

Insanity is hereditary; you can get it from your children. — Sam Levenson

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Gaining Strength Through Each Other

July 1995

Community Spirit Prevails At Cunningham Falls During Search For Missing Child

By Matt Meakin and Melanie Bell

A sunny Sunday afternoon on June 18th brought numbers of people out to the William Houck lake area at Cunningham Falls. The majority of the bathers were families, and young children were everywhere enjoying the water and sun.

At mid-afternoon the tone became much more serious as the park ranger ordered the bathers to leave the swimming area because of a report of a missing child. The area soon cleared and adult volunteers quickly waded out into the water and formed human chains in an attempt to locate the child in case the child had gone under.

A couple of members of the chain helped ease the tension of the first-time volunteers like ourselves by saying the child was probably on the shore and by joking about the knee-deep seaweed.

As we waded from one side to the other, another chain came from the opposite side to meet us. Snorkelers also patrolled the edges of the swimming area. After this had been repeated twice the park ranger announced that the child had been found safe on the shore. There was joy amongst the volunteers and no doubt (See CHILD on page 2)



A Dispatch Photo

FUN IN THE SUN! A pool party will be held August 19th from noon until 3:00 p.m. at the Emmitsburg municipal pool. There will be a "DJ," lots of prizes, games, and all the food you can eat. There will be a SPECIAL ATTRACTION - "DUNK THE DEPUTY."

It's not too late for a pool membership. Mid-season discounts are available.

Concession Stand at Pool To Be Closed

"Pool use started slowly at the beginning of the season but has picked up by leaps and bounds," commented Town Manager Yvette Semler. Safety standards set by the American Red Cross and accepted by insurance companies call for a ratio of one lifeguard for every 25 swimmers in the water. Safety coverage during "peak" use times were of such concern that the pool operator, who is strong on safety issues, approached the town council for an increase in funds to hire one more lifeguard.

At the public hearing on June 23 the council considered and denied the request. The council noted that one lifeguard was operating the concession stand. Council voted to close the concession stand so that one more lifeguard will be available to provide the needed safety coverage. It was agreed that vending machines could adequately meet the needs for snacks and drinks. The Town Manager was asked to explore the alternatives in setting up vending service and reducing the inventory on hand.

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Budget Hearing & Public Workshop

TOWN ADOPTS FISCAL '95 - '96 BUDGET

At the Budget Hearing held June 25, Mayor Carr presented the fiscal budget report for 1995 - 1996 as mandated in the town charter. He noted that, based on the '93 - '94 budget, Emmitsburg received a fiscal rating in the top three percent for municipalities of this size.

"Debt service is always a concern," said Carr, "and we have reduced the town's debt service to 15% which is lower than it had been." He noted that as a rule-of-thumb towns the size of Emmitsburg try to keep their debt service around 12%. Town debt was not increased during the past fiscal year. "We will enter the new fiscal year with our debt refinanced. This will save Emmitsburg a considerable amount of money over the next ten years. This is a major accomplishment," said Carr.

The mayor said the town's water utility remains our major priority. Proposals for upgrading the delivery system have been submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment and contracts will be sent out for bids shortly. "Our available water taps are about exhausted and additional water sources are being investigated currently," the mayor said. A well on Mount Saint Mary's property has been tested and cleared for use. The possibility of cooperation between the college and the town exists and alternative plans are being considered.

A major reduction of health-care costs for town employees was accomplished in fiscal year '94 - '95. A more realistic health-care contract was obtained and the '95 - '96 budget reflects a substantial savings.

Real estate taxes and citizen utility costs are the town's primary source of income. The present tax rate of 53 cents has been retained. Each penny of rate is equal to \$2,976.81 of taxable revenue for the town. "The staff and I are pleased we do not have to raise taxes," said Carr.

Water, sewer, and garbage collection rates are essentially the same as the '94 - '95 rates. No rate changes are anticipated during the current budget year.

"This '95 - '96 budget reflects a conservative approach to Emmitsburg's financial picture for the coming year, said the mayor. "Great effort was put into making practical decisions that considered the best possible balance between projected revenues and expenditures."

Ms. Joan Boyle advocated the creation of a salaried staff position for the supervision and management of summer youth workers. "We need to look to the future and the children are our future," she said. She requested that a note be attached to the present budget suggesting that such a position be considered while drawing-up the budget for fiscal '97 - '98. The request was entered into the minutes.

Items of business at the Public Workshop:

Lori Rubeling was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

The Frederick Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the Thurmont Region Plan: Thurs. June 29, 7:00 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Elementary School. Written comments on the plan will be accepted until July 14.

Mayor Carr noted that while our "little water plant keeps pumping 'em out," he is working with Mr. Ron Face, administrator of the Fire Academy, to locate an emergency filtration plant in case of a total break-down. The plant would be of a type similar to that used by troops in Desert Storm to provide potable water.

(CHILD from page 1)
relief for the child's parents.

After the event we spoke to first-year park ranger Tom Cavey. He said that such a search is required around five times a summer and that the community always responds quickly and in numbers. Ranger Cavey also informed us that while the human chain is out in the water a group of rangers search on land, and in the event that neither of these efforts is successful then the state police are notified and bulletins posted immediately.

It was great to see the community respond so well in such an emergency. The incident did not spoil anyone's day. It also reminded us of the need for parents to supervise their children at all times. Ranger Cavey suggests that parents should hold children's hands when they are in or near the water. Failing this always keep children in sight and never leave them unattended. If parents need help looking after their children or information about safety in general, Ranger Cavey suggests they approach any of the rangers at the park.
Matt and Melanie write from Mount Saint Mary's.

Mayor's Message To the People of Oklahoma City That Accompanied The Memorials and Funds

The citizens of Emmitsburg, Maryland, send our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to you, the people of Oklahoma City. A tragedy of this magnitude can only be fully realized by the people who were there and we here in Emmitsburg can only empathize with your tremendous losses.

Please accept this monetary gift as a token of our support, care, and understanding. The direct and indirect wounds you all have suffered will take years to heal, but your will and determination to recover are a lesson to each and every person here in Emmitsburg and throughout the world.

Good luck and God speed.

Sincerely,
William H. Carr, Mayor

MORE THAN MONEY GOES TO OKLAHOMA CITY

Bill and Judith Duke travelled west to Oklahoma City June 8, bearing with them the more than \$10,000 raised in the recent disaster relief campaign. They also carried a floral wreath and mahogany memorial plaque expressing the heartfelt care of the people in and around Emmitsburg.

The floral wreath of silk flowers was designed and assembled by Jeanne Nolte of Flowers For You. The colors used symbolized the children, hope, and the State of Oklahoma. The flowers surround a representation of a photo showing a fireman rescuing a child. The wreath was presented to the Oklahoma City fire department and presently hangs in Fire Station #1. Later it will be moved to its permanent home in the Oklahoma Firefighter's Museum.

On the mahogany plaque made by Ed Reaver is a memorial verse written on parchment. Enscribed along the periphery of the circular document are the names of the 24 people who were killed in the Child Care Center. Ressie Malengo, of Hagerstown was the calligrapher who wrote the memorial verse in English Roundhand, the same style used in the Declaration of Independence and the Magna Charta.

The plaque was presented to the Governor of Oklahoma and is currently on display in the state capitol building. At the ceremony the governor pledged that there will be a permanent memorial built at the site and that the Emmitsburg plaque will be placed there.

The presentations were held at the Feed the Children Foundation and was attended by 18 of the 21 families who had lost a child. "It was less a ceremony than a connection," said Mr. Duke. "It was moving, emotional, ...heartfelt." This was one of the few times the families of the children had gotten together as a group. "It was unique and a very personal experience," said Duke.



A Rosensteel Photo
From left to right: Mayor William Carr, Paul Malengo, Bill Duke, the Malengo children, Judith Duke, Ressie Malengo, Helen Reaver, and Ed Reaver.

Following a brief prepared statement Duke told the families that "There are not enough dollars in the world to make your life complete." Then he sat down at a ta-

ble and wrote checks to each of the families. Duke noted, "It was a person-to-person presentation."



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Dear Reader,

The *Dispatch* is a community newspaper, an instrument of communication for the people of Emmitsburg and around. As we grow we include a greater variety of information than has been submitted or suggested by readers and writers—what they have to say, what they think. Much of what we cover might not qualify as hard news in the strict newspaper tradition. However since we are a family we specialize in the bits of information that are important to maintaining our sense of being in touch. We are a community newspaper because people feel a need for connection. As more readers overcome their shyness and find their voice our service becomes more complete.

We hope you enjoy reading your complimentary issues. As you read you will find voices of friends and neighbors. Perhaps you also have an idea or some thoughts you wish to share with the people of this region. Letters to the Editor are always welcome. They are a good way to express your concern regarding issues that will affect us all. Poems, articles, or even a photo can be used to share your feelings, thoughts, or observations on things that are important to you.

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One of the suggestions received was to hold a workshop on how to write Letters to the Editor. It's a wonderful idea. Over the past year several people have said they would like to write a letter to the paper. They were really concerned about things happening. They never wrote their thoughts and we all missed out. If you would enjoy participating in a writing workshop let us know.

I worked for several years in the field of adult literacy—teaching Native Americans, African Americans, Whites, Koreans, and Spanish to read and write. We were continuously amazed at the richness and depth of thought and understanding of our students. Their minds were filled with wisdom gleaned from experience.

There was, however, a debilitating trait most of the students shared. In the wonderful garden of their minds grew weeds of self-doubt. Many had failed early in school and learned to fear making mistakes. There are all kinds of names to describe this—low self-esteem, poor self-image. Those who pulled the “weeds” from their minds surprised themselves with their ability to write what they thought.

Like a family, a community is a relationship. Communication is fundamental! The first step in maintaining the quality of our life in our corner of the county is to be able to talk to each other with mutual respect.

We invite you to help us grow by participating in the conversation.

To subscribe or write or participate in a workshop, call Jean or Bo at 447-6275.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Your cartoon on the number of people attending town meetings —“Cat Leash Law versus Community Planning for the Future” — was pathetically true. What a sad commentary is presented on participatory democracy.

Sincerely,

Mack Moore
Washington, D.C.

100 Years Ago “In This Place” from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

July 12, 1895 - WANTED - Delivered at this office, an adult copperhead snake (female). A reward of one dollar will be paid, if upon examination the snake proves to be the kind desired; if not, the sum of twenty-five cents.

EMMITSBURG, this county, was the scene last week of many school commencement exercises -those of St. Euphemia's white and colored schools, St. Joseph's Academy, and Mt. St. Mary's College. Excellent programs were prepared at all of them and the scholars acquitted themselves admirably. Emmitsburg as a seat of learning is surpassed by very few places in this country. — *Frederick Citizen*

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July 19, 1895 - Mr. John Agnew informs us that he made a narrow escape from being seriously, if not fatally, injured a few days ago. He went to the saw mill on the Gilson farm, near town, and was enjoying seeing the workmen saw lumber, when the carrying apparatus on the machine caught one of his legs. Fortunately the machine was stopped in time to prevent it from tearing off his leg. Mr. Agnew's leg was considerably bruised, and his sight seeing cost him a new pair of pants. Moral — Johnny, keep away from the “buzz saw.”

The Machine Didn't Fly

July 26, 1895 - The flying machine which J.B. Cressler had been working on for some time in Waynesboro, was completed recently near Shippensburg and given a trial, but proved a failure. The machine shows Mr. Cressler to be a mechanic, if not a successful navigator of the air. He gave an exhibition of this flying apparatus in the Opera House here some time ago.

COUNTRY- FOLK MUSIC MAN

Slim Harrison Entertains Kids, Vice President, and Diplomats

By Michele Cuseo-White

Scenario: Any grammar school PTA meeting, USA

"Hello, my name is Slim Harrison," says the man with the banjo sitting in front of the parents. "I have been spending time with your children in school—playing and making instruments, singing folk songs, and teaching them traditional American country dances.

Slim picks his banjo into a song, half singing and half talking, as the song tells a story. It's a country-folk song, like the kind you might have learned at summer camp. Slim calls to the children, "Did anyone bring a washboard to play? How about a drum or some spoons?" Throughout the song children join in with their homemade/home-found instruments until all that's heard is banging, clanging, tapping, and singing.

Children grab parents and teachers to join in the rollicking fun till everyone shows a healthy sweat.

This entertainment is a familiar scene to the children of Emmitsburg since Slim managed to visit both Emmitsburg Elementary and Mother Seton Schools this past school season. Slim was particularly happy to see these students as Emmitsburg is his hometown too.

Residing just outside Emmitsburg in the Catocin Mountains, Slim has traveled all over Maryland, the U.S., and Canada, bringing his hometown flavor to others through his Artist-in-Residency program. The program is designed to give students a chance to learn about traditional folk culture through workshops and "hands-on" activities.

Over the years, Slim has performed for and taught many different groups and has become a leader in organizing and helping to promote American folk music and the arts.



Slim Harrison

A Dispatch Photo

Slim is so well-known in the folk arts community that when Vice President Al Gore decided to throw a traditional hometown party, Slim's name came up.

John Spellman, famous storyteller and host of the children's television show "Three Stories Tall," recommended Slim

for the Vice President's party. (Slim has also performed on John Spellman's show.)

When the Vice President's invitation came, Slim collected his band, The Barnstormers, which included Tom Jolin from Ortanna, PA, and John Winship from Biglerville, PA, both longtime friends and musicians who have performed with Slim for years.

On June 12, 1995, the Barnstormers performed at the official residence of the Vice President located on the grounds of the Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. The theme of the party was "A Taste of Tennessee." It was given for the diplomatic corps which includes hundreds of ambassadors and diplomats representing their nations in Washington, D.C.

Like everyone else at the party, Barnstormers had to go through security, including metal detectors, bomb-sniffing dogs, and a search of their large ensemble of instruments.

The Barnstormers were stationed for a while at the main gate to provide entertainment for the arriving guests as they passed through security. Guest were welcomed with the Barnstormers' friendly (Please see SLIM on page 13.)



Slim making music on his front porch with the "Kneehugger Band"—children from La Petite Academy in Frederick.

A Dispatch Photo

Francis X. Elder Post 121 American Legion News

By George Danner

At the June meeting post officers for the new year ('95-'96) were sworn into office by Commander Chester Fogle of the Frederick County Council of the American Legion. Fogle is a member of the Legion Post 282 in Woodsboro, MD. The following are new post officers: Post Commander, George Danner; First Vice-Commander, Dave Hunter; Second Vice-Commander, Ernie Gelwicks; Post Adjutant, Thomas Humerick; Chaplain, Sterling Goulden; Post Service Officer, Forrest Knipple; Historian, George Lenz; Sgt.-At-Arms, Richard Topper; Trustee, Gilbert Eiker; Judge Advocate, Ernie Gelwicks.

Just before Memorial Day, about 12 members and auxiliary members placed approximately 300 flags on the graves of known veterans in all the cemeteries within a two-mile radius of Emmitsburg. The flags will be removed following Flag Day and be

preserved for next year. If by chance we remove a flag placed there by family or friends, contact George Danner (447-6293) or the Post Home (447-2274) for a new flag or give us the name and cemetery location and we will replace the flag for you.

The 1995-'96 dues (\$17.00) will be coming due soon. We still have a few members who have not paid their '95 dues. They can be paid at the Post Home.

Saturday, July 1st, the combined colorguard of Post 121 and V.F.W. Post 6658 will lead the Community Day Parade which is sponsored by the Lions Club. The parade starts at 6:00 p.m.

Reminder: Meeting nights are the first Tues. of each month for members and auxiliary members. Next Post meeting will be July 4th, 8:00 p.m. at the Post Home. All members are urged to attend. The Sons of the Legion (SAL) meet at the Post Home on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Anna Margaret Martin

Summer has officially arrived, June is over, July is here. Where has this year gone? Just think, Christmas is less than 6 months away! July 4th is almost over—we hope you will enjoy the celebration here in town.

After a busy June the Seniors are going to take it easy in July. We had a wonderful Hawaiian luau for our meeting in June with our members dressed for the occasion and even some Hawaiian food. Thanks to those who participated in the day.

Activities for July are as follows:

BINGO - Thurs., July 6 & 20; Aug. 3—1 p.m.

CARD PARTIES - Thurs., July 13 & 27; Aug. 10—1:00 p.m.

FREDERICK SHOPPING - Tuesday, July 11—1:30 p.m.

MEETING DAY - Tuesday, July 8, Lunch 12 Noon; Speaker, Judy Hallman from the Sheriff's Department S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)—1 p.m.

NUTRITION PROGRAM - Tuesday, July 25, Rachel Ford—12:45 P.M.

EXERCISES - Tuesdays and Thursdays

GROCERY SHOPPING - Jubilee, Every Friday.

Come and join us at the center. Lunch is served Monday - Friday at 12 Noon. We have a jolly good time together enjoying the food and fellowship. In the afternoons whenever four persons get together we play cards, usually canasta or pinochle. We have air-conditioning for comfort. Transportation is available, also home-delivered meals upon approval from the Commission on Aging.

Dates to remember:

AUGUST 19, Totem Pole-"Out of Order." Seats still available. Call Anna Margaret at 447-6253 for information.

AUGUST 23, Evening Card Party. Open to the public. Everyone is welcome. \$2.00 per person. Prizes for everyone. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.



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Catoctin Highlanders

New 4-H Club

By Erin Hobbs

The first meeting of the Catoctin Highlanders 4-H Club on June 12, 1995, was opened by Mr. Bentz, the organizational leader of the club. The American pledge was led by Kirra Pilson and the 4-H pledge by Erin Hobbs. Officers were elected: Jennifer Hobbs, president; Sadah Bentz, Vice-president; Kirra Pilson, Secretary, Melanie Whetzel, Treasurer; Erin Hobbs, reporter.

We discussed upcoming events. Dawn Hobbs commented on passing out balloons for the kick-off reading program to be held June 23rd from 10 a.m. until noon. We also discussed 4-H campfire that we will participate in. This will be held on August 3rd at 7:30 p.m. We opened a committee with Erin Hobbs chairing and Kirra Pilson and Sadah Bentz co-chairing.

The meeting was passed on to Jennifer Hobbs. She went over dates and events on the 4-H Newsletter. We talked about live-

stock judging, dairy judging, and people running for 4-H royalties. Mr. Bentz commented on nominating Adrienne Eader from the Lewistown Mt. View 4-H club for queen. We discussed having royalties present at the next meeting to be held on July 10th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned, and since June is dairy month, we made our own ice cream sundaes.

If you would like information on joining Catoctin Highlanders call Tommy Bentz at 271-3068. The 4-H organization is open to all interested persons between the ages of 8 and 18, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or national origin.

EBPA- NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 7:30 P.M.

CARRIAGE HOUSE

Topic: New commercial development

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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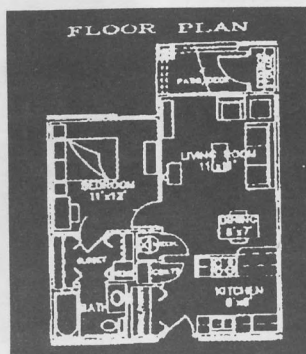
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COMMUNITY NOTES

YOUNG PEOPLE TO COMPETE IN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The **Bulldogs**, a youth bowling team from the Thurmont Bowling Center, recently placed first in the Bantam division of the State Tournament for the National Duckpin Youth Association. Team members include Adam Myers, Matt Myers, Trey Benvengi, Paul Eyler, all from Emmitsburg, and Kevin Riffle from Thurmont. Led by their director, Karen Ferguson, they will compete in the Na-

Long-time resident **Dora Wormley** celebrated her 80th birthday on June 6th. Children, grand-children, and great-grand-children gathered at her home on W. Main St. to celebrate.

The **Emmitsburg Community Chorus** presented its 31st annual concert sporting a "new singing face." Led by their new director, Sandy Soffe, the chorus moved briskly and engagingly through a selection of familiar Broadway show songs. "There is a lot of talent here," said Soffe, "and they take direction well." "Some of these songs had really difficult places. I am so proud of them."

She wanted the concert to be fun—and it showed. Bass Bill Ruppert said, "We were having a good time. Sandy is fun to sing for." Accompanist Marc Nicodemus said, "Playing for the chorus is fun and a good outlet for me. I don't get enough of this."

The concert "worked" by these measures: the audience's reception was enthusiastic (The applause matched the bounce in the music), toe-tapping is a give-a-way to enjoyment (Ehh, Fr. Pehrsson?), and the normally out-personed male contingent sang well with a new vigor that added balance to the whole presentation.

The Community Chorus will present its 32nd Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 3, 1995, at 3:00 p.m. in the Basilica of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, St.

CYA'er Girls Softball Team Undefeated

The Thurmont CYA 14 and Under Division II girls softball team recently finished first in their division of the Frederick County Girls Softball League. The Team ended their season undefeated with a record of 14 - 0. Chris Weaver is the coach.



Foreground: Alexis Valentine.

Photo submitted by Donna Miller

Row 1: De'ayne Landry, Jamie Gianinni, Michelle Jordan, Jackie Bittner.

Row 2: Kara Watson, Amanda Jordan, Meredith Minso, Karrie Reckley, Pam Morris.

Backrow: Jennifer Weaver, Jessi Miller, Stephanie Dewees, Mgr. Rich Dewees.

Missing from photo: Chris Weaver, coach; Linda Gianinni, scorekeeper.

Joseph's Provincial House. Mark your calendars now—not because seating is limited, but rather because the singing is so good.

Alen Imhoff, President of the United Democrats, met with several local Democrats on Saturday, June 10. Mr. Imhoff's primary concern was the revitalization of the Democratic Party in Frederick County and the Emmitsburg District in particular. Imhoff said this meeting is an idea-generating one. "We want to focus on things the party can do to make it more relevant." For more information on future meetings call Alen Imhoff at 663-5915 or Elizabeth Prongas at 271-2826.

Don't forget VHC Ladies Auxiliary's "All you care to eat" Breakfast Fire Hall — July 1, 6:30 - 10:30 a.m. Join Your Friends



A Dispatch Photo

The pots of flowers on the square blossom by the kindness of Chata Carr. Chata is caught in the act of watering and weeding.

A SPECIAL VOLUNTEER

By Marta Hillis

You can find him serving up chili dogs and soda during the games at the concession stand that bears his name. If a game is scheduled you can count on him to be there ready to hand out the game ball, the flags, water jugs, etc. Unless you're new to Emmitsburg Little League baseball, you know that I'm talking about Bob Sayler.

Recently I spoke with Mr. Sayler about his almost 30 years of volunteer service to Little League. His tenure began in 1966 when his friend Phil Topper talked him into serving as the organization's president. At that time he sold candy, chips, and drinks for 5 and 10 cents from a card table at the ball field. He recalled that in 1968 the concession stand was built. There was no money to speak of in the treasury then, but through many generous donations of building materials and lots of willing workers the building was erected.

After 13 years at the helm, Bob stepped down as president when he suffered his first heart attack in 1979. Tom Ryan succeeded him until 1992 when Roy Wivell took over. All the while Mr. Sayler has continued his work in the stand, initially by himself and then with help from Donnie Kaas and team parents.

He struggled with health problems in 1991. The day after being released from a lengthy hospital stay was the opening day of that season. He was determined to come out to the ball field on that day. Under doctor's orders he didn't work in the stand that season, but he was there regularly enjoying the games.



A Dispatch Photo

Bob Sayler

In 1992 Bob returned to his post with parents from the teams helping out. A second-story press box was added to the stand in 1994 and the new sign "Sayler's Stand" was appropriately hung in place. With the additional game fields in use this season the concession stand has been busier than ever. Mr. Sayler was tickled to report that on opening day the stand took in \$700. Last year's profit was \$4,000. He expects this year's total to be higher.

In addition to selling the goodies every evening, Bob also does all of the ordering. He has lots of experience in that department as he grew up in the grocery business (you might remember his family's store on Motter Station Road). Bob's wife Blanche deserves the credit for the delicious hot beef. She cooks up her special recipe daily at home for the games.

What keeps Mr. Sayler coming back each year? He simply replies, "I enjoy it. It keeps

me going." Asked if we'll see him at the annual Little League picnic on July 16 at the town park he answered, "Oh yeah! I wouldn't miss it. I'll supply the hot dogs, but I'm going to let someone else do the grilling." I think Mr. Sayler deserves a day of rest and relaxation, don't you? The next time you stop at Sayler's Stand say hello, shake his hand, and say thank you to a very special Little League volunteer.

TOURNAMENT TIME FOR LITTLE LEAGUERS

The regular season games are over but there's still plenty of baseball to watch. Emmitsburg is hosting the 9 & 10-year-old All Star "A" teams tournament July 21-24. Our All Stars will be participating in various tournaments throughout the weeks ahead. Check with the coaches for information.

FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost
Dodgers	14	1
Yankees	12	3
Orioles	8	6*
Red Sox	6	9
Giants	3	12
Cardinals	1	13*

*Played only 14 games.

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Left to right: Mets Manger Gary Sites, Cory Sites, Gary Frock, Shane Saylor, Giants coaches Tina Kerns and Tammy Hewitt. In truck: Chad Sweeney, Amanda Sanders, manager Cliff Sweeney, Eric Hewitt.

Harry Swomley watches from behind home-plate his grandson, Drew Swomley, member of the Mets "T-Ball" team. Studying the game from the best seat at the field Harry observed, "They're hitting better this game."



A Dispatch Photo

Large crowd enjoys hot action between the Mets and Giants. You can also at the 1st double elimination "T"-Ball Tournament to be held July 8, at Memorial Park.

LIBRARY

By Kate Warthen

The summer reading club is in full swing. Eighty-eight children currently are registered. Our requirements are twenty books from age 2 through 1st grade; 10 books are required for 3rd grade through 8th grade. Half-way through the requirements a child may pick up a ticket for a FREE DESSERT at McDonald's. If your child likes to read this is one of the best summer activities in the area. Even if he doesn't like to read, you should encourage him to visit the library and become interested in the many books we have to offer.

The finale will be held on August 3, 1995, at the Emmitsburg Memorial Park. There will be story time and games, plus refreshments. Certificates will be awarded at that time.

We are having a big book sale on July 1, 1995, at the Emmitsburg Memorial Park. The time is 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please come and look over our collection...and buy!

New books in the Emmitsburg collection are:

Show of Evil by William Diehl, *Beauty from Ashes* by Eugenia Price, *Strange Highways* by Dean Koontz, and *Brass Ring* by Diane Chamberlain.

Be sure to try our catalog on the computer. It is wonderful. Take time to explore the endless possibilities of searching just our library or the whole county. See you at the sale.

The library hosted the 2nd Reading Theater of the year. Local writer Johnathan Ashworth started the theater after performing a one-act play at the library. "I really enjoy hearing good writing. It's something that doesn't happen much anymore unless you're a child. However I think we all need the sound of words from the page," said Ashworth. There will be at least one more theater performance, probably at the end of July. Continuation will depend upon local interest.

READ THIS TO SOMEONE YOU KNOW!!

"Aren't you afraid?"

Sister Mary Jerome smiled as she told of a new reader being questioned by a friend.

"Somehow we've got to let people know we are here to help them," said Sister Mary Jerome. Sister is the present director of the Marguerite Naseau Literacy Center at St. Joseph's Provincial House. "This program has been successful in that no one else has a literacy center for non-readers in upper Frederick County," said Sister Mary Jerome.

It is a paradox that in today's high-tech society 70% of literate adults do not consider reading as being very important despite the fact that reading is a fundamental skill. Learning reading skills is believed important for children but not attainable for adults.

With the proper help most non-readers can learn to read. Sister Jerome tells the story of a woman who had been passed along in school for years, never learning to read. When she came to the reading center for help she did not know the alphabet. While she watched "Wheel of Fortune" on TV she had no idea of what the symbols were on the board. When she learned

the letter "m" she became very excited because that letter is in her daughter's name. After a few months of study she announced that she had made a dish from a recipe on a box.

In the United States approximately 27,000,000 adults are functionally illiterate. Four hundred thousand of these adults live in Maryland. How many live here? More than you would suspect. Non-readers tend to be secretive about their poor reading skills. They carry and hide what seems to them an affliction. Denial of the problem and cover-up is normal. Not being able to read imposes a heavy burden.

Sister Mary Jerome notes, "We at the Marguerite Naseau Literacy Center are striving to heal the terrible affliction of illiteracy by teaching people to learn reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills, or any other basic skill they need. We provide a friendly, accepting, and supportive atmosphere." Support, experiencing success, and problem-solving skills are the objectives of the Center's program.

"We remember that each one of our students has been created by a loving God and they are treated with dignity and respect. In the

spirit of Mother Seton we carry on her vision of supplying the kind of assistance needed to maintain the dignity, pride, and self-esteem of those being helped," said Sister.

According to Sister Mary Jerome, present interest in the program has moved quickly beyond expectations. She points out that the value-centered literacy program which emphasizes family life, daily living, literacy in the workplace, and personal development through literacy guidance, meets a real need in our area. Sister is seeking to form a partnership with people in the community. She notes that the number of students, now at 18, is stressing the volunteer tutoring staff. She hopes more readers will take a workshop on how to teach a non-reader.

For more information on volunteering or helping a non-reader you know get connected, call Sister Mary Jerome at St. Joseph's Provincial House at 447-3121 any time before 8:30 p.m. You can leave a message on the Phone Mail System or ask the operator to have Sister call you. Just leave your phone number. All conversations are private.



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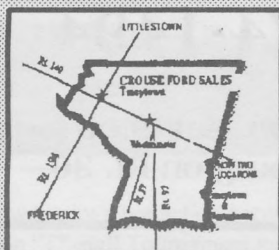
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tunes played on banjos, dulcimers, fiddles, and harmonicas.

Later the Barnstormers were moved to the main tent where they played a lot of fiddle tunes like "Little Liza Jane," and the "Glendy Burke," and Slim sang one of his favorites "You Aint' Talkin' to Me."

Slim comments that most of the diplomats were a bit reserved and not much dancing took place. However, he drew a nice response from the crowd when he played his spoons and jewsharp.

"Some diplomats came in their native dress," says Slim, "but most came dressed like Americans in suits and ties."

The Vice President greeted the crowd by reminding them that the invitation said "casual dress" and apologized for wearing a tie, taking his off, and encouraging everyone to do the same. (Slim says almost everyone did.)

When given the chance to meet the Vice President and wife "Tipper," Slim says he wasn't nervous and just told Mr. Gore to keep up the good work with the environment. Slim was especially impressed with Tipper Gore, who, he says, was so friendly that everyone felt welcome and comfortable in her presence.

Although no doubt thrilled to have been invited, Slim remains undaunted by the big "shindig with the VP," talking about the party in the same laid-back manner as any other event. Already he wants to talk about his next engagement—performing at Baker Park in Frederick for the July 4th celebration. He says he can't wait to interact again with the children. That's our Slim!



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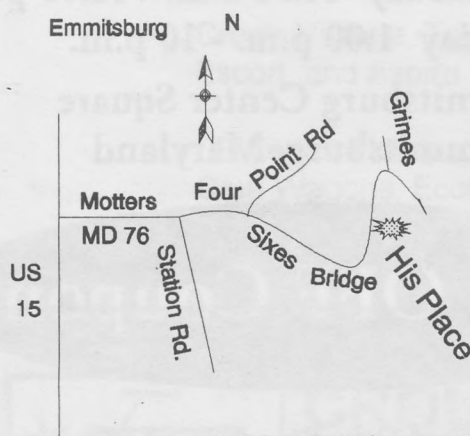
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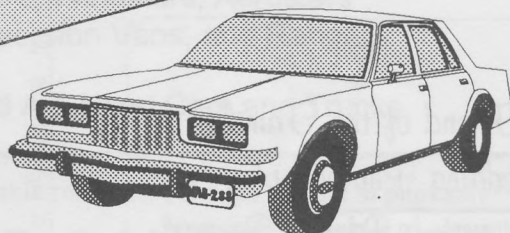
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Maxey-Mizing... Yard Sales

By Rev. Paul Maxey, Pastor of the St.
John's UCC Woodsboro.

'Twas the season at our house this past week-end for the annual three-family yard sale. You know, that's when you con people into paying you to haul your junk away. Attic clutter, basement piles, garage mess. And they pay you for it!!

This year, I had a wedding to perform at 11:00 Saturday morning, so I was more of an observer than a participant. Oh, I hauled stuff out in the hour before the sale began, and I was back in time to haul the first day's remnants back onto the porch, but I was just not as involved as in some of the other years' yard sales.

I was going to be like our German friends who were with us over Mother's Day weekend. They went with us to a wedding on Saturday and with Rosemary on Sunday, but when it came time for lunch, they wanted to go to a restaurant so they could "watch the people." My role this yard sale time was a "people watcher."

And yard sales do produce people to watch. First, there are the **early birds**. No matter what time you announce the sale will begin, there are some who will show up early. "Why don't you have all the stuff out?" they inquire. They want to have first crack at paying you to carry off your stuff. Sure, they're bargain hunters, but they always come too early.

Then, there are the **drive by-ers**. These folk slowly drive by, casually looking over your displayed junk. They even sometimes go down to the end of the block and drive back by. They seldom stop; they may even go up to the other corner, u-turn and come by slowly again, but it is only an exercise in driving by.

Of course, throughout the day there will be the **lookers**. Now, these are the folks you don't fool into paying you for the privilege of hauling off your junk. They don't want the old picnic table or the two-room tent or the empty candy tins. They just want to look to see what kind of junk you keep in your attic and probably to gloat about how empty their attic is because they don't pay us to haul our junk into it.

The ones who really intrigue me are the **professionals**. These are the ones who have their own yard sales to the limit of the law and need other people's junk to round out what they offer and really make the bucks. They know the years of the best cut glass; they know what furniture is selling next year; they know what toys and how they're boxed are your bargains and their steals. They've been to every yard sale this weekend and their pickups are stuffed full of the best of the buys.

Another group that are fun to watch are the **pickers**. They will browse through the wide assortment of stuff you put out. Pick up each piece, turn it over every which way, hold it up to the light, pull it up close to their eyes, then put it down, only to pick up the next thing.

The most intimidating of the lot are the **bargainers**. No matter how low you've set the price on the sticker, they want to bargain. They start real low, and, if you've the time, they may get toward the middle with you. They've come for the game of negotiation, and your antiques are the fairest game of all.

Then there are the **buyers**. We had some on Saturday. Two thought even our nickel price was too low and paid us a quarter. They were the ones we were looking for. They put into the boxes the returns we needed, at least enough for lunch money. Not yet enough to supplement the youth going to General Synod, but some help anyway.

In the middle and latter part of the afternoon, the **returners** wandered back. These were the dear hearts who saw something in the morning, wanted it, but thought the price would be lower in the afternoon. Of course, what they came back for was gone.

Finally, we had some **after hour-ers**. When the remaining stuff was all on the porch and under wraps in case it rained, they turned up. We asked them to come back on Monday, when all the stuff would be back out in the yard, but you never know, they'll probably show up too late.

We had some **no-shows** too: folk who promised to come by and didn't. Oh, well.

I fully intended to moralize on all these folks' characteristics as various prospects and participants in our church business, but you know, the more I reflected the more I thought: **these probably are some of our church**

participants. We come from all kinds of folk, don't we?



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Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

Guy Pittinger and Cora Setherly visited Judy Ryan and family, June 1-June 3 at Hendrickson, MD. During their visit they attended the graduation of Stephanie Renee Carmody, daughter of Judy, granddaughter of Guy, and great niece of Cora. Stephanie attended Hammond High School in Columbia. The graduation was held at the Merriwether Post Pavilion in Columbia on Friday, June 2.

Cora and Carl Setherly and Guy Pittinger attended a graduation party for their great nephew Patrick Cavell of Walkersville on Sunday, June 11. He is the grandson of John and the late Dorothy Pittinger Cavell.

Mrs. Helen Ogle and Mrs. Peggy Dayhoff attended the fifth commencement of Fredericksburg Christian High School, Fredericksburg, VA, over the week-end. Olivia Leigh Sines, granddaughter and niece, was a member of the graduating class.

Birthdays for July: Sabrina Staub, Kenny Frushour, Carl Kenney, Charles Keeney, Jr., Calvin Keeney, Edward Stambaugh, Jason Roser, Michael Dinterman.

Belated birthday wishes to Erin Hobbs, May 24, and Daniel Hobbs, June 4th.

The Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren will hold Vacation Bible School August 7 - 11 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping or for more information call 271-7960. Parents are welcome to stay and help.

Cat's Meow replica of the church is still on sale for \$16 each, call 271-7425.

Erin Hobbs won Frederick County and the regional 4-H Public Speaking

Contest.

Jennifer Hobbs won the MD Lamb & Wool Princess contest at the Wool Festival.

A Tractor Pull will be held at the Mt. Tabor Park on July 1st at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be for sale at 7:00 p.m.

The Rocky Ridge Annual Carnival sponsored by the fire company will be held August 14 - August 19. There will be entertainment nightly and the parade will be held Wednesday, August 16th at 7 p.m. Also available will be the famous Country Ham Sandwiches and plenty of other good food. Come on out and join us!

ST. ANTHONY/OLMC

By Ann Marshall

"YOU'RE WELCOME." Parish newcomers would like to hear those words. If you would enjoy extending a friendly hand and a friendly word to visitors and new parishioners to help them feel "at home," please consider joining a welcoming committee which is now being formed. The Parish Office, 447-2367, will

be glad to give more information.

R.C.I. A. meetings are for any Catholic or non-Catholic who wishes to know more about the Catholic Faith. The Wednesday night meetings are free and pressure-free. The meetings will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on July 26 at St. Joseph's, Emmitsburg, and on August 30 at St. Anthony's, Emmitsburg.

Baptisms at St. Anthony's on June 18, 1995: Rebecca Bettinson Garner, daughter of William and Joyce Garner; Katelyn Cecilia Bowne, daughter of Frederick and Virginia Bowne.



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By Christy Combs

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Our nursery is a safe and fun place for you to bring your child to play. While interacting with peers and others, your child will be learning social skills which are important to his growth and development.

If you choose to attend the center for education programs, on-site developmental child care is provided by a well-trained and dedicated staff which includes a Child Development Specialist and two Child Development Assistants.

If you would just like to socialize and meet other parents from the community, please stop by. The nursery hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. If you have a child age three or under and are interested in any of our programs, please call us at 447-2810 for more information. There are no fees and transportation is available if needed.



A Dispatch Photo

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Garden Rambling

By Christine Maccabee

"What's this?" asked my Mother. "Does this belong here?" she asked as she pointed out to me a wild plant I'd left growing among the iris. My mother and father come from a long line of what I call "perfectionist gardeners". My grandfather's raspberries and greenbeans in Wisconsin were totally weed-free and *perfect*. As a child I always loved my grandparents' gardens. They gave to me a sense of order and a feeling of pride. So how is it that I turned out to be such a lover of wild things, of integration of the wild as opposed to total control over all that grows? The answer to that question has a long history, but I'd be willing to bet my grandparents' garden was not always so perfect. From the very moment their home and gardens were carved out of the wilderness, the wild plants were an issue. After all, each square foot of Wisconsin soil was packed, as is mine, with hundreds of thousands of seeds, mostly unwanted, misunderstood, and religiously pulled year after year. Such a perfect garden is one that evolves slowly, through much tedious labor. I hope to be as successful in certain areas of my own garden, particularly the raspberry and strawberry beds. I stand in awe of such carefully cultivated gardens, and the practical, loving hands behind them. *I believe that through our gardening efforts, no matter what style one pursues, there is something quite profound and spiritual at play...*

A Meditation on Creation

As gardeners and admirers of the beauty of Creation, we humans share an intimacy with the Creator that is probably due to our being made in God's image. Much as God labored upon Creation and afterwards stepped back to admire it, even calling it Good, so do we humans tend the gardens around our homes and look with love upon our precious iris, pansies, young trees, flourishing pea and tomato plants, or whatever we so diligently care for. Our creations, whether elaborate or simplicity itself, are as precious to us as God's Creation is to Him. This love and ability to create comes directly from God and is one of our most vital links to God. So, as you stand back to admire your handiwork, or even as you fuss and fret over its imperfection, know that even God, Source of all Life, does the same.

So, Happy Gardening! And do remember, when the gardening gets tough, the tough get gardening.!

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NEW WORLD COMMUTE

By Sian Cadle

Since relocating to New York City some months ago, I've had many opportunities to contemplate the word "commute." I found that in *Webster's* it follows "commune" and precedes "compact" and "companion." Funny that it occurs this way because I couldn't better describe my fellow travelers than as "compact companions" with whom I have no choice but to "commune."

Many are the days of practice it has taken me to gain fully my subway legs, and only recently have I begun to emerge from the underground rockets without my throat dry, heart pounding, and pupils dilated. Each day more than three and one-half million people ride the NYC subways, offering you a tremendous amount of observational material if you're brave enough. But in spite of the dirt, noise, and perpetual stench there is much to be learned about life and humanity down in the rumbling bellies of the tunnels.

Everyone has heard the usual warnings about New York—don't make eye contact, stay alert, watch your wallet, and so on. But how do the three million and more of us really cope with this potentially lethal urban-style contact every day, often many times a day? Are we all gun-toting, bomb-throwing, knife carriers just waiting to steal or mutilate? Hardly. Everyone you know rides the subway. Your children, your friends, teachers, and neighbors. At any given time you will be shoulder to shoulder with people you can respect, admire, wonder about, or plain despise. You will touch and be touched by everyone from Hassidics, Russians, homeless, gays and lesbians, Arabs, Rastas, Chinese, Japanese, Brooklynese, Koreans, Vietnamese, Algerians, Germans, Frenchmen, dyed, pierced, and tattooed—the human universe encapsulated.

So many different faces, colors, diets, clothes, and languages. What are we all doing? Where are we all going and what do we want? Could our goals and needs really be very different? I believe not. I believe if I could read minds I'd discover we're all thinking in unison one universal thought—"the folks back home would never believe this."

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OBITUARIES



Bernard Joseph "Bud" Ott, Jr.

Mr. Bernard Joseph "Bud" Ott, Jr., 73, of Emmitsburg, Maryland, died at his home on Sunday morning, June 25, 1995, of cancer. He was a direct descendant of the Elders who were the first family to come to Emmitsburg

in 1731. Mr. Ott was the son of the late Bernard Joseph and Mary (Elder) Ott, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Moore Ott of 53 years. He was a faithful parishioner and member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Emmitsburg. He was actively associated with Emmitsburg's VFW Post #6658, the American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post #121 for 50 years, and a life member of the Knights of Columbus Brute Council 1860. He was also a member of the Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association.

As the owner of Nusbaum & Ott Painting Company in Westminster since 1958 and the Ott House Pub & Restaurant in Emmitsburg, he touched and influenced the lives of many people.

He served as a Master Sergeant in the Anti-Aircraft Division of Patton's army during World War II and was awarded the Silver Star for outstanding service. He stayed in contact with the 456th Battalion through reunions each year thereafter.

Surviving in addition to his wife are five sons and four daughters: Bernard J. Ott III of

Emmitsburg; Patrick E. Ott of Hollywood, Florida; David M. Ott of Emmitsburg; Robert P. Ott of Emmitsburg; Richard J. Ott of Delray Beach, Florida; Susan M. Glass of Emmitsburg; Christine T. Wilson of Emmitsburg; Catherine L. Ott of Emmitsburg; and Rosalie A. Bittle of Carroll Valley, PA; sixteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, George S. Ott of Gettysburg, PA, and Joseph A. Ott of Emmitsburg, MD. He was preceded in death by brothers William Ott and Thomas Ott, Sr.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 28th at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. The Rev. Father Joseph Stahura was the principal celebrant. Interment was in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg. Arrangements were made by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mrs. Isabelle Helen (McSherry) Baker, 73, of Mt. View Rd., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Saturday, June 3, at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA, were held Tuesday, June 6, from the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD, with her pastor Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

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THE YEAR AT EMMITSBURG ELEMENTARY

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

"More than half of our children's families were here that night. I just walked around and glowed looking at all the things going on," said Wanda Severance, Emmitsburg Elementary's School principal, of one of her favorite memories of her first year in the position. She was reminiscing about the school-wide "Emmitsburg Celebration," an evening when the school building was open for two hours and children were invited to bring their parents and other family members.

Unlike the Theme Nights of the previous years, the open house was for all grades. "I think it was easier for families with children in more than one grade to attend for the one-night celebration only,"

She added that she would still like to work on getting more involvement from parents in the school. Parental involvement is good for the individual students as well as the entire school and community.

Communication with Parents

Two tools that helped improve communications with parents this year were the orange book and blue folder; familiar to all parents of children at the school. "These were new this year, but children really got in the habit of putting all the papers to take home in their blue folders and wrote their homework assignments in the orange book. Teachers used the orange book, which parents were supposed to see and sign every day, to tell parents anything special they needed to know right away," said Mrs. Severance.

Staff Changes

Mr. Baran and Mrs. Evans are both leaving the school to teach at Glade Elementary School, Mrs. Schneider is transferring to Green Valley and Mrs. Mabry is leaving to teach at Liberty.

Targeted Poverty Grant

In the first year of a grant for the school, the money funded several projects the principal believes are worthwhile. One benefit was a series of parent workshops, with topics such as "Homework Without Tears" and "Discipline with Dignity." The first series of workshop in the fall was well attended, but Mrs. Severance was disappointed in the attendance during the spring sessions. "We even had to cancel one of the sessions because of lack of attendance," she said. The workshops were interesting and provided practical information.

The grant also allowed for an instructional tutor, Mrs. Mallagari, who was able to pay special attention to 1 or 2 children at a time, giving the kind of individual attention that a classroom teacher handling 25-30 children cannot do.

While the grant has been approved for Emmitsburg Elementary for the next school year, Mrs. Severance noted that she has been asked to trim the budget for the program.

Growth in Student Learning

The growth in student learning is another highlight. By the year 2000, the goal is to have 70% of the Emmitsburg students at the satisfactory level in the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program (MSPAP) and at 85% satisfactory in the Criterion-Referenced Evaluation System (CRES) which is for Frederick County. Progress is being made each year toward

that goal. The figures below indicate how Emmitsburg and Frederick County stack up on the Maryland Test for the 5th grade for 1994. The percentages indicate the number of students at the satisfactory level. While Emmitsburg has a higher percentage of students at the satisfactory level than Frederick County in reading, it is far below the county in both social studies and science.

Subject	Emmitsburg	Frederick County
Reading	50.0%	43.3%
Writing	34.1%	46.7%
Language Usage	34.1%	48.2%
Math	56.1%	56.3%
Science	39.0%	51.1%
Social Studies	29.3%	45.7%

Tutoring Programs

The after-school tutorial program with Mount Saint Mary's College and the National Honor Society from Catoclin High School are programs that benefit both the elementary children that receive individual help and to the older students, who tutor young children once a week.

Business Partnerships

The town's businesses are continuing to contribute to the school in several important ways. Both MacDonald's and Jubilee have provided food for various events and recognition for children who have perfect attendance or who have met reading and writing goals.

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Community Service Projects

The school is continuing its relationship with the town and other local organizations. Terri Zigler (guidance counselor) and Judy Johnson (Renzulli resource teacher) set up a program in which the following 4th graders went to St. Catherine's Nursing Center every month, interacting with and learning from the residents: Leah Adelsberger, Jennifer Kwarta, Heather Darby, Heidi Stull, Brandon Lasher, Danny Novak, Danny Marshall, and Justin Wivell. Next year, the program will involve children in both the 4th and 5th grades.

The Senior Citizens who meet at the Emmitsburg Community Center also benefit from involvement with the elementary school children. Several of the classes visit the Center and read out loud to the senior citizens.

Children learned about providing service to the town when they planted flowers in a "Spring Spruce-Up" in conjunction with students from Mother Seton School.

Goals for Next Year

- To increase parent involvement
- Make students independent learners
- Teach so that children can see the connection between school (today) and work (tomorrow). Make learning real
 - Make students responsible for their work and their behavior
 - Improve attendance
 - Provide various opportunities for our students.

Show Time

The **39th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show** will be held September 8, 9, and 10 at Catocin High School. Area residents are encouraged to enter exhibits in the many departments. Show books will be available August 1st at area businesses. The show is sponsored by the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Granges, Catocin FFA and FFA Alumni, Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, and the Maryland State Grange. For show rules and department contacts contact the Community Show Committee at 15727 Smith Road, Thurmont, MD 21788.

Exemplary Attendance

The following students at Emmitsburg Elementary School have exemplary attendance—they have not missed more than 3 days of school all year.

Pre-Kindergarten: Emily Baumgartner, Antoine Jordan, Stephan Jordan, Ethan Long, Darell Marcelle, Carrie Messner, Justin Shank, Nathaniel Usilton.

Kindergarten: Samantha Bare, Zachery Bennett, David Cockerill, Savannah Crummitt, Danielle Hoover, Justin Sizemore, Timothy Swartz, Nicholas Wagerman, Michael Wetzel, Cassandra Cassio, Jessica Cassio, Mark Lingg.

First Grade: Megan Adelsberger, Michael Compton, Ryan Green, Bradley Greene, Shaun Huff, Heidi Hurley, Scott McCotter, Kyle Potts, Benjamin Rose, Amber Sickel, Joseph Vitale, Lamar Wagerman, III.

Second Grade: Justin Andrew, Kathleen Ballew, Abigail Bart, Mitchell

Keeney, Benjamin Sanders, Candice Sickel, Zachary Sonson, Kimberly Swartz.

Third Grade: Derek Cool, Christina Hansen, Rebecca Ott, Carrie Schildt, Stephen Seidel, Zachary Topper, Tracy Wetzel.

Fourth Grade: Joshua Ballew, Elizabeth Boyd, Laurie Burrier, Jennifer Cregger, Heather Darby, Bryan Fawley, Elisabeth Fink, John Freniere, Willis Johnson III, Jenna Kaas, Kevin Keilholtz, Brandon Lasher, Travis May, Ashley Mumpower, Daniel Novak, Jonathon Rose, Amanda Stine, Hope Stouter, Heidi Stull, Jacqueline Vitale, Amy Wachter.

Fifth Grade: Michael Bradshaw, Vance Click, Jessica Dewees, Mearl Dewees, Nan Ding, Robert Eiker, Lindsey Greene, Joshua Hobbs, Gene Huff, Amanda Johnson, Tom King, Scott Krom, Rachael Norman, Victor Ortiz, Dennis Ott, Jacqueline Sanders, John Stone, Sherry Wike.

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FRESH WATER FISH, THE PET

By Jack Deatheridge, Jr.

I think it is time to admit that I am a failure. All my life I have seen people despair over their aquariums full of guppies. I've listened to horror stories of how the fish multiply so quickly that the poor owner ends up trashing the whole tank out of frustration. I have stared thoughtfully at such aquariums, muttered consoling words and allowed, "Guppies are a pain."

What I haven't allowed, until now, is that guppies are a different kind of pain for me. You see, I am a natural-born guppy killer. Guppies have never lasted more than a month in my care. Guppies have never reproduced a single baby guppy for me. Guppies swim away from me in pet shops as soon as my shadow crosses their tank. (There are a few stupid guppies that do seem attracted to my presence. They come home with me to die. I figure they have a genetic defect caused by too many generations of inbreeding.)

I believe humans are capable of overcoming our natures. We build shelters from bad weather, build machines to extend our physical limits, and visit therapists to correct our life-views. I know I can overcome the guppy!

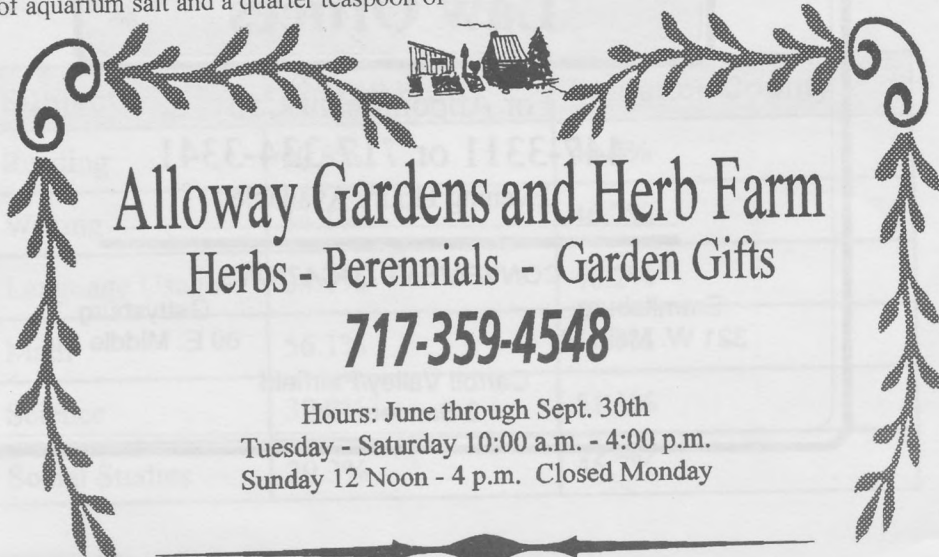
A ten gallon tank sits next to the "idiot box" in our living room. The tank has 3 different fine-leaved plants, a bit of gravel, and an air-driven box filter with floss and activated carbon. Five teaspoons of aquarium salt and a quarter teaspoon of

Biozyme were added before the fish went in. The pH was adjusted to 7, the temperature was 75°F and the fish were purchased from a "good" pet shop.

There had been 7 fish to begin with—2 males and 5 females. I had held the guppies in a 55 gallon tank for more than a week before I had the ten gallon tank ready for them (I thought). I confidently netted the guppies and placed them in the 10. They were active a day and a night before one male stopped eating and stayed on the bottom. He was dead the next morning.

I made a panic call to Guppies Galore (717) 776-9204 and asked Mr. Dorley what was going wrong! He pointed out that I had forgotten to acclimate the fish to their new tank. The pet shop (*not* Guppies Galore) had housed the guppies in moderately soft water with a pH of 7. My 55 had been close to those conditions, except for a pH of 8, but the fish had survived it. The newly set up 10 had been a drastic change for the guppies, causing the most sensitive of them to die. I was told to remove half the water from the 10 and replace it with water from the 55, I might save a few fish. I did—3 out of 7.

So what have I learned? I've learned to make a check list of everything I need to do when setting up a new tank or moving fish from one tank to another. Will I remember to do it every time I change aquariums around? I wouldn't bet on it!



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