Season's Greetings To All

The Emmitsburg REGIONAL DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength Through Each Other

December, 1994



John Price contemplates his renovation project att NETC

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"Widow's Walk" Renovated

During the renovation of Building N at the National Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg, painters discovered the "Widow"s Walk" (built circa 1873) atop the building to be badly deteriorated. So much so, in fact, that most of the original 8 by 8 structure came down through a small trap door in a bucket. All that remained was one post, the balusters, and the finials.

John Price, of Emmitsburg, accepted the challenge of reconstructing and reproducing the structure. By using the remains of the post and other pieces, Price was able to determine the sizes of the original lumber. New lumber was milled to the original sizes by the Cavetown Planing Mill. The balusters and finials were stripped of many layers of paint, reconditioned, and treated and primed.

Assisted by Tracey Stockstill of Emmitsburg, and Robert Mumma of Rocky Ridge, Price used as much as possible the original construction techniques. Modern materials and techniques were used only in places where original conditions required a new solution to problems. The crew completed the project in two weeks. It is constructed so that it can be disassembled into sections that will fit through the 2-foot trap door that leads to the roof. The installation will take place soon. As you drive down the main entrance on the grounds, Building N is straight ahead. Look

PUBLIC HEARING ON COUNTY PLAN SET

The Frederick County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a formal public hearing in Emmitsburg on Tuesday, December 13, to receive oral comments on the Thurmont Region Comprehensive Plan. The regional plan includes specific information on future land-use patterns, and will determine future traffic patterns and how and where new development is to occur in the Emmitsburg area. The meeting will be held at the Emmitsburg Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend.

This scheduled public hearing in Emmitsburg is due to the loud outcry at the November town meeting of town residents who objected to the fact that the county had scheduled hearings in Thurmont, Dec. 8, and Winchester Hall in Frederick on Dec. 15th, and none in this place. They felt Emmitsburg problems should be discussed on Emmitsburg turf. Mayor Carr wrote a "strong formal request" to the County Planning and Zoning Commission to hold a meeting in Emmitsburg, and the scheduled public hearing for Dec. 13th is the result.

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SANTA WILL BE IN HIS SHANTY . . .

at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building on S. Seton Ave on Thurs., December 15, from 6 - 8 p.m. The Lions are so sure of the positive reception of the Jolly Old Elf they have scheduled repeat appearances on (Please see SANTA page 3)

TOWN MEETINGS

Planning and Zoning Meeting

Preliminary plans for the Southgate property were approved by members of the planning and zoning commission at their Nov. 28th meeting. Developer Fran Zeller told the commission that 37 lots are proposed for the 14.5 acre parcel. A little less than one and one-half acre is to be set aside for recreational purposes unless the mayor and town council except his proposal to upgrade the town park in lieu of setting aside this land. The Southgate property, located south of the Community Center and behind the homes on South Seton Ave., will be served by Cedar Avenue.

The commission agreed that non-profit organizations have only to apply once a year for sign permits, but request that the organizations notify the Town Office throughout the year, either by letter or verbally, before their signs go up. The commission also gave its approval for Rutter's Store to have a temporary 8x4 foot sign for 60 days.

In other business, the commission ruled that a basketball net and pole on the Town's right-of-way on Robindal Drive must be removed. The pole's proximity to the town water line and electrical connections is dangerous, and the family will be asked to move the pole to its own property

Following the close of the business agenda, a workshop was conducted by David Whitaker, County Planner, regarding the Frederick County Comprehensive Zoning Plan for the Emmitsburg area the town's Discussion centered on revisions to the proposed plan which included the placement of two bypasses around the town. The planning and zoning commission favors one north of Emmitsburg, connecting MD 140 east of town with 140 west of town by way of Welty Road, and a southern bypass which would use Annandale Road to connect US 15 with MD 140 west of town near Tract Road. These suggestions will be discussed at the public hearing to be held Dec. 13th

Town Council Meeting

Mayor Carr, in his report to the Town Council, Dec. 5th, said he hoped all the people would continue to participate in the Lamplight & Holly Festival of Christmas [see Calendar, page 23, for list of events] and thanked the town's Decorating Committee, chaired by Anne Gingell, for preparing the greens that are hung on the Main Street lampposts. He also announced that the Frederick County Department of Planning and Zoning will hold a public hearing in Emmitsburg, Tuesday, Dec. 13th, at the Emmitsburg Elementary School beginning at 7:00 p.m. The mayor strongly encourages residents to attend.

A number of Silo Hill residents including Carl Brindley, spokesperson for the group, presented a list of grievances to be addressed by the Town Council. Their main concern was the poor taste of their drinking water and fear that it contained bacteria. They requested state records to know if it is safe to drink. They also asked for documents that would help them understand why their water bills have increased considerably in recent months.

TOWN COUNCIL DECLARES

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Happy Holidays

at 7.00 p.m at the Emmitsburg Elementary School.

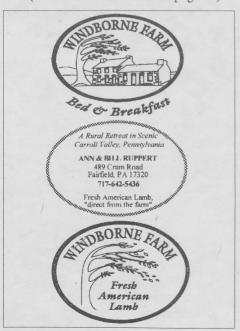
Other proposals made by the commission included a bicycle/pedestrian lane to run from MSM along the Old Emmitsburg Road and then into town, and sidewalk extensions to run from East Main Street out to the Jubileee leading to the new commercial center, and one to run from East Main Street out to Rutters Store.

Other issues of concern included annual assessment fees. They are assessed an annual \$86 fee for sewer lines going out to the rest area on Route 15 (which the homeowner doesn't learn about until closing on the house), and they want to know who else is being assessed for this sewer line, and why they are not being advised about it until the time of closing; homeowners in Silo Hill also pay a \$193 annual assessment fee, and they want to know what it is for and if the rest of the community is assessed this amount.

Mr. Brindley reported that snow removal in their development had not been satisfactory last year (large lumps of snow were left in the street after plowing which had to be removed by the residents) and he expressed concern that snow removal material used was not of the same quality as that used in other communities. He also asked that job descriptions of town officials be made available so as to know who to contact regarding specific issues.

Scott McClendon, also of Silo Hill, inquired why it took the town a whole year to fill in a hole dug in his front yard to access curb boxes (a definite hazard to his family, particularly his 2-years old daughter); what was the policy of duplicating public records (he was told it would cost \$6 to get a copy of the town budget); and was the position for the Town Manager advertised according to

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All comments at the Planning Commission's hearing will be limited to 5 minutes for individuals and civic organizations. Written comments on the plan should be sent to the Frederick County Planning Department, c/o James Gugel, Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church, Frederick, MD 21701. Written comments received by Dec. 15 will be considered by the planning commission prior to making recommendations to the county commissioners.

Copies of the Draft Thurmont Region Plan are available in the town office and at the Frederick County Planning Department Office in Frederick between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information contact Jim Gugel, Project Planner, at 694-1144.

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Friday, Dec. 16 from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 17, from noon to 2 p.m.during the Lions Club Annual Childrens Christmas Party.

For over sixty years the Lions Club has sponsored this event. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. Entertainment includes the appearance of J.J. the clown at 10:30 a.m. followed by snacks. Santa will visit from noon to 2 p.m. and will be giving each child a gift donated by the VFW.

ATTENTION: IF YOU ATTENDED THE FIRST LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY IN DECEMBER 1929, PLEASE CALL EMMITSBURG LIONS HISTORIAN GENE ROSENSTEEL AT 447-2562. We are looking for pictures, news articles, oral reports of this and any other community events and activities that were sponsored by the Lions Club from 1929-1994. YOU ARE ALSO CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE 1994 PARTY.

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Living is dynamic. Change is a given. Each of us, from our personal perspective, knows that we have to take changes as they come. Floating around in our minds is the nagging notion that if we don't control our own destiny then someone else will. In the case of changes that affect the good of the people someone drew a boundary on a map and said let there be government. And there was.

We have it and even though our system may be a bit of a morass, often inefficient, and lurching as it carries on its functions, the representational system we enjoy today seems to work fairly well—as long as the people participate.

Back in 1974 the wisdom of town officials was that the town didn't need a bypass. In 1994 there is discussion about two bypasses. You can place a sure-win bet that there will be heated discussion about the path they will cut through the countryside. "Change before you have to" would have been a good strategy to apply in '74.

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COMMENTARY

One observer of governments noted that politicians will lead us in the direction they are pushed. Coming up in December will be a public hearing to discuss local proposals to be included in the Frederick County Comprehensive Plan. The residents of Emmitsburg are challenged by the opportunity to share their views and concerns about the proposals. Public discussion is good; it provides a rationale for leaders to lead.

There is no doubt that the people living along the routes of the proposed bypasses will want to have their say. Their voices will be weak since their recourse to political representation will be as lone individuals appealing to an often uninterested county government. Now is a wonderful opportunity for the town government to take the lead and formally invite the residents of the Emmitsburg Region (greater E-burg, if you will) to join with them in planning the destiny of this area. Otherwise we end up peering over our fences screaming "not in my backyard you don't!"

DARE PROGRAM TAUGHT

Trooper Gail Treglia from the Maryland State Police taught the sixth graders at Mother Seton School seventeen one-hour sessions of the DARE program. DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. This program helps students recognize and resist the pressures that may influence them to experiment with tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, inhalants, and other drugs.

They also learned how violence hurts everyone and how they can deal best with conflict in their lives. The sixth graders wrote, produced, and performed their own skits: "Don't Be A Geek," "Smoke Free," "How to Resolve a Disagreement," "Drug Net," and "Friends To Lean On."

Mother Seton School would like to thank Mayor Carr and the Emmitsburg Town Council, and the Knights of Columbus Brute Council for donating the DARE T-shirts to the participants in the program. 100 Years Ago "In This Place" From The Emmitsburg Chronicle

Dec. 7, 1894 - Tipton, the Gettysburg Photographer, will be at Rowe's Gallery, Emmitsburg, Thursday, Dec. 13. Photos made on this date can be delivered by Christmas. Also on Thursday, Dec. 20, the latter date for New Year's delivery.

Dec. 14 - On last Saturday night some person took a pane of glass out of the window of Mr. George Gingell's store on West Main Street. Nothing has been missed.

To Number the Houses

Dec. 21 - A movement is on foot to have the houses in this place numbered, and a proposition to that effect will be placed before the town Commissioners at the next meeting for their approval or rejection. The numbering of the houses could cause no harm, and would be a great convenience to strangers. The cost of doing the work would not require a very large sum of money. The columns of the CHRONICLE are open for a general discussion of the subject.

New School House Finished

Dec. 21 - The new public school house, in this place, has been completed and the teachers and scholars took possession of their new quarters yesterday morning, much pleased with their new domicile.

Snow

Dec. 28 - It began snowing Wednesday afternoon and continued during the night and part of Thursday. The snow being about 8 1/2 inches deep. This is the first snow that has fallen here this winter that has amounted to anything. The sleighers have been making good use of the opportunity offered them to enjoy the fascinating sport of sleighing, and the merry sleigh bells can be heard jingling from early in the morning until late at night.

Midnight Singing

About midnight on Monday [Christmas

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Evel, a number of ladies and gentlemen, many of who are members of the choirs of the different churches in this place, serenaded the citizens of the town by singing a number of carols at different places on the streets, which was greatly enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough not to be sound sleepers. After the singing, a gentleman in the party extended a polite invitation to the singers to accompany him to his home. The invitation was unanimously accepted, and when they arrived at the hospitable home of their friend, they were agreeably surprised to find a "lay-out" consisting of ice cream, cakes, etc., awaiting them.

Dec. 28 - Ten young men from the mountain, wearing masks and dressed in variegated colors, representing Kris Kringles, came to town on horse-back Christmas afternoon, and rode up and down



Linda Postelle relaxing at the opening of her "Emmitsburg" exhibit

Dispatch Photo

Linda Postelle's paintings of over 200 structures in the historic district of Emmitsburg will be on exhibit through the month of December at Her Studio Gallery, 304 E. Main St. Linda's project included documenting, as much as possible, the history of the houses as told to her by the lifelong residents of Emmitsburg. These notes and the original photographs of the houses and businesses will be donated to the Emmitsburg Visitors Center Museum as a record of our town as it appeared in 1993-1994. The individual paintings may be purchased.

"The support of the townspeople has been gratifying," Linda said in an interview with the *Dispatch* in early December. "It's been especially nice to know that they make sure their relatives, who used to live here, come in to see the exhibit when they're in town."



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CORRESPONDENTS

Rocky Ridge

by Emma Kenney

The Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren has scheduled activities for the Christmas season: Social and Program - Dec. 4, 5:00 p.m.; Candlelight Service - Dec. 11, 7:00 p.m.; Children's Program Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m.; Christmas caroling - Dec. 18; and a Christmas Day church service at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School that day.

The Mt. Tabor Sunday School will present a Christmas program Dec. 24, at 7:30 p.m. There will not be a church worship service after the Christmas program.

Mt. Tabor United Church of Chirst will have a worship service with communion beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 25. Sunday School will not be held Christmas Day.

Michael Harris's address is Pvt. Harris 217869193, A/5-15 CAV, 3rd PLT., Ft. Knox, KY, 40121.

Correction of name: It was Kenneth L. Frushour (not Fresher) who was promoted to Pvt. 1st Class. His address is HHB 4/5 Fort Riley, Kansas 66442.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Vernon Troxell who died Nov. 14. Vernon grew up in the Rocky Ridge area.

Deepest sympathy to Isabel Mathias and family. Isabel's mother, Mrs. Ruth Testerman, died Nov. 15.

Mr. Albert Stambaugh was a patient at Gettysburg Hospital for surgery on his knee. He is now recovering at home.

Mrs. Shirley Bowman was a patient at Gettysburg Hospital for surgery and is now recovering at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Stambaugh have returned home from Ocean City. Franklin enjoyed riding his bike and Marie enjoyed seeing the Christmas decorations.

Isabel Mathias enjoyed a wonderful trip October 13-16 with a group from the

Thurmont Senior Citizens Center to Foxwoods Casino and Mystic Seaport, CT, and a ferry ride to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The drive from here to there was beautiful, with the turning of the leaves. While in Connecticut the group rode the Sabina, on a tour of Mystic Seaport, and toured the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London. They had dinner and tried their luck at dog racing at Plainfield Greyhound Park. Isabel did better with the dogs than at the casino, which is located on an Indian Reservation. Sunday morning on their way home they stopped at the First Presbyterian Church, which is built in the shape of a fish. The stained-glass window, created by Gabriel Loire in France, contains more than 80,000 individual pieces of stained glass. The four manual Visser-Rawland organ, containing 4.026 pipes, was installed in 1991.

Eugene Stambaugh and his son Ed had a good time on their hunting trip to Snow Mass, Colorado, during the first two weeks in November. Filling their tags, Eugene and Ed both got elks.

Mt. Tabor Quilters of Rocky Ridge

This group is not limited to quilting the tops already made by someone else. We also piece tops of our own for sale; assemble tops if someone else pieces the blocks; make knotted covers to donate to charity; and provide a fellowship comparable to that of the "old-fashioned" quilting bee of our ancestors. We invite others to join us on Tuesdays— day or evening. You don't have to be a member of our two churches or a member of any church. If you would like to cut out pieces, hand stitch, knot, or quilt, join us even if you can only spare an hour. Let us get to know you as a friend.

At present we are working on an antique quilt, two "special order" quilts, and cutting out Yo-Yo Circles. The special order - custom designed - quilt of the Three Covered Bridges for Loy's Station Bridge Rededication was won by Emma Lou Harris of Rocky Ridge.

St. Anthony's/OLMC News

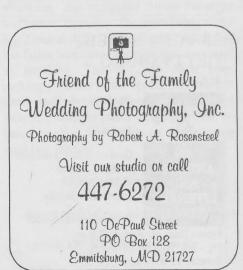
by Ann Marshall

St. Anthony's Parish congratulates Mr. Carl Wetzel who recently received the Baltimore Archdiocesan Medal of Honor in recognition of his many years of service to the parish and the community. A lifelong member of St. Anthony's, Mr. Wetzel became a corporator when the church corporation was first formed and has contributed in many significant ways to the growth and well-being of the parish. He has also been a dedicated lector. He is active in the Knights of Columbus and is a past Grand Knight of Brute Council 1960.

A Merry Christmas party will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 11, for St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parishioners. This is a family celebration with entertainment and refreshments for the young and young-at-heart. The party will be at OLMC Parish Center from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Donations of cookies are welcome.

Roles have been assigned and youths of the combined parishes are now studying their scripts and practicing the music for their Christmas program, ANGELHEAD. The program will take place at OLMC Parish Center on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The Human Services Committees report that 28 baskets of goodies were distributed at Thanksgiving time as a token of comfort to people who are homebound or who have lost a family member within the last year. The baskets contained fruit, snacks, sweets, and beverages. Non-perishable food items were also collected during November and donated to area food banks.



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Senior Citizens News

by Anna Margaret Martin

Thanksgiving is over and in the distance I think I hear "Ho! Ho! Ho!" so you know Christmas is in the air. It seems it comes faster each year and we're caught in last-minute shopping and preparations, but we wouldn't change the season for any reason.

The Senior Center is decorated with a tree and many other things including a beautiful Christmas scene painted for us many years ago by Elizabeth Prongas. In a couple of weeks the smell of turkey and trimmings will fill the air. On Thursday, December 15th, a turkey dinner will come from the Food N Friends program. The cost is \$1.50, the same as other days. Reservations are a must before 1 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 14th.

Our Christmas Bingo will be on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 1:00 p.m. A wrapped gift valued at \$1.00 (or as near as possible) will be asked from each playerno name included. Come for turkey dinner and stay for an afternoon of fun.

Our Senior Citizen dinner will be held on Monday, Dec. 19th at 2 p.m. catered by Mountaingate. Call the center for details.

Little League Meeting

The next Little League meeting will be held Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. at the V.F.W. The public is invited to attend. The League is looking for managers and coaches for the two teams for 14-15 year olds, as well as for the team for 16-18 year olds. Umpires are also needed. Please call Roy Wivell at 447-2881 if you are interested. Any person or parents who would like to help with the Fund Raising Committee are asked to call Jim Knox at 642-5469.

We will have a "500" Card Party Dec. 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

I promised a list of the winners from our bazaar which was held Nov. 12 and here they are: Fancy Table: 1) Afghan - Eunice Neighbours; 2) Doll - Loretta Myers. Flower Table: 1) Groceries - Calvin Baumgartner; 2) Glasses - Att Hewitt. Cake Table: 1) Afghan - Kitty Kelly; 2) Cake - Loretta Adelsberger. Country Store: 1) Groceries - Robert Sayler; 2) Ceramic Racoons - Elwood Eiker. White Elephant Table: 1) Afghan - Ann Gingell; 2) Dishes - Gladys Keilholtz. Rummage Table: 1) Christmas Bear - Kathleen Shorb; 2) Crock Pot - City Beard. Big Chance: 1) Groceries - Gladys Keilholtz; 2) \$10 - Lois Hartdugen. Door Prize: Jack Humerick.

Our beautiful Heritage Quilt was won by Senior Citizen member Mary Sutton.

We wish to thank you all for your support at our bazaar. Without you we wouldn't have had a success.

During the Christmas holidays we will be dining at Corney's (Dec. 23, 27, 28, 29, 30.) Call for reservations. And now as the Christmas holidays approach let us remember the reason for the season —the birth of a babe destined to be Christ, our Lord and Savior. Without His birth there would be no bright lights, Christmas carols, or loving friendships. Rejoice and be glad. Merry Christmas to all!

Mt. Tabor Youth Group Activities by Debbie Wiles

On November 6, 1994, the Youth Group went bowling at Thunderhead Lanes in Taneytown, MD. while some tried their skill at tenpins, the others tried duckpins. The youth did manage to outscore the adults who were chaperoning the event. After 2 vigorous games, the participants were treated to pizza and soft drinks. Everyone displayed good sportsmanship and enjoyed the afternoon out.

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READ A BOOK THIS HOLIDAY

The Emmitsburg Library

By Kate Warthen

The library has lots of plans in the making, some of which are already being realized. With our new Children's Librarian we have more class visits, regular story hours, and seasonal visits from both Mother Seton Elementary and Emmitsburg Elementary Schools,

The Library Board wishes to institute a Friends of the Library group. It would be patterned after the one in the Gettysburg Library. If you are interested in becoming a member, you should leave your name and telephone number at the library. We are looking into the possibility of maintaining a Gift Shop and Book Store of new and used books. If you have any suggestions please bring them to the library.

New books which have been added to the collection: Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters by Patricia C. and Fred A. McKissack: Mrs. Fields' I Love Chocolate Cook Book contains one hundred easy recipes of cookies, cakes, pies, candies, and ice cream. Lee Bailey's Long Weekend has been donated by Dr. and Mrs. John Beegle of Gettysburg in memory and recognition of the anniversary of Fred and Dorothy Bowers. Come see its recipes for good food and easy living. We have also added Thomas Moore's Meditation which is about the thoughts of a monk. Charles Bowers of Chambersburg, a former student of Emmitsburg High School when it was in this building, has with his wife donated Civil War books to our library.

Don't forget our Doll Exhibit on Dec. 10 from 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. This will put us in the Christmas Spirit. Faith Milton of Fairfield will exhibit her homemade dolls. Mary Krom will exhibit her collection of dolls that she finds at sales and dresses herself. We will all have tea and cookies. Youngsters and older patrons alike may share their dolls in a show and tell. Prizes and door prizes will be given at the show. All are welcome.

CORRECTION: We regret the mispelling of the name of Miss Fire Prevention, Thea Maddox, in the November issue of the *Dispatch*.

AIDS COUNSELOR TO RECEIVE FOUNDER'S MEDAL

Jeremy Hollinger, an Emmitsburg native who is the assistant bereavement coordinator at the Visiting Nurses and Hospice in San Francisco, has been chosen to receive the 1994 Founder's Medal from Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary.

Hollinger is recognized for his work in comforting individuals living with AIDS and helping their families cope with the effects of the epidemic. He has given presentations both nationally and internationally for his research in Multiple Loss Bereavement.

The purpose of the Founder's Medal is to honor an individual who "...in the spirit of John DuBois has, in a seemly manner, affected the lives of others."

A member of the Mount class of 1975, Hollinger began his life-long humanitarian commitments in 1972 as a member of the Missionary Brothers of Charity, a group founded by Mother Teresa. While working personally with Mother Teresa, he provided counseling and supervised health and human service programs in Saigon and Calcutta.

In 1987, with Mother Teresa's blessing, he founded and served as the executive director for the Center for AIDS Services in Oakland.

In 1990, he took a leave of absence from the Missionary Brothers to become the assistant bereavement coordinator at the Visiting Nurses and Hospice in San Francisco. In conjunction with the internationally recognized program, Hollinger provides counseling and support groups for over 1,400 people a year from every ethnic, racial and social group.

The Founder's Day Mass and medal ceremony took place on Wednesday, December 7, at 4:15 p.m. in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Mount Saint Mary's College and Seminary.

COMMUNITY CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

3:00 P.M. Dec. 11, at the Basilica

All are welcome.



Jeremy Hollinger, son of Theresa and John Hollinger of Emmitsburg.

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Several youth members attended the 3rd Annual Youth Event held at St. Marks Church in Baltimore, MD, on Nov. 12th. Among the speakers was former TV new reporter, Ms. Susan White-Bowden. Ms. White-Bowden spoke on the issue of teen suicide, informing the youth that suicide should not be an answer to their problems (no matter how devastating they may seem). It only creates more pain for those they love and leave behind. She also told the group that her first husband and her seventeen-year-old son committed suicide approximately two years apart. Her advice to the youth was to seek help by talking to a friend, a pastor, guidance counselor, or someone they felt comfortable talking to about their problems and that together they may be able to find a solution.

After lunch, Pastor Rosemary Maxey-McComb led a workshop on Racism/Human Rights. Participants were asked for their opinions as to what they considered to be human rights. Some of the issues discussed included food, shelter, education, and medical care.

Rev. Lucy Brady and her son, Nathan Cox, conducted a workshop on alcohol and drug abuse. During this session they shared their personal experiences with these substances and how they caused their family to be torn apart. More importantly, they told of the help they had sought and how they managed to become a family again.

New leaders of the Youth Group are Debbie Wiles and Rosie Stambaugh.

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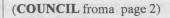
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procedures. It was his understanding that this was a new position that had been previously abolished by former Mayor Preston, and therefore could not be filled by just promoting someone from within the town office.

Mayor Carr replied that because the Silo Hill residents' requests were numerous and involved, and the council meeting agenda was full, he would make a written response to them within 10 days. He thanked them for coming, adding that he could give a quick answer to one of their questions: there is no charge for a copy of the town budget, which is available at the town office.

The commissioners agreed to give a water and sewer tap and to assume ownership of a new building for the Up-County Family Support Center. The proposed site for the new center is on West Lincoln Avenue. Money for the project will come from matching grants and foundations. It is not expected that there will be any cost to the town.

The council approved the Final Plats for Emmit Ridge and Preliminary Plats for the Silo Hill commercial site. Residents from Silo Hill expressed their desire that no liquor stores be allowed to move into the new shopping mall. They also voiced their concern about the dangerous intersection at Route 140 and Silo Hill Road. The town manager Yvette Semeler said the state highway department was looking at this and at the need for a sidewalk in the area.

In other business, the council

—appointed Tammy Wivell, Hope Mahoney, and Ellie Staub to the Pool Advisor Committee;

—approved a street light on West Main Street by the Emmit House;

—placed on hold a request for a new alley light until a new lighting study is completed;

—and returned Southgate Preliminary Plans to Planning and Zoning for further study.

The next Town Council meeting will be held January 9, 1995, 7:30 p.m, in the town office.



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Seton Center Celebrates 25th Anniversary

by Ann Marshall

"If I were President of the United States, I would make family support and family preservation a top priority."

These words were spoken, not by a political candidate, but by Sr. Mary Rose McGeady who runs Covenant House, a chain of shelters for "runaway, throwaway, and homeless teenagers."

Sr. Mary Rose addressed the staff, friends, and benefactors of Seton Center who gathered at the Ceresville Mansion on November 9 to celebrate the community center's 25th Anniversary. Seton Center is a non-profit, non-sectarian agency which serves the greater Emmitsburg area.

Noting that Seton Center opened in response to working families who were concerned about care for their children, Sister described it as "a wonderful servant to this community."

Although Covenant House shelters some 1,500 teenagers each night, Sr. Mary Rose says it is rare to see a youngster from a home where two married parents live together in happiness and peace. When the family breaks down, however, because of divorce,

alcoholism, drug use, violence, etc., children may feel emotionally abandoned or may be actually ejected from the home. Some flee from abusive situations, heading to nowhere. "Every day," said Sr. Mary Rose, "I pick up the remains of all this sadness."

"We need to come to grips with the situation and turn it around," she said, emphasizing that such a reversal calls for more than good intentions and best wishes. She described a painting by Rembrandt which places a halo (symbol of goodness) over the hands rather than the head of Christ, and she called for "lived action" to support families and help them define and transmit strong societal values.

Bishop P. Francis Murphy, D.D., Vicar for Western Maryland, Baltimore Archdiocese, attended the celebration to congratulate Seton Center on its first quarter century and to ask the blessing before dinner. A welcome was extended to approximately 130 guests by Sr. Mary Beard, Administrator of Seton Center, and closing remarks were given by Sr. Virginia Ann Brooks, Provincial Superior of the Daughters of Charity, Emmitsburg.

Of special interest was a painting of St. Elizabeth Seton surrounded by children which was displayed in front of the fireplace in the dining room. The painting is a copy



This is the painting by Bernard Voges that Elizabeth Prongas copied. Her version hangs in the lobby of Seton Center..

done by well-known local artist, Elizabeth Prongas, who was recognized and thanked during the festivities.

The gala dinner celebration was arranged by Sr. Rita Bozel and Ms. Lil Harner and was emceed by Michael Forrence, a Seton Center parent who was general chairman of the anniversary committee.



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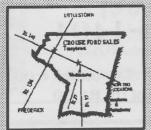
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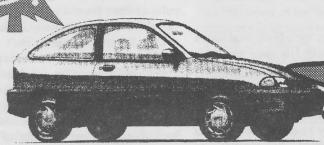
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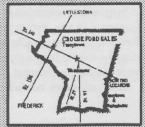
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PASTOR'S COLUMN

by Rev. Ronald Fearer, St. Elias Lutheran Church

Have you ever thought of Christmas as a healing event? We can do so on the strength of the angel's message to the shepherds of Bethlehem: "...to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." The key word here is *Savior*. It's a Greek word meaning *healer*. "To you shepherds, leaning over the fire to keep warm, is born this day ...a healer, who is Christ the Lord."

The necessity of a healer presupposes an illness. We need healing because none of us are whole or well. We have broken relationships with God and neighbor. Therefore, we have dysfunction of spirit, mind, and body. Our spirit sends few peace signals to the mind; the mind sends little that is positive or uplifting to the body, which accounts for 75 - 85% of our ailments. What happened at Bethlehem was to save us from all this, to make us whole and well persons, to give us control of our lives. So, stay with me for a few minutes, while I try to describe Christmas in terms of healing.

The Bible says we come into this life separated from God. Proof of that is our life-long tendency toward sensuality, and agressiveness. The problem is we have to share this life with one another. And so there are the inevitable confrontations, pain, threats, demands, and unwilling compliance to the law. Paul called this "the old nature," the "old man." No one really likes living this way, but we can't help it. As Paul once said, "I do the things I don't want to do, and I can't do the things I want to. Who will save me (who will heal me) of this misery? God help me!" And God did help.

Long before we were born, God sent a unique person to earth. His name was Jesus and He was born in Bethlehem. His first coming we celebrate every year at this time. His uniqueness was that, unlike us, He was not separate from God. The Bible speaks of Him as God's only begotten son. He was not naturally greedy, or sensual, or aggressive. In His lifetime He committed no sin. Because He was so different, He was opposed, persecuted, and finally crucified. But, on the third day, God's justice demanded He be raised from the tomb, for he had not sinned.

Two great things were accomplished by Jesus' first coming. He showed us what God wants us to be like, and He gave us His Holy Spirit to make it hapen.

This Holy Spirit was passed on to us at our baptism. This Spirit of Jesus within us has been influencing our spirits ever since. Daily the Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins by troubling our conscience. Daily the Holy convinces us of righteousness/goodness of Jesus. The Holy Spirit leads us to desire boldly to be like Jesus. Patiently this Holy Spirit pushes and pulls us from the old nature to what Paul called "the new person in Christ." Of course, the transformation isn't complete yet. But we are on the way. Jesus promised that to all those who are baptized and believe in Him. In Mark 16:16 we read. "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved..." Further, He has promised to come back to earth a second time to take the faithful, whether living or dead, with Him to heaven before He brings human history to a fiery end.

In the meantime, while we are on the way to being what Luther called "little Christs," God's grace through word and sacraments daily forgives all the sins for which we are sorry. This is healing. This is becoming whole and well. This is being saved. And it all began in a stable behind an inn in the village of Bethlehem.

Those who think of Christmas only as a great winter holiday, a fun day for the family, friends, and children, have missed the best part—the part about our being "healed."

SPE CIAL CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

The Cozy Restaurant is planning to serve a Christmas Day dinner at 12:30 p.m. to people who would otherwise be alone. The restaurant is asking for help in reaching out to people in the community who would enjoy this special dinner. Volunteers are needed to help with transportation. If you know of anyone in our community who would otherwise be alone for Christmas, or if you would be able to help with transportation, please call Becky Freeze at 271-4301 ext. 307. Reservations are needed.

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Funerals

Funeral services for Rev. James M. Forker, 62, of College Lane, Emmitsburg, MD, who died Thursday, September 29, at his residence, were held Tuesday, October 4, with a Mass of Christian Burial from Mt. St. Mary's College Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Presider: Most Rev. John C. Reiss, Bishop of Trenton, concelebrants: Most Rev. P. Francis Muiphy, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore and concelebrating priest. Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Funeral arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, Md.

Funeral services for Mr. Albert Edward Warfield, Sr., 67, of Four Points Bridge Road, Emmitsburg, MD, who died Thursday. October 6, at Western Maryland Center, Hagerstown, MD, were held Saturday, Kingsley Smith officiating. Interment was October 8, from the Skiles Funeral Home, private. Emmitsburg, MD, with his pastor Rev. R. Dennis Schulze officiating. Interment was in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont, MD.

pastor Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson as Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Chioka, 80, of S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Emmitsburg, MD.

Miller, Jr., 54, of Red Bird Lane, Thurmont, Mass of Christian Burial from the Basilica MD, who died Saturday, October 29, at the of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, Seton, Emmitsburg, MD, with her Pastor MD, were held Monday, October 31, from Rev. Fr. John King as the Celebrant. the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD, Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, with the Rev. James A. Coblentz officiating. Emmitsburg, MD. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick, MD.

Mays, Jr., of Eyler's Valley Road, Thurmont, Manor Nursing Home, Gettysburg, Pa, were MD, who died Thursday, November 3, at St. held Thursday, December 1, from the Skiles Joseph's Hospital, Towson, MD, were held Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD, with her Saturday November 5, from the Ruck Pastor Rev. W. Jorris Beckmann officiating.

Mount Cemetery Dedicated and Blessed

Tuesday, Nov. 22, marked the official opening of the Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery

A dedication and blessing was held at 11:30 a.m. with Fr. Keith Boisvert. director of Campus Ministry, and President George Houston.

Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery contains 200 burial spaces along the natural cover of the mountainside. The cemetery is adjacent to Saint Anthony's Cemetery, where professors and other members of the Mount community are buried, and the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes.

Funeral services for Mr. Richard Allen Andrew, 45, of Hampton Valley Rd., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Wednesday, Funeral services for Mr. Allen Clarence November 9, in Carroll Valley, PA, as a Sanders, 77, of N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, result of a construction accident were held MD, who died Thursday, October 13, at Saturday, November 12, from the Skiles Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA, were Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD. The Rev. held Monday, October 17, with a Mass of Stephen Hastings, Pastor of Incarnation Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, MD, with his officiated. Interment was in Emmitsburg

Funeral Services for Sister Lydia MD, whio died Monday, November 21, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, MD, were Funeral Services for Mr. Carl Franklin held Wednesday, November 23, with a

Funeral Services for Mrs. Emma Grace Long, 89, formerly of Motter's Station who Funeral Services for Mr. George P. died Monday, November 28, at the Michael Funeral Home, Towson, MD, with the Rev. Interment was in Keysville Union Cemetery, Keysville, MD.

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Garden Perplexities

by Barbara Steele, Alloway Gardens

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One of the most beautiful legends associated with Rosemary goes back to the Holy Family's flight to Egypt. Mary did the family's laundry including her blue cloak and spread the clothing on Rosemary bushes growing nearby. (Rosemary is native to the Middle East area and grows well into fourfoot-high bushes. Again legend has it that the Pre-Christian Rosemary flowered white.) The following morning the white-flowering Rosemary had turned to blue flowering to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

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Here are some of our favorite recipes using Rosemary:

Rosemary and Red-Skinned Potatoes

2 lbs. red-skinned potatoes washed and sliced into ¼ inch slices, ½ cup olive oil, 1½ to 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh Rosemary or 1 Tbsp. dried, salt and pepper to taste.

Heat oil to medium heat, add potatoes and Rosemary (a clove of garlic is optional).

Brown potatoes on both sides, cook until tender.

Rosemary Advent Potpourri

2 cups dried Rosemary, 1 cup Lavender, 1 cup Mint leaves, 4 cups dried Globe Amaranth flowers, 2 Tbsp. whole cloves, 3-4 broken Cinnamon sticks, 4 Tbsp. Orris root or Gum Benzoin powder, 6 drops Rosemary oil, 6 drops Bayberry oil

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(Please see ROSEMARY, page 20)



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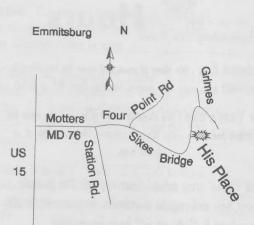
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Shakespeare refers to Rosemary as the "Herb of Remembrance." A well-grown Rosemary makes a thoughtful rembrance at Christmas time. Here are some tips on growing Rosemary indooors: 1. Select a large Rosemary (at least a quart size) and pot it in a 6" - 8" good quality terra-cotta pot. Use good potting soil. (I always add a little sand or perlite to help with drainage.) 2. Water your Rosemary thoroughly and regularly. A dry Rosemary is a dead Rosemary. 3. Keep your Rosemary in a well-lighted window in a cool room.

There are many varieties of Rosemary offering variations in growth, leaf, and bloom color. For the advanced gardener Rosemary offers the challenge of topiary and bonsai, but the majority of us will simply delight in Rosemary's fragrance and beauty this special time of the year. Christmas Joy and Rosemary

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EMMITSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Dianne Walbrecker

A 'REAL' STUDENT DICTIONARY

Most bookstores have Student Dictionaries containing words that children in elementary school are likely to use. These dictionaries have big type and are liberally sprinkled with illustrations of the entries.

Fifth graders from Mrs. Progar's, Mrs.Schneider's, and Mrs.Krietz's classes took the idea one step further while working with the school's reading specialist, Ms. Sharon Hartley. The students listed below looked up the phonetic spelling of their names in the dictionary. Students who were not lucky enough to find their proper names in the dictionary figured out the phonetic spelling. Then each student composed a dictionary entry for him- or herself, complete with phonetic spelling, several definitions, and use of the name in a complete sentence.

Limitations of the word processing program do not allow us to repeat the phonetic spellings below, but the *Regional Dispatch* proudly presents excerpts from the "Emmitsburg Elementary School Student Dictionary."

Allen, Crystal 1.Student. 2. Likes to roller skate. 3. Read books. 4. Likes Mrs. Krietz. Crystal Allen is nice.

Bradshaw, Michael 1. Male. 2. Likes to collect glass bottles. 3. Likes to go hunting. 4. Likes to go fishing. 5. Does not like school. Michael Bradshaw does not like school.

Click, Vance 1. Male. 2. Likes to bike. 3. Brother Kelly Click. 4. Reads books. 5. Making baskets. Vance Click likes to make baskets.

Dewees, Jessie 1. Female. 2. Fishing. 3. 10 years old. Small. 4. Likes blue. Jessie Dewees is my name.

Eiker, Robert 1. Boy, age 10. 2. Likes to play sports. 3. Rides dirt bike. 4. Goes camping. 5. Rides bikes. Robert Eiker is a good sports player.

Johnson, Amanda 1. Female. 2. Likes to dance. 3. Likes to go to school. 4. Likes to go to Girl Scouts. 5. Math. Mandy likes solving math problems.

Jones, Genevieve 1. Kid. 2. Likes to read. 3. Rides horses. Genevieve loves to ride horses.

Myers, Vanessa 1. Girl. 2. Likes to be with animals. 3. Makes a lot of things. 4. 10 and ½. 5. Her best friend is Ashley Martin. Vanessa Myers is a girl.

Norman, Rachel 1. Girl. 2. Age 10, 5th grade. 3. Loves to read. 4. Rachel goes to school at Emmitsburg Elementary.

Phillips, Andrew 1. Male. 2. Likes to travel. 3. Has one sister. 4. Likes math.

Ray, Raymond 1. Kid. 2. Boy. 3. Plays basketball. 4. 5th grade. 5. Lives in Northgate. 6. Mrs. Krietz class. 7. Climb hills. Raymond plays basketball.

Ruby, Josh 1. Kid. 2. Likes to travel. 3. Ride four wheelers. 4. Likes to talk. 5. Talks a lot. Josh talks a lot.

Topper, Steven Wayne 1. Male. 2. Likes to play baseball. 3. Likes math. 4. Has two brothers and one sister. 5. Goes hunting. 6. Likes spelling. Steven likes spelling.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

We stream into Emmitsburg Elementary School twice a month, some lugging our children and others blissfully alone, to gather with other parents and listen to topics that affect our families. Local businesses (Shamrock, The Cozy, Pizza Hut, Jubilee Foods, Carriage House, Main Street Deli, and the Ott House) provide dinner and several teachers stay after work to provide child care. It's a chance for

parents to share their experiences—both joys and concerns—over sandwiches or pizza before listening to the presentations.

One of the most useful to me was called "Homework Without Tears." What parent can say honestly that homework has never created at least a small trickle of tears; although sometimes it's the children and sometimes it's me!

Several suggestions from the book *Homework Without Tears* by Lee Canter are listed below. Maybe one or more will help your family live in peace through homework time.

You cannot allow your children to remain indifferent about their homework. If they develop such an unmotivated approach to learning, they are likely to have problems handling the real world as well.

Your children must learn that homework is not a battleground. There can be no power struggle over homework; it simply must be done. Your children must learn that conflict on this issue will not be tolerated.

Children must learn to bring home and complete all homework assignments. Accept no excuses.

Your children must learn to do their homework responsibly. They must learn that there are limits to the help they can expect from you. They must learn to do their homework efficiently, productively, and on time.

Children must learn to do their homework on their own. Relying on you for help will only lead them to greater dependence. They must develop the confidence to tackle any homework assignment on their own.

Children must learn to budget the time allocated to them for long-range projects. It's a skill that they must develop if they are going to be capable of taking on larger and more complex tasks as they grow up.

Regardless of whether or not you're home, children must learn that they are responsible for finishing their homework. They must learn that irresponsibility about homework is unacceptable.

M OTHER SETON SCHOOL NEWS

By Val Mentzer

¿Habla Espanol? Los Numeros en Espanol

This year Mother Seton School has added Spanish to the curriculum. Ms. Lisa Martell travels to each classroom once a week to teach the students the days of the week, numbers, and many verbal skills. In a combined effort to teach the upper and lower grades similar material, the seventh grade made a numbers book for the younger students. Each student beautifully decorated a page and sent it to a younger student to use as a special learning book. "Los Numeros en Espanol" has really helped the children not only learn some words in Spanish, but also to bridge the age gap between the older and younger students.

Llook Llike a Llama, Mama!

If you ventured onto the Mother Seton School playground llately, you may have seen something a bit weird.

It llooked llike one of our kindergarteners got very tall and grew a funny beard!

Halfie, the llama, paid us a visit and helped us to llearn many facts,

Llike llamas are from Bolivia and are used by people to help carry their packs.

Jack Koll, the owner, taught us that the llamas can be used for their wool,

And not only that but another amazing fact is that their dung can be used for fuel!

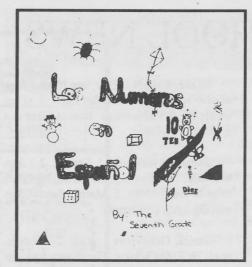
Mr. Koll visited us from his place, the Silver Storm Farm in Hagerstown,

Where he raises at least 30 llamas, and names them all so they can be easily found.

Come visit our playground again soon, you never know what you'll find.

Maybe next time we'll have a nice monkey or another interesting animal of some kind!

(This poem and visit by Halfie were inspired by the book *Is YourMama a Llama?* written by Deborah Guarino. The kindergarteners were curious about llamas and came up with their own questions. This curiosity was sparked by our visit from Halfie.)



Future Engineers? Mrs. Charlotte Fairall's eighth grade class wrote about the future.

Flying Car, Spaceship Paul Emory

Hello, I'm reporting from the year 2500, and let me tell you it is cool! The new "car" of the future is a car, a flying car. The aircraft is a spaceship and the airports are spacestations.

The neat thing for business people is that there is no rush hour traffic. There aren't many problems, yet we are using solar and geothermal energy. You know all that air pollution of the 20th-early 21st century? Well it's still around but we use it for energy. You see, the polluted air goes into super conductors and comes out clean air, yet it creates energy for towns and cities.

The Dream Machine Sophie Ritz

In the year 2500, there will be 10-lane highways. The cars can drive, and they can fly. The cars will look like modern vans with wings. The cars run on Sprite instead of gas. The speed limit wil be 120 mph. There will be no car accidents because you can just fly over other cars. You'll never have to stop to get a drink because the car runs on Sprite. You can just drink that. All cars will be equipped with a bathroom bedrooms, a kitchen, and a little sun porch. These cars will be sold for \$10 each. All you

Holiday Dish

What better way to ring in the joy of the holiday season than by sharing this recipe for friendship? Kateri Hansbrough, of Mrs. Judy Meno's sixth grade shares her recipe.

My Favorite Recipe: Friendship Sandwich

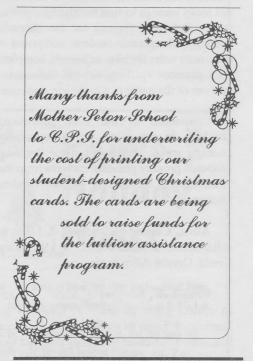
Ingredients:

1½ C. friends 2 tbs. good looks 1½ C. hardships 1 C. charm

1 C. sensitive feelings 1 C. tenderness

2 C. understanding ½ tbs. money (opt.)

In large mixing bowl combine friends and tenderness. Mix well. In separate bowl mix hardships, sensitive feelings, and understanding. Add charm to friends and tenderness. Mix well. Add hardships mixture to tenderness mixture in small amounts. Pour onto two slices of loving and put together. Serve warm. Serves 1.



have to do is to supply the Sprite. There will be no need for houses because you can live in your car. Now that you know what transportation will be like don't you wish you could live 500 more years?

(Ed. note: As Ms. Martell might have us say, Carramba! No way Jose!)

CALENDAROFEVENTS

DECEMBER 10, 1994 TO JANUARY 10, 1995

* Designates events of the Lamplight & Holly Festival of Christmas

Emmitsburg Ambulance Bingo every Monday Night. Doors open at 6 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m.

- **Dec. 10** Doll Show at the Emmitsburg Library, 11:00 to 12:30 p.m. Faith Milton, Mary Krom, and Betty Meredith will exhibit their dolls. Children ages 5-12 are invited to bring their own favorite dolls and come for tea and Show and Tell.*
- **Dec. 11** Senior Citizen Christmas Party given by the Emmitsburg Youth Activity Program, 1:00 p.m., Emmitsburg Ambulance Building. Food, fun, music, and prizes. ALL SENIORS CITIZENS (50+) INVITED. For information call the town office, 447-2313.
- **Dec. 11** The annual Christmas concert by the Emmitsburg Community Chorus at the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Joseph's Provincial House, 3:00 p.m. There is no admission charge, but a freewill offering will be received. Facilities are handicapped accesible. For more information call Shannon Boyle at 447-3121.
- **Dec. 11** Christmas caroling on horseback. Meet behind the Community Center at 3:00 p.m. For more information call 447-6119.*
- **Dec. 12** Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association's (EBPA) Annual Christmas Dinner at the Carriage House, 7:00 p.m. For reservations call Crystal Gauss at 447-2222. There will be no EBPA business meeting in December.
- **Dec. 13** Frederick County Planning and Zoning Commission's formal public hearing to discuss the Thurmont Region Comprehensive Plan at the Emmitsburg Elementary School, beginning at 7:00 p.m.. This will include discussion of new traffic patterns and development in the Emmitsburg area. Planning Department staff will be on hand to answer questions and accept comments.
- **Dec. 13** Palms Restaurant Customer Appreciation Night, snacks and beverages, 8:30-10 p.m.*
- **Dec. 14** Little League Meeting at the VFW beginning at 7:00 p.m. to plan for next season. The public is invited. The League is looking for coaches, managers, and fund raisers. For more information call Roy Wivell at 447-2881.

- **Dec. 15** Turkey dinner from Food N Friends served at the Senior Citizens Center. For reservations call the center (447-6253) by Dec. 14th. Christmas Bingo follows at 1:00 p.m.
- **Dec. 16** Emmitsburg Town Office, 22 East Main, Open House postcards, cake and punch, 12 noon -2 p.m.
- **Dec. 15 & 16** SANTA'S SHANTY at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, South Seton Avenue. Santa will be there from 6:00 8:00 p.m.
- **Dec. 17** Lions Club Annual Christmas Party for Children at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, 10:00 2:00 p.m. Refreshments, J.J. the clown, and gifts for all children provided by the VFW. Santa will be there from noon till 2:00 p.m.*
- **Dec. 17** Zurgable Bros. Hardware, 16663 Old Emmitsburg Road, Open House 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Two \$25.00 Gift Certificate Drawings at Noon*
 - Dec. 18 House Decoration Judging within the Corp. limits*
- **Dec. 19** Announcement of House Decoration Winner, Emmitsburg Town Office*
- **Dec. 19** Senior Citizen Dinner, catered by Mountaingate, 2:00 p.m. Call Anna Margaret for details, 447-6253.
- Dec. 21 Ott House Customer Appreciation Night: Country Music, Complimentary Dance Lessons*
 - Dec. 22 "500" Card Party, Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.
- **Dec. 22** Emmitsburg Pharmacy, 22 West Main, Open House, 10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.*
- **Dec. 25** Christmas Day dinner at the Cozy Restaurant for people who would otherwise be alone., 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with transportation. Call Becky Freeze at 271-4301 ext. 307 if you know someone who would enjoy this special dinner, or if you can help with transportation.

January

- Jan. 3 Historical Society Meeting
- Jan. 9 Town Council Meeting



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