mathias and wife Melissa, and Andrew Todd Mathias, all of Rocky Ridge; a brother, Maurice Troxell of Owings Mills; a sister, Ann Ruth Mettee of Eldersburg; and a foster brother, Melvin Troxell of Rocky Ridge.

She is also remembered by many friends.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Leroy Troxell.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 24, at Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, with the Rev. James Russell officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, or Rocky Ridge Fire Co.

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Community Show Winners

The 41st Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show was held September 5, 6 and 7 at Catoctin High School. There were 650 Thurmont, Emmitsburg, and area residents who entered 2900 exhibits at the show. The Friday evening program opened the show with a flag ceremony in which 29 community civic organizations were represented. The Edwin C. Creager American Legion Post 168 of Thurmont presented the colors and the Catoctin High School Band played the "Star Spangled Banner." Lynn Ausherman gave the invocation. Carolyn Wiles, Cheryl Delp, Sandy Moyer, and Sarah Ninos-Newhart of the Sweet Adelines Quartet sang several selections. The Premier Exhibitor Award was presented to Karen Myers in honor of the C. Rodman Myers Family by Catoctin FFA Advisor Robert Beavan.

The Catoctin Area feeder schools PTA volunteers were honored in observance of the 100th Anniversary of the National PTA Association. Those honored were Emmitsburg Elementary School: Hilda Hemmingway and Mary Myers; Lewistown Elementary School: Betsy Randall, Helen VanFossen, and Jan Marsh; Sabillasville Elementary School: Imogene Smith, Shirley E. Brown, Mildred Eyer, Shirley Brown, and Ray Toms; Thurmont Elementary School: Gwen K. Frey and Robert Lillard; Thurmont Middle School: Sandy Stull and Thurmont American Legion; and Catoctin High School: Karen Watson and Judith White.

Dr. Jack Dale, Frederick County Superintendent of Schools, announced Tammy Green as the 1997-98 Catoctin FFA Chapter Ambassador. Ms. Marlene Tarr, Catoctin High School Principal, gave brief remarks. The baked products auction followed with the **Baked Products** Grand Champion, a black walnut cake baked by Sue Flohr, selling for \$250 to Mountain Gate Family Restaurant. The Reserve Champion Cake, a coconut cake, was baked by Jean Myers. The Champion Pie, a cherry pie, was baked by Denise Valentine, and the Reserve Champion Pie, a peach pie, was baked by Ginger Graybill. Gloria Green baked the Champion Whole Wheat Bread, and Vivian McCuller won Reserve Champion Bread with her Zucchini Bread.

Other departments' winners were as follows: **Fresh Fruit:** Champion- Gary Hauver, Gala apples. Reserve Champion - Richard Masser, nectarines. **Fresh Vegetables:** Champion - Brenda Bradshaw, kale. Reserve Champion - Jean Keilholtz, cabbage. **Home Product Display:** Champion- Gretchen Smith. Reserve Champion - Peggy Royer. **Canned Fruit:** Champion- Lyla Franklin, peaches. Reserve Champion - Elizabeth Grove, blackberries. **Canned Vegetables:** Champion- Brenda Bradshaw, green beans. Reserve

Champion - Joan Spalding, sauerkraut. **Jellies and Preserves:** Champion - Nancy Titman, crabapple jelly. Reserve Champion - Gloria Greene, strawberry preserves. **Pickles:** Champion- Carol Minnick, catsup. Reserve Champion - Naomi Long, pickled beans.

Canned Meat: Champion - Brenda Bradshaw, fish. Reserve Champion - Matthew Flook, home-cured ham. **Sewing:** Champion - Walter Brown, quilt. Reserve Champion - Carol Ford, hooked rug. **Flowers and Plants:** Champion - Roxanna Lambert, fresh wreath. Reserve Champion - Roxanna Lambert, fresh arrangement. **Arts, Painting, and Drawing:** Champion - Sharon Klinder, watercolor. Reserve Champion - Brenda Broadbent, calligraphy. **Crafts:** Champion - Edwin Brown, hand-crafted model backhoe. **Photography:** Champion - Ken Hood, color photo. Reserve Champion - Jesse Shultzaberger, black and white landscape. **Corn:** Champion - Norman Shriver Jr, ear corn. Reserve Champion - Jim Kaas, corn silage. **Grain and Seeds:** Champion - Fred Grimes, clover seed. Reserve Champion - Steve Little, wheat. **Eggs:** Champion - Nancy Grimes, brown eggs. Reserve Champion - Danny Whetzel, brown eggs. **Nuts:** Champion - George Hobbs, shellbarks. Reserve Champion - Justin Masser, shellbarks. **Poultry and Livestock:** Champion, Tim Ballenger, rooster and

hen. Reserve Champion - Jerm Jackson, rabbit. **Dairy:** Champion - Amanda Valentine, Ayrshire cow. Reserve Champion - Mark Valentine, Ayrshire cow. **Hay:** Champion - Paul Baumgardner, orchard grass. Reserve Champion - Robert McAfee, timothy hay. **Junior Department:** Champion - Chad Greene, plastic jug craft. Reserve Champion - Mark Snurr, entomology collection. **Youth Department:** Champion - Matthew Roberts, drawing. Reserve Champion - Kyra Pilson, dress.

The Annual Catoctin FFA Alumni **Beef, Sheep, and Swine Show** was judged by Eddie Mayne of Libertytown. Champion Steer- Jamie Hertel; Reserve Champion, Zachary Sweeney. Champion Hog - Josh Ruby; Reserve Champion - Jessica Troxell. Champion Lamb - Sara Cox; Reserve Champion - Megan Portner. Robert Valentine, Livestock Chairman, was pleased with the prices the animals brought at the sale. Lambs averaged \$1.80 per pound, hogs \$1.48 per pound and steers \$1.20 per pound.

The annual petshow was held on Saturday with 100 entries. Josie and Abigail Greco won Champion with a basset hound. Reserve Champion was Joey Davis with his cat. Judges were Gail Powell and Dr. Teresa L. Koogler.

The Thurmont Grange served 770 dinners at their annual Turkey and Ham Supper.

On Sunday the **Dairy Show** was held. Amanda Valentine won Grand

Champion Brown Swiss, and Mark Valentine won Reserve Grand Champion Ayrshire cow. Judging the dairy show was Stacey Guyton-Kahler. Amanda Mills won Grand Champion in the goat show. Robert Fogle of Frederick was the judge.

A **Best-Decorated Contest**, by Dawn Hobbs was held on Sunday. Doug Hamilton won 1st place with his hog dressed as "Gordi." Emily Ballenger won 1st place with her goat dressed as "Have you hugged your kid today?" In the sheep class, Erin Hobbs won 1st with her sheep dressed like *M.A.S.H.* army soldiers. Jennifer Hobbs captured 2nd with her sheep dressed as "Little Red Riding Hood." In the dairy class Ashley Mayer won with "Holy Cow." Ben Leach placed second with his cow dressed like Abraham Lincoln. In 3rd place was Brooke Hoffman dressing her cow in "Real Cow-Energizer." Grand Champion of the Best-Decorated Animal Contest was Ashley Mayer with "Holy Cow," and Reserve Champion was Doug Hamilton with his Pig "Gordi."

Winners in the 18th Annual Catoctin Mountain **Horseshoe Pitching Contest** were 1st- Jim Miller and Richard Valentine, 2nd- Dan Branson and Ronald Hahn, and 3rd- Rick Coot and Roy Wivell, Jr.

The results of the 1997 Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show **Log-Sawing Contest** were as follows:

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Goat Tales

by Christine Maccabee

Prejudice and the Pecking Order

As you know, if you have been reading these goat tales, all of them are based upon actual experiences and observations. The topic of this, my final essay, is one which I have been contemplating for at least a year now, and that is turning out to be one of the most difficult to do. So, I ask you to be patient, perhaps even tolerant, as I examine two closely related behaviors, prejudice and the pecking order.

Pecking-order behavior has been blatantly exhibited in the antics of my three adorable goats. As they matured and had their babies, the butting behavior began and persists to this day on a daily basis. At first it bothered me. It seemed cruel and unnecessary for Fleetfoot (dominant female) to be butting poor little Fawn away from the food, and sometimes on a damp drizzly day even butting her out of the shelter. "Fawn doesn't deserve this," I would think to myself. Sometimes she seemed to have an oppressed look about her. After all, it was she who lost both of her sons. One I

took from her to give to a friend, and the other she watched struggle while wedged in a tree until his little heart gave out. So, in order to compensate for Fleetfoot's bad treatment I go out of my way to speak gently to Fawn expressing sympathy with my words and encouraging pats. Necessarily, she is served her food separately from Fleetfoot's.

However, Fawn is not completely innocent, for she in turn butts Blueberry (the youngest), who in turn has no one to pick on. As I observe my goats' "foolish" behavior, I wonder what purpose it serves. It strikes me that such butting is, for some unknown reason, an integral part of a goat's nature, even natural, and therefore acceptable. Perhaps all of this butting of each other is simply a process of exercising skills for defense against the enemy. Butting is also a part of their play. Indeed, I have observed the mother actually teaching the child how to butt. In this case the butting was playful, gentle, and skillful to boot.

Defense? Hmmm... Natural? Double hmmm... Are we then to conclude that prejudice and pecking-order behavior as we observe it in human society, which frequently

results in violence, is natural? Triple hmmm...

Prejudice seems to be intimately related to territorialism. We see this vividly portrayed throughout the world in those war-torn regions where humans can't quite get it together...not enough space for everyone, too many unresolvable ethnic and historical differences to overcome, racism, etc. There is the pecking order perfectly exhibited in the caste system in India (actually written into law), or in any country where rich and poor are separated by a huge gulf of economic, racial, or other social differences. The difference between pecking-order behavior in nature and seemingly similar behavior in human society is that in nature it serves a necessary and useful purpose (ensuring the strength and well-being of the whole community), while in human society it serves no necessary or useful purpose.

Closer to home, I personally have been affected by territorial prejudice which happily is entertained by only a handful of mean-spirited humans. A couple of years ago, I went to pay a friendly visit to a new neighbor who not so subtly suggested that if I was not born and raised in Frederick County, as he was, then I had no business being here. He also threatened to shoot my dogs should they wander onto his property. Natural??!! Downright mean if you ask me! Little does this man know, since he has no historical recall nor imagination, none of us

belong here. We stole this land from the Native Americans and now we act as though we own it. In all of their wonderful wisdom, the Native Americans knew that no one owns the land, really.

"We cannot sell the lives of people; neither can we sell this land. It was put here for us by the Great Spirit and we cannot sell it because it does not belong to us. As a present to you, we will give you anything we have that you can take with you; but the land, never."

So, as we buy and sell, subdivide, and threaten habitat with our habit of encroachment, unless we honor the land, we honor no one—not even ourselves nor our children's futures. Taking this a step further, unless we honor one another, we will continue to fail the great test of what it means to be fully human, and we will never advance into our true natural state as humans. Our survival and the survival of the earth totally depends on our ability to develop spiritually and to nurture compassionate understanding in ourselves and others. If we don't, we will continue to butt, push around, and push out our neighbors, be they bear, wolf, tree, or human. The question remains: "Are we goats or are we human?"

(Apology from the Editor: Last month there was a misprint in the very first sentence. Christine says that it would be next to impossible to "mail" her goats. Milking is easier!)

WINNERS from page 18

Men's Singles - 1st, Jim Flohr (1:45 minutes); 2nd, Carroll Glass (1:52 minutes); 3rd, Chris DiMaggio (2:37 minutes)
Men's Team - 1st, Carroll Glass and Bernie Hobbs (25 seconds); 2nd, Dave Coblentz and Denny Willard (27 seconds); 3rd, Denny Willard and Jim Flohr (33 seconds).

Men's and Women's - 1st, Cheryl Lenhart and Rodman Myers (45 seconds); 2nd, Sam Eyler and Jen Seiss (1:00 minute); 3rd, Carroll Glass and Jessica Troxell (1:11 minutes)
Women's Singles - Deborah Bateman (1:42 minutes)
Children's Singles - 1st, Mike Hewitt (2:16 minutes); 2nd, Mark Butler (2:30 minutes); 3rd, Bradley Seiss (3:33 minutes)
Children's Teams - 1st, John Little and Andy Folk (43 seconds); 2nd, Mark Butler and Matt Flook (1:00 minute); 3rd, Michael Hobbs and Bradley Seiss (1:02 minutes)

Couples Team - 1st, Mark Valentine and Jessica Troxell (1:02 minutes); 2nd, Chris DiMaggio and Jennifer Hobbs (1:13 minutes); 3rd, Chad Hahn and Chet Kerns (1:20 minutes)

The Tae Kwon Do Karate club, under the leadership of Lyrn Folk and John Richards, gave excellent demon-

strations.

Sheep-shearing demonstrations were provided by Caleb Kersner. Weaving was demonstrated by Debra May. Mary Clabaugh and Linda Etzler had a lamb promotion and food table.

The Catoctin FFA Alumni served 400 chicken BBQ dinners on Sunday.

The David and Terry Coblentz family donated watermelons to be sold to benefit the Catoctin FFA Chapter, FFA Alumni and Community Show. On display at the show were 3 watermelons from North Carolina weighing 147 lbs., 141 lbs. and 139 lbs.

Steve and Gail Campbell of Galesville, Md., had 4 alpacas on display. The watermelons and alpacas drew a lot of attention.

President Rodman Myers stated the Community Show is an agricultural education event and is a total community effort. Many individual volunteers gave many hours to make our show one the Catoctin School District can be proud of. These efforts are appreciated by the show's sponsors: the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Granges, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin FFA Alumni, and the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board. The 1998 Community Show dates are September 11, 12 and 13th.

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