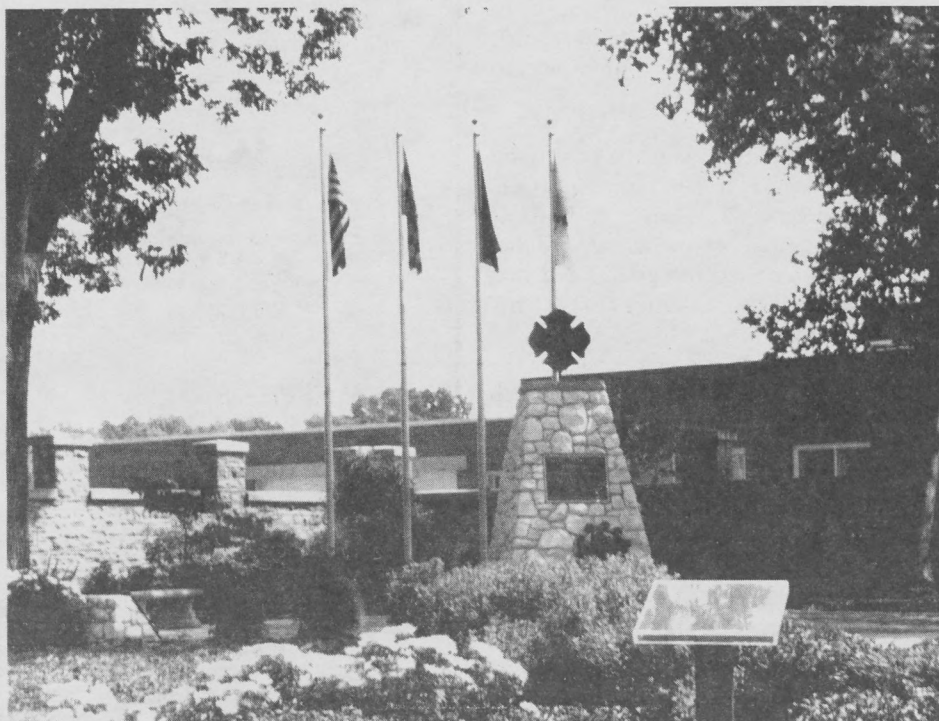


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National Fallen Firefighters Memorial on NETC Campus

SETON CENTER PLANS CELEBRATION

by Ann Marshall

Twenty-five good years! This November, Seton Center in Emmitsburg will mark its silver anniversary and celebrate 25 years of service to the surrounding community.

Although best known for daycare and programs for school-age children, the Center offers an array of other services—a food bank, the Thrift Shop, adult education, and outreach services to the homebound, the elderly, and to families in distress.

"Seton Center touches the lives of many people in many different ways," says Michael Forrence, who chairs the anniversary committee. He thinks the upcoming celebration will be a happy time that will also give the Center a chance to "toot its horn" a little. "There's plenty to brag about," he says.

Two main events will mark the anniversary. Seton Center will host an open house on Wednesday, November 2, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Staff members Lydia Kelly, Sr. Catherine Francis Clemons, and Sharon Slaybaugh are planning the evening which will feature tours of the facility and a short performance by the children. The public is invited and light refreshments will be served. Parking is available.

On November 9, a gala dinner will be held at the Ceresville Mansion, Frederick. According to Lil Harner and Sr. Rita Bozel who chair the event, it is an opportunity to honor benefactors, trustees, and many others who support the work of the Center.

Seton Center is a private, non-profit agency founded in 1969 by the Daughters of Charity because parents in the Emmitsburg area requested daycare services. Twenty children were enrolled on Nov. 3, 1969. Last year, the Center provided nearly 24,000 hours of care to 295 youngsters.

The Center grew rapidly over the years, adding services in response to local needs. Now, at age 25, it is a busy multipurpose community center. In 1993, for example, the outreach program made 5,764 home and hospital visits.

5 - 5 - 5

When a firefighter fell in the line of duty a special code "5 - 5 - 5" was sent over telegraph fire alarm circuits for notification and as a sign of honor and respect.

Families of 78 firefighters killed in the line of duty during 1993 have been invited to memorial services which will be held October 16 at 10:45 a.m. at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. The annual ceremony is sponsored by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), which is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Memorial is located on USFA's National Fire Academy campus in Emmitsburg.

Families and friends of the fallen firefighters, along with fire service leaders and government officials, are expected to attend. Local residents are invited to attend the services which will be broadcast live by satellite television links.

The keynote speaker will be Henry Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. The program will include musical selections, presentations to the families of fallen firemen, and tributes of honor by fire department honor guards from fire companies on the Eastern Seaboard. At noon sirens from the Vigilant Hose Company of Emmitsburg will sound and the audience will be asked to join in a minute of silent tribute with others across the nation. As the siren winds down there will be the sounding of the traditional signal of honor and respect: 5 - 5 - 5.

In 1990, the Memorial was designated by Congress as the "National Fallen Firefighters Memorial." It is the only national memorial honoring all firefighters and a national symbol to members of the fire service and their families.

TOWN MEETING

An ordinance to limit litter within the town of Emmitsburg by controlling the distribution of printed matter was approved by the town commissioners at the public hearing held before the town council meeting Oct. 3. The ordinance, which takes effect Oct. 25, prohibits the distribution of printed material to a person who has requested either verbally or in writing that the material not be delivered to his or her residence or business. Also, anyone distributing material must first register with the town clerk and pay a fee of \$25. Failure to do so carries a \$50 fine. The registration must be renewed annually.

At the town meeting the commissioners approved a plan that would add 10 additional parking places at the post office. A tract of land, 118' by 17', immediately west of the building and adjacent to Willow Rill, will be the site of the new diagonal parking. Post office officials have agreed to bear all costs of the project in exchange for a 99-year lease of the land from the town. The cost will include the removal of three trees and a relocation of a street light. Commissioner Weaver, chairman of parks and recreation, said the trees would be replanted in the area.

The council voted to revise the town's policy for parking meter bag rentals. The revision allows a person to reserve 3 bags instead of 1 during a 24-hour period. There is still a deposit fee of \$5 for each bag. Meter bags are brown canvas covers placed over the meters so as to reserve the parking space. Citizens may reserve spaces in front of their homes for special occasions.

Mayor Carr announced that Donna Thompson has been hired as the new town accountant. He also reported that the audit of the 1993-1994 budget was complete, and that the town was rated, on a national scale, as "better than most" in fiscal responsibility.

MEETINGS AT THE TOWN OFFICE

- Oct. 18 - Planning and Zoning, (re. Comprehensive Plan for Emmitsburg), 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 20 - Public Workshop, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 24 - Planning and Zoning, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 27 - Parks and Recreation, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 7 - Town Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Resident Joan Boyle complimented the commissioners on their efforts to relieve the traffic congestion on Lincoln. She then asked for an update of what was happening concerning the renovation of the Community Center. Mayor Carr responded that the final draft and evaluation of the renovation plan is available at the town office, and that it will be presented to the county commissioners sometime in November. He reminded everyone that the building is owned by the county and that "our hands are tied as to what we can do," but he went on to say that "the county commissioners' commitment to keep the building is firm."

Ms. Boyle inquired about the bank fund that was established for the Community Center and asked what grants might be available for the renovation. Mayor Carr replied that Mr. Stovall is looking into grants, and that residents can make contributions to the bank fund at the town office. It was announced that the auction held September 17 by the EPBA had netted over \$1200, 75% of which was donated to the Community Center Renovation Fund. Commissioner Weaver thanked all those who had worked hard to make the auction a success.

The town will celebrate Halloween on Sunday, Oct. 30, with a parade, sponsored by the American Legion, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

A petition, with 25 signatures of concerned residents was presented to the council requesting that trick-or-treat hours be moved from the usual 5:00-6:00 p.m. time period to 7:00-9:00 p.m. so that parents who get home from work after 5:00 could take their children out. The commissioners felt the requested time period was too late, and recommended an earlier time. Trick-or-treating will be from 5:00 to 6:45 p.m.

In other business, the commissioners:

- listened to the request of Kim Delauter of Lombard Street Limited Partnership, who purchased the property at 4 Reeny Circle after bank foreclosure believing the \$5,000 water and sewer hookup fee had been paid by the original owner. The request for waiver of the fee was denied by the council.

- rejected a proposed ordinance to increase fines for overtime parking;
- approved the preliminary plat for the Silo Hill commercial site;
- delayed until the October 20th Public Workshop the decision to repair the leak in the baby swimming pool, but agreed to bid out a revised contract for the operation of the swimming pool for the 1995 season;

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-Clubs and Organizations-

LITTLE LEAGUE

Mike Myers and Ben Vengi, speaking for the Emmitsburg Little League, presented a proposal to the town council on Sept. 12. They sought and gained permission to expand the facilities of Memorial Park by adding two new ballfields and a T-ball field at no cost to the town government. This expansion is needed to provide the proper facilities for the increasing number of young people participating in the program.

The Little League have drawn up plans for the fields and will be soon ready to start to work. Some drainage work needs to be done, grass stripped to make proper infields, and fields laid out. Later some fences need to be built. All of this can be accomplished by hand tools manned by some willing and energetic volunteers.

"It took 200 people just a few hours to plant 780 trees at the week-end. That achievement illustrates graphically the effect of people power. There's no denying the strength of united effort."

(from *The Chronicle*, Kawakawa, New Zealand, 1994.)

New Zealanders are a self-sufficient lot whose motto is "make 'er right." They are independent, self-assured, ingenious islanders with a strong sense of responsibility when it comes to their town, their school, their rugby teams, their kids, and the out-of-doors. They work hard and long to "make 'er right."

I visited my daughter in her little town of Keri

Keri, New Zealand. I knocked about getting to know the people. Wandering around town reminded me of growing up in Emmitsburg 40 years ago. The spirit of the people is what I tuned into as I watched rugby, bowls, and croquet games in the town's athletic grounds. I talked with shopkeepers, visited the "Kindy" and elementary school, sat in the library, went to meditation classes, watched the local pony show for the kids, and spent delightful time chatting in the tea-room.

After experiencing all of this, it is not difficult to understand that 200 people can volunteer for one project of planting trees to "make 'er right."

We have in our community a need to revive the old and new Emmitsburg spirit of getting behind a community project and mustering up the resources and manpower to "make 'er right" just as has been done in the past. In this case new playing fields are required for the Little League.

We hope this Little League project will be another dramatic display of people power. "There is no denying the strength of a united effort" when people want to "make 'er right." A work-in with fifty volunteers to strip sod would be welcomed by the Little League. Call Mike Myers or Ben Vengi to get your name on the list and your hands on a hoe or shovel. A pipe-dream? Maybe, but I choose to believe that life is filled with little miracles.

a.m. until 12 noon, the Health Department will give flu shots and pneumonia vaccinations at the center. Each will cost \$7.00. If you have a Medicare card please bring it with you. Forms will be available to fill out for Medicare.

Have you seen the Senior Citizens' quilt? Stop by and take a chance, and see the third place winner at the recent Community Show. It is a "one of a kind" quilt made by members of our group. It will be raffled off at our Fall Bazaar, Nov. 12th. We will have a full day of activities at the Bazaar with something for everyone, including bingo and lunch. Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Another date to remember is Nov. 17, when there will be a Night Card Party. The public is invited and the fee is \$2.00 per person. The door opens at 5:30 p.m.; the games begin at 6:30 p.m.

We invite you to visit our center anytime Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch is served at 12 noon but reservations are due 24 hours in advance. Join us for food-fun-fellowship. The food is good and after lunch stay and play cards.

PAUL GORDON TO ADDRESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Frederick County, MD: A Playground of the Civil War is a new book by Paul and Rita Gordon that explores some of the activities of both the Union and Confederate armies in Frederick County as the hostilities of the Civil War swirled around and through the divided state of Maryland. The book includes interesting events that happened in the Emmitsburg area.

Mr. Gordon will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Historical Society on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Center. He will focus his talk on local events and the people from Emmitsburg who appear in the book, as well as other activity that took place in the county.

One can read of observation points at Emmitsburg on Carrick's Mountain, and of soldiers bivouacked on the grounds of St. Joseph's. One Union Lieutenant noted "...this institution of the Sisters of Charity is the finest I ever saw,... the nuns are very good nurses and very kind." The priests at Mount Saint Mary's noted that Emmitsburg was evenly divided between North and South, but the Lieutenant, quoted above, wrote "...the town is one of the worst secesh holes in Maryland."

In the new publication, Gordon states that Lee's first crossing into Maryland was to serve a two-fold purpose: to relieve Union pressure on Richmond, the Confederate capital, and to gain enlistments of young men in Maryland who were disenchanted with the federal government.

Upon entering the state, Gordon tells us, "The Marylanders among the Confederates (Continued on page 5)

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Anna Margaret Martin

Brrr! winter's coming! Where did summer go? Busy September is over, but from now on we will be busier than ever. We will be eating out at Corney's on Oct. 10, 11, and 21. They treat us like royalty, with lots of good food. We will shop in Frederick Oct. 11th, leaving at 1:30 p.m., returning at 5:00 p.m. Bingo will be held on Oct 6 and 20 at 1:00 p.m. Our Card Party is scheduled for Oct. 13 and 27 at 1:00 p.m.

On meeting day, Oct. 18th, we will be playing "Blind Bingo" following our meeting at 1:00 p.m.. All prizes are in bags and you take "what you get." It's a bag of fun.

On Wednesday, October 26, we will take a day trip to Grantsville, stop at the Sidling Hill Museum, lunch at Cattleman's in Grantsville, make a stop at the Fruit Market (the candy is great), and have an ice cream stop on the way home. We will leave at 7:45 a.m. from the Senior Center and return home at 5:00 p.m. Call Anna Margaret for other details.

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COMMENTARY

There is a tendency to allow boundary lines and numbers to define who we are. We are (fill in the blank) because we live within arbitrary or imaginary lines drawn on some map that encompasses the area within which we live. Part of our identity comes from being included in some of the groups; I am a citizen of..., I am a member of..., you are not a member of ...

As individuals we are mostly known as some number: on cards, on lists, in computers, and as a co-ordinate under some statistical curve being guided, sheep-like, according to the latest trends described by politicians, or corporate marketeers. If we stray (express our individuality), we are scheduled to be devoured by the wicked wolves.

We feel the urge to escape from it all, to be ourselves, yet we feel our social relationships and responsibility to larger values. We oscillate between these two poles, and just like pieces of metal, our souls become fatigued. We want to be left alone, yet feel the pangs of loneliness and incompleteness. We want to break free of the limitations and expectations set by others, yet to be "of this world."

Getting involved is a matter of taking care of our souls, searching for a balance between focusing on ourselves and focusing on our community. Eliezer Shore, in an essay writes, "The greatness of community is that it provides man a context for his life. Community helps us know who we, as individuals, are. We grow as our lives touch and are touched by others."

Efficiency experts tell us our lives become more effective when we set short-term goals.

We can call a friend and make plans to go to the polls, to attend a town meeting, to make a suggestion at the planning and zoning meeting, to read to students at the elementary school, to go to the historical society meeting, to volunteer to be a "Christmas Elf," to smile at strangers in our town.

We can turn off TV which mostly provides vicarious experiences and satisfies the voyeurism in us. Getting engaged in community life is the "real thing." For November I propose two objectives: that 50% of the registered voters turn out to vote, and 50 people attend the meeting of the historical society. Both are easily achieved.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the County and State: Stop Using Us.

The people who live within six to eight miles of the city of Frederick have it pretty good. Schools, through all grades, are nearby. There are civic improvements, utilities upgrades, good roads, emergency rooms and police just moments away. All the things that add to the quality of your lives and the dollar value of your homes are in place and functioning well.

Next time you take a drive out into the countryside to admire the view, try to be fair. Stop and thank someone who lives there for helping to pay for all the conveniences that serve you so well.

The author of this letter is Roy Pfeiffer. I am campaigning to represent a portion of Frederick and Carroll Counties in the Maryland House of Delegates. My district is called 4B.

District 4B is about 180 square miles in size. We are approximately 30,000 people living around and between Mount Airy and Emmitsburg.

There is not a single high school in our entire district. Think about that—180 square miles, 30,000 souls, and not one single high school.

This sad statistic does not belong in America. This sad statistic belongs in a third world country. This sad statistic certainly does not belong in a district where over 80% of the people own the homes they live in.

Emmitsburg, Taneytown, and Mount Airy used to have their own community high schools. Not anymore. Our children, and our tax monies, are being hauled away toward the centers of Frederick and Carroll Counties. At least the county governments have the decency to give us our children back.

The lack of high schools in District 4B is just the glaring tip of the iceberg. Mount Airy has needed a reservoir for 20 years. All of our towns need significant civic improvements. Bridges in the countryside around Emmitsburg are
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100 YEARS AGO "In This Place"

From the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

Answered

Oct. 5, 1894 - The advertisement which appeared in these columns a few weeks ago, offering a reward for the return to the *Chronicle* office, of a pocket book containing ten dollars, which was lost west of town, has been answered, and the purse and money delivered to the owner. The finder was Mr. Mahlon Reynolds, who received the reward.

Moral - If you lose anything, or have something to sell, or desire to make a purchase, advertise your wants in the *Chronicle*.

Another Room to be Added to the School Building

Oct. 5 - Four members of the Committee, Maj. O.A. Horner, Messrs. Francis Maxwell, C.T. Zacharias, and D.S. Gillellan, appointed by Mr. Chas. F. Rowe, chairman of the meeting of the patrons of the public school held on September 22 last, to appear before the Board of County Commissioners, and urge them the necessity of enlarging the public school building now being erected here, went to Frederick on Tuesday and laid claim before that body. The Commissioners, after considering the claims of the committee for the addition of another room to the school house, decided to grant the same. They then made an appropriation of \$612 to be used in erecting the third room, which, together with a former appropriation of \$1,688, makes the amount to be expended on the new school house \$2,300. Mr. Calvin Walters who has the contract for erecting the two-roomed building, has also received the contract to erect the additional room, and the work on the same has been begun. The building when completed will be a three-roomed one story.

October Registration

Oct. 5 - During the October sitting of the register of voters for Emmitsburg District, which ended last evening, the registrar, Mr. F.S. Taney, registered 45 persons, and issued 14 transfers. On the "suspect list" are 42 persons, nearly all of whom will be taken from the list of qualified voters today. During the September and October sittings, 82 persons were registered, and 17 transfers issued, and if all the names on the "suspect list" are taken off, the number of disqualified will be 69, of which number ten are dead, making a total gain in the present registration of 13 voters.

Church Relationship Dissolved

Oct. 19 - The relationship heretofore existing between the parishoners of Mt. St. Mary's
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especially were excited. Some wept as they touched their native soil. They threw hats into the air and kissed the ground when a brass band played "Maryland, My Maryland." Captain Lige White, being more romantic, jumped into the midst of a group of women and set a record for kissing.

In the war many brothers served in the Confederacy. Two brothers serving from Emmitsburg were Alfred and Dr. Joseph Riddlemoser. The Gordons' book lists those from Frederick County who "went South," and among them are many Emmitsburgians. One resident who "went North" was O.A. Horner, who served as the adjutant of Cole's rangers.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about such events and how the folks of Emmitsburg became involved in the fray. All are welcome to attend. For more information call Dick Marsden at 447-6216.

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crumbling or already shut down.

My people in both Frederick and Carroll Counties face the same frustrations with their county governments; living away from their county centers, our tax money flows away from us to Frederick and Westminster and it does not come back. The same thing happens when our state tax money flows to Annapolis.

Donald Elliot has represented the people of District 4B for eight years. He has never even said he recognizes this as a trend, much less taken the time to actually do anything about it. He is simply too busy with his pharmacy in Union Bridge to take the time to represent the 30,000 people it is his job to represent. I promise you, if elected, I will work at representing you on a full-time basis. Donald Elliot is part of the problem. Roy Pfeiffer is part of the solution. My opponent will say Roy Pfeiffer's observations and proposals will raise taxes. I say not. I say we, the people of district 4B need to make the counties and state put back more of our money where it should have been all along; where we, the taxpayers, live.

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Parish and the Mt. St. Mary's College Church was dissolved on Sunday last. The present church at the college will remain the property of that institution, whilst the members of Mt. St. Mary's Parish will have to erect a church to worship in. Rev. Fr. Manly has been appointed pastor of Mt. St. Mary's Parish.

LIONS PUT OUT A CALL FOR HELP

Our 12th Annual Community Day was a big success, topped off with a spectacular fireworks display. Many favorable comments have been received. To ensure a successful 13th Annual Community Day next year, contracts have already been placed with the Zambelli Fireworks Company.

In the past, fireworks expenses were met through fund-raisers and the generosity of the community. However, the cost of the fireworks display has been increasing over the years. To compensate for this increase, we have recently used money from our Activities Fund to cover the expense. However, the Activities Fund is intended to be used solely for the projects in our community such as eye examinations and eye glasses for the needy, donations to Campaign Sight First, The Wilmer Eye Institute, service organizations, the annual food drive for the

needy, Christmas and Halloween parties for the children, etc.

Although the fireworks display is a community activity, it is not a necessary project. Because so many people look forward to this event we certainly want to continue it. To do this without depleting our Activities Fund, we need your help now. Any contributions should be identified as gifts to be used solely for the fireworks display. Funds received in excess of the current year's cost will be carried over and applied to the next year's event.

We need the help of all businesses and citizens if we are to continue the Community Day fireworks. If you wish to help us by making a donation, please make checks payable to the Emmitsburg Lions Club Fireworks Fund, PO Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. We thank you for your support.

EMMITSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

by Kate Warthen

The Emmitsburg Public Library is looking forward to a great season of working with children. We have a new staff person, Mrs. Catherine Link, who will replace Mrs. Keilholtz who recently retired. Mrs. Link has lots of experience working with children. Together we expect to have many more programs for preschool, elementary, and young adults.

We will be in touch with the schools to schedule library visits for story hour, book talks, introduction to the library computer catalog, plus book recommendations and many other activities such as special displays, special holiday programs, and public relations with parents and schools. Plans are already in effect to start a coffee and muffin hour on Thursdays. This is to be sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Parents are invited to bring their children to story hour to visit over coffee and muffins. They may also register to be Friends of the Library.

Our new catalog on computer and Cata-

lyst is, or will be, the Frederick County Public Libraries' new OPAC (online public access catalog). Catalyst will take Frederick County Public Libraries and library users well into the 21st century. It is an extremely powerful, modern, automated, technological tool. It replaces the old card catalog which is actually representative of 19th-century technology. Catalyst will open windows to public library collections throughout Frederick County now and in the future to Maryland's public, academic, and even some special library collections.

When Catalyst is up and running, it will give the FCPL user immediate knowledge of what books, records, magazines, and tapes the library system owns, where they are located, and if they are available for borrowing at that instant. Catalyst is user friendly. It will enable library users to locate easily the books and information sought with a few relatively simple key strokes.

The library is planning a Spooky Night on October 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the halls of the community center. If you would like to help out, please call the library at 447-2682.

Oct. 26 - The attention of the tax payers of this district is called to the advertisement, "Notice to Taxpayers," which appears in another column. Mr. J.Wm. Baughman, the collector, will be at the Western Maryland Hotel, in this place, on Monday and Tuesday, November 12th and 13th, for the purpose of settling with the tax papers. The collector will be pleased to have you pay him a visit on the above dates.



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Carrye B. Brown, the new administrator of the US Fire Administration, greeting well-wishers following her swearing-in ceremony.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER

America has one of the highest fire-death rates in the industrialized world. More Americans die in fires each year than in all natural disasters combined—5,500 deaths and 30,000 civilian injuries occur annually. One hundred firefighters are killed and nearly 100,000 are injured carrying out their duties. Fires cost taxpayers about \$50 billion a year.

In Emmitsburg's back yard is the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) that deals with the tragedy and horror of fire and natural emergencies. The NETC is home for the United States Fire Administration (USFA), its National Fire Academy (NFA), and the Emergency Management Institute (EMI).

On September 16, Carrye Burley Brown became the first female administrator of the U.S. Fire Administration, a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), when she was sworn into office by James L. Witt, FEMA's director. In her remarks to the audience, Mrs. Brown said she asked that the ceremony be held in Emmitsburg "so that all the staff can be participants of this occasion."

After taking a couple of seconds to "savor the moment," she recognized FEMA personnel and thanked her family for "their love and support." The new director expressed confidence in the staff and said that she looked forward to working with them. She pledged her commitment to work toward a "fire-safer America" and identified her priori-

ties as fire safety education, fire-data collection and analysis, and the promotion of fire technology and research.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in front of the newly renovated J Building of the National Fire Academy. The improvements to the building resulted in larger and more numerous classrooms that will accommodate more students, more comfortably.

Local residents are familiar with the "visiting firemen" from around the country who pulse through our community every two weeks. The old

picture of the volunteer fireman with one hand clutching the engine as it leaves the firehouse, boots in the other hand, and suspenders flapping in the breeze is no longer appropriate. Today's firemen are trained in techniques that have come from research and development programs, using redesigned equipment and clothing. They are schooled in special techniques used for structural fire fighting, hazardous materials incidents, vehicle extraction, and urban search and rescue. All of this and more is the daily fare at the Academy.

The NETC campus, formerly St. Joseph's College, provides a high-quality learning environment including modern classrooms and equipment, a full-service library, a 250-seat lecture hall, a chapel, a 500-seat auditorium, and student recreational facilities. A new dormitory is under construction. Approximately 15,000 students annually attend courses at NETC.

The classes range in style from traditional lectures to hands-on training procedures and realistic "sweat-it-out" simulations in a mock situation room. In the simulations, fire and disaster managers engage in mock disasters, applying their own procedures to the simulations. The experience is designed to stress their system and personnel, challenging them to deal with disasters and emergencies.

The National Emergency Training Center is emerging as the nation's focal point for delivery of emergency management and fire protection training. It is here that civil defense, fire service, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and public works groups have the opportunity to enhance their abilities to respond to emergencies.

VIRGINIA MCLAUGHLIN,

ITINERANT ARTIST

by Linda Postelle

It was a pleasant surprise to read several years ago an article in the *Washington Post* about a nationally known artist and to realize she was Emmitsburg's own Virginia McLaughlin. Most of us know Virginia as the friendly lady who owns the Antique Cupboard on W. Main Street. Here she stocks a delightful array of antiques, collectibles, and samples of her painted works. She uses the kitchen of this old house in the historical district as her studio.

Virginia is unique because for the past fifteen years or so she has developed a style of art that allows her to do all the projects with which the early itinerant artists made a living. These were traveling artists who would visit a town and paint on furniture, walls, woodwork, parchment or whatever a customer had in mind to brighten his life. Virginia's style is patterned after that of Rufus Porter, "an itinerant wall painter who traveled up and down the Eastern seaboard during the 1800's painting walls, portraits, furniture, fireboards, and tavern signs, whatever he could exchange for room, board, and wages" (Kathy Legg, "Wall Painting With A Colonial Palette," *Washington Home*, February 8, 1990).

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OPEN HOUSE

The Vigilant Hose Company announces its upcoming Fire and Safety Open House on Thursday, October 13, 1994, at the fire station on West Main Street in Emmitsburg, between the hours of 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The Miss Fire Prevention Contest will be held at 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the open house.

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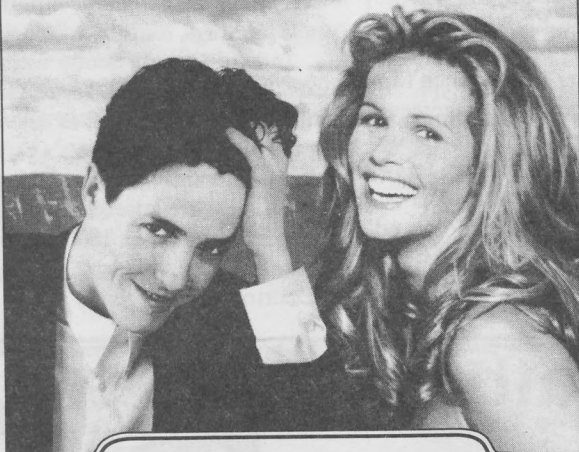
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STRAWBERRY HILL, FOREVER

by Shelly IC. Chevalier

Even looking for it, you could miss Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve. It sits, unpretentious and unassuming, and nearly unannounced, about two and a half miles from Carroll's Tract Rd. along Mt. Hope Road in Fairfield, PA. It is comprised of 519 acres of wetlands, forest, and stream valley that are home to numerous plant and animal species.

This clinical description—the beginnings of journalistic formulae: Who, What, When, Where, and Why—scotched for me, a reverent appreciator of nature and an eight-year resident of the Fairfield community, even the slightest curiosity about this glorious national treasure in our midst. Sit tight, if you will, I'm going to do my best to make you see, make you feel, Strawberry Hill.

How could anyone miss a 519-acre plot of land? Well, to begin with, its operating buildings are few and modest, and perfectly congruent with their surroundings. There are no large, sanctimonious signs directing your imminent arrival, and just one indicating that you've reached the spot. The acreage visible along Mt. Hope Road is in such natural harmony with the overall area that its significance is unrecognizable. There is no standout look-at-me, stop-and-see quality to Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve.

And well, gee, maybe that's the point.

At Strawberry Hill a pink log house that was built in 1798 still stands beside a pond with a worn dock just big enough for a worm and pole. Off the left bank of the pond a trail wanders into the heart of Strawberry Hill: a forest so thick with trees and ferns, mammoth rocks, and beckoning stillness that the swift onset of its cavernous shadows slips around you like a sweater at dusk, quiet and welcome.

Excitement agitates against this calm as the path leads you deeper into the woods. You are commanded forward as a sleepwalker, not knowing what you will find, simply obeying a metaphysical call. It is the sound of a running stream that at first you cannot see, the unimagined color of the rock ahead, a plank bridge; it is the smell of moist earth, dirt, weighing on your skin like sea air. If you are in company, talk is hushed and wonder is loud; if you are by yourself, the wonder thunders.

One of the most incredible sights for me was a tree, identified by the Trail Guide as sweet birch, growing strong and straight and tall toward the sun out of a mound of solid rock. Through cracks forced wide by the

tree's resolve, its rock-bound roots web-thick and gnarled, and high above its limbs arch out and gracefully down.

Eighty-two-year-old Frances Froelicher is the feisty founder of the non-profit and tax-exempt Strawberry Hill Foundation, and owner of Strawberry Hill. She has fought to protect and preserve the clean waters and naturally succeeding forest since the purchase of her first quarter-acre lot nearly 40 years ago. She is now fighting time in her efforts to ensure that this mission, a focus of more than half her lifetime, remains successful.

Her plan is to DONATE the land (estimated value: \$4 million) to the surrounding communities, in exchange for the commitment of preserving Strawberry Hill as it is—unadulterated by profit-driven development and commercialization. No wood-burned painted signs marking entrance and exit points, no campsites on asphalt, no man-made lakes with boat rental. Just as it is. Just as God made it.

Environmental education is the primary goal of Strawberry Hill. Workshops sponsored by the Center include such topics as renewable resource management, land planning, soil conservation, nature writing, and woodlot management. Strawberry Hill's children's programs offer activity-oriented learning for schools and youth organizations that is in such demand that requests by many groups could

not be accommodated last year.

The site has won four prestigious awards. For two years running it received the Take Pride in Pennsylvania award for the best use of private land; most recently, the Take Pride in America award from the U.S. Department of the Interior for wise use of natural and cultural resources; and another from the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. for saving a watershed.

Only local, community ownership, Froelicher feels, can maintain the presence and supervision necessary to preserve the purity of Strawberry Hill. She is appealing to surrounding businesses to invest their support in the Nature Center and Preserve—the only one of its kind in Adams County. Continued proper care, maintenance, and careful promotion will, in return, attract visitors who will positively affect area commerce. Additionally, corporate memberships offer the use of Strawberry Hill grounds and building for business meetings, retreats, and social functions.

Individual and family memberships secure free trail walks and attendance at classes and workshops, as well as use of the picnic spots tucked in the forest's belly and along the two streams that run through the property. There are guided trail walks, too, and a lending library, an 1800's colonial garden, and a children's garden. The pond is chock-

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COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

by Paul Harner, president of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches

September's Council of Churches meeting was held on 1 September at the parish of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church. The items covered at the meeting included the following:

A presentation by Mr. Timothy Fleming, who will be the Director of the St. Catherine's Rehabilitation Center currently under construction at the Provincial House and scheduled to open in October of this year;

A presentation by Mr. Jack Minsinger, a former marketing executive, who offered his services on a non-profit basis to raise funds for various religious/humanitarian needs;

A decision to look into the possibility of putting together a welcoming packet for new Emmitsburg residents;

A decision to give \$250 to the Seton Center Outreach program to help support its Thanksgiving Dinner effort;

The establishment of a nominating committee to nominate next year's officers;

The selection of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church as the site of this year's ecumenical Thanksgiving Day service, which

will begin at 10:30 a.m.; and

The initiation of an effort to help paint the interior of the Seton Center, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in November of this year.

The Council of Churches also sponsors the Vacation Bible School each year, which was held this year at Elias Lutheran Church the week of 7 August. The school is presented for children in the pre-kindergarten to Grade 4 age group. This year the theme was "Come Along With Jesus" and between 60 and 70 children attended.

The Council would like to thank all of those wonderful volunteers who gave their precious time to participate in this program: Program Directors: Chatta Carr, Sister Catherine Francis, Sue Allen (music director), Pastor Hastings (guitarist), and Pastor Fearer.

Staff/Teachers: Shelly Chevalier, Denise Ebaugh, Julie Eyler, Beth Fields, Nancy Neighbors, Antoinette Sky, and Lara Valentine.

Helpers: Rebecca Allen, Deana Little, Sister Judith, Betty Meredith, Lynn Ott, Barbara Sanders, Josh and Lori Wiles, and Laurie, Sarah and Tommy Wivell.

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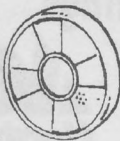
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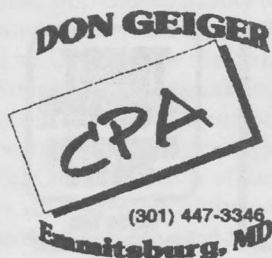
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ROCKY RIDGE

by Emma Keeney

Congratulations to:

James Stambaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stambaugh, for winning first place for his sunflower and 3rd place for his tin punch at the Community Show;

Emily Sixx, who was honored on Friday night at the Community Show for 29 years of dedication to Thurmont High School and Catocin High School;

Mrs. Mae Long who celebrated her 91st birthday September 23rd;

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Dinterman on their 55th wedding anniversary on September 4th;

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sharrer on their 16th wedding anniversary September 16th;

and belated birthday wishes to Pauline Stambaugh, Tammy Wiles, Michele Flanigan, Bobby Burrier, and Guy Pittenger.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lescalleet, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Eyler, Mrs. Tena Speak, Mrs. Betty Moser, Jimmy (Dick) Lescalleet, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Ott, Mrs. Lisa Reed, and Kayla, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeney attended the funeral of Mary Lescalleet Mort Royer at Williamstown, New Jersey, on September 3. Mary was the wife of Roger Royer.

Reminder - Apple butter boiling on Saturday, October 8, beginning at 4:30 a.m. at the Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. For advance orders call 271-2880. The Rocky Ridge firemen will serve their famous fried ham sandwiches. Other delicious homemade food will be available. There will be a flea-market with free set-ups. Call 271-2135 for more information.

Cora Setherly and family held a cook-out for Labor Day. Those attending were Gary Setherley and friend Alice of Falling Waters, West Virginia; Dennis and Regina Cavell and sons Patrick and Eric from Walkersville; Chris, Tanya, and Steven Day from near Hagerstown; Keith, Debby and Courtney Davis from Sabillasville; Hilda, Harold, Ross, Jenny, and J.R. Wilson of Taneytown; Karen Ferdock of Frederick; Bobby, Sharon, Lindsey Wilson of New Windsor; Ronnie and Diane Hahn, Lee Hahn, Jeff and Paula Smith, Louie and

Dorothy Smith, Guy Pittinger, and Carl and Cora Setherly of Rocky Ridge. Volleyball, softball, and horseshoe pitching were enjoyed by some while others enjoyed catching up on the news.

Rally Day Services were held at the Mt. Tabor Activity Building at which time achievement pins and promotions were awarded.

Nursery - Promotions: Erin Danaher and Cody Wolfe. Pins: Emma Keeney, 31st; Jeanette Miller, 4th; Brenda Miller, 13th; Cody Wolfe, 2nd, Kathy Wolf, 2nd; and Bradley Wiles, 4th.

Kindergarten - Promotions: Benjamin Sanders and James Stambaugh. Pins: Kathleen Ballew, 2nd; Benjamin Sanders, 7th; and James Stambaugh, 4th.

Primary - Promotions: Joshua Ballew, Laurie Burrier, and Buddy Johnson. Pins: Shirley Sharrer, 22nd; Joshua Ballew, 2nd; and Brittany Miller, 6th.

Junior-Promotions: Travis Sanders, Penny Eyler, and Melissa Sharrer. Pins: Travis Sanders, 8th; Melissa Sharrer, 10th; Bethany Wolf, 3rd; Melissa Wiles, 4th; and Glenn Haines, 4th.

Junior High - Promotions: Kevin Sharrer, Amy Burrier, and Kristie Frushour. Pins: Anthony Harris, 12th; Kevin Sharrer, 12th; and Tammy Wiles, 4th.

Senior- Pins: Chris Wiles, 4th; Michele Flanigan, 19th; and Philip Dinterman, 17th.

Men and Women - Pins: Barbara Keilholtz.

Mt. Tabor Quilters by Inspector 13

We lost one of our loyal helpers on Aug. 6. Bill Cummings' long fight with cancer ended. He was always here for us, to help knot our charity quilts, move quilt frames, set up tables, and give us an encouraging word and a joke or two. In spite of his illness, he kept insisting that I, his wife (Inspector 13), continue with the quilt group even though I was often discouraged.

In view of that wish it is now time to get back to our routine. We have several quilt tops to be pieced and quilted. We finished the "Three Bridges" quilt, which was exhibited at the Community Show. We are also raffling two quilts—a "Grandmother's Flower Garden" and a "Gingham Tulips."

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Virginia particularly enjoys commissions which allow her to personalize her projects. A wall mural will look at first glance like a beautiful tranquil scene. Then as one studies it, familiar buildings and landmarks as well as family members and pets can be identified. Of course they are all painted as if they belonged in the colonial period. A fine example of this can be seen on the walls of the large reception room in the Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital. Familiar buildings dot the hillsides which include those found in Emmitsburg, Fairfield, and Gettysburg. Virginia's house is there as well as many of the homes found in and around the area.

The Ladies Association of Mount Vernon selected Virginia to paint a mural on four walls of that historical plantation home. These murals depict George Washington as he went about his life on the plantation. This has remained a favorite project for the artist.

When not traveling to the job, Virginia paints in her studio on old furniture found through auctions and estate sales. Friends keep her in mind and call when they see a piece that she would like. These she decorates with country scenes or Pennsylvania Dutch decorations. Some pieces are commissioned

and personalized. For instance, a painted cupboard might celebrate a marriage, incorporating names, dates, childhood homes and memories into the design. Some clients bring their own furniture to Virginia to paint for them. Even if it is not an attractive piece of furniture, Virginia has a knack for making it special. She can give it a "fool-the-eye" beauty. Some of these creations become especially charming.

Virginia's own home, an 1849 German manor house in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, is a showplace for all of her talents. Her beautiful stenciled walls, stenciled floor cloths, frakturs, wall murals, wood graining, marbling, gilding, painted fireplaces, and painted furniture can be found throughout the large house. She occasionally allows house tours. The Smithsonian Institute has conducted two tours of her home as a prime example of what an itinerant artist used to do. Virginia is one of very few artists who has mastered all the crafts of the early artists.

Stop by to meet Virginia McLaughlin and see samples of her work at her shop, The Antique Cupboard, 812 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 10:00 - 5:00, and Sunday, 12:00 - 5:00.

(STRAWBERRY continued from p. 8) full of native trout, sunfish, and crayfish waiting for bait on a catch-and-return basis. Strawberry Hill is an ideal setting for family reunions, which members are invited to schedule.

For a dollar (\$1) contribution, anyone is welcome to share the gift of Strawberry Hill's tranquil affirming beauty. The Center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week.

Coming events at Strawberry Hill: October 15, 2 p.m., Mushroom Walk with Dawn Mogren; October 16, 2 p.m., Fall Foliage Walk with Dr. Larry Klotz; and November 18, 7:30 p.m., Moonwalk with Chris Marne.

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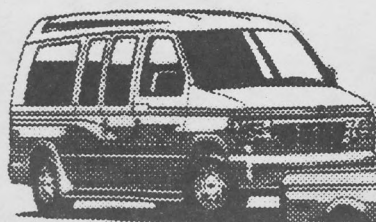
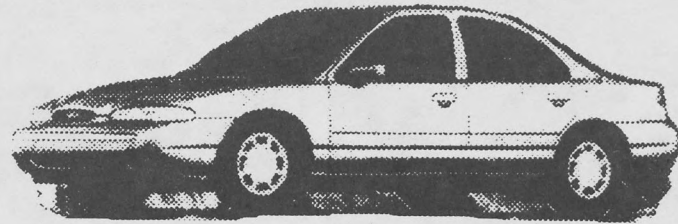
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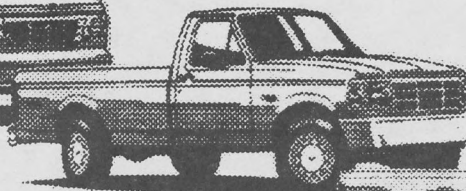
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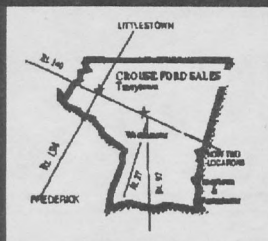
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Pastor's Column

THOUGHTS ON FLIGHT 427

by Jean Smith Liddell, Ph.D, (with an airline pilot who prefers to remain anonymous).

When major disasters occur, such as the earthquakes in California, or the hurricanes in the Gulf, the news media bring us to the doorstep of the tragedies that result. Recently, cameras brought us into the hills of Pennsylvania near the Pittsburgh airport to witness the aftermath of a tragic airline crash. We are spared no detail of the events, yet I wonder whether we are ever given a chance to work through the events in a meaningful way. Do our worries linger? What kinds of fears are fed by such raw exposure? Recently, I talked with an airline pilot about the tragedy and the way it was affecting all of us. He said, "I think one of the reasons that the trauma following a major tragedy is so pervasive can be directly attributed to the comprehensive new coverage. We are brought to the doorstep of an event like the crash of US AIR 427 and we are inundated with the particulars. In this experience it seems to me that everyone wants to talk about the event: What happened? What do you think went wrong? Could it happen again? Could it happen to me or my loved ones? Each and every clue seems to create its own false sense of reason. Somehow unraveling the mystery brings a form of solace.

"As a professional pilot, I am very concerned. Indeed the entire industry begins a feverish investigation into manufacturing, maintenance, and operation. Pilots are thoroughly exposed to any peculiarities that are uncovered, and rehearsal in those areas becomes part of semi-annual testing in flight simulators. I do not suggest that our industry invites marginal practices, but we do learn from the past. In that way, many problems that have plagued air travel have been put to rest, and statistically it remains the safest mode of travel. Nonetheless, a tragedy of the magnitude of 427 leaves everyone somewhat traumatized, and according to the president of the Center for Trauma, Information, and Education in Cincinnati, 'A person needs to recount the experience in as much detail as possible, as many times as possible.' I think that anyone exposed to the intense media coverage is also included in that group of people who now need to work through their feelings to come to some sense of peace and order in their lives."

The tragedy of flight 427 brings other thoughts to mind. I have often heard people, usually the frequent-flyer type, comment that airplanes practically fly themselves. I am the proverbial passenger in the back seat, as well, and I have never been able to understand how such comments could be made. Recently, I had the experience of "riding" in the cockpit of a six-

million-dollar simulator of the B767 aircraft and I would say nothing is further from the truth. The fact that an airplane gets off the ground at all can only be attributed to the skill and determination of its pilot. I think that most people really know this to be true. So why the pretense otherwise? It seems to me that people are afraid to acknowledge their interdependence. Passengers really need their pilot. And that is the way the world goes. We need and depend on one another. As I drive along Route 15, I wish more people had it on their minds that they were also to be looking out for me, protecting my car as well as their own. We share this world together, and each person's actions have an impact on the whole. If you acknowledge the fact that you depend on the pilot, you might then cooperate in matters of general safety, such as turning off your computer without complaint the moment it becomes necessary.

Also, I can't help but think about the families without mothers and fathers and children as a result of the crash of 427. All those people now haunted by emptiness and loss, left to struggle without the ones they love. Untimely death was seen in ancient times as a curse. For us, I think it remains part of the tragedy of human life, a potential reality for each and everyone of us. So, if some kid gets an extra hug, or a spouse reaches out to embrace a partner, or if any one of us responds in a mood of thankfulness for what we do have, and especially for the love we have still to enjoy together, and all of this happens because we have seen the sadness of the families of the victims of flight 427, then we are sharing their pain and changing our response to life in honor of them. When you see your kids asleep in their

own beds, or you share a meal with your best friend, you can count your blessings as a way to pray for them.

If you wonder what the pilot is thinking about just before he or she begins the take-off roll, this airline captain prays,

"Oh God, let me face what is before me with courage and resolve, so that I discharge my duties bravely and responsibly in consideration of my passengers.

In this way, help me know that I did my level best, whatever the circumstances."

Dr. Liddell is a professor of Theology at Mount St. Mary's College. The Dispatch includes religious articles by local ministers and teachers believing that community is strengthened by shared intrinsic values.

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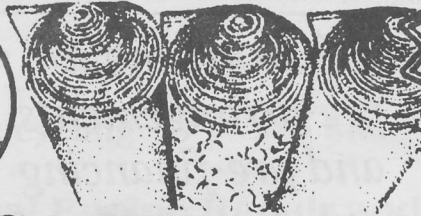
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Funeral services for Sister Claudia Annabelle Haslup, 86, of S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Friday, August 26, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, MD, were held Monday, August 29, with a Mass of Christian Burial from the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, Md, with her pastor Rev. Fr. John King as the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mr. Bernard Hugh Boyle, 89, of North Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Monday, August 29, at his home were held Friday September 2, with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, MD. His pastor Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Phersson was the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home.

Funeral Services for Sister Florence Foretich, 94, of S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Saturday, September 10, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, MD, were held Monday, September 12, with a Mass of Christian Burial from the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD. Her pastor Rev. Fr. John King was the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Miller Byard Falconer, 91, of W. Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD, who died Monday, September 19, at the York Hospital, York, PA, were held Thursday, September 22, with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, MD. Her pastor Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Phersson was the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Mr. Thomas Bittle

Mr. Thomas Sterling Bittle, 71, of 720 Bullfrong Road, Gettysburg, Pa., died Friday Sept. 2, at John's Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore. He was the husband of Frances A. Stinson Bittle, to whom he was married 49 years, and the father of James, John, Stephen, and Beverly Bittle.

Funeral services with full military honors were held Tues. Sept. 6, at Elias Lutheran Church. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

James L. Bittle's eulogy for his brother was read by Father Joseph Stahura, a long time family friend.

"My brother, in my early life, was my protector and my mentor. He was always my best friend.

I first realized my brother had exceptional abilities when in high school he was an outstanding track athlete, winning 100-yard dashes in record time of below 10 seconds which was outstanding in the late 1930's. We moved to Emmitsburg in 1941 and he continued to demonstrate his athletic abilities by playing on all the varsity teams at Emmitsburg High School. It was there

that he met his beloved Frances and started their life-long relationship. I thought he was the luckiest guy in the world.

During World War II he trained as a fighter pilot and flew P-51's in the European theater. I knew he would be a good pilot because he had that unusual sense of vision and depth perception so necessary. Beyond that he had the great courage that all fighter pilots needed. I would not have wanted to be an adversary in the sky flying against my brother.

After the war he chose to attend the Baltimore Art Institute because he had unusual artistic ability. In a relatively short time he produced some wonderful paintings and sculpture pieces. Unfortunately he couldn't see his way clear to make a living for his family in this field, so he chose other endeavors.

He and Frances settled in the area to raise their family of four children. Their home was always warm and comfortable and a welcome place for all.

What greater accomplishment in life than to have loved and been loved by so many!"

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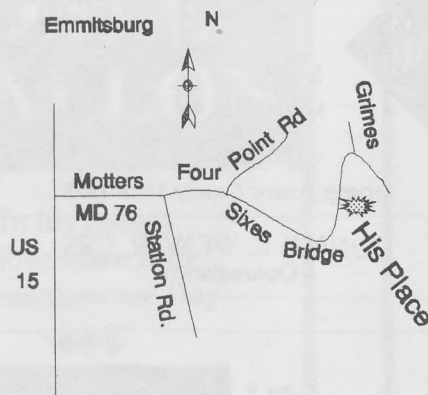
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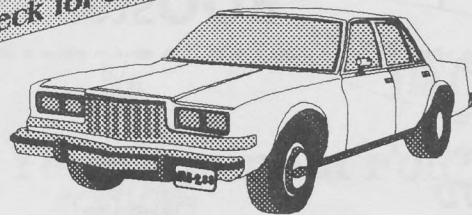
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by Rosemary A. McDermott

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After the court receives your petition, the court will set a time for your mother, your mother's attorney, and any other interested person to respond to your request. An attorney will be appointed to investigate the facts of your petition. After the investigation, the court will set a trial date. At the trial the judge or the jury will decide whether your mother needs a guardian. All interested parties may participate in the trial.

Once you are named as your mother's guardian you may manage her property and make decisions regarding her medical needs. Once a year you will file an annual accounting with the court detailing the financial transactions of the previous year.

A simpler procedure exists, but only if your mother is of sound

mind. Your mother could appoint you a power of attorney over her financial matters and her medical affairs. This method involves the signing of a document listing the powers that you could assume if your mother were to become incapacitated. Court proceedings would be avoided by this document, but your mother must be of sound mind at the time she signs and notarizes the power of attorney.

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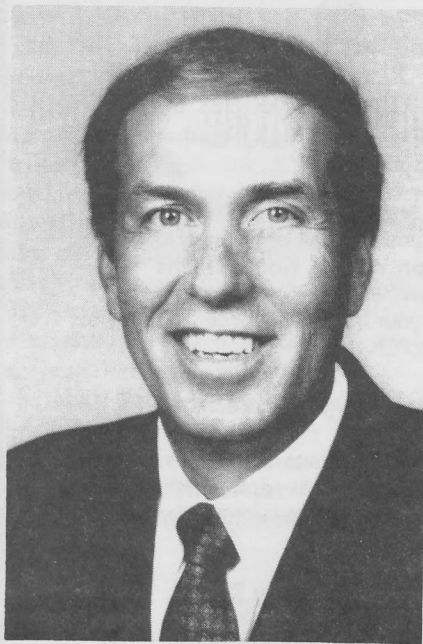
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by Betsy Lower of Boyer Nurseries

We are fortunate in that we live in an area near farmers and their abundance of fresh vegetables and fruits in season. With the weather turning cooler, however, our thoughts turn to apples.

It is rare to visit a fruit stand or speak with an orchardist and not find some wonderful tried and true favorite recipes for apples. It is the one fruit where there is something for everyone—be it tart or sweet, firm or soft, apples are infinite in their variety. Today, there are antique apples from yesteryear along with those of more recent vintage and more familiar names.

Here are some of my favorite recipes; I hope they will become some of your favorites as well.

APPLE COTTAGE PUDDING

- 1 c. flour 1/3 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder 1 egg
- 1/4 tsp. salt 1/2 cup. milk
- 1/3 c. butter 3 apples
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla 1/4 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. lemon rind 1/4 tsp. each
of cloves, nutmeg, and allspice

Mix together flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside. Cream butter, vanilla, lemon and 1/3 c. sugar until well blended. Add egg and beat. Add flour mixture alternately with milk to the creamed mixture and mix until smooth batter forms.

Pare, core, and slice apples into bottom of ungreased 9" pie pan. Mix 1/4 c. sugar with spices. Sprinkle 1/2 spices over apples, then batter, then the remaining spices.

Cook at 375 degrees for 40 minutes.

APPLE CAKE

- 4 tart apples, peeled and sliced 3 c. flour
- 3 Tbsp. lemon juice 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. cinnamon 3 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 c. sugar + 2 c. sugar 1/2 c. orange juice
- 1 c. vegetable oil 2 tsp. vanilla
- 4 eggs

Mix together sliced apples, lemon juice, cinnamon, and 1/4 c. sugar. Set aside. Beat together 2 cups sugar and oil. Add eggs, beat well. Add flour, baking powder and salt, and mix. Add orange juice and vanilla, beat until just smooth. In a greased and floured 10" tube or bundt pan, layer batter, alternating with apples and batter. (Start and finish with batter.) Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until brown. Let cool well.

APPLE DIP

- 6 - 8 red apples 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1(8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese 1 (9 oz.) Cool Whip
- 1/2 cup strawberry jam

Core and slice apples, drop into bowl containing lemon juice and set aside. Soften cream cheese, add strawberry jam and a few drops of red food coloring. Fold in Cool Whip. Arrange apple slices on a plate and place dip alongside.



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--and agreed to tape for a period of three months all public meetings to cut back on the number of staff having to attend meetings, and to assist in the accurate transcription of minutes.

POLICE REPORT

The town deputies, Horner and Hunter, reported that in September they responded to two accidents, one breaking and entering, two domestic disputes, and two disorderly conduct. One adult arrest was made and one warrant was served. Twenty-five parking citations were issued, nine warnings given, and two moving violation citation awarded. Ten business escorts, one fire/ambulance assists, and six follow-up investigations were made. Seventy-three foot patrols and fifty-eight mobile patrols were completed..

Code enforcer Bob Koontz reported issuing 275 tickets amounting to \$685 in fines. Eight-hundred fifty-eight dollars and fifteen cents was collected from the meters and \$247 was gained from flagging.

Koontz assisted in traffic control for 11 fires, 13 ambulance, 3 church details, 1 accident and 1 street repair. One property owner was given notice to cut weeds on his property and one property owner was given notice to remove the doors from an

PLANNING AND ZONING -- OCTOBER 18

The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet Oct. 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The county Comprehensive Plan will be discussed. Citizen and resident input is important in developing the future of the community.

COMMUNITY SHOW A SUCCESS

The 38th Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show held Sept. 8, 9, and 10 at Catoctin High School in Thurmont was enthusiastically supported. President Rodman Myers stated, "... a record number of 640 exhibitors entered a record number 2,670 entries." Commercial exhibits totaled 60 including farm machinery.

The Community Show was opened with a flag ceremony presented by twenty-five civic organizations from the Catoctin school area. James Fisher, former principal of Catoctin High School, gave the invocation. Ralph Fisher, accompanied by Joy Flickinger, sang several musical selections. Congressman Roscoe Bartlett of the 6th electoral district presented the Community Show with a flag.

The Premier Exhibitor Award for the 1993 show was presented to Gloria Green in honor of the C. Rodman Myers Family by the Catoctin FFA Advisor, Robert Beavan.

Frederick County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dan Gadra announced that Rebecca Ruby was selected the Catoctin FFA Ambassador for the 1994-95 Year.

Eugene Bollinger, Catoctin High School class of 1969, recognized 19 individuals with

25 years of service to the Catoctin High School and other schools in the area.

A cake sale was held following the opening ceremony where the Grand Champion Coconut Cake by Rebecca Lucey Eaves was sold for \$390 to Emil Bennett.

There were many winners in the various categories of competition and the entries were on exhibit throughout the weekend. The Frederick County Sheriff's Department held a drug obedience clinic with their K-9 dogs, and there were demonstration of sheep shearing, wool spinning, a mini-rodeo, and log-sawing contests. The crowds and participants also enjoyed horseshoe pitching contests and pot-belly pig races as well as good food. The Thurmont Grange served 955 dinners at their Turkey and Ham Supper on Saturday, and the Catoctin FFA Alumni served 400 Chicken Bar-B-Que dinners on Sunday.

President Myers stated that "the Community Show is indeed a total community effort by a large number of people who volunteer many hours to make our show one that our Catoctin School area can be proud of."

The dates for next year's show are September 8, 9, and 10.



Sister Mary Rose McGeady, D.C. president of Covenant House, will be the guest speaker at Seton Center's Anniversary Gala at the Ceresville Mansion near Frederick on November 9. Sister Mary Rose became President of Covenant House in September of 1990.

Born in Hazelton, PA, Sister Mary Rose grew up in Washington, D.C. In 1946 she entered the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. She earned a B.A. in Sociology from Emmanuel College, an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Fordham University,

and pursued doctoral studies in the same field at Fordham University and the University of Massachusetts.

She began her forty-year career in human service and child care working with homeless and disturbed children and their families at Boston's Nazareth Child Care Center. From 1958 to 1971 Sister Mary Rose served as administrator of child care agencies in Boston; Rhinebeck, New York; and New York City. In 1971 she joined Brooklyn Catholic Charities where she undertook a variety of assignments in the mental health, community service, and child care areas.

Sister Mary Rose became Provincial of the Daughters of Charity in 1981. In the six years she held that position she was responsible for the work of her order in the 11 northeast states. In 1987 she became Associate Executive Director of Brooklyn Catholic Charities, where her responsibilities included a network of services in Queens County with a staff of more than 800 and an annual budget of nearly \$40 million. Sister Mary Rose continues to reside with her community in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn.

Since Covenant House was founded in 1968, over 200,000 young people have come to their doors to escape the agony of life on the street—loneliness, hunger, pain, and rejection. The child care center often shelters 1,500 kids in need nightly.

KIDS LOVE THE DARNDDEST THINGS

There is a lot of critter contentment in Catoctin tonight. There are some happy hermit crabs, caterpillars, goldfish, tree frogs, anoles, and assorted dogs and cats with the longest whiskers, most spots, prettiest eyes, and waggiest tails.

At the Pet Show held Saturday Sept. 10th in conjunction with the Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show, Dave Harman served as the announcer and Christine Bowman and Tonjia Mayne managed to choose the winning pets amid the din of scratching, biting, squishing, croaking, burbling, thumping, woofing, meowing, and rustling. Becky Ruby, 1994-1995 Catoctin FFA Ambassador, presented ribbons to the winners.

The Grand Champion Pets selected were two dogs dressed as a bride and groom, exhibited by Diane Smith of Thurmont. The Reserve Champion was a goldfish exhibited by Jessica Boller of Emmitsburg. This reporter was unable to get any comment from the winners but was assured by their owner/managers that they were very happy with the results and were looking forward to seeing all their friends at next year's competition. The hermit crab, voted Mr. (Mrs.?) Congeniality, did not come out of its shell and was also unavailable for comment.

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-- SCHOOL PAGE --

EMMITSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

by Dianne Walbrecker

Schools will be closed Monday, October 10th, and Tuesday, October 11th, for Staff Development Days as well as on Friday, October 21st.

Come to PTA Night on October 19th at 7 p.m. Dr. Michele Krantz, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Staff Development for Frederick County Public Schools, will talk about INCLUSION for all students.

EMMITSBURG ELEMENTARY'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Emmitsburg Elementary School's Pre-Kindergarten Program is among the growing number of preschool programs in the United States to be accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The Academy recognizes outstanding Early Childhood Programs which meet national standards of quality.

To become accredited, the Emmitsburg Pre-Kindergarten Program had to meet a variety of strict criteria related to providing a developmentally appropriate program for

four-year-old children. These criteria range from having a well-qualified and well-trained staff to meeting stringent health and safety standards. In addition, the program must provide opportunities for parental involvement. Accreditation includes an on-site study of the program by professional validators and a final review by a three-member panel of commissioners who are experts in the field of early childhood education. The nationwide accreditation of early childhood programs, such as the Emmitsburg Pre-Kindergarten Program, benefits parents, children, program personnel, and society.

The Emmitsburg Pre-Kindergarten began its program for the fifth year on September 1, 1994. Twenty local students attend each of the half-day sessions daily. Pre-Kindergarten teacher Cathy Perry and program assistant Leslie Burgess, actively involve the children in learning and social skill activities that are developmentally appropriate for them. The children have opportunities to be members of and express themselves in large groups, small groups, and individually. The children are exposed to a classroom rich in language and literature. Positive self-concepts, equality, a love of learning, and knowledge that they 'can do it' are important goals.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Terry Zeigler, Guidance Counselor at the Emmitsburg Elementary School is compiling a resource booklet of activities and/or clubs in which kids may participate after school hours.

If you or your organization are doing anything special for kids please call Terry at 447-6160 to be included in the booklet.

Mrs. Barnes' 3rd Grade Students Write of Their Summer Adventures

"I went to North Carolina. I went to Hershey Park. At the beach I went boogie boarding. I went to Catocin Lake. I went to Molly's house two times." Emily Hemler

"I went to New York. I saw the movie *The Lion King*. I went swimming. I went to Penn State one day with my Dad. We saw the University." Katherine Major

"I went to North Carolina. I flew in an airplane and circled a lighthouse. I saw the whole beach. I saw a sunken ship. We went with my family." Molly Joyner

Mrs. Heiderman's Fifth Grade Class is Writing Haiku.

Winter winds blow cold
and all animals cuddle
as snow falling from sky.

Mark Rolfs

A pretty black horse runs,
a beautiful deer runs fast,
a little mouse runs.

Emily Ballenger

The buffalo sat
on the bright green grass last night
under the moonlight.

Nathan Ryder

Soaring, majestic,
with a caw of cree, cree, cree,
a hawk looks at me.

Eric Bowman

On the red flower
sits a black and yellow bee,
quietly buzzing.

Mary Ten Eyck

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL

Compiled by Val Mentzer

BEAR LEADS KINDY KIDS IN KRAZY KAPERS

Where Oh Where is Kindergarten Bear?

Hi, everyone! My name is Kindergarten Bear. I had a very exciting first day at school. It was so exciting that I decided to leave my classroom and explore all over Mother Seton School. Well, my fellow kindergartners were really worried and they looked all over the school to try to find me. I was pretty tricky, though. They couldn't find me in the library, the cafeteria, or the gym. Finally, because I got tired and decided to take a nap by Sister Mary Catherine's aquarium, they found me in the principal's office. They surely were glad to see me. They were also very happy to have such a great adventure learning all about school. I guess I'll go back to my classroom

now and learn all the rules with my kindergarten friends. Maybe we can go on some other fun adventure another day.

News From Around the School

All of the students from kindergarten through eighth grade will be learning Spanish from Miss Lis Martell this year. Already the second grade has learned this fun song:

Fray Felipe
Fray Felipe
Duermes tu, duermes tu
Toca las campanas
Toca las campanas
Tan, tan, tan
Tan, tan, tan.

(Continued next column.)

The glittering stream
flows in the evening sunset
as the green fish play.

Alice Kimbrell

Kick Off

In Mrs. Meno's sixth grade we will be doing Pigskin Geography from September 12 through December 19. This is a project to help students sharpen skills at locating information about geography. Using the *Frederick News Post*, the students will answer questions relating to the movements of NFL football teams. The questions will require students to use maps and other sources of geographical information. We are looking forward to this knowledge-building game.

THE ULTIMATE TEST QUESTION:

What do I like best about school?

What I like best about school is all the fun things we get to do and all the fun games we play. I also like reading and how organized we will be after we are through sixth grade. I like all the teachers and staff we have.

They're all nice and they are all willing to help us when we need it. This is going to be a great year. Trista Kuhn

What I like about school is the variety of things they teach you and the effort that the teachers put into making sure that the children know it. I also like the way the teachers teach the materials. My whole family likes the way the school hands out books. All of these things limits the amount of confusion especially with a class of thirty people. The subject I like most is Math because I'm good at it. Matthew Kent

LOOKING AHEAD

Library: The 2nd grade will be designing and creating their own three dimensional fold-out library complete with bricks, furniture, and, of course, books.

Candlelight and Holly. On Nov. 12, we will launch our 11th Annual Auction at the Hunt Valley Marriott. We are still accepting donations of any kind and also have some invitations yet available.

Colorfest: Come see us at the concessions in Thurmont.

Calendar of Events

On Sunday, October 9, St. Anthony's is offering its annual CATOCTIN COLORFEST TURKEY DINNER featuring an "all-you-can-eat" turkey dinner. The prices: adults, \$6.25, children, \$3.00; children under 6 free. The dinner will run from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

The Vigilant Hose Company will hold its Open House and Miss Fire Prevention Contest October 13, from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the fire hall. The Miss Fire Prevention Contest will begin at 7:00 p.m.

TROLLEY FESTIVAL

There will be good food and fun for all at the Myersville 1st Annual Trolley Festival on October 15 -16 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Come celebrate the restoration of the Hagerstown/Frederick trolley #150 and relive bygone days. For more information call 301-293-1404.

FLU CLINIC

There will be a flu clinic Monday, October 31, 1994, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Emmitsburg Senior Center in the Community Center Building. Fees for the shots are as follows: Flu Vaccine, \$7; Pneumococcal (Pneumonia)Vaccine \$7; and Tetanus Booster, Free.

TURKEY/OYSTER SUPPER

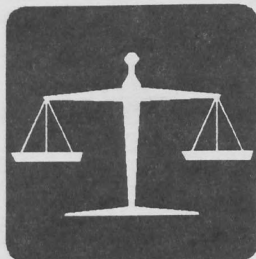
Tom's Creek U.M. Church will hold its famous family-style supper beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5. Prices: \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids 5 - 10. There will be carry-outs, baked goods, and crafts. All are welcome.

EXHIBIT OPENS

Grand opening of Linda Postelle's "Emmitsburg" exhibit will be held Sunday, Nov. 6 at Her Studio Gallery, 304 E. Main St., Emmitsburg, MD, from 2 - 5 p.m. The gallery is open on Fri., Sat., and Sun.. afternoons.

ST. JOSEPH'S BAZAAR

St. Joseph's Parish, Emmitsburg, MD, will hold its third annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 19, 1994, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Crafts and gift items will be available, along with a "Santa's Secret Shop" where the kiddies can do their shopping (no adults allowed), stocking stuffers, homemade baked goods, jellies, etc.. There will be good food available: turkey platters, sandwiches, and much more. This year we are featuring a new item - theme gift baskets - wrapped in cellophane and ready for delivery. All are welcome. Come and join us.



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Scott is a former Assistant State's Attorney and Chief Narcotics Prosecutor for Frederick County. He and his wife Mary and their three children live in Frederick.

As your State's Attorney Scott Rolle will...

✓... seek "**truth in sentencing**" legislation which will require criminals to serve **at least 85%** of their sentences before being considered for parole;

✓... **Save you**, the taxpayer, money by using the asset forfeiture laws to seize cash, cars, and jewelry from drug dealers and convert them to law enforcement use;

✓... enforce **victim's rights**, including the right to be present during trial and the right to swift restitution;

✓... vigorously pursue **stiffer sentences** for violent and repeat offenders and crimes involving the use of handguns;

✓... hold regular community meetings to **listen** to your concerns about crime in the county; and

✓... be an aggressive, but fair, prosecutor.

Scott has received numerous awards for his faithful service to this community as a prosecutor. His handling of cases as a prosecutor has earned him the staunch support of the local law enforcement agencies.

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"If you would like to volunteer to work on my campaign, or if you have questions, please call me at my headquarters (301) 694-8850."

"Thank you for your vote on November 8th!"

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