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SENIOR CITIZENS FETED



Old-time music gets Lottie Ruby's Toes Tappin'. Phyllis Morningstar partners her.

On July 31, The Emmitsburg Youth League treated approximately 35 senior citizens from Emmitsburg to a "first-of-a-kind" picnic in Memorial Park.

The no-name band, later dubbed the "Retiree Ramblers" provided music of the era that the guests recalled from younger days. Band members Mr. Elwood Eiker, Emmitsburg, dobro; Mr. Crawford Brechbill, Fayetteville, PA, guitar; Mr. Cloyd Sullivan, Waynesboro, PA, guitar/singer; Mr. George Benschoff, Blue Ridge Summit, PA, tenor banjo; and Mr. Floyd Benschoff, Fairfield, PA, mandolin, provided the music that caused toes to tap and a little bit of whisper singing along. Long live "The Red River Valley." Ya hoo!

The idea for the picnic was generated during a meeting of the Emmitsburg Youth League which is supervised by Deputy Horner, Deputy Hunter, and Code Enforcer Bob Koontz. Code enforcer Bob

Koontz said that the Emmitsburg Youth League wanted to do something for "...the little older kids."
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GRAND OPENING of VISITORS CENTER MUSEUM

By Linda Postelle

The official grand opening of the Emmitsburg Visitors Center Museum will be held on Saturday, September 17, at 12 noon. Mayor William Carr will cut the ribbon. The Lions Club will serve their famous barbecue chicken as a charitable fund-raiser.

There will be an auction of items donated by local businesses and friends of Emmitsburg to raise money for the renovation of the Community Center Building. The auctioneer, Albert Hobbs, makes every auction an entertaining event.

The Emmitsburg Visitors Center Museum is in the Community Center at 300 S. Seton Ave. The museum is located in the first room to the left of the front entrance. Several volunteers have manned the room this summer with the most consistent time being Friday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

In the museum are found area brochures, cards, and pamphlets from local businesses and attractions, as well as historic artifacts concerning Emmitsburg. Many items belonging to the Historical Society were transferred to this new room. A recently purchased large oak-and-glass showcase has made an effective display case. We also have a tabletop showcase donated by Mr. and Mrs. William Garner. On display are some very old maps of Emmitsburg, some Civil War era legal papers, many items from the 19th century, and some early 20th century artifacts and articles.

Recent donations include a large slate chalk board donated by Bea and Vernon Keilholtz. Vernon recalls that this slate board was found in the offices of Meade-Patterson on Lincoln Avenue around 1936. It may have been salvaged from a school which was
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MISSION OF MERCY

The Mission of Mercy, a non-profit organization based in Emmitsburg, MD, launched its mobile medical services on August 15 in this place. The organization's large recreational van, equipped to allow the staff of doctors and nurses to assess or treat a wide range of medical conditions, was located at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 47 De-Paul Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Michael Sullivan, Medical Director of the Mission of Mercy, in an interview with the *Dispatch*, said that "restoring human dignity to the sick, the poor, and the home-

less in an atmosphere of unconditional love is the major function of the Mission of Mercy. We want to reach out to the people who have been falling through the cracks," he said, "and help them with their medical problems." He indicated they will be working closely with people in the area's social services network to help them find those in need. Medical care will be available at no charge or according to one's ability to pay.

The Mission of Mercy was founded in 1992 by Gianna Talone-Sullivan, a
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TOWN MEETING

A group of concerned mothers appeared before the town council on August 1st with a list of grievances regarding the "deteriorating conditions" at the local swimming pool. The two issues of most concern were pool safety and the cleanliness and sanitary conditions of the bathhouse.

Inattentive lifeguards who spend more time talking to their friends than watching the children, dirty bathrooms, mildewed floors, and unkept grounds were reported by the women. "Things are out of hand," Hope Mahony said, "and we need to take some measures to restore authority. We will do what we can to help," she added. The mothers agreed that the water quality of the pool was good. They felt that the lack of adult supervision on the part of the pool contractor, Seahorse Pool Service of Bethesda, was a major part of the problem.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Weaver said that he had been made aware of the situation about a month ago, and that Seahorse had been notified, but "nothing had changed." Town Manager Yvette Semeler visited the pool after these reports and noted that the pool employees "got busy" when someone was around or if the day was a regularly scheduled pool inspection day.

Tammy Wivell said she felt the lifeguards "didn't have a clue" as to their job responsibilities and that she has lost trust in them. Hope Mahony, agreeing that there were troubling situations, called for more adult supervision and parental participation in the pool operation. She felt that the community should expect the life-

guards to do their job, but also that the community needs to rally behind the lifeguards and give them support.

Commissioner Weaver noted that another meeting was scheduled for Aug. 3 with Seahorse to discuss the complaints and to insist on compliance with the terms of the contract. Weaver thanked Sylvia Bushman, Hope Mahony, Ellen Staub, and Tammy Wivell for bringing their concerns to the council.

In other business the commissioners:

-agreed to draw up a plan to alleviate the parking problems at the post office which continue despite the installation of one-way traffic;

-approved the architectural drawings for the Vigilant Hose Company's addition plat;

-scheduled a meeting August 16 to discuss the house numbering ordinance for the town;

-and approved the request of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association for permission to hold an outdoor auction at the Community Center on September 17 following the opening of the Visitors Center.

Police Report

The town deputies reported that in July there were two accidents, one assault, one case of property destruction, five domestic disputes and one disorderly conduct. There was one adult arrest, 17 moving traffic violations, 13 warnings and one repair order were issued. Forty-six town parking citations were issued. Fifty-two mobile patrols, fifty-three foot patrols and one fire/ambulance assist were made. One school talk was given and sixteen business escorts were made.

Pool Update

On Wed. Aug. 3, the County inspector visited the pool and said the conditions of the facilities were satisfactory with the exception of some light bulbs that needed to be replaced.

In the meeting with Seahorse representatives and the employees, the pool personnel agreed that there were some discrepancies but that some of the charges were exaggerated. After discussion of the complaints the lifeguards stated that they wanted to and could complete the remainder of the season and make things right.

SEPTEMBER MEETING AT THE TOWN OFFICE

Sept. 12 Town meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 26 - Planning and Zoning Committee, 7 p.m.

Sept. 29 - Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 p.m.

Note: Public workshop date is set at town meeting. All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

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(MISSION continued from page 1) pharmacist from Scottsdale, Arizona, and wife of Dr. Michael Sullivan. It was not until they moved to the Emmitsburg area in late 1993 that the Mission of Mercy became a reality. "It is the fruit of where our spiritual life has led us," Michael Sullivan said, "and we wanted Emmitsburg to be our home base because our spiritual community is here."

For the last several months, Gianna Sullivan has been attending the Thursday night prayer service at St. Joseph's Church where she has visions of the Virgin Mary. During these services, Sullivan receives messages from Mary which are later read in the three-hour mass by the priest to the congregation. The messages in general, as reported in an article in the July 7, 1994, issue of the *Catholic Standard*, call the people to "a wholeness of life comprised of love, mercy, compassion, respect, dignity and honesty."

Michael Sullivan said that "since arriving at Emmitsburg doors have been opened for us." Doctors, nurses, and other interested persons "have been drawn in from the spiritual point of view," to be part of the mission. The medical team will consist of two physicians, three nurses, and one pharmacist. They and the mission operation itself are all duly licensed in the State of Maryland. Dr. Michael Sullivan graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical School and has worked for 12 years on the staff of the Geisinger Medical Group in central Pennsylvania, which specializes in rural medicine. Currently he works with Dr. Alan Carroll at the Emmitsburg Clinic. Dr. Gianna Sullivan graduated from the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy and currently works as a clinical pharmacist at an area hospital.

The Mission of Mercy Board of Directors and staff plan to provide services at three locations in the state in addition to Emmitsburg. They include Westminster, Brunswick, and Leitersburg/Ringgold. Site visits, initially, will be for one full day every two weeks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. All sites will have indoor waiting rooms staffed by volunteer hospitality workers who will provide babysitting services when necessary.

The medical van will be at its Emmitsburg site in September on Tuesday, the 13th, and Tuesday, the 27th. Appointments can be made by calling the Catoctin Pregnancy Center Operator, (301) 447-3391, Mon. 9-11 a.m.; Wed. 1-4 p.m.; and Fri. 10 a.m.- noon. When calling to schedule an appointment, ask for the "MISSION OF MERCY Receptionist." Walk-in visits will also be accepted.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

SENIORS

by Anna Margaret Martin

"School is busting out all over." Can you believe it! September is here after the coldest winter and hottest summer on record. What's next? Thanks to the county for keeping us warm last winter and cool this summer. September will be busy for the Seniors.

Our quilt is finished and will be on display at the Community Show Sept. 9, 10, and 11. Stop by and buy some chances (\$1 per book of five), a bargain even if you don't win. It will be chanced off at the Senior's Bazaar on Sat., November 12th. There will be more about the Bazaar later.

On Thursday evening September 15, we will host a public card party at 6:30 p.m. We will be playing "500" and Pinochle. Cost: \$2 per person. The door opens at 5:30 p.m. with refreshments on sale. Come join us for an evening of fun.

Meeting day, Tuesday, Sept. 20, will be our annual Birthday Party. We are planning a covered dish lunch that day. The center will furnish the meat, bread, drinks, and a birthday cake. Come, join your birthday partners and have fun.

(VISITORS Continued from page 1) formerly on that site. Virginia McLaughlin donated an Emmitsburg Bicentennial plate from 1957 and Dave Martin donated dozens of *Emmitsburg Chronicles* dating from 1975 and 1976. These papers provide interesting reading about the opening of Emmitsburg's new swimming pool, purchase of new fire equipment, and the canonization of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton on September 14, 1975.

Phil Postelle donated interesting advertising memorabilia from the turn of the century in Emmitsburg. There are photographs made from glass negatives, one of which shows fantastic detail of the fountain in the middle of the square. Another captured the train station stop on S. Seton Ave. at St. Joseph's College. These photographs were donated by Beverly and Jef Fitzgerald in memory of his father. Jef also donated a wooden replica of the fire house.

If you have items to donate please bring them to the Center or call Dick Marsden at 447-6216. Donated items will be on display at the Visitor's Center Museum on Friday, September 16 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m..

Bingo will be Sept. 1, 15, and 29 at 1 p.m. Our "500" card party will be Sept. 8 and 22 at 1 p.m..

Meals are served at our regular time, 12 noon each day. Come join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Transportation is available. Call Anna Margaret 447-6253 for reservations 24 hours in advance.

There will be no meal on Labor Day.

Dates to remember are: October 18, Meeting Day, Blind Bingo; October 16, Day Trip, call for information; Nov. 12, Bazaar.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Emmitsburg Historical Society will be held Tuesday, September 6, 7:30 p.m. in the Library Media Room at the Community Center.

Elizabeth Prongas, local artist and art teacher, will be the speaker. Her topic will be "A Brief Survey of Maryland Art History."

The Historical Society meets the first Tuesday evening of January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:30 p.m.. All are welcome to attend.

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COMMENTARY

"THE FUTURE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE"...Anonymous

The Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Committee is charged with updating its portion of the county's Comprehensive Plan in the Thurmont Planning Region.

This is a critical process with, as I see it, one little problem—the name. It does not take into account the angst of Emmitsburgians perceiving themselves to be in the forgotten corner of the county and being at the mercy of long-distance planning processes by others. The effect seems to have developed into a feeling of suspicion and powerlessness. There is a high probability that citizen participation in this current project will be next to nil due to a combination of identity crisis and inertia. Regional residents need to be involved. Why? As Casey Stengel once said, "If you don't know where you are going you might end up someplace else."

Where is the "someplace else" for Emmitsburg? What will be there when we arrive? The growth potential for this area is projected to be in the range from 5,500 to 8,000 people in the corporate limits. There are no estimates for the surrounding area. The local Planning and Zoning Committee, consisting of Gene Meyers, Commissioner Dave Copenhaver, Julie Seifert, Tom Topper, Sara Miller, and Mary Ann Wivell, are responsible for working with county planner Dave Whitaker. Their assignment is to gather information and organize it into proposals for the county's comprehensive plan. In short, they are responsible for (Continued on page 5)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regarding the new position of Town Manager

Dear Editors:

I read with increasing puzzlement and growing anxiety about the governance of this town. The creation of this new job causes some serious reflection about the way things are done in Emmitsburg.

Consider - was there careful planning and due process established for this job description? Was there public announcement of this competitive and remunerative position? Also, have the Commissioners found their duties too demanding or time consuming to manage? And are they turning over their charter obligations to another? The job described in the article seemed very vague and yet quite far-reaching.

Consider - the Mayor states that the manager will be public works as well as financial overseer. Yet the person managing considers the role as one of salesmanship - to "present ideas to the Commissioners and get them to go along with me." How many hats will this manager wear?

Once the Mayor stated that "he wanted to be just like" his predecessor. I recall his predecessor canceled the job and with good reason, too.

I wish the Town policy were that of Woodrow Wilson - "Open covenants, openly arrived at."

It is the only way to govern.

Sincerely,
Joan Boyle
Former Commissioner of Parks and
Recreation. 447-2428

To The Editor

"VISION" night in Emmitsburg has become a circus, if not a nightmare, for the residents of this quiet town. Every Thursday, from noon until midnight, visitors from surrounding metro areas swarm to our town, invading the peaceful everyday existence that has attracted many new residents to the area.

Every Thursday, we are forced to deal with the loss of parking, invasion of privacy, and unacceptable treatment, all from people desperately hoping that the Blessed Mother will remember to return to the town again this week.

Upon returning home from work, locals must continually search for a parking space hoping it's not pouring rain, (Continued on page 5)

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

Labor Day

September 7, 1894 - By virtue of a recent act of Congress, Labor Day was celebrated Monday for the first time as a national holiday, by observances in all parts of the United States.

Go To Friends Creek

We have been reliably informed that the waters of Friends creek, are full of large fish, and that the mere walking on the banks of the stream cause the fish to go into their hiding places, and to capture them is believed to be a difficult task. Our fishermen are experts, and capable of capturing any kind of fish that swim in the waters. Boys, go to Friends creek, try your luck, and report.

Hard at Work

Studies were resumed at the public schools in this place, on Monday morning, and the young knowledge seekers are again hard at work trying to master the difficult questions presented to them each day. The school is under the principalship of Mr. L.D. Crawford, of Sabillasville, and is ably assisted by Miss Fannie Fraley, who has had charge of the primary department for several years. The number of scholars in attendance at the opening of school was eighty, being an increase of seven over the enrolment at the beginning of last year's term.

St. Euphemia's school opened on Monday

Large Sunflower

September 21, 1894 - Mr. Howard M. Rowe has a sunflower, which grew in his garden, that measures three feet five and a half inches in circumference.

Sale of Farm

September 28, 1894 - The farm tenanted by Mr. Wm. J. Wivell, situated along the Gettysburg road, near town, and owned by Messrs. Eckenrode and Galt, of Taneytown, has been sold to Mr. F.A. Welty, of Richmond, Va. The price paid was \$2,500.

Contract Awarded

The contract for building the new public school house in this place, has been awarded to Mr. Calvin Walters, of near Motters's Station. Mr Walters will receive \$1,688 for erecting the building.

(COMMENTARY continued from page 4) mapping the priorities and values of our community. Their task will be difficult if they have to operate in the vacuum-like atmosphere of resident disinterest.

David Whitaker, the county planner who has been assigned to work with the folks in the Emmitsburg area, is very dedicated to working with and representing the views of people. Judging from his remarks at the last meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee, he certainly gives the impression of wanting to represent fairly and squarely this region's interests. For the scheme to work the Planning and Zoning Committee is considering the possibility of holding two meetings a month to collect and organize information and suggestions from the residents. They will be concerned with questions such as Where are we now? Where are we going? Where do we want to be? How do we get there? As parents we teach our children there is no future without dreams, yet we do not act on our own advice for the community.

Whitaker proposes using planning and design techniques that have been successful in other

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communities for involving resident input into the process. One, a seven-step planning and design process by Anton Nelesen, focuses on techniques that combine traditional two-dimensional land-use planning with the third and fourth dimensions of design. The third dimension deals with spatial characteristics, i.e. how tall a building should be in relation with other buildings. The fourth dimension is a time and perception factor. It is concerned with how people use and perceive their environment as they live in it and move through it.

In the months to come the Planning and Zoning Committee will be discussing and collecting ideas. Residents should make plans to become involved. Why? Margaret Mead, an anthropologist said: "Never doubt that a small group of committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Author Doug Aberley in *Boundaries of Home: Mapping for Local Empowerment* said: "If images of our neighborhoods, our communities, and our regions are made by others, then it is their future that will be imposed. But if maps are made by resident groups, individuals who have quality of life as a goal, the images of a very different nature predominate...[It is] the first step toward abandoning a status quo based on globalized corporate control, the commoditization of life, and institutionalized exploitation."

(LETTERS from page 2) and your toddler doesn't mind the 6-block trek to the house). Our intersections are extremely dangerous on Thursdays because of illegal parking. Unbelievably, these Thursday visitors are allowed to park illegally - without fear of violation - yet locals are not only expected to abide by laws and regulations, but we are immediately fined should we forget to put a nickel in the parking meter.

Local businesses are suffering -- a few have even elected to close Thursday evenings. The small amount of revenue generated by this event in no way compensates for the loss of business caused by the disappearance of parking.

In addition, these sight-seers are inconsiderate and rude. Judging from the food wrappers found in private trash containers, most bring meals and snacks with them, BUT they don't take their leftovers and trash with them. These people have been seen entering private yards, porches, and gates without permission and disposing of their garbage in private trash containers. Not only are we outraged that they would assume permission to use a service that WE pay for; but what gives them the right to trespass on private property? The local businesses are not patronized, but are expected to accept and dispose of this trash.

The final insult is the condescending manner in which residents are treated. We are expected to keep our children quiet, our stereos and TVs turned down, and our vehicles, machinery, and home equipment turned off. This is expected so that the waiting masses can hear services broadcast over outdoor speakers so conveniently installed by the church. The Catholic Church even installed a big-screen TV in the parish hall -- now the "VISION" can be viewed via closed circuitry.

Family cemetery plots have become a playground for bored, waiting children. Tombstones honoring deceased loved ones are now eating and leaning platforms. Our local Frederick County Sheriff's Department representatives were told to ignore those visitors that choose to disregard local ordinances.

As tax-paying residents, WE ARE FED UP!
We offer the following solutions:

1. Shuttle visitors to and from parking areas provided by church affiliated properties. EX: Mt. St. Mary's College, St. Joseph's Provincial House, or Mother Seton Shrine. Busing can be provided by one of the many church-owned vans, or Mission of Mercy bus.
2. Reserve parking adjacent to local businesses. Area business owners and their employ-

ees will enforce these parking restrictions, preferably with the assistance of local law enforcement.

3. Have the church provide ample trash disposal.
4. Remind visitors that they are welcome - BUT - we live and work here the other six days of the week and pay the taxes and fees that maintain the town.
5. Allow our law enforcement officers to do their jobs.

Respectfully,
(signed) Kerry Shorb
Concerned Resident and Business
Owner of Emmitsburg

OFFICIALS STUDY PROBLEMS

In an interview mayor Carr said, "Emmitsburg officials, Father Phersson, and local deputies have met 3 times concerning the influx of people during the Thursday Mass.. They met to address the issues of parking, traffic safety, and the general effects of the large crowds.

The immediate area surrounding St. Joseph's has been affected the most and there have been some complaints from one business and several residents in the area about parking. Local police have been instructed to adopt a common sense attitude with regard to private citizens' property and traffic safety.

Comments from local business owners in some cases reflect an increase in business that is welcomed.

The visitors who come to Emmitsburg for the service have been courteous and orderly. A spirit of cooperation is prevalent."

- CORRESPONDENTS -

St. Anthony/OLMC Parishes

by Ann Marshall

And a good time was had by 637 people who bought chicken dinners at St. Anthony's summer picnic! The event, chaired by Helen and Ed Reaver and Joe Scott, netted \$4,240.

At the request of Archbishop Keeler, St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel recently joined with all other parishes in the Baltimore Diocese to take up a special collection to help those suffering in Rwanda.

There is a need for liturgical ministers at both parishes. Men and women may contribute their talents as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, song leaders, folk group members, ushers, or greeters. Children in fourth grade or above are encouraged to become altar servers. The training session for new ministers will be on Saturday, September 24, 9:30 a.m. until noon.

RENEW, an organized spiritual program of rebirth within the faith community, continues to grow in the combined parishes. Small group leaders met in August and are encouraged to sign up for a diocesan training session in September. Call Barbara Ruppert at (717) 642-6635 if you are interested in this training.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel community welcomes to the Catholic faith Austin Matthew Boggs and Brandon Blaine Spoor who were baptized on August 14, 1994. Austin is the son of Wallace and Rhonda Boggs. Brandon is the son of Ronald and Linda Spoor.

An old-time turkey dinner at St. Anthony's Hall on Sunday, October 9, will be a feature of Colorfest weekend. It's a guaranteed all-you-can-eat treat.

ROCKY RIDGE

by Emma Keeney

Carrie Ralston has returned home from the hospital and is recovering. Carrie had gone back to the hospital for more surgery. Betty Brown had surgery and has recovered. Penny Whetzel fell while skating and fractured her arm.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mr. Roy Valentine, formerly of Rocky Ridge. Mr. Valentine farmed in the Rocky Ridge area many years before his retirement.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mr. William Cummings. Bill was a friend and helper to everyone. He will be sadly missed.

Private Kenneth Frushour has been promoted to Private First Class. Kenny arrived home on the 19th of August and returned to Fort Riley, Kansas, on Aug. 22.

Michael and Emma Lou Harris and son Michael, Jr., and Calvin Keeney and Emma Kenney attended the lovely lawn

wedding of Heidi Ann Kelly and James Richard Sanders at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly (grandparents of Heidi), Blacksburg, VA, on Saturday August 6. Heidi and Jimmy and their families live in Iowa City, Iowa.

August birthdays: Mary Ellen Cummings, Betty Lee Mumma, Emily Sixx, Regina Dinterman, Burneda Russell, Melissa Sharrer, Lucille Waynant, Richard Dinterman, and David Dinterman.

September birthdays: Marie Stambaugh, Helen Ogle, Vicky Keeney, Michael Harris Jr., Betty Brown, Betty Lee Brown, and Bonnie Eyler.

A picnic was held at Loys Covered Bridge by the Covered Bridge Committee for those making the Covered Bridge Quilt. Chances are available until Colorfest.

The quilters donated knotted quilts to the Catocin Association's Appalachian Project. They are also chancing off 2 quilts; one, a gingham tulip, and the other Grandmother's flower garden.

Emmitsburg Library

by Kate Warthen

The summer reading club had a party on August 5, 1994, at the Emmitsburg Library multipurpose room. Marsha Wines, the fabulous storyteller, was borrowed from the Walkerville branch of the Frederick County Library system. Thank you, Marsha. We think your talents and credentials are wonderful. I have heard that from all the parents and the children. Thanks to Mary Bowne who provided home-made treats for the party. Thanks to all parents for the help during the summer. Thanks especially to volunteer Joan Boyle, who gave her time and talents to help with the bulletin board and to help the children and their parents to list the books they had read.

Abbie Dawson had 121 books read to her and won the prize in the lower grades. Nan Ding read 73 books and won the prize in the 4th grade level. Hayley Schnibbe won the mystery prize on the dinosaur poster. Seventy-three children were enrolled and all together they read 872 books. Congratulations, children. Keep reading and plan to use the library in the coming years.

The following children were enrolled in the summer reading program: Under five - Toby Andrew, Brittany Andrew, Justin Antolen, Steven Bowne, Emily Clard, Abbie Dawson, Sarah Hovde, Joshua Kern, Kelsey Kuykendall, Joshua Ratliff, Showanda Ratliff, Rebecca Rosenteel, Sheleigh Saylor, Ethan Scheider, James Seifert, Drew Swomley, Bradley Wilt, and Ryan Wilt.

Five year olds - David Cockerill, Nicholas Combs, Ryan Eiker, Christopher Forrence, Heather Gray, Jacob Kern, Kyle Potts, Bridget Rosensteel, Shane Saylor, Sarah Scheider, Hayley Rose Schnibbe, Ashley Shank, and Cory Thompson.

Six year olds - Rachel Froitzheim, Bradley Greene, Robbie Hawkins, Chris Kelley, Kendra Kuykendall, Megan Adelsberger.

Seven year olds - Daniel Danan, Bucky Mrdorff, Benjamin Sanders, Teresa Scheider, Alan Seifert, Renee Seiss, Jeffrey Topper, and Stacey William.

Eight year olds - Ashely Davis, Buddy Johnson, Lisa Nicole Keeney, Josh Modre, Kaitlyn Picazo, Nikki Viale, and Katie Beth Williams.

Nine year olds - John Freniere, Seth Froitzheim, Tony Heaton, Hannah Kern, Katie Knox, Shannon Picazo, Brenda Schieder, Lindsay Topper, and John Wetzel.

Ten year olds - Redira Banan, Robbie Copenhaver, Nan Ding, Rebecca Froitzhiem, Mandy Johnson, Travis Sanders, Brent Wetzel, and Morgan Williams.

Eleven year olds - Chad Knox. Twelve year olds - Ben Moore and Lindsay William.

On September 22nd at 7:30 the library will sponsor an evening speaker from the Frederick County Hotline, an agency under the Mental Health Association. Kristine Kobel will speak about depression. The program will last approximately one hour with a short discussion period

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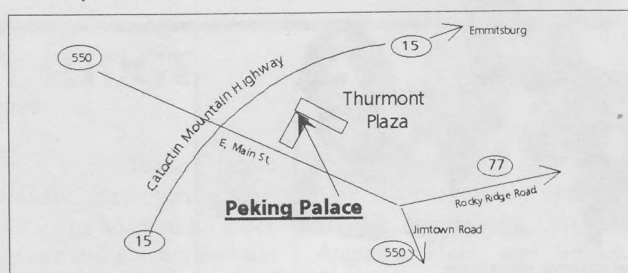
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by Jack Thomas

Local residents and the traveling public have discovered a Chinese treasure in Thurmont, Md.

Since it opened on September 17, 1993, Peking Palace has become a regular stop for area residents including professional people, civic leaders, and business owners.

Peking Palace is owned by members of the Chan family, an extended family group that owns successful restaurants in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland. The Thurmont establishment is operated by King Chan, his wife Lai, and his nephew Stephen. For seven years they operated the Hunan Restaurant in Gaithersburg.

King Chan grew up in Canton, in an area of China noted for the variety and quality of its food. He then became a chef in the Kowloon section of Hong Kong. He came to the United States in 1981. Lai and Stephen came later.

King Chan said some of the restaurant's more popular dishes are "Happy Family" (shrimp, scallops, chicken, beef, snow peas, mushrooms, bamboo shoots, and broccoli); "General Tso's Chicken" (tender chunks of boneless chicken marinated in a red hot sauce); "Honey Sesame Chicken" (chunks of marinated chicken in chef's honey sweet sauce); and "San Shien Soup" (shrimp, chicken, and beef with vegetables).

The restaurant offers a number of vegetarian dishes including vegetable fried rice, lo mein or chow mein, vegetable egg foo young, and moo shi vegetables. King Chan said he uses only vegetable oil for cooking, and that he omits MSG upon request. He also honors request from vegans (who eat neither meat nor dairy products) that he leave out eggs.

Peking Palace is tastefully decorated and has comfortable seating for around 50 people. The atmosphere is casual. The restaurant is open seven days a week. Take out service is provided. Customers may pay with cash, credit card, or personal check.

From Route 15 one may find the restaurant by taking the Route 550 exit toward Thurmont and going approximately 3/4 mile to the Plaza Shopping Center (left side of street at Jubilee sign). Peking Palace is in the Shopping Center, between Get-Away Travel and U.S. Carpet Mart. The phone number is (301) 271-7280/7281.

Jack Thomas lives near Thurmont and publishes a monthly newsletter "Touch Therapy Times."



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ODE TO THE ARCC

By Shelly Chevalier

Last winter, deep into about the 11th snowstorm, I seriously feared for my sanity. My children and I built snowmen, went sledding, made snow angels, and had snowball battles. The task of shoveling was attacked with pioneer spirit and the sweat and sore muscles wrought were balmed by conquering pride.

Later storms were met with determined aplomb. Snow play had lost its luster and the trusty old TV regained my children's allegiance. I told myself this much snow boded well for the water table and that I wouldn't have to worry come summer about water in our well.

By March I didn't care. Our steps were posted with an "At Your Own Risk" sign. This clear-headed attitude was achieved finally only because in February we bundled up to our eyes and trudged through the snow to the Knott Athletic Recreation Convocation Complex (ARCC) at Mount Saint Mary's College. I slapped down a check before I could think again about the state of our budget, had my picture taken in my parka, and five minutes later was in the saving waters of a heated 25 meter swimming pool.

God must have said to Knott, "Build me an ARCC."

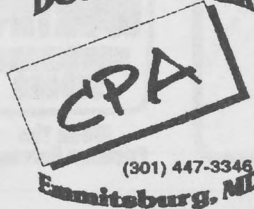
The ARCC, dedicated in 1987, is named in honor of Henry J. and Marion Knott of Baltimore. Their gift of five million dollars, the largest capital donation in the history of the college, helped to finance the building of the multi-purpose structure. It is a tremendous piece of archi-

ture, inside and out. Why I want to call its rooflines Greek beats me; maybe because they are green and the tall outside walls that rise to meet them are sand-colored and many-windowed. At any rate, its exterior is inviting. And once inside, you still have a sense of being outside. It's open and airy and alive.

The ARCC houses offices, meeting rooms, a dazzling arena that seats 5,000 and doubles as a convocation center for the college's annual commencements and other special events. In addition to athletic locker rooms, there are men's and women's locker rooms complete with saunas and showering facilities. The pool adjacent to these, offers lap lanes (64 lengths for a mile, diving zone, water basketball, and a green swim area—simultaneously). The ARCC Aquatics Instruction Program includes swimming lessons for all levels and ages, and water aerobics classes. Kickboards and goggles are available for use, and a certified lifeguard is on duty at all times.

Drylanders spread out in the field-house for basketball, lacrosse, volleyball, Frisbee, soccer, and tennis, or use the track lanes for running or walking (10 circuits for a mile). Equipment for all these sports is available at the centrally located Issue and Control Desk, staffed by friendly, "just ask" employees. Racquetball courts are just down the hall, as are rooms that serve step aerobics and high-low impact aerobic s classes and martial arts training. There are two weight rooms featuring free weights, exercise bikes, (Continued on page 11)

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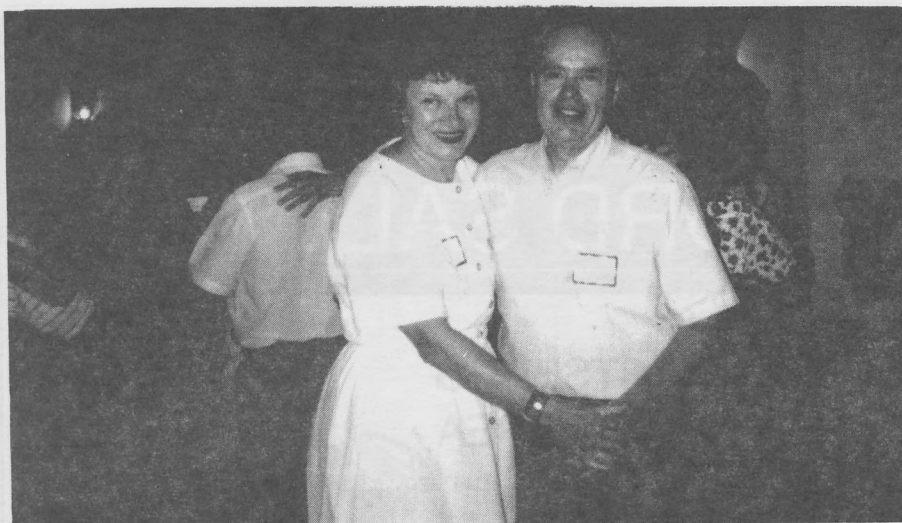
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GINGELL FAMILY GATHER FOR REUNION

The children of George and Rebekah Gingell (Herb and Becky) held their first family social on August 6, 1994, at 211 West Main Street in Emmitsburg, the home of Herb and Ann Gingell.

Those in attendance were Becky (Gingell) Yoder of Cogan Station, PA, and her 4 children: Yogi Yoder and his wife Mary and their 4 children, Alecia, Britny, Jacob and Madison, of Martinsburg, WV; Jeff and Pam (Yoder) Pancione and their 3 children, Tyler, Orié, and Caleb, of Augusta, WV; Denny and Bitty (Yoder) Boyd and their 3 children, Justin, Zachary, and Amber of Inwood, WV; and David Yoder of Wilkes Barre, PA.

Also attending were Herb and Ann Gingell and their 4 children: Dave and Kelly (Gingell) Connor and Dave's 2 sons, David and Ramey Connor of Fayetteville, PA; Barney and Lori Gingell and their 2 sons, Jeremy and Josh, of Fairfield, PA; Kris Gingell and her son Trey of Fayetteville, PA; and Mike and Wanda Gingell of Bonneville, PA.

A very welcome visit was made by Mrs. Birtie Zimmerman and Mrs. Mary Hoke — long time friends of the family. Unable to attend were Kevin Gingell, son of Herb and Ann; Ronnie Brown, husband of Sally (Gingell) Brown (deceased), and their 2 children, Amy and Tim, of Kearneysville, WV; Bud Yoder, husband of Becky, and their son Matt Yoder of Rochester, NY; and Angie Connor, daughter of Dave Connor.

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"We currently have over 1,000 outside memberships with few conflicts of use. So long as there is room for everyone, the more the merrier," she says.

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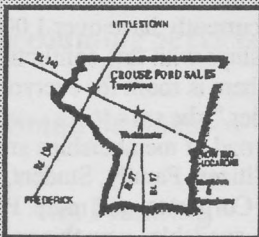
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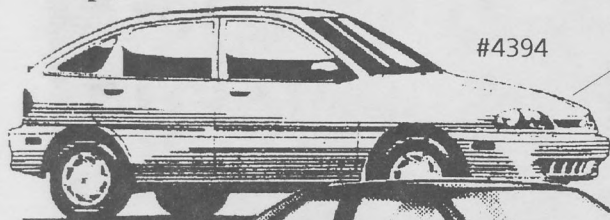
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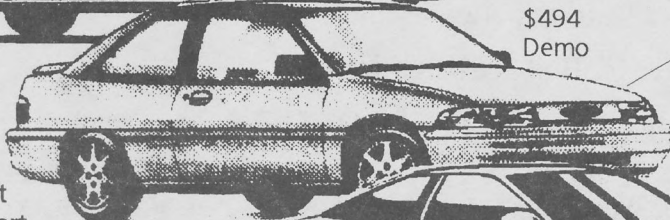
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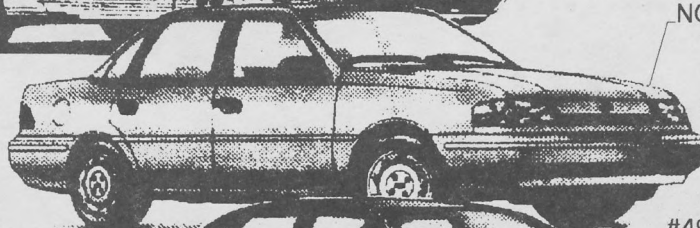
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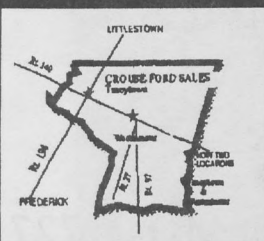
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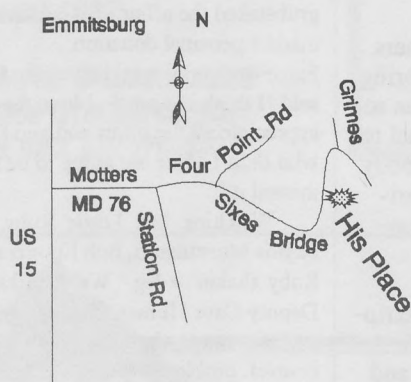
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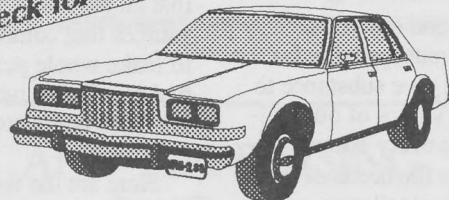
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"The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round. The wheels on the bus go 'round all over town. Our summertime companions have been dressed, groomed, fed, given instructions, and handed all the necessary signed forms to begin a new school year. Many students, with a mixture of anticipation and anxiety, hunch their shoulders to carry a bookbag that appears to carry the weight of the whole world within it while parents and guardians open the door and stand aside, hoping for a successful school year.

Teachers, administrators, and staff of our schools have also anticipated and prepared for the academic and environmental needs of students. With meager budgets for resources, they have ordered as many new books as possible. A new computer and other equipment have been installed or upgraded. Some teachers over the summer have attended clinics, workshops, and summer school to enhance their teaching skills.

Students, parents, guardians, teachers, administrators, and staff join efforts to bring together body and mind ready for the pursuit of academic excellence.

In this country, the public school is charged with facilitating and evaluating the learning that goes on between body and mind among the students in the classroom. (In the private school, where religion is incorporated into the curriculum, attention is often paid to the spiritual aspects of the student.)

Those of us who send our children to public schools, then, must provide for the spiritual qualities that give substance to the moral and ethical values of our children. Just as we make every attempt to prepare and anticipate the needs of our children for academic excellence, so should we make every effort for their spiritual and emotional well being. The home is the ideal place for teaching and learning positive self-worth and spiritual, moral, and ethical values so that the next generation who are preparing for the future academically may also prepare for wholesome citizenship in the global community. Who among us is well equipped to do that?

Our religious institutions --churches,

synagogues, mosques, wards, and halls -- are to provide instruction and supplement the educational needs for spiritual formation for us all as well as our children. How well equipped are these institutions to be spiritual and moral resources? And, how do parents and guardians access these resources?

Our religious institutions would do well to look at the educational systems models and observe the changes in curriculum to address the future: observe the continual upgrading of equipment, resources, and physical plant; note that teachers attend seminars, workshops, and summer clinics to enhance teaching skills; and note that body and mind are engaged in learning activities.

Could our religious institutions follow such a model so that our religious faiths and practices are not from a by-gone era, but serve as a contemporary and futuristic relevant resource for children and their families? Using as foundational material the scriptures, ancient creeds and plat-forms, and faith tradition, we could translate these works into applicable spiritual resources for today and tomorrow.

Parents and guardians of school-aged children can serve as encouragement and challenge to their religious institutions if, like the Parent Advisory Committee or sports and music boosters, they would attend and participate. It is hard for the religious institutions to assess the needs of the learners if the learners aren't involved in the decision-making process.

Students, parents, guardians, teachers, pastors, and staff should coalesce to bring together the best in religious education so that all may have access to the spiritual resources that combine with mind and body to make whole persons. Pursuit of spiritual excellence makes academic endeavors more complete.

Here are the words from Hebrew scriptures found in Deuteronomy 31:12-13: "Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear (heed) the Lord your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear (heed) the Lord your God as long as you live in the land which you are going to Jordan to possess."

220th BIRTHDAY

Birthday Celebration Held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

The 220th birthday of Elizabeth Ann Seton was celebrated in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg on August 27, 1994, with a paraliturgical service at 3 p.m. The Most Reverend Nicholas C. Dattilo, D.D., Bishop of Harrisburg, PA, presided over the paraliturgy and at its conclusion gave a special blessing to all children present.

At this event, annually sponsored by the Seton Club of Harrisburg, PA, and the Daughters of Charity at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, not only were special honors paid to women and girls named Elizabeth Ann, but recognition was also given to children who carry any of the names which St. Elizabeth Ann Seton gave to her own sons and daughters: i.e. William, Richard, Anna, Catherine, or Rebecca - or any derivatives of those names.

Immediately after the service, the birthday celebration continued at an awards reception, followed by an outdoor entertainment with refreshments, clowns, music, and other attractions.

(SENIORS continued from page 1)

The idea was discussed, plans were laid, volunteers recruited, and history was made. Hope Mahoney, Butch Morningstar, Phyllis Morningstar, Carole Stitley, Anne Marie Koontz, and Sharon Keilholtz prepared the food and fixin's. Donations from the Borderline 4x4 Club and the VFW grubstaked the affair. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Trout made a personal donation.

Faine Rodgers, president of the Senior Citizens, said "I think it's great. I love the music, and we appreciate all the effort and good food. Those who didn't come are going to be sorry they missed it."

Watching Ms. Lottie Ruby, 97, dance with Phyllis Morningstar, Bob Koontz said, "Look at Ms. Ruby shakin' a leg. We're making history here." Deputy Dave Hunter, kicking back and relaxing in a chair, noted that "we aren't having any crowd control problems today." Deputy Jerry Horner rounded out the law-enforcement contingent by sitting in with the band with his magic mandolin and doing a little pickin' and lots of grinning.

Several of the young people were present and seemed to enjoy the outing. Angie Morningstar said, "The music is different, but I like it." Sara Clontz, Alexis Ott, and Lindsay Wilson added a special touch to the day by picking wildflowers along the bank of Willow Rill and presenting mini-bouquets to everyone.

Did You Go To Seton Center?

Seton Center will celebrate its silver anniversary this November.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Anna Florence Stonesifer Wastler, 69, of Federal Hill, Emmitsburg, MD, who died Saturday, July 23, 1994, at the Ellison's Rest Home, Taneytown, MD, were held Tuesday, July 26, 1994, from the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD. The Rev. S. Scott Morgan officiated. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mr. Clarence Preboye Wachter, 89, of North Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Thursday, July 28, 1994, at Hanover Hall Nursing Home, Hanover, PA, were held Monday, August 1, with a Mass of Christian burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, MD, with his Pastor Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson as the Celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

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SCHOOL NEWS

RUPPERT APPOINTED ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

by Valerie Mentzer

The Mother Seton Catholic Elementary School in Emmitsburg, MD, is very proud to welcome Mr. Terrence Ruppert to the administration and faculty as the new Assistant Principal and Social Studies teacher. Mr. Ruppert's 13 years of classroom experience at St. John Neumann in Cumberland, MD, and 3 years' administrative experience at St. Alphonsus Basilica in Baltimore brings to Mother Seton School a special incorporation of teaching and administrative skills.

"I am very fortunate to be a part of this school community," says Ruppert, "I bring experience in both rural and urban school environments and I'm very excited about the incredible potential here at Mother Seton School."

Complementing his professional background are Mr. Ruppert's scholastic credentials. He has earned from Frostburg State University a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Education and Social Science with a concentration in Political Science and Geography.

Although Mr. Ruppert will be a new addition to the staff at Mother Seton School, his association with the school is not new. The school principal, Sister Mary Catherine Warehime, has known Mr. Ruppert since 1991, when they met at a Principals' Workshop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Ruppert states: "I am very anxious to work with Sr. Mary Catherine. We will make a strong collaborative team with my middle school teaching experience and Sister's primary school teaching experience."

With the school year just around the corner, Mr. Ruppert is looking forward to working with the staff members whom he describes as "dedicated, friendly, and professional." Having Terry Ruppert as a part of the administrative team should offer Mother Seton School many opportunities for further growth and expansion in the future.

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EMMITSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S NEW PRINCIPAL LOOKS FORWARD

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

"Schools are becoming more than just a place to get an education," began Mrs. Wanda Severance, the new principal at Emmitsburg Elementary School as she discussed her plans for the upcoming school year.

"Meals, proper clothing, and a decent place to live are all crucial to a child's ability to learn in school," she continued. Mrs. Severance pointed out that she will continue to build on the progress made by Debbie Wivell, Coordinator of the Community Agency School Services (CASS) in the area. Ms. Wivell refers parents who need help to the agencies in Frederick County that can provide them with the assistance they need.

Another goal of Mrs. Severance is to continue the Parenting Program that was started last year. In this program, the school staff developed eight weeks of workshops to teach parents to help their children with education. "The program was well attended and parents appreciated the skills they learned," she said.

In addition to setting her own goals, the new principal will be working with members of the School Improvement Team (SIT) to develop specific actions to meet the goals set by the County's Board of Education. The goals focus on setting a climate of high expectations, encouraging full attendance at school by all students, and increasing positive interactions between the home, the school, and the community. The principal pointed out that Emmitsburg Elementary has increased its attendance record over the last few years and has shown continued growth in math performance and reading skills. "I hope to continue those trends this year," added Mrs. Severance.

The following people serve with the principal on the School Improvement Team, which meets twice a month to monitor progress on meeting the goals and objectives and to suggest alternate strategies:

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Mrs. Severance, who worked as a teacher at the school from 1975 to 1984 said, "I am looking forward to the opportunity to get to know this community again."

HOT TOPICS

for

Middle School Parents

This is a series of workshops and discussion for parents of adolescents. The workshops are free of charge and free child care will be available. Parents needing child care must call in advance.

The workshops will be held at Thurmont Middle School at 7:00 p.m. on the following Monday evenings:

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THE VILLAGE COUNSELLOR

by Rosemary McDermott

Following is a question submitted by one of the readers of this column. I hope you will continue to send me your concerns and questions regarding legal matters.

Question: I have a problem that I believe needs the help of a lawyer. I've never used a lawyer before. What kind of legal fees should I expect to pay?

Answer: There are three methods often used by lawyers for calculating attorney fees. Flat fees may be used for developing standard documents such as simple wills, powers of attorney, deeds, or partnership agreements. However, if your particular situation is very unique or complex, the lawyer might compute your fee based upon an hourly rate instead of a flat fee. Fees could range from \$75 per hour to \$650 per hour as in the O. J. Simpson case. Clients often think that they are charged only for time they spend in their lawyer's office. Lawyers must charge clients for all time spent working on their case, whether it be telephone calls, research, attending meetings on the client's behalf, or going to court. A third method

for calculating lawyer fees is the contingency fee arrangement. You have probably seen this method advertised on television in personal injury cases. "You lose, you pay nothing!" But remember, if the lawyer wins the case for you, the lawyer receives a percentage of the winnings, usually 25 to 33 and 1/3%. Whether you win or lose, you could be responsible for all out-of-pocket expenses. The contingency fee arrangement may not be used in divorce cases or criminal cases.

Many lawyers request an advance payment, sometimes called a retainer, before agreeing to take your case. The retainer is put into a trust account as credit in your name. When you pay your retainer, you will receive a written fee agreement, which you and your attorney will sign. This prevents misunderstandings about the arrangement.

The key to keeping your attorney fees low is to organize your thoughts so you can be as brief and as accurate as possible when you talk with your lawyer. If you have a problem paying your legal fees, try to negotiate a payment plan, or even negotiate the fees. Good communication avoids bad relationships.

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GARDEN PERPLEXITIES

by Barbara Steele, Alloway Gardens

The question of the month appears to be a consensus. "How do I get my garden ready for winter," or how does one "put the garden to bed?"

Some thoughts ...

Perhaps we Americans have become too influenced by advertising and marketing that are constantly "jumping the season"; Christmas in July, etc., to make sales. Don't jump but enjoy fall as one of the best of gardening seasons. May I suggest the book, *The Garden In Autumn*, by Allen Lacy, the Atlantic Monthly Press. Mr. Lacy calls autumn "...the neglected season" and through photographs and writing shows how Americans have the opportunity for spectacular fall gardens.

He quotes Helen Hunt, a popular U.S. Poet of the last century who wrote in *Asters and Golden Rod*, "The lands are let with all the autumn blaze of golden rod, and everywhere the purple asters nod, and bend and wave and flit."

Mr. Lacy also points out that because of our latitude and climate we have the conditions to garden well into the fall. In fact we have more available light in our gardens than do the English gardeners at this time of the year. Please remember that fall is for planting. Perennials, shrubs, and trees will have a seasonal jump on spring. Roots grow better during the fall than during the hot, dry summer.

So dig those flowerbeds and enjoy your garden. Fall is more than a chrysanthemum in a pot!

FALL IS FOR PLANTING

1. Allow no weed to seed down in the garden. Compost green immature seed heads. Compost mature weed seeds in black poly bags or burn (if allowed). Any diseased plant should be dug up and composted in black poly bags also.

2. Dead-head (cut off) all spent flowering plant stems.

3. Do not cut into semi-woody perennials, (lavender, santolina, germander) too severely. Just trim out the dead branches.

4. Turn the compost pile.

5. Do not mulch around perennials too closely or over them too early. Put protective mulch over perennials only after several hard freezes.

6. If you want to establish a new garden area next spring, fall is the time to remove sod, prepare the soil, add composted manure and sow fall cover crops that can be tilled under next spring for soil enrichment.

7. Perennials, shrubs and trees may be planted in the fall; remember to water the planting hole first, and re-water the plant after you are finished putting it into the soil. If there is not adequate rainfall, water new plantings until freeze.

THE GREAT BABY SHOW

If a picture is worth a thousand words then these few words give a picture of the Mt. Tabor Baby Show last Sat., Aug. 18.

REGISTRARS: Overworked

JUDGES: Overwhelmed

BABIES: Smiling, drooling, crying, gazing, staring, bored, sleeping, squirming, running, tottering, rocking, walking, falling, climbing, jumping, waving, pouting, eating, twirling, scooting, rolling

PARENTS: Rocking, chasing, reassuring, pacing, smiling, frowning, swatting, fussing, primping, laughing, spying, dressing, changing, feeding, fanning, singing, instructing, loving, hugging, tossing, laughing, scolding, brushing, combing, adjusting, tying

GRANDPARENTS: Cool, calm, collected, and kicked back.

The Results

Seventy-nine babies from across the country met to compete for coveted prizes at Mt. Tabor Park on Aug 13. Brittany Bollinger, daughter of Craig and Tina Bollinger of Frederick, delayed her birth so that she could win the Youngest Baby award. She did. Sabrina Wantz, daughter of Kevin and Jennifer Wantz talked her parents into bringing her from Oceanside, CA. She is the first CA baby to ever win a Mt. Tabor competition. Kelsey and Erin Phelan, daughters of Bobby and Cheryl Phelan of Thurmont befuddled both parents and judges to take the twins award.

Ages 1 - 3 months

Prettiest Girl - Kortney Angleberger, daughter of Jody and Melissa Angleberger, Woodsboro, MD. Cutest Boy - Daniel Myers, son of Robert and Karen Myers, Thurmont, MD. Chubbiest Baby - Konnar Miller, daughter of James and Judy Miller, Cascade, MD.

Ages 4 - 6 months

Prettiest Girl - Cortney Lyn Staub, daughter of James and Kara Staub, Frederick, MD. Cutest Boy - Kody Karl Newton, son of Karl and Sharon Newton, Boonsboro, MD. Chubbiest Baby - Ashley Springer, daughter of Kathy Adelsberger, Thurmont, MD.

Ages 7 - 12 months

Prettiest Girl - Shelby Ledger, daughter of Richard and Charlene Ledger, Emmitsburg, MD. Cutest Boy - Tyson Miller, son of Donnie and Cathy Miller, Frederick, MD. Chubbiest Baby - Tyler Lynn Donnelly, daughter of Keith and Ginger Donnelly, Thurmont, MD.

Ages 13 - 18 months

Prettiest Girl - Khalie Mai Smith, daughter of Jr. and Sherre Smith, Keysville, MD. Cutest Boy - Ryan Springer, son of Kathy Adelsberger, Thurmont, MD. Chubbiest Baby - Justin Gray, son of Kim and Kelly Gray, Fairfield, PA.

Ages 19 - 24 months

Prettiest Girl - tie, Kimberly Jean Droneburg, daughter of Lee and Pam Droneburg, of Walkersville MD and Devan Dewees, daughter of Randy and Brenda Dewees, Thurmont, MD. Cutest Boy - Justin Kerns, son of James and Tina Kerns of Emmitsburg, MD. Chubbiest Baby - Christopher Cole, son of Andy and Karen Cole, Hazelton, PA.

Judges Jean Cadle, Jeanne Angleberger and Melissa Sprague were spotted sneaking from the grounds.

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Over 2,500 farm and garden, household, quilt, livestock, machinery, and commercial displays can be seen during the three-day event.

Each year, the Community Show honors an organization for its contributions to community life. This year, the show will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of Catoctin High School faculty.

The show opens to the public Friday, September 9, at 6:00 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., the program will begin in the auditorium with the massing of flags by community civic organizations. Catoctin School area faculty with 25 or more years of continuous service will be honored. They include Judy Taylor, Richard Tomlinson, John Umbel, Emily Sixx, Mary Jane Lenhart, Paul Nolan, Jane Nolan, George Kuhn, William Cessna, Alice Whittaker, Bonnie Strine, Alice Stambaugh, Howard Miller, Hilda Hemingway, Barb Maddie, Bonnie Albaugh, Kenneth Grandstaff, and Harold Warnock.

The Catoctin FFA Ambassador for 1994-95 will be announced and Ralph Fisher will sing several songs during the program.

Following the program at 9:00 p.m. an auction of all baked goods exhibited at the show will be held in the auditorium. The auctioneers will be Robert Meunier and Albert Hobbs. Cake Sale chairperson is Denise Valentine.

Saturday's activities include a pet show beginning at 10:30 a.m. and a Beef, Sheep, and Swine Fitting and Showing contest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thurmont Grange will serve a family style turkey and ham supper in the school cafeteria from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Machinery will be displayed throughout the event and music will be provided by "Catoctin" from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The Catoctin Area FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep, and Swine Sale will be held in the Ag Center area at 7:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 11, the show opens at 10:30 a.m. with a dairy and goat show. At 12:00 noon, in the school cafeteria, a chicken bar-b-que will be served by the Catoctin FFA Alumni.

"Dash for Mash" pig, duck, and goat races will be held at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 p.m. by Merle Mills, a Montgomery County farmer. A K-9 dog show and demonstration will be held at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m. by the Frederick County Sheriff's department.

The Catoctin Mountain Horseshoe Pitching contest will begin at 1:00 p.m., and the crosscut sawing contest will begin at 2:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, the Catoctin FFA Alumni will have barnyard bingo on the athletic field. The band "Catoctin" will play at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m.

Chandra Curry will have a rodeo event at 2:00 p.m. near the Ag Center. Tyson and Sylvia Creamer will do sheep shearing at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. and there will also be a spinning and weaving demonstration by Deborah May.

During the three-day event, the Catoctin FFA and Hunting Creek Fisheries will have an aquaculture display in the Ag Shop area.

The Tom's Creek Church Quilters will be quilting in the quilt and afghan display room.

A model of the Loys Station Covered Bridge will be on display by Dennis DaSilva and Paul Barbot. Carl Angleberger will have a small airplane on display.

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