

# The Emmitsburg Regional

## DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength From One Another

October 1996



Rev. John and Sheila Chatlos will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary October 12 at a reception in the Incarnation United Church of Christ, West Main St., Emmitsburg, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. They cordially invite the Emmitsburg community to join them. For more information please see Letters to the Editor, page 2.

### COMMUNITY CENTER SURVEY COMPLETED - TOWN QUALIFIES FOR GRANT

The Town of Emmitsburg successfully concluded its survey of 300 of our residents. The results of this survey show that Emmitsburg meets the eligibility requirements for a Community Development Block Grant from the State of Maryland. The survey, conducted from September 14th through the 21st, confirms that 58% of the residents who participated fall into the low to moderate income bracket. This percentage meets the grant requirements and qualifies the Town of Emmitsburg for up to \$400,000.00 in grant funding to assist in the restoration of Emmitsburg's Community Center.

The results will be included in the application currently being prepared

by Frederick County Representative Alice Cooper and Town Manager Yvette Semler. The application will be considered by the State of Maryland's review board in January of 1997.

Mayor Carr and the Board of Commissioners would like to thank all the residents who participated and give special thanks to the other individuals who conducted the surveys. Those who helped with the project and conducted the surveys are Chata Carr, Phil Postelle, Eva Miller, Donna Thompson, Christina Stevenson, Julie Seifert, Yvette Semler, Helen Reaver, Doug Wantz, as well as the following Mount Saint Mary's students: Kerry O'Connell, Kate Linhard, Georgia Dahulich, and Mark Brennan.

### Four Points Bridge Gone

By Mike Hillman

Ever since I've lived here, the structural integrity of the bridge over Toms Creek at the intersection of Keysville and Four Points Roads, commonly known to neighbors as "Four Points Bridge," has been questionable. In good weather, Toms Creek is usually a picture-perfect country stream, narrowing, shallow, and slow moving. However, following heavy rains, it is not uncommon for the creek to carry 50 times its normal volume, rising from a depth of 9 inches to over 15 feet. The creek rises so rapidly because it is the single drainage path for lower Gettysburg and all of Emmitsburg. The June storms that caused so much damage to downtown Emmitsburg saw Toms Creek reach its highest level in living memory. Hay and straw entangled in the bridge's 4-foot-high guard rails left a visible indicator of the power and nature of this usually placid creek.

Four Points Bridge was built sometime around the 1870's of a wrought iron design, planked by 2-inch thick, 8-inch-wide oak boards.

It was quite a popular place for touring bicyclists to rest and drink in the tranquility of our countryside. Locals also frequented it because it offered a long expansion of both rapid and slow moving water for dogs and kids to escape the heat of the summer. Approximately 2 years ago, following a routine bridge inspection by Frederick County, the bridge was deemed unsafe and closed to all traffic. Repairs to the bridge were delayed due to funding constraints, so access to the bridge was blocked by the placement of concrete dividers at both ends of the bridge.

The June storm caused additional damage to the already weakened bridge. A temporary wood deck was washed away, and several rusted support beams gave way and were washed away.

In August, work finally began on restoring the bridge. The old deck planking, along with the iron support beams, was removed to facilitate the repair, replacement, and painting of the bridge structure. Concurrently, (Please see BRIDGE on page 2.)



Four Points Bridge gone astray.

Photo Courtesy of Calvin Keeney



BRIDGE from page 1

masonry work was begun to strengthen the abutments that supported road access to and from the bridge. In the beginning of September, the bridge was shrouded in canvas and sandblasting efforts began. At the time, trees around the bridge still bore the hay and straw from the June flood, and the county pointed this out to the painting crew, so that appropriate emergency actions would be in place in the event of another flood.

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, the county again warned the crew of the flooding potential of the creek, and was requested to remove the shroud around the bridge, in expectation that hurricane Fran would cause in a measurable flood. The shroud, however, was not removed and sandblasting efforts continued. When the storm finally did unleash its punch, it did so in a sporadic fashion. Precipitation came in bursts from as little as ten minutes to as long as an hour, interspersed with a steady drizzle. By 6:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, the storm had passed, leaving little to no standing water in most fields.

Around 7 p.m. that evening, I took my usual drive down to Four Points Bridge to record the water's height in my memory. Upon arriving, I discover a worried painting crew watching the rapidly moving creek, which had risen to within 2 feet of the canvas under the bottom of the bridge. A short discussion was held about the potential for cutting the wires holding the canvas to the bridge, but the crew considered the conditions too dangerous. Following a vigil of approximately 45 minutes, it appeared that the rate of increase in the water level had slowed, and I returned home and retrieved a video camera, intending to capture the conditions on tape.

Upon my return, the painting crew had departed the scene, but the water level began to increase rapidly, rising more than 9 inches in less than

30 minutes. The banging of the canvas hanging from the bottom of the bridge was soon followed by a complete closure of the space between the canvas and the creek. Downstream of the bridge, the water took on a still pool effect, which indicated that damming was now occurring on the upstream side of the bridge. At that time, I knew the bridge was doomed.

At approximately 9 p.m., with the water still a good 12 to 16 inches below the deck supports, I returned home for dinner, figuring that the bridge would not give way until the water level had risen at least to the height of the deck support. When I returned at approximately 9:45, the bridge was gone, and, due to high water, I was unable to ascertain its position or condition.

Only with daylight did the enormity of the incident become apparent. The bridge lay twisted, but upright, with its west end pointing down stream, and its east end 30 feet from its embankment. The canvas shroud still partially cloaked the bridge, and one of the two heavy sandblasting rigs had been carried off the west embankment and was half submerged on the west bank of the still rapidly moving creek.

The word of the loss of the bridge quickly spread through the neighborhood, and for most of the next two days, the bridge site was the scene of many conversations and reflections of old and young alike. Community members are hoping that the county will find a way to salvage the bridge. While in a bad state, the bridge is not a total loss, and can be recovered and restored if the community desires it. The Frederick County Historical Commission has taken up the cause of the bridge and all Emmitsburg residents are encouraged to contact the Commission, as well as elected officials, and help save the only bridge of that vintage. Four Points Bridge is on the National Historic Register.

## Letters to the



### Invitation To the Community

"Because you have been such a large part of our lives over half of these 50 years please join us in our celebration. It will be an informal occasion, so

come when you can and leave when you must. No presents, please—just your presence."

John and Sheila Chatlos

## Town News

### WATER LINE BIDS AWARDED

The Emmitsburg Town Council awarded the contracts for Water System Improvements Phase I and Phase II/III at their September 23rd Public Workshop. Phase I, which calls for the installation of new water lines in Emmet Gardens, was awarded to Mid-Atlantic Utilities, Inc. for \$207,530.00. Phase II and III, which addressed the installation of new water lines at sections of North and South Seton Avenue was awarded to D.L. George and Sons, Inc. at a price of \$261,366.50. Under the contract terms, construction is to commence in April of 1997. For additional information, please contact Yvette Semler at the Town Office, 22 East Main Street, 447-2313.

### STREET RESURFACING SCHEDULED

The Emmitsburg Town Council awarded its 1996 Street Repair and Resurfacing contract to Craig Paving, Inc. for \$52,819.00. The contract, to be completed no later than October 25th of this year, calls for the repair and resurfacing of Welty Avenue, West Lincoln Avenue (from Patterson Avenue to Frailey Road),

Chesapeake Avenue (from Main Street to East Lincoln Avenue), the Wastewater Treatment Plant road, and portions of North Avenue and Potomac Street.

If you are a resident whose parking area adjoins into any of the above mentioned roads, and are interested in having your blacktop repaired or resurfaced, please contact Craig Paving, Inc. at (301) 739-9814 and they will provide you with an estimate.

### F & M BANK NOW ACCEPTING PAYMENTS FOR BILLS

Thanks to our local bank, Farmers & Mechanics, Emmitsburg residents can now pay their quarterly water and annual sewer/garbage bills when they do their banking. The bank tellers will be glad to accept payment in any form as long as the billing stub is included. Checks are still made out to the Town of Emmitsburg. Payments can also be mailed to the bank at P.O. Box 279, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. The Town Office sincerely thanks F & M for assistance in helping our finance department become more efficient, and we hope our residents will enjoy this new service!

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## Town Meetings to be held at Community Center

Town Manager Yvette Semler has announced that monthly town meetings will now be held in the media room at the Community Center on South Seton Avenue rather than the Town Office. This new arrangement begins with the October 7 meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. It was decided to make this move to better accommodate the increasing number of residents attending the meetings.

Agendas are being posted at least three days before the meetings at Jubilee Foods, Rutters, the Community Center, the Ott House, and Piggy Dukes. Items for discussion will also be put on the cable channel and the Sound Source phone number in the Frederick News Post will be utilized to advertise agendas.

At the October 7th town meeting the following items will be on the agenda: 1. Update on federal aid on flood dam-

age, 2. Consider the removal of parking meters on Main Street, and 3. Discussion of parking for Vigilant House Company.

All other committee meetings will continue to meet at the Town Office.

## Streets and Transportation

Eighteen residents packed the meeting of the Streets and Transportation committee to discuss the possibility of removing parking meters from the downtown region. Almost as a single voice the residents were of the opinion that removal of the meters would be detrimental to the parking situation in Emmitsburg. According to Mr. Pat Ott, "If the meters were to be removed, tenants would be most likely parking in front of the restaurant and there would be no parking available for restaurant patrons." Several others supported the view that removing the meters would negatively affect the businesses in the downtown area.

The general consensus was that removing the meters would be harmful to (Please see STREETS on page 22)

## Renovation of Community Center about to begin

Several months ago a report on the Space Requirements and Building Evaluation on the Emmitsburg Community Center was presented to the Frederick County Services Division. The purpose was to identify the need to renovate and reconfigure the center and to plan for full and efficient utilization of the building in the future.

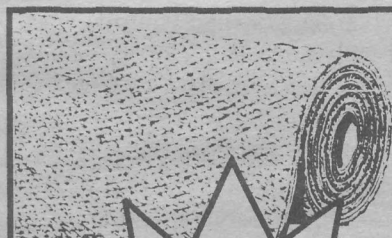
The wheels of government decision-making turn slowly, but now bids for the first phase of renovation will be let in October. Work is expected to be completed on the building somewhere around the 1st of February, 1997.

Plan "B" calls for a \$600,000 expenditure by the county for renovation and new construction on the ground floor and second floor. Work on the top floor will be deferred to a future date. Profit and Pryor will be the architects and Dennis Cross, County Project Manager, will coordinate the work.

According to Mayor Carr, "The configuration of the rooms on the ground floor and second floor will remain the same for now. Lead paint will be removed or contained, and any existing asbestos will be removed. Each floor will be put on the same level, window frames will be changed, and a new shaft elevator will be built. "The building will be compliant with the ADA requirements," said Carr.

"Some of the present occupants of the building will have to be removed during the construction, but an effort will be made not to shut down the library during the renovation," said the mayor.

Currently the town and county officials are exploring possible ways to finance the operation of the building, working within budgets and seeking grants. Local efforts now include a special Community Center account to hold contributions for the building and the formation of a committee which will coordinate fund-raising efforts at the appropriate time.



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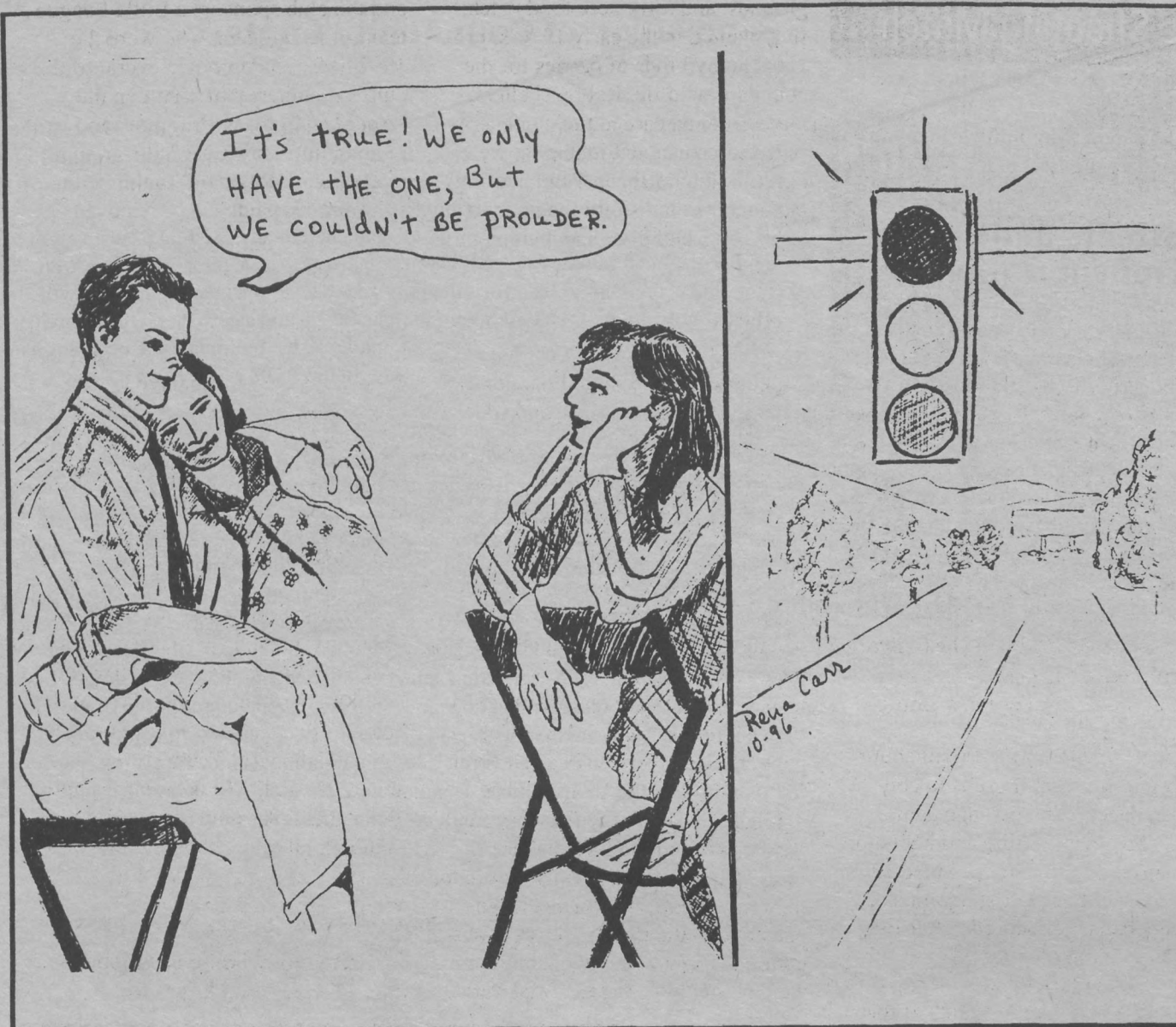
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#### Have we Any?

Oct. 2, 1896 - Every town has a liar, a sponger, a blatherskite, a smart Aleck, some pretty girls, a girl who giggles, a weather prophet, a neighborhood feud, a woman who tattles, a man who knows it all, a boom once in awhile, one Lincoln Republican, one Jeffersonian Democrat, more loafers than it needs, men who see every dog fight, somebody that wants the earth, a few meddlesome persons, and a street that could be improved.

#### Plenty of Music

Oct. 9, 1896 - Emmitsburg had plenty of music Wednesday evening. Two men, one with a bag pipe and the other with some other kind of a musical instrument, and a man with a hand organ, were all in town and playing at the same time.

#### Free Delivery

Oct. 9, 1896 - The Postoffice Department has selected Carroll County, in Maryland, as the place for an experimental free delivery system. The last postoffice appropriation bill set aside about \$40,000 to be expended in rural free delivery experiments. The system involves the selection of some leading town in the county which is made the distributing point for the county delivery. A carrier is appointed, who is paid from \$200 to \$400 per annum. The carrier makes one delivery on his route every day. The route includes every available farm or hamlet in the county, as it is the ambition and the purpose of the rural delivery system to be almost as complete as that furnished in the cities. Out of the salary paid to him by the department, the carrier is expected to furnish his own horse or bicycle, as it is plainly impossible for any man to cover the vast territory involved in his district afoot. The system will be started in Carroll County in a short time. - *Examiner*.

#### Look Out for Him

Oct. 30, 1896 - A slick swindler is working the towns in nearby counties by securing orders for cabinet photographs at a reduced rate, collecting part of the price, and that is the last heard of him or the money. It will be well to look out for him. - *News*

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### Commentary: Our Delightful Library!

Visiting the library at any time during its operating hours does not subject one to any chaotic hustle and bustle. What you experience is a comfortable atmosphere, a place where you carry out your reading transactions in a friendly way, greet a few friends, exchange a few chuckles, pick up some local news, and be thankful the "madding crowd" is somewhere else.

But!—the casual ambience does not mean the library is not a critically important part of our community life. If you can't sense it when you visit, here are some numbers (authority figures) to help you get a feel for just how the employees, volunteers, and lovers of libraries—provide a valuable service to Emmitsburg.

In the past four months the library has circulated 11,448 items, signed

up 79 new patrons, hosted 317 children and 106 adults at special programs or meetings, and answered 2,682 questions. (These numbers were provided by the staff who also have to keep statistics.)

And if that isn't enough to keep them busy, the staff and volunteers also hold parties for kids, have formed a Reading Theater, and are now in the throes of planning their unique Halloween Party for kids of all ages. (Volunteers, Draculas, ghosts, cookie makers, and monsters welcomed.)

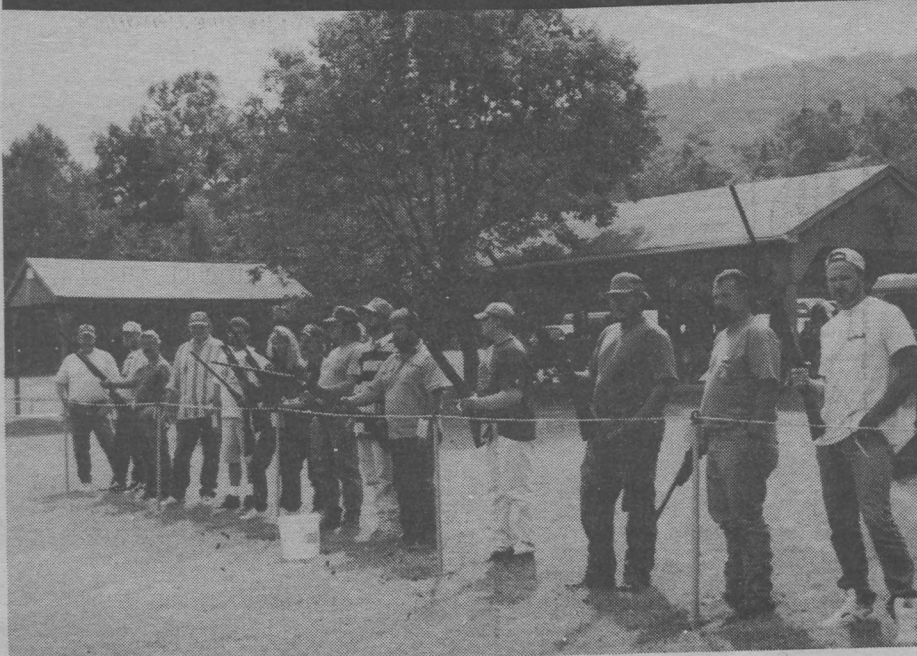
Go by and show how much you appreciate what the library does for us—ASK A QUESTION. Better still, join up and check out a book, or select a film from the new circulating collection.

## The Halloween Parade October 31

Watch the Emmitsburg Cable Channel for the time.



## Conservation Club Holds Shooting Match



Members of the Indian Lookout Conservation Club line up at the firing line during the Shooting Match held at their clubhouse Sept. 22.

A Dispatch Photo

Suppose you held a turkey shoot and the turkey didn't come? No matter. The guys and gals of the Indian Lookout Conservation Club have it all figured out how to spend a leisurely afternoon socializing, exchanging friendly joshing, and hoping their aim is touched with a bit of luck. As they pop away at paper targets, they hope that at least one of the pellets from the 12-gauge target load is the closest to the bullseye. Closest pellets win one of a variety of prizes. "If I win, I'll take the ham," said Jeannie Eyler, president of the club. "Where else could you get a full country ham so cheap?"

The shooting matches are just one of the ways the club earns money for

the work it does in the Emmitsburg community. Its purpose is to conserve, restore, and manage game, fish, and other wildlife and habitat in and around Emmitsburg. Since 1948, when the club was first organized, members have procured better fishing and hunting for sportsmen and helped spread useful knowledge of wildlife among the residents of this area. Each year they provide certified instructors for the state's Hunters' Safety Program, a 10-hour course all hunters are required to take.

The Indian Lookout Conservation Clubhouse is just west of Emmitsburg on 20 acres of land bordering Annandale and Horner's Nest Road. Hunting is prohibited on the

grounds, and a six-acre food patch, first planted in the early 1970's, provides many kinds of berries for the abundant wildlife. Rabbit shelters, made from discarded tires with a plywood top covered with brush, were added to the refuge in 1990. During the winter months bird feed is bought by the club and distributed among the feeders.

The club encourages local groups to enjoy the grounds, which include a clubhouse and pavilion, by holding reunions, picnics, parties, and special meetings there. Local scout troops have enjoyed many overnight camp outs in the club's quiet meadow over the years.

The Indian Lookout Conservation Club, with a membership of about 75 people including junior members, is involved in many community projects. Annual donations are made by the club to the Vigilant Hose Company, the town's Christmas Decorating Committee, the Lions Club's Annual Fourth of July fireworks and food drive, and the Emmitsburg Library. Contributions are also made to the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company and to the town parks (a contribution in 1989 was responsible for the pavilion built in Memorial Park),

and the club sponsors a Little League team - the Dodgers, who were the 1992-1993 champions. Several of the club's members participate in the "Adopt a Highway Program" and pick up litter on Route 15 from the overpass on Route 140 to the Pennsylvania stateline.

The club meets every 4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse and new members are welcome. "I enjoy being involved with this club," said President Eyler. "You have to give back to the community and this is a great way to do it. It's especially good for young people and I encourage those who are interested to join. There are lots of good things for them to get involved with," she said.

Officers of the club are Jeannie Eyler, president, Pat Ott, vice-president, Bob Wantz, Sr., secretary, and Don Kaas, treasurer. Members of the board of directors are Mike Trout, Jason Sanders, Greg Medver, Bob Wantz Jr., and Gil Eiker. Mr. Eiker is also the club's safety officer and monitors all of the shooting matches. For more information call Bob Wantz, Sr. at 447-6570.

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**Halloween Parade**  
October 31

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Mary Ann Gill and Jeanne Nolte, owners and operators of Flowers For You located on South Seton Avenue, announce that this is their twelfth year of operation as a full-service flower shop in Emmitsburg. "We will continue to do what we love, but we wanted to thank the people in the Emmitsburg area for their patronage over the years. They have been such good customers.

## Senior Citizens News

By Anna Margaret Martin

Summer is over, fall is here, and winter is coming, fast!

Let's all pray for a milder one than last year. We will all remember the ice and snow, the drifted roads and driveways—enough to last for a long time. Fall is usually a beautiful time of the year with the leaves turning to reds, orange and yellows. Enjoy—it doesn't last long enough.

The Seniors are going to welcome October with a visit from the "Canaries" from the Thurmont Senior Center on Wednesday, October 2, at 1:30 p.m. Plan to come for lunch and have a fun-filled afternoon.

The rest of the schedule:

Tuesdays, October 3rd & 17th -Bingo, 1 p.m.

Thursdays, October 10th, 24th, & 31st - "500" Card Party, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8th -Frederick Shopping, 1:30 p.m.

Friday, October 11th -Fall foliage trip to Western Maryland, leaving E-burg at 7:45 a.m. and returning at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23; Thursday,

and serving them through flowers has been our joy," Nolte said.

"Amanda Gearhart, Cathy Ten-nace, Tammy Topper, and Kathy Smith are the indispensable staff who always keep the wheels humming and makes the creative arrangement work go better," said Gill. "We would be lost without them," she said.

Flowers for You offers a line of greeting cards, potted plants, dried arrangements, and "house collectables" crafted by Jeanne. Flowers for You also offers a frequent shopper program. If you buy 4 specials, you get the 5th special free.

October 24; and Friday, October 25 - Lunch at Corney's.

Our final evening card party, a fund-raiser, will be held on Wednesday, October 30th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the card party beginning at 6:30 p.m. The party is open to everyone and everyone is a winner. Admission is \$2.00 per person. Refreshments are for sale. Come enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship, and food.

The Emmitsburg Senior Center is open for lunch Mon. - Fri. at 12 noon. Transportation is available and home-delivered meals are available upon approval. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance, by 1 p.m.

Meeting Day will be held on Tuesday, October 15. Call 447-6253 for reservations.

Dates to remember! Fall Bazaar - Saturday, November 9th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Something for everyone. Come support the Seniors. Our quilt (made and quilted by our members) will be raffled at 3 p.m.

Nov. 1, The health department will administer flu shots at the Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

## SAINT CATHERINE'S VALUES VOLUNTEERS

by Christina Stevenson

The brochure states, "St. Catherine's: A Caring Place," and meeting Ruth Kemple, one of the many volunteers at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, gave justification to this description. St. Catherine's Nursing Center is located by the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg and is sponsored by the Daughters of Charity. The center houses 69 residents and has 22 volunteers.

Ruth began to volunteer for St. Catherine's just under a year ago when her mother, Monica Hoy, became a resident. At the time when Ruth and her husband John decided to move to Emmitsburg, Mrs. Hoy was a resident of a nursing center in Iowa. Ruth's son-in-law, Dr. Alan Carroll of Emmitsburg, suggested that Mrs. Hoy move to St. Catherine's. So, Ruth, John, and Mrs. Hoy packed up and moved to Emmitsburg. Since that time, Ruth has been dedicating her time not only to the care of her mother but to all the residents of St. Catherine's. Due to her involvement in an array of activities, Ruth has been recognized by the staff as an extraordinary volunteer. However, when told this, she shrugs it off with modesty and explains that all the volunteers are extraordinary.

Ruth not only delivers clean laundry to the residents on a weekly basis, she "began the wheels rolling" to place an aviary in the Dementia Unit of St. Catherine's. Ruth got the idea when volunteering for another nursing center where she discovered that the residents there really enjoyed the birds. The "Family Council" is another activity with which Ruth is involved. She described the council as being made up of ten people who are committed to helping each other so they can help



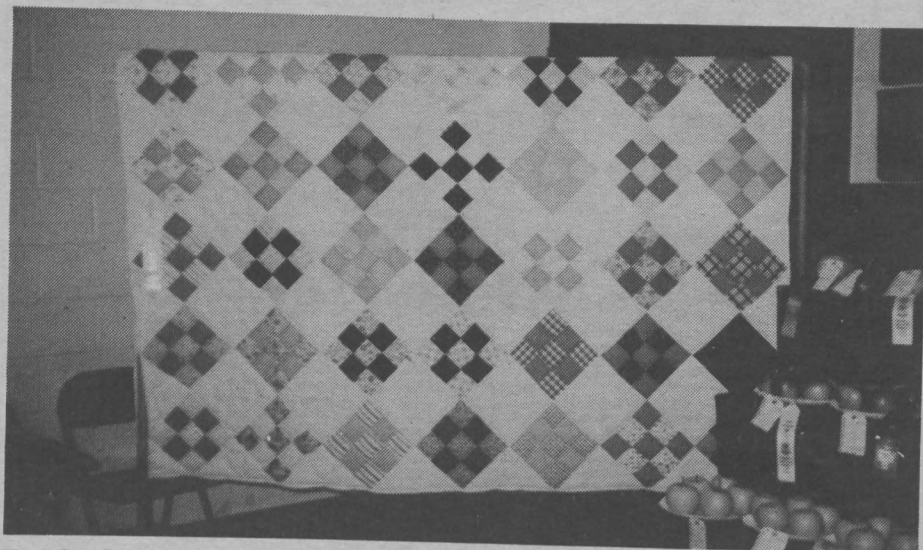
Ruth Kemple

others better.

Ruth stated that St. Catherine's does a good job in implementing suggestions from the residents and their families. The center has developed a family atmosphere among the staff, residents, and the volunteers. Ruth expressed that it is important to have the feeling of family.

Ruth has volunteered at other facilities where she watched and learned how they took care of the residents and made them feel important. Ruth explained that she wants to feel needed and believes that what she does at St. Catherine's is valuable. Ruth likes to give attention to the residents and make them smile. She will even listen to old jokes!

St. Catherine's Nursing Center values volunteers like Ruth Kemple and encourages others to do the same. There will be an open house to celebrate the center's second anniversary on Friday, October 25, 1996, from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested in learning more about St. Catherine's is welcome to attend.



The Seniors' quilt won 3rd prize at the Community Fair. It will be raffled off at their November Bazaar.

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## VHC To Hold Open House

The members of the Vigilant Hose Company have announced that they will again be conducting their ever-popular Fire Prevention Open House in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week. The Open House will be held on Thursday, October 10th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the fire/rescue station at 25 West Main Street.

The theme this year is "Let's Hear It for Fire Safety! Test Your Detectors." This particular theme was chosen to emphasize the life-safety value of working smoke detectors in every home. While tremendous strides have been made in installing smoke detectors in American homes, there are still too many fires occurring and too many lives lost in those homes that do not have properly working detectors.

The men and women of Vigilant Hose are busy preparing for this year's recognition with a number of special educational programs during week-long activities from October 6-12, 1996. On the evening of October 10, fire and life-safety programs will be presented for persons of all ages with numerous activities designed to both educate and inform local citizens and visitors alike.

Other community organizations are supporting the fire company's efforts.

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## Upcoming Activities of the VHC Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Vigilant Hose Company have planned the following activities as fund raisers this fall and winter.

OLD-FASHIONED BINGO will be held on the following dates at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall: October 17 (Halloween Theme); November 14 (Thanksgiving Theme); and December 5 (Christmas Theme). Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. with early birds beginning at 6:55.

THE SPORTSMAN'S DRAWING for this fall will be held on Saturday, October 26, at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall. Admission is by ticket. For more information, please call Patty Kuydendall at 447-6370; Tiffany Stahley at 447-6501; or the fire hall at 447-2728.

THE GOLF TOURNAMENT sponsored by the Vigilant Hose Company will be held Friday, October 18, at Mountainview Golf Course in Fairfield, Pa. The cost is \$55 per person and includes a buffet breakfast prior to golfing and a steak dinner following the tournament. For more information please contact Tim Clarke at 447-2080, Bill Boyd at (717) 642-9717, or the fire hall at 447-2728.

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## The Crab Shack



People line up at the VHC booth at the Frederick County Fair waiting for their crab cake sandwich w/ fries. Photo courtesy of Rena Damsky.

## Family Reunion

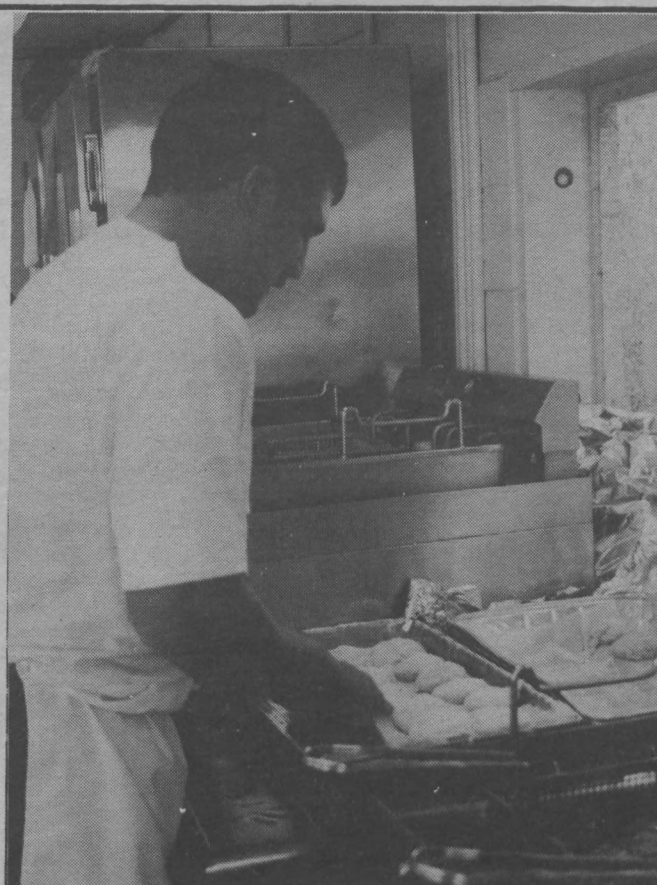
The descendants of Joseph C. and Annie Peddicord Rosensteel recently held their second reunion at the Memorial Park in Emmitsburg on July 14, 1996, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mrs. Lillian Rosenberger (our oldest relative at 94 years), Paul and Betty Bilger, Mrs. Martha Jacobs, Mrs. Helen Hoke and son Mike, Mrs. Betty Rettberg and daughters, Ms. Marian Hall, Ms. Patty Doyle, Mrs. Adele Coursey, all of Baltimore; Joe and Ruth Topper, Bill and Pat Rodgers and family of Abbottstown; Mrs.

Mary Snyder and son Frank of Fairfield, PA; Clair and Genevieve Hess of Frederick; and families of Ray and Helen Wivell. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all. Our reunion next year will be July 13.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Kaas, Emmitsburg, a son born on September 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Angela D. Jay) Speak, Emmitsburg, a son born September 25.



Frank Davis gets ready to fry some of the 6,420 crab cakes made by members of the Ladies Auxiliary for the firemen's annual fundraiser.

Photo courtesy of Rena Damsky.



## A Regional Scene - Pretty As A Picture



Elizabeth Prongas won the *Dispatch's* award for the picture that best depicts the Emmitsburg region with her *Dutch Barns*. A *Dispatch* Photo

## Emmitsburg Public Library, Branch of the Frederick County Libraries.

by Kate Warthen

The library is going full speed ahead. We are planning to add eight hours to our regular hours and will know in November exactly what the schedule will be. We expect to be open during the lunch and dinner hours to accomodate people who would like to use the library at those times.

We have added Bo and Jean Cadle and Chata Carr to the library board of trustees. Welcome back to Chata, who previously served many years on the board. The library board meets bi-monthly in the library media room. At the September 19th meeting, the board voted to purchase a video camera later this year to film library events. Persons allowed to use the camera will need to be trained.

The library staff and some of our patrons performed in a play about Shakespeare titled *Second Best Bed*.

The play was performed at the library for 7th and 8th grade students of the Mother Seton School on September 25th and September 30th at 1:00 p.m.

Some new books received at the library include the following: *The Burning Man* by Phillip Margolin; *The Informant* by James Grippando; *Emma Watson* by Joan Aiken; and *Making Love Last Forever* by Gary Smalley.

Be sure to visit your local Library. You will find a wealth of good reading there.

## "Paint the town - and around"

Emmitsburg—Paint The Town and Around art show was held Labor Day weekend. It was a beautiful little show and the quality of the work very high.

The winners were the following:

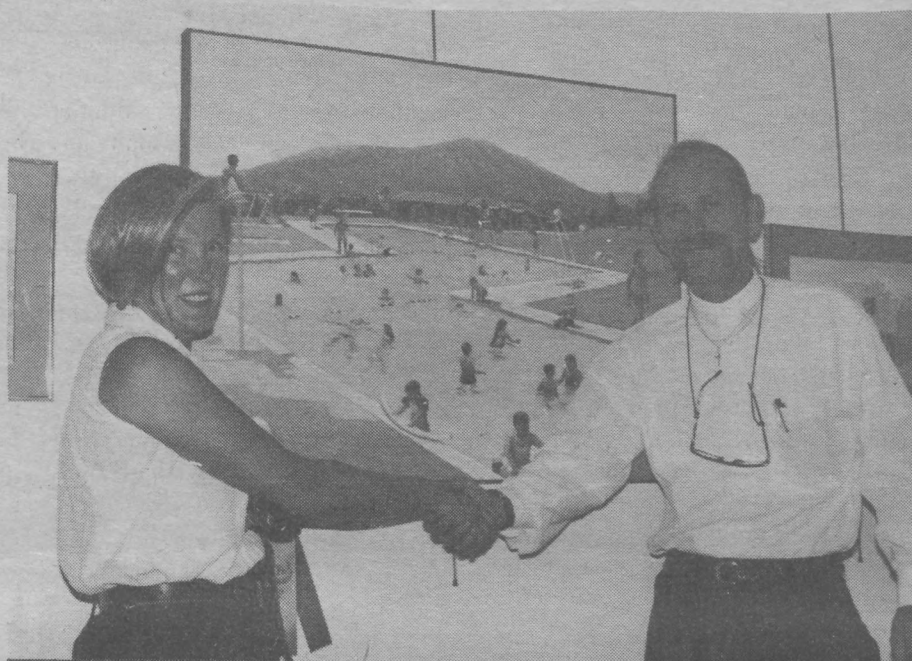
Best In Show - *Before the Auction*, watercolor, Rebecca Pearl.

Regional *Dispatch* Award For the Painting Which Best Depicts the Emmitsburg Area - *Dutch Barns*, watercolor, Elizabeth Prongas

Oils and Acrylics: 1st Place - *A Day in Your Life At the Pool*, Ann Kulceski; 2nd Place - "Apples," Nina Dolly.

Watercolors: 1st Place - *Fairfield*, Bettie Roby; 2nd Place - *The Gabriel Farm*, Rebecca Pearl; 3rd Place - *Dutch Barns*, Elizabeth Prongas; Honorable Mention - *Zurgable's Store*, Rose Keepers; Honorable Mention - *The Stream at Henacles*, Lester Jay Stone.

Other Media: 1st Place - *The Pasture*, Lester Jay Stone; 2nd Place - *Cactin Boogie Woogie*, Jan McIntyre Lamb; 3rd Place - *Emmitsburg at Work*, photograph, Rena Damskey; Honorable Mention - *The Spirit of Emmitsburg*, photograph, Marian Knill; and Honorable Mention - *Angels*, photograph, Abi Chidambaram.



Ann Kulceski receives congratulations from the show's judge David Yontz for her painting of the Emmitsburg pool. A *Dispatch* Photo

## New Art Class Forming

Linda Postelle will offer a class in Acrylic Painting starting on October 22, Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. You may choose from among the still lifes which Linda sets up. She will provide you with everything you need: canvas, paints, and brushes. During class there will be demonstrations, painting time, helpful hints, and a critique of all work at the end of the

evening. The class is offered through the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center in Frederick, but will be taught here in the Art Room of the Emmitsburg Community Center. The tuition will be \$65. Call Linda to register 447-1666 or Delaplaine Visual Arts Center at 301-662-8171.

## Watercolor Workshop

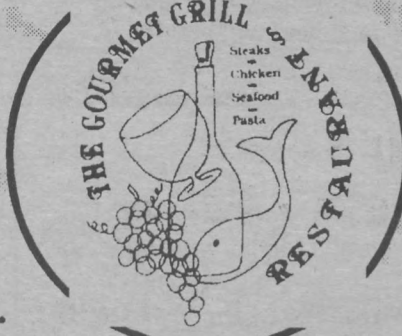
Elizabeth Prongas will be conducting a workshop in Experimental Watercolor Techniques on Saturday, October 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the art room at the Community Center. The workshop is for all levels of students, and is sponsored by the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center. For more information contact Elizabeth at 271-4459 or 271-2826.

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## Presbyterian Churches Celebrate "15 Years of Light"

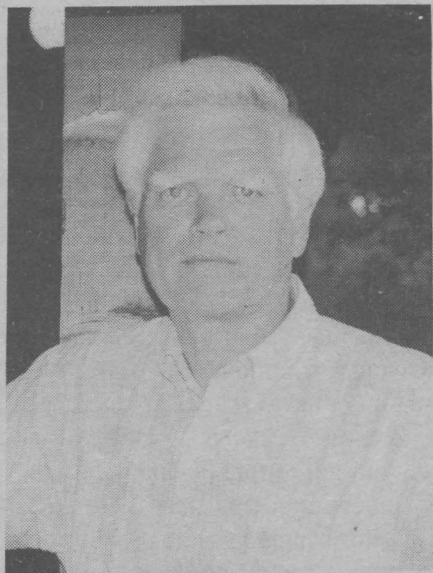
By Shelley Chevalier

Emmitsburg and Taneytown Presbyterian Churches recently held a congregational picnic at PenMar Park. Ben Jones, pastor of the sister churches, was surprised and pleased to welcome old friends and family members to the gathering. On the stage of the pavilion overlooking a panoramic view of Washington County, equipment was set up for square dancing after the feast, and all about people talked and greeted one another as they emptied picnic baskets and coolers onto a communal food table.

Picnic favorites of chicken, ribs, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and more played host to salads sprung from the last of summer's bounty: cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, and more. Plates were piled high and refilled with more, then replaced with dessert plates: cake, pie, cookies, fruit, brownies. More? Yes there's more; have some.

When the eating slowed, Bill Carr announced a program of sorts to take place, and went on to recount a crossroads reached by Emmitsburg and Taneytown Presbyterian Churches fifteen years ago. Interim ministers had followed the retirement of long-time pastor Rev. Gene Ackerman, and the last of these, Ben Galloway, had recently died. The governing Presbytery was considering closing the two churches. The congregations were small and non-growing, and they refused politely all suggestions to consolidate.

In the course of the churches' suspended fate, Ben Jones arrived one Sunday as "supply" from Presbytery. For many years the pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Hagerstown, a church whose membership had quadrupled during his ministry there, Ben had sought "time out" to pursue career interests in art and education. In each church, they asked if



Rev. R. Benjamin Jones

Photo courtesy Carol Myers

he would come back the next Sunday, and the next, and the next. There was something in what he said, the way he said it, the way it made them feel—about themselves, about life, about...well, God. The people asked him to stay. And he said he would.

And that, unbeknownst to Ben, is what the picnic was all about that day. The summer of 1996 marked fifteen years of Ben Jones's coming to the Emmitsburg and Taneytown Presbyterian Churches, offering Grace as it had never been explained before, making God as easy and real as your childhood friend. The people took care to accept him as he is: a man called to paint, and to teach, and to preach. The congregations remain small, a fact amazing to those who are members; there is something special about Ben, they know.

The summer also marked Ben's 30-year anniversary of graduation from seminary. Speakers and special guests paying tribute to his years of service included Rev. and Mrs. Lowry Horner. Rev. Horner was the pastor of Ben's church in Dundalk when Ben decided to enter seminary, at the time working in Baltimore's steel mill, a husband and father of three. Rev. and Mrs. Robert

Forsythe, friends from seminary; Bill Meredith, a friend from the Emmitsburg congregation; Carl and Stacy Griffith of the Taneytown congregation; Carl Galligan, a friend from Hagerstown; and Jim Binko, a high school friend, all spoke of their association with Ben. Of his family, Ben heard from his brother Henry Jones, and from each of his three children: Susan, Anne, and David. Whether the spin was fond, fun, nostalgic, or plain vanilla, loving esteem was the clear refrain. A tree was presented to Ben and his wife Becky Hays Jones from the two congregations, and miniature flashlights noting "15 Years of Light" were given as mementos of the day.

*Shelley Chevalier now lives in Carroll Valley and grew up in the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church.*

We welcome wedding announcements, anniversaries, birth, family reunions.  
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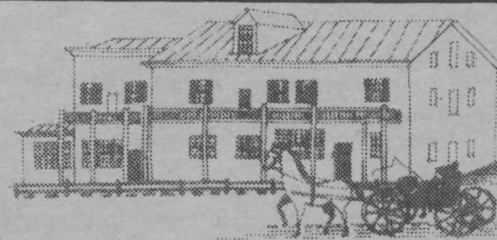
## Thanks To Supporters of YMCA Camp

This summer the Frederick County YMCA held a summer day camp for local children at Emmitsburg Elementary School. Thanks to contributions by local groups, the camp was extra special for the children. The Thurmont American Legion and the Emmitsburg Lions Club sponsored children for the camp who otherwise would not have been able to attend. The PALS Program through the Frederick County Sheriff's Department-Resident Deputies, contributed to the program by covering the cost of swimming at the town pool, a regular activity the children especially appreciated. This year twenty children were able to attend the camp on scholarships which were provided by the YMCA. The camp program has been very successful because of the support of all those involved and your support is very much appreciated.

## Walk for Hunger October 27 — Join the Emmitsburg Council of Churches/Mt. St. Mary's Crop Walk

Take a lovely fall 10-mile hike on the College Mountain roads beginning at Mount St. Mary's, past Eyler's Valley Chapel and the Emmitsburg reservoir, and do it for a good cause—fighting hunger. Take part in this community project sponsored locally by Mount Saint Mary's College and the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds goes to the Emmitsburg Food Bank with the remainder going to fight world hunger. See your church CROP representative or call a member of the local clergy—they'll lead the way.

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Windsong owners Emily Firor and Jim Nicholson arrange some of the classic gifts they offer. *A Dispatch Photo*

## New Shop Opens on Main Street

"I've always loved beautiful things and that is one of the reasons we offer the Fontanini collection at Windsong," said Emily Firor. Emily and Jim Nicholson are partners in Emmitsburg's newest card and gift shop located at 24 West Main Street.

The shop, which opened August 26, is beginning to fill with items for all ages including greeting cards, Carolina scented candles, sun-catchers, and T-shirts. Beatrix Potter figurines for children are expected to arrive soon. Also on the way are distinctive "Emmitsburg Pottery" in half-pint and pint sized crocks and a special line of angel figurines produced by the Seraphim Studio. According to Jim Nicholson these make a great collection for grandparents to start for their grandchildren.

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whose work is being carried on by master sculptor Elio Simonetti. The figures are made of a special polymer that never loses its beauty to chips or breakage. The figures are painted by hand from a richly hued palette and given a final application that adds the mellow glow of antiquity.

In keeping with the tradition of displaying a Nativity scene, the Fontanini 5" collection currently includes the Holy Family, Wise Men, angels, villagers, shepherds, musicians, animals—over 60 characters. Each is sold individually and may be added to a collection at any time.

Windsong's Grand Opening Prize winners were Jamie Hauver, Frederick, \$50 Gift Certificate to the Carriage House; Tom Whipp, Sterling, Va., \$30 Gift Certificate to the Ott House; and Agnes Musser, Emmitsburg, a \$20 Gift Certificate to the Gourmet Grill.

## The New Fairfield Herald

By Jack Williams

The New Fairfield Herald will be introduced in the November issue of The Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch. Our target is early December for local distribution to the Fairfield and Carroll Valley area communities.

Plans include use of the U.S. mail and assistance from local businesses. Our major goal is to act as the voice of the community, exchange ideas, provide a forum for public comment, and document municipal activities. Current efforts include evaluation of local printing sources, distribution processes, budget and advertising initiatives, and contacting local residents for support of this project.

Initially, the newspaper will direct its efforts to columns from members of the local community, information regarding local business activities and news. It will include special-interest items about local eateries, farming activities, church

events, recipes, and other activities in the community. When we expand, social events, police and firefighter rograms, environmental concerns, medical and veterinary programs, woodwork, photography, and other special interest items will be addressed. Several residents have already written some very interesting articles sure to enhance your reading pleasure.

Special thanks to Bo and Jean Cadle for providing lessons learned and insight into the complexities of developing a local newspaper. Kudos to Pat Harris, Debra Brownley, Carolyn Kelso, Judy & Fred Crum, Tom & Madeline Wajda, Dick Vitek, Ann & Bill Ruppert, Bob Holmes, Richard Hutchinson, and Sandra Schultz for efforts to date.

For suggestions and/or interest in this project, please call Jack or Natalie Williams at 717-642-9651 or e-mail us at jackwill@emh1.pa.net.

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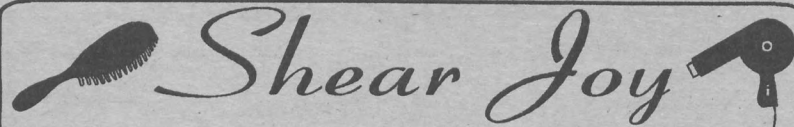
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## VISITOR'S CENTER WINS BIG AT LOCAL AUCTION

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

More than \$1600 was raised last Friday to benefit the Emmitsburg Visitor's Center. Many local businesses made the successful auction possible. In fact, almost 60 local business owners donated goods and services to be auctioned off by Mason Dixon Auction Service, which also donated the time of its auctioneer and staff. Volunteers from the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) worked hard to solicit donations and to organize the publicity and logistics of holding the auction.

"I'm pleased with the amount that was raised," said Linda Postelle, EBPA Vice President. "This worked out much better than we had expected."

Items donated by local businesses included such varied products as 5 lbs of shrimp from the Ott House Pub to a 2 day visit at Stonehurst Inn; a

stuffed animal from Crouse's Store to a WEB page design from Rubeling & Kain Studios; a basket of applies from the Senior Citizen Center to a flu shot and blood pressure check from Emmitsburg Family Practice—something for everyone.

Businesses and individuals who donated to the auction, but whose names were not available for previous publicity, are: handmade quilt from May's Antiques, an antique coverlet and pillow cover from Edith Shriver, and several pieces from Barbara Edmondson.

The Visitor's Center, located through the front door of the Community Center, has been open on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays since May 1st. While the volunteers who currently staff the Visitor's Center are appreciated, the EBPA is recognizing the need to explore various options to keep the Center open on a regular basis.

## Her Studio Gallery adds artists

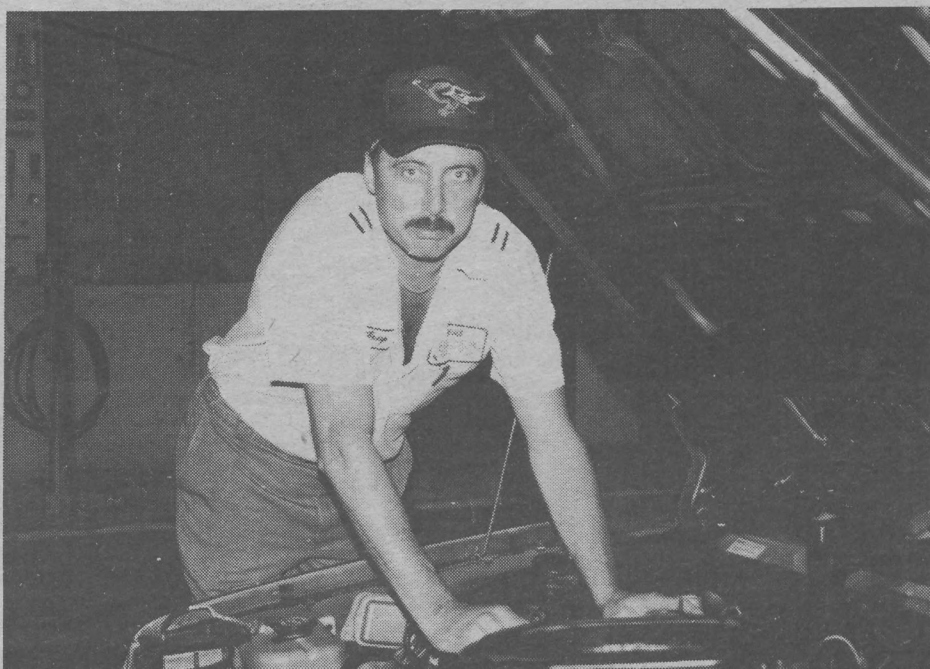
Her Studio Gallery is changing in concept and name as well. It will now become Studio Gallery. Linda Postelle is welcoming established area artists to join her in showing their works. Beginning in late September the gallery wall will be covered with a selection of works of Eloise Bralove, Rena Damskey, Annie DeGeorge, Jan Lamb, Elizabeth Prongas, Rebecca Pearl, Barbara Johnson, Betty Roby, as well as Linda Postelle.

Visitors are welcome to come in and browse among fine art, Santa sculpture, holiday decorations, handmade soaps and candles, painted fur-

niture and painted clothes. The artists are free to present new creative ideas in any medium that appeals to them. Emmitsburg will be the first area to enjoy the products. The addition of these artists means the gallery will be open more hours for browsing. Studio Gallery will be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, usually from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. "We will also be open whenever we have the whim or by appointment," said Linda Postelle.

Studio Gallery can still be found at the same location, 304 East Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. The new phone number is (301) 447-3293.

## Emmitsburg at Work



Greg Hollinger at work.

Photo courtesy of Rena Damsky.

By Rena Damskey

"Go away and you always want to come back," says Greg Hollinger, a life-long resident of Emmitsburg and owner of Emmitsburg Motors, a business spanning three generations. Greg's heart belongs to Emmitsburg. Greg's grandfather worked here as did his dad, who owned a Ford dealership at the same location. Greg, who worked for his father from 1972 to 1980, has owned the auto repair business since October 1995.

Just ask around the fire house about Greg and the word you hear is "honest." A good honest mechanic is supposed to be hard to find, but not in Emmitsburg. An experienced mechanic you can trust, Greg upgrades his skills twice a year by attending schools sponsored by the Ford Motor Company.

A dedicated member of our community, Greg graduated from St. Joseph's High School and Mount Saint Mary's College. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and holds the rank of First

Assistant Chief of Emmitsburg's Vigilant Hose Company. Greg has been a member there since 1974.

Reminiscing, Greg remembers as a child seeing a horse tied up at the town square, a blacksmith's shop where Paul's Pit Stop stands, and open fields behind his own shop. "When a fire call came in, all the businesses let the men go: Myers Shoe Factory, the leather factory, Mount Saint Mary's, St. Joseph's. We had thirty-five men on a call. Now swing shifts keep the fire house going."

He remembers when nobody had house numbers in Emmitsburg. When someone called to report a fire they never gave an address -just the family name or a location like "the old Hollinger homestead." When Greg is not visiting his folks on DePaul Street, you can find him enjoying the town and keeping our cars in good repair at Emmitsburg Motors, 130 S. Seton Avenue. You can call Greg at 447-2277.

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## Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

On Sept. 1, Mt. Tabor churches held Rally Day services and celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Activity Building, a joint venture of The Mt. Tabor Sunday School, the Lutheran Church, and the United Church of Christ.

The welcome and announcements were given by Kenneth Sharrer. Pastor Jim Russell then led the prayer. Doris Sharrer read selected scripture passages which were followed by presentations from each class.

The nursery and kindergarten sang old favorites such as "Old McDonald Had a Farm." The primary class presented a "Hangman" game. The junior/junior high class presented the "Lord's Prayer" in sign language. The senior high class was responsible for the offering.

The young adults recalled the construction of the Activity Building. A video was shown which began with the delivery of the lumber to Richard Stambaugh, where the walls were started on March 10, 1986, and continued until the completion of the building in September when the first rally day service was held on Sept. 7, 1996. Emma Lou Harris told the group that "During the time of constructing the building, we also built something else very special. We built a family of friends who shared the special times of work and joy that has helped unite our churches and Sunday School members in ways that had not been done before."

Thanks were given to the many people who helped to make this dream come true.

Pastor Rosemary Maxey closed the services with a benediction and prayer. A covered dish meal was enjoyed by all. Some played volley ball, while others caught up on the news with former pastor Dr. Ross and his wife Charlotte.

### Mount Tabor Quilters

by Inspector 13

#### Quilting intrigue

The Quilters are entering the fall season having completed most of our "summer" quilting. We're happy to announce that our "Dresden Plate" quilt won a blue ribbon at this year's Community Show.

Most of the quilt tops brought to our group for finishing have been made by someone other than the present owner. Unfortunately, no one knows exactly who the maker was. A typical statement is, "I think my mother or my aunt, or it could have been my grandmother."

Someone made these quilt tops for a specific purpose—to give to a loved one, to use as a bedcover, or just to use up sewing

#### Rally Day Promotions

Promoted from Nursery to Kindergarten - Chad McNair; from Kindergarten to Primary - David Cockerill, Cody Wolfe, Erin Danaher; from Primary to Junior - Benjamin Sanders, James Stambaugh, Kathleen Ballew; Junior to Junior High - Josh Ballew, Laurie Burrier; Junior High to Senior - Melissa Sharrer, Travis Sanders.

Pins for Perfect Attendance - Barbara Keilholtz, 39th.

Nursery teacher: Emma Keeney - 33rd; Chad McNair - 1st; Kindergarten teacher: Kathy Wolf - 4th, David Cockerill - 1st, Cody Wolfe - 4th, Jeanette Miller - 6th, Bradley Wiles - 6 years; Primary teacher: Shirley Sharrer - 24th, Benjamin Sanders - 9th, James Stambaugh - 6th, Kathleen Ballew - 4th, Bradley Green - 4th; Junior teacher Bonnie Sanders-Brittany Miller - 8th, Josh Ballew - 4th; Junior High teacher Debbie Wiles - Melissa Wiles - 6th, Melissa Sharrer - 12th, Bethany Wolfe - 5th, Travis Sanders - 10th, Lindsay Green - 7th, Glenn Haines - 6th, Rebecca Shields - 10th; Seniors teacher Ed Ballew-Tammy Wiles - 6th, Jeremy Shields - 11th, Anthony Harris - 14th, Kevin Sharrer - 14th.

Belated birthday wishes for September go to Michael Harris Jr.

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

A cookout was held on Sunday, Sept. 1, at the home of Cora and Carl Setherley of Rocky Ridge. Those attending were Judy and Jimmy Ryan, Bunnell, Fla.; Gary and Alice Setherley, Falling Waters, W. Va.; Chris, Tonya, and Steven Day, Hagerstown, Md.; Keith, Debbie, and Kortney Davis, Sabillasville, Md.; Jeff, Karen Fer-

scraps. There are many reasons for making quilt tops.

A quilt top that recently came to us is typical of estate "finds." The present owner does not know which member of her family pieced the top. Close inspection of this top raises the possibility that more than one person did the piece work. Fabrics range in age from the 1930's to the 60's or 70's. Some blocks were hand stitched with cotton thread. Others were machine sewn with an early type of poly-cotton thread. The sashes and borders were machine stitched with newer fabric.

This quilt top appears to have been started by one woman, completed by her daughter, and a third generation is having the quilt completed. Imagine the stories this quilt could tell.



Noah's Ark was the theme of the Mt. Tabor Sunday School's float for the Rocky Ridge Fireman's Parade. Carolyn Keilholtz Cockerill chaired the committee whose float won first place.

Photo courtesy of Shirley Greene.

dock, Jefferson, Md; Butch, Jeff, Beth, Hilda, and J.R. Wilson, Taneytown, Md.; Frank and Larue Thomas, Littlestown, Pa.; Sonny, Vonnice, Teena and Daryl Long, Middleburg, Va.; Patrick Cavell, Walkersville, Md.; Bobby, Sharon, and Lindsey Wilson, New Windsor, Md.; Ronnie Mahaney, Thurmont, Md.; Ronnie and Diane Hahn, Lee Hahn, Jeff and Paula Smith, Louis and Dorothy Smith, and Guy Pittinger. Softball, volleyball, and other games were enjoyed by all.

#### Fire Company Activities

On Saturday, Oct. 5, Rocky Ridge Fire Company will start their Bingo at 7 p.m. and will continue every Saturday through April 26, 1997. Our annual parade and carnival was a success and thanks to all of you for your support. Congratulations to

the Mount Tabor Sunday School whose float received a first-place trophy.

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, we held an appreciation picnic for anyone helping with bingo and the carnival last year. Thanks to everyone that gave a helping hand and also special thanks to the committee for a very nice appreciation picnic.

Colorfest activities at the Mt. Tabor Park will be held Oct. 12. Beginning at 5:00 a.m. - boiling apple butter in the park. On Oct. 12 and 13 - yard sale, flea market stands, and free set-ups. Call 271-2135. There will be good food, country store, crafts, and the Big Slide. For apple butter orders call 271-2880. The fire company will also have their famous country fried ham sandwiches.

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## St. Anthony's News

### 100th Anniversary: St. Anthony's Shrine

By Ann Marshall

In October, St. Anthony Shrine Church in northern Frederick County will launch a year of celebration leading up to its one hundredth birthday on October 26, 1997.

Events planned for the centenary year begin with a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception on October 27, 1996. During 1997, a formal dinner and silent auction for parishioners will be held in April; a tree planting and setting of a time capsule in May; a parish picnic and period fashion show in September; and on the last Sunday in October, exactly one hundred years after the church was dedicated, there will be a final Mass of Celebration.

The church, built of native stone, is located about two miles south of Emmitsburg adjacent to Mount St. Mary's College and the Grotto of Lourdes. Father Leo Tittler is the pastor.

As souvenirs of the anniversary, the parish is issuing a commemorative booklet which contains its history and a number of historical pictures. Sill-sitters of the church building have been commissioned as well as a composite picture showing the development of the parish property.

Although the present church building was dedicated in 1897, the congregation actually dates back to colonial times when the spiritual needs of Catholics in northern Frederick County were served by circuit-riding (or walking) Jesuits.

During most of the nineteenth century, the congregation worshiped at St. Mary's Church which was built by Fr. John DuBois before he founded Mount St. Mary's College. That church, known as "The Old Church on the Hill," served college, seminary, and the local parish. It stood at what is now the entrance to the Grotto of Lourdes.

St. Anthony Shrine was designated an independent parish and given its present name in 1894.

Members of the anniversary committee are: Phyllis Green, Robert and Elizabeth Kaas, Ann Marshall, Helen

Reaver, Joseph and Beverly Scott, Mary Anne Shields, Mary Catherine Shields, Rev. Leo R. Tittler, Carl Wetzel, and Lorraine Wivell.

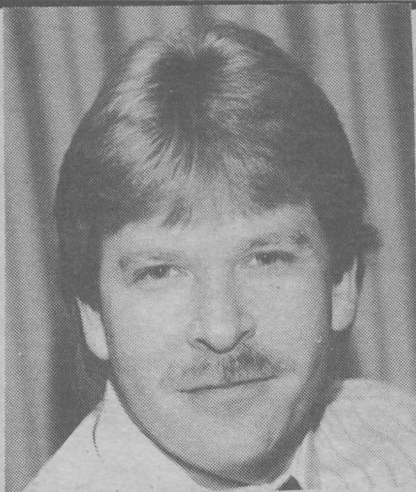
**Turkey Dinner** St. Anthony Shrine will hold its annual Turkey Dinner in the Parish Hall on Sunday, October 13, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. That's Colorfest Weekend. The event includes a raffle and a baked goods

and candy table. Dinner price is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children age 6 - 12. Children under six eat free. The church is located on St. Anthony Road near the Grotto of Lourdes.

**Sausage and Crabcakes** OLMC Parish will once again be selling sausage and crab cake sandwiches at Colorfest, October 12 & 13. Look for food stand #124 in the Town Park across from the bowling alley.

**100th Anniversary Picture** A composite picture of St. Anthony

Shrine buildings is now on sale. The picture-history was done by local artist Dennis Sherald and commemorates the upcoming centennial of the church. A print costs \$35.00 unframed and the edition is limited to 100 signed prints. Call 447-2367 to reserve a picture. Also available are Cat's Meow sill-sitters of the church and little red schoolhouse. These commemorative items will be on sale at St. Anthony's during the hours of the turkey dinner on October 13.



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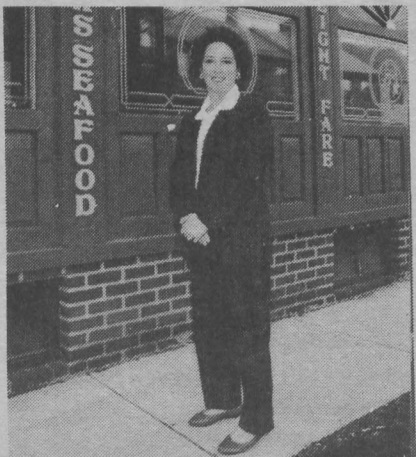
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snack. Come and enjoy some family quality time.

### Saturday, October 5

**Incarnation United Church of Christ's bake sale** will be held at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall, 25 West Main Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

### Thursday, October 10

**Vigilant Hose Company's Open House**, in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, will be held from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall.

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## New Investigative Services Company

Rosario Benvengi, a resident of Emmitsburg and former Frederick County Sheriff's Deputy, has started a new business which will provide private investigative services in the North Central region of Maryland. Operating as Mirage Investigative Services and licensed by the Maryland State Police, Benvengi will be one of just a few private investigators in this region. According to Benvengi his challenge will be to provide protection from wrong or false charges by providing detailed and expert information in the resolution of legal matters.

Benvengi sees his decision to move into the investigative field as a natural extension of his 10 years of police work and investigative training. "My services will not only be for lawyers and legal proceedings but will also provide help for ordinary people who have a special need," said Benvengi. "We have the ability to determine whether phone lines are illegally being bugged or monitored. This practice is often the first step in designing a phone scam, especially those aimed at the elderly." Mirage Investigative Services will also provide investigations of missing persons, "dead-beat dads," and threats and harassment, as well as the gathering of information in divorce cases.

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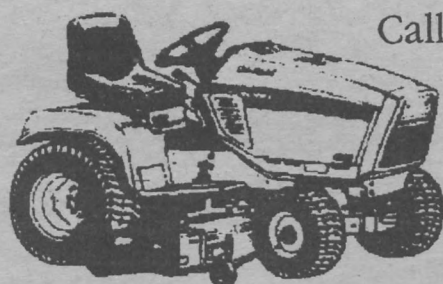
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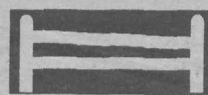
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# Over the White Board Fence . . .



by Mike Hillman

When I announced that I was getting married, my friends all concurred with my selection, my mother breathed a sigh of relief, my sisters sent Audrey their condolences, and my dog ran away.

PJ, my Jack Russell Terror, was given to me as a practical joke (thus his name.) He quickly became my constant companion, and as a bachelor's dog, he lived the life of Riley. The first two years of his life were one adventure after another. I can't begin to count the number of times I would return home from work to find a note from the local police on my door saying that PJ was in their "custody." When not serving time, his days were spent with my youngest brother who would take him to parks, tie a string to him, troll him out and reel him in, usually with two or three girls in tow. Late afternoons were spent playing with other dogs at the barn where I boarded my horse or running in the country as I exercised my horse. At night, he slept on my bed, the couch, or whatever suited him. Life was good, life was grand.

The best part of PJ's day was dinner. Completely devoid of any knowledge of animal nutritional requirements, PJ always shared my meals, be it hamburgers and fries, bean and ham soup, or Planters mixed nuts and ice cream, the usual bachelor's fare. As I was about to learn, however, Audrey, as a veterinary nurse, is very opinionated about animal nutrition.

Soon after we began to date, she surprised me and PJ chowing down a can of mixed nuts in front of the TV. The lecture went on for almost 15 minutes. When PJ and I looked at her with a "what's your point?" expression, she stomped out, flinging a "go ahead, don't listen to me, kill your dog" over her shoulder. (I think she was upset because she had to compete with PJ for the cashews.)

Much to PJ's chagrin, our lives as bachelors came to an end. I'm not sure who had a harder time adjusting - Audrey, a two-cat owner who hated Jack Russell, or PJ, who thought chasing cats was pretty good sport. In our wedding vows, Audrey

agreed to take me, PJ and my horse; I agreed to take her and her two cats.

The marriage got off to a shaky start right from the beginning when Audrey discovered PJ sitting on "her" seat as we left the wedding reception (I hadn't had the heart to tell PJ that he had been demoted to the back seat). In spite of her vows, many days of the first few months of the marriage ended with Audrey suggesting PJ go live with my brother Bill, "PJ's favorite person."

In the end things worked out, and harmony and tranquility prevailed ... well, maybe not, but a truce between the two has held for almost eight years, with only occasional violations (usually precipitated by Audrey) requiring my immediate intervention to save PJ's life.

I've always heard cat lovers described as sensitive, caring, and compassionate. Based upon close observation, I believe *parochial* to be a more accurate adjective. I quickly found out that what was OK for Audrey's cats was taboo for PJ, such as sleeping on the bed, sitting on the couch, eating cat food, or picking cat fights.

No matter how logical the argument, Audrey always sided with the cats. Audrey's "because you can train dogs, but not cats," argument quickly wore thin. I had always felt I had done a pretty good job obedience training PJ. On a clear day, in eye contact, and within 100 feet, I have a 50/50 chance he'll come within 5 minutes when called - not bad for a Jack Russell. Audrey, on the other hand, can simply call out one of her cats' names and even though it might be a mile away, it'll come running like a bat out of hell. Needless to say, I couldn't get the cats to listen to me if I were the last person on earth with a can opener.

Obedience to established rules, like many things on our farm, only apply when Audrey is around. The minute she's out the door, all rules are suspended. Audrey does not allow the dogs upstairs, or anywhere else in the house, with the exception of my study, but the sound of Audrey's car heading down the street is almost always followed by the sound of paws upstairs. During her absence, the house rings with the

sound of cat food being gulped, and much effort is made to jump up and down on all the furniture and to boldly go where no dog has gone before. While I won't swear to it, all of the dogs seem to wear a gleeful expression that they know they're getting away with something. The cats, meanwhile, frantically go into hiding, and patiently await Audrey's return and the return to normality.

Before our marriage to Audrey, only emergencies like getting kicked by a horse, falling out the window of the car, picking a fight with a pit bull, growling at Audrey, initiated a visit to a vet. After we got married, Audrey insisted on PJ's being brought up to date on his shots. As the head nurse of the University of Pennsylvania School of Large Animal Veterinary Medicine, she seemed pretty knowledgeable about what he needed. However, shots for rabies and tetanus were quickly followed by ones for Tibetan Valley Fever, Congo Rain Rot, Amazon Sleeping Sickness, and others too numerous to mention. When I questioned if she were trying to turn him into a walking pin cushion, she insisted all the shots were necessary; however, she's yet to satisfactorily explain those payments she received from several pharmaceutical companies.

Prior to moving to Emmitsburg, Audrey and I had lived in a small apartment, which put a natural con-

straint on the number of animals we could have. All bets were off, however, once we bought our farm. Much to my pleasure, the dog-to-cat ratio was evened with the addition of Emma, a German shepherd/husky mix. Audrey, however, couldn't stand equality, and within weeks allowed herself to be "adopted" by a stray cat, completely upsetting the balance of power, and setting off a growth in the farm's pet inventory that has only recently stabilized at 5 cats and 3 dogs, almost all named after *Star Trek* characters. In addition to our indoor pets, Audrey feels compelled to feed every wild bird that strays across the Mason-Dixon line. As a result we now have an impressive song bird population, much to the glee of the resident cats.

One of my hidden reasons for marrying a veterinary nurse was to reduce my veterinary bills, which, between PJ and my horse, ranked second only to the cost of dating Audrey. The addition of five cats, a new horse, and two dogs blew that strategy completely out of the water. Before Audrey, I was lucky if I could remember who my vet was. Now I'm not only on a first-name basis with the veterinarians, but with their janitorial staff as well. It seems every time I turn around, someone is at the vet's. I knew I was in trouble when Gary Kubala started to schedule appointments for us two months in advance, and the Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital was projecting future staff raises based on our projected pet population growth.

(Please see PJ on page 17.)

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now I always thought dogs were pretty easy to get along with as pretty useful. A good-sized bone in the morning and they're out of sight all day. A good barking fit is the standard greeting to all visitors to the farm. But all cats seemed to do was eat, sleep, scratch your best furniture, and cough up hairballs. To Audrey's credit, however, she's turned out some pretty nice cats, and yes, they are *her* cats. I tried to adopt one once, but it defected to Audrey when it realized she was the food person. Much to my surprise, all her cats have rather distinct personalities. Each demands a different level of attention, but all receive the same level of affection. All her cats chase balls, which PJ refuses to do, all play with toys, and all "answer" her when she speaks to them. In a lot of ways, Audrey's cats act a lot more like dogs than cats!

As time has passed, I've grown quite fond of the menagerie of animals Audrey has gathered about us, and of the endless amount of humor and affection they generate. As for PJ, like most ex-bachelors, he's grown accustomed to a settled, regulated life, *i.e.* he's grown fat. As the "special dog," he still accompanies

me almost everywhere, sticking by my side every minute I'm home. Recognizing that Audrey's more reliable than I in the food department, he's even had the good judgment to cease growling at her and much to the shame of the Jack Russell community, PJ has stopped objecting to living with cats. He now allows them to cross his path, and drink out of his water bowl, and has been seen sleeping with kittens curled up against him. But like a true Jack Russell, a sharp eye is always kept out for Audrey, and when she's not around, the cat food bowls are quickly emptied, and the minute I open a can of mixed nuts, he's a puppy again, chowing them down as fast as ever...especially the cashews!

*Mike and Audrey live on their farm east of Emmitsburg. When not dreaming up ways to embarrass Audrey, Mike spends his time convincing local Mount Saint Mary's students into helping him paint his white board fence.*

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## Community Show brings out the best in Emmitsburg/Thurmont area

The 40th Annual Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show was held September 7 and 8 at Catoctin High School in Thurmont. President Rodman Myers said 700 exhibitors entered over 3,200 entries including household, garden, beef, sheep, swine, goats, machinery and commercial displays.

The following were selected champion in their division:

Fresh Fruits - Rambo apples, Martha Hauver, Thurmont; Fresh Vegetables - red tomatoes, Rick Hood, Thurmont; Home Products Display - Dawn Hobbs, Rocky Ridge; Canned Fruits -yellow cherries, Elsie Crouse, Thurmont; Canned vegetables -corn, Allyson Rohrbaugh, Emmitsburg; Jellies & Preserves -black raspberry jelly, Karen Myers, Thurmont; Pickles -beet, Denise Valentine, Emmitsburg; Meat - canned beef, Leslie Cool, Emmitsburg; Baked Products - Karen Myers, Thurmont; Cake - peanut butter, Karen Myers, Thurmont; Pie -peach, Maxine Troxell, Thurmont; Bread - raisin, Maxine Troxell; Sewing - needlepoint picture, Jolane Souris, Thurmont; Flowers & Plants - side table arrangement, Lisa Weant, Sabillasville; Painting - water color, Penny Brandenburg, Sabillasville; Photography - Richard Foster, Thurmont; Crafts -rocking horse, Donald Lambert, Frederick; Corn - Doeblers 75x, Dale McNair, Emmitsburg; Grains & Seeds - Soybeans, Rodman Myers, Thurmont; Eggs - brown, Nancy Grimes, Emmitsburg; Nuts - black walnuts, Mary S. Wilhide, Thurmont; Poultry & Livestock - breeding rabbit, Jen Jackson, Thurmont; Dairy - Ayrshire, Mark Valentine, Thurmont; Goats - Poggenburg, Amanda Mills, Sabillasville; Hay - alfalfa, Rodman Myers, Thurmont; Junior Department -misc. painting, Holly Owens, Thurmont; Youth Department -drawing/pencil/ink, Angie Willard, Sabillasville; Swine -Yorkshire, Kevin Donnelly, Thurmont; Sheep - Crossbred, Mike Hobbs, Rocky Ridge; Beef - Angus, Kim Stup, Thurmont.

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## "Elegant Violence" - Rugby at Mount Saint Mary's

By Gabriel Tatela

Are you looking for something different to watch on Saturday? Well, Mount Saint Mary's offers an exciting and different alternative to the same old Saturday television: rugby. Each fall and spring semester the Mount's Men's Rugby Club takes the pitch to play a sport which has been growing like wildfire around the United States.

Rugby began at the Rugby School in England when a daring young soccer player named William Webb Ellis picked up the ball during a game and began to run, not wanting to give it up. Since then the sport has grown to an international professional level. Many well-known figures have played rugby, including Pope John Paul II. Today in America, rugby can be played on a college and club level by both men and women around the country. However, many high school schools are now offering rugby as not only a club sport but varsity as well.

The modern game of rugby is played on a field (called the *pitch*) which is measured off in meters and ranges from fifty to seventy-five meters wide and one hundred to one hundred fifty meters long with uprights at both ends. Two teams consisting of fifteen players (called *ruggers*) on a side and one referee play a demanding and sometimes grueling and punishing eighty minutes with only three injury substitutions allowed and one five-minute half-time. Players wear no protective gear or pads save a uniform, mouthpiece, and their "rugby boots." The match is played with a rugby ball which is larger and similar in shape to a football with no laces. A team scores a *try* (like a touchdown in football) worth five points by placing downward pressure on the ball in the *try zone*—an area extending ten meters behind the uprights. After a try, the scoring team may kick for two points. The ball is brought out on a line from where the ball was placed for the try. Also, teams can kick for three points on penalties or *dropkick* the ball through the uprights for three points at any time during play.

The rugby ball is advanced up the field by running or by kicking. A rugby ball can only be passed laterally or passed backwards, never forward. Play is continuous, so if there is a tackle, players attempt to win the ball by *rucks* or *mauls*. A *ruck* forms when the ball and sometimes ruggers are on the ground. Teams try to push each other

off the ball and roll the ball back to their side using only their feet. A *maul* is formed when the ball is held off the ground and passed to teammates who bind on to each other in an attempt to drive the opposing team up the pitch. If the ball does not come out of a ruck or maul, or if the ball is thrown forward or "knocked on," rugby uses a *scrum down* to restart play. A *scrum* consists of no less than eight players who bind

on to one another. Opposing scrums come together, the ball is placed between them and the ruggers try to drive the other scrum off the ball. The team who wins the ball passes it back to the other ruggers and play continues. If the ball goes out of bounds on the sidelines, players line up opposing each other where the ball went out. The ball is thrown between the lines, much like a jump ball in basketball, rucks or

mauls are formed, and play continues. If the ball goes over the end line, a kick or scrum down restarts play.

Sound complicated? Some games do seem like organized chaos, but rugby not only demands physical strength, speed, and endurance, but good decision-making skills and mental discipline. Rugby has been called

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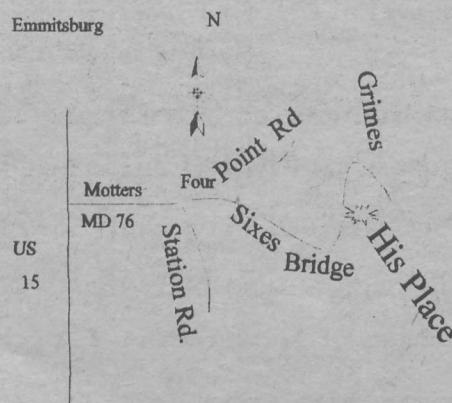
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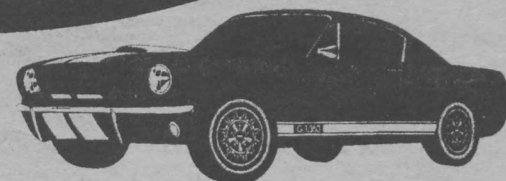
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## Garden Ramblings...

By Christine Maccabee

Indigenous Matters: Native Peoples, Native Plants

Did you see *The West* On PBS in September? Perhaps you sat as I did in a stupor of distress as you viewed the well-documented attempts by the European invaders as they systematically slaughtered and imprisoned the entire Native American population. The offenses are too many to enumerate here, and perhaps you know them already. The "Indians" were stripped of every ounce of dignity and joy they had ever known in the name of Freedom for land-hungry, fortune-seeking Europeans. The ultimate insult came in the early 1900's when, in the guise of Christian charity, thousands of five-year-old children were torn away from their mothers and their people and sent off to boarding schools (or military schools), where their braids were cut off, the little prayer pouches their mothers gave them, as well as the clothes they wore, were taken from them and burned. Their mouths were washed out with lye soap creating painful blisters if they dared to speak in the native tongues, and they were taught that their religion and culture were bad. All this was done by the so-called Friends of Indians so as to

"help" them better integrate into European culture. Some Friends!

What does all this have to do with gardening, you ask? Everything. The Native American spirituality was based upon the premise that the wealth of Earth Mother is to be revered, not plundered as the Europeans did so well. What the foreign invaders' insensitivity and ambition did to the Native Americans, it did and is doing to the natural world. And yet, there is hope, for that same clear, ancient spiritual awareness by which the Native Americans lived, lives on in any person who works to preserve this miracle-garden, and who cherishes all living things, consciously working in any way, great or small, to help bring back the balance man has upset on earth.

As gardeners, we have the perfect opportunity to restore this balance and to make peace with the land, by working co-operatively with the various native plants and the insects which depend on them. Remember, each cubic foot of soil is permeated with hundreds of thousands of wild plant seeds, and for many gardeners these seeds represent the need for out-and-out warfare. However, for me, besides the practical or aesthetic reasons for having a garden, there is a third purpose which is to help one de-

velop an attunement with the natural world. Half the joy of gardening, for me, is not having everything under control but to relax and to work creatively with the things that come up, especially if I recognize them to be important as habitat. For instance, I permitted the Common Milkweed to



Goldenrod

grow among my cucumbers (not in hills), and Oh the joy to witness the flurry of butterflies and bees upon the wonderful, sweetly odorous, purple flowers, and then later to see the caterpillars of various butterflies feeding upon its leaves! Then, there are the asters which slowly grow all summer, looking weedy to the unknowing eye, only to bloom profusely in late September through October, providing essential late-season nectar for wild honeybees. Standing silently in the midst of them, I and my children marvel at the gentle humming sound of thousands of tiny bee wings. This is the time for the flowering crown of creation, ancient and wonderful, to shine with all its significant glory. I

must also include in this list the Tall Goldenrod: (just one variety of about 15 indigenous Goldenrods) which graces my trip down my lane and other wild places around my home. It too provides essential nectar for bees, and is not the hayfever culprit so many fear. That's ragweed.

I worry. How is it that "civilized" men have evolved the generally accepted opinion that unless they plant the flowers, and carefully mold the landscape, whatever else comes up in-between is not good enough or acceptable? It must be rooted out, mowed down, and otherwise displaced, much as the indigenous peoples of the Americas were. However, to deny one form of life for the sake of another, as has been done since the beginning of time, is to create imbalance, even injustice. To heal the Earth, which is our greater body, we must recognize and respect the importance and the interrelationship of all life forms. We must see the importance of the native persons, and the native plants, for both must grow, or neither can grow... and their loss will be our loss.

So much for my little "sermon" in this, the last article I will write for "Garden Ramblings." Next month will start the first in a series of "Goat Tales," as I move on from gardens to goats.

Have a golden autumn.

RUGBY from page 18

"Elegant Violence." Ask any rugger you happen to meet, and the answer will be the same: "There is no other sport like rugby, everything else is tame in comparison." They love to play the game.

If you are interested in watching this exciting and upcoming sport, the Mount Saint Mary's Club plays Saturdays in both fall and spring, usually around 1 p.m. on a pitch behind the Knott ARCC across from the college. The matches remaining this fall season are

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Gabriel Tatela writes from Mount St. Mary's and is the coach of the Mount's Rugby Club.



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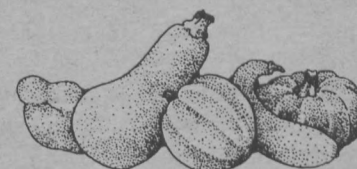
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## Seton Elementary News

By Val Mentzer

### 13th Annual "Candlelight and Holly Auction"

It's that time of the year again with our biggest fund raiser soon to take place! This year's theme for our Annual Benefit Auction is "Home for the Holidays." The auction will be held November 9, at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center in Gettysburg. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvre followed by a lovely sit-down meal. Over 45 items will be featured in the Oral Auction and hundreds of items in nine different categories will be sold in the Silent Auction. Please contact auction coordinator Jayne Richardson at the Development Office of Mother Seton Elementary School at 447-3165 for ticket and event information.

We wish to thank all of the local businesses that support this event. Your donations have helped build an educational future for our children.

### Oriental Experience

Our students were blessed with a visit from Sensei Mary Louise Hoban this month. Mrs. Hoban, the Great Books Enrichment Program Coordinator for Mother Seton School, visited the art classes to teach the students the ancient art of Kanji. Dressed in her kimono (and wearing no shoes!), Mrs. Hoban helped launch our new literature program for the year.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to participate in the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth program: Tyler Boone, Shannon Connell, Stephen Harrington, Mary Knox, Rene Parks, and Tom Taggaart. To qualify, these students scored in the 97th percentile or higher on a nationally recognized achievement test in mathematics or verbal skills.

### Home School Association Information

The first general meeting was held Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 11 is the projected date for the beginning of the fall fund raiser—a two-week sale of Joe Corbi's Pizza.

### Creative Music Enrichment

Grades 6, 7, and 8 will be studying music in a unique way this year. Each grade will be studying a different era of American music through singing, research, writing, directing, acting, composing lyrics, costuming, and using technology. Students

will be writing, producing, and starring in their own production.

Mrs. Karen Quillin, and Mrs. Myra McCarron will be working as the course facilitators. Students may choose to be artists, collectors, construction crew, designers, journalists, photographers, sectional leaders, instrumentalists, writers, actors, costumers, accountants, property managers, stage crew, dancers, composers, and program and thank-you note writers. They may choose to be in four of these categories.

### My name is...

Mrs. Daugherty's 5th Grade class have been studying American Indians and have given themselves new Indian names.

George Connell: I chose **Eagle Eye** because I can spot things good.

Zane Craig: I chose **Racing Wind** because I love windy days.

Nicole Georgoff: I picked **Winter Sun** because I was born on Dec. 2 at 12:40 in the afternoon.

Emily Hemler: I chose **Big Heart** because I love to help people.

Molly Joyner: I chose **Sunshine** because I am always up early in the morning.

Steve Little: I picked **Snow Bird** because where I live it snows a lot and I like to make snow birds in the snow.

Tim McKenzie: I chose **Snow Blizzard** because I was born in December, a month of winter.

Zachary Mentzer: I picked **Long Setting Sun** because when I was born, my grandfather was dying and dying is like the setting sun.

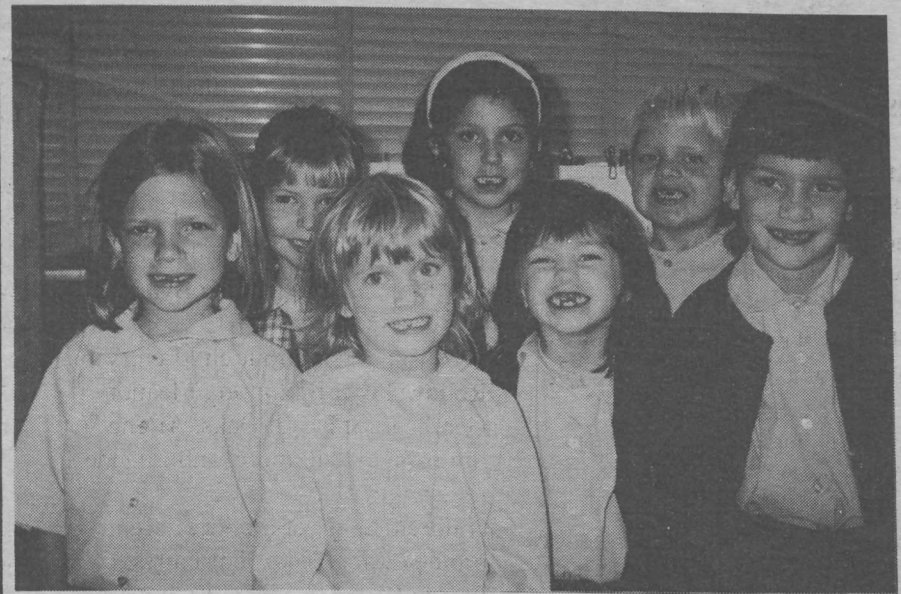
Breanna Mitchell: I named myself **Humming Bird** because I love to hum all the time.

Nicholas Monacelli: I chose **Summer Spirit** because I was born in the summer and on my grandpa's birthday.

Ashelley Smith: I chose **Running Bird** because I like to run a lot and birds are pretty.

John Smith: I chose **Little Foot** because when I was a baby I had very small feet.

Amanda Topper: I chose **Snow Star** because when I was born it was snowing and the stars shined on the snow.



All we want for Christmas is... (from the left) - Stephanie Georgoff, Chelsea Patarini, Marjorie Haines, Maggie Pierce, Mary Robinson, Sydney Williard, Lucas Reuling.  
Photo courtesy of Val Mentzer

A Tribute To Our Mother Seton School 1st Graders by Val Mentzer.

First grade, first grade - how we remember it well!  
With ABC's and 1,2,3's and Beatrix Potter stories to tell.  
Its large desks with little chairs that open and close, open and close  
And open and close all the time.  
We try to sit still, we really do,  
But the sound it makes is so fine.  
There's things to glue, stuff to glitter,  
And we run out of fingers to count.

Lindsay Wailes: I chose **Sparkling Star** because I enjoy watching the stars at night.

Colleen Weeks: I chose **Silent Rain** because I love the rain and I am quiet.

A playground to explore, slides, and swings.

And jump ropes, kickballs, skinned knees and things.

People ask all the time, "What grade are you in?"

They would know without asking if they'd look at my grin.

So how will you know a 1st grader when one comes along?

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Eric Wiles: I chose **Winter Bear** because I was born in the winter and I am big like a bear.

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## Obituaries

### Mrs. Irma Damskey

Mrs. Irma K. Damskey, 94, of 9208 Rocky Ridge Road, Rocky Ridge, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, at Gettysburg Hospital.

She was the wife of John Paul Damskey, who died May 17, 1963.

She was born Jan. 17, 1902, in Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Damskey was a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Chillum, and the Post Cana of the church. She also was a member of the Senior Citizens of Prince George's County.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Ross M. Lehman Jr. and wife June C. of Huber, N.C., and John A. Damskey and wife Rena T. of Rocky Ridge; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one niece.

Memorial donations may be made to Washington Hospital Burn Center, Washington D.C.

### Mr. John Reed

Mr. John Vernon Reed, 64, formerly of Taneytown, died Thursday, Sept. 5, at the VA Medical Center, Martinsburg, W. Va.

Born June 22, 1932, in New Midway, he was a son of Ethel DeBerry Berkemeier of Frederick and the late Vernon A. Reed.

Surviving in addition to his mother are four sons, John V. Reed Jr. of York Springs, Pa., Ronald E. Reed of Emmitsburg, Kenneth E. Reed of Gettysburg, Pa., and Michael A. Reed of Thurmont; eight grandchildren; a great-grandchild; two brothers, Kenneth W. Reed of Thurmont and Richard W. Reed of Arlington, Va.; a stepbrother Charles Berkemeier of Taneytown; a stepsister, Shirley Crouse of Taneytown; and a special aunt Carmen D. Holtz of Frederick.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of the Stauffer Funeral Home with the Rev. Wade Sandridge of Evangelical Bible Church officiating. Interment was in Mount Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Ladiesburg.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

### Ms. Martha Grizzell

Ms. Martha Elizabeth Byard Grizzell, 90, of Baltimore, died Thursday, Sept. 5, at Franklin Square Hospital, White Marsh.

Born June 29, 1906, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late John and Ida Koontz Byard.

Surviving are four children, Viola Rodowsky of Baltimore, Eleanor Gearheart of Royal Oaks, Arlene V. Simpson of Baltimore, and Eugene T. Grizzell of Hanover, Pa.; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; a brother, Albert Byard of Fairfield, Pa.; and a sister, Mabel Lichtner of Frederick.

Funeral services were held at Skiles Funeral Home in Taneytown. Burial was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

### Mr. Raymond Molinaro Sr.

Mr. Raymond Allen Molinaro Sr., 52, of Emmitsburg, died Saturday, Sept. 14, at Gettysburg Hospital.

He was the husband of Mary Elizabeth Molinaro.

Born Feb. 1, 1944, in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Anton and Catherine Molinaro.

He was a playground contractor for 20 years. He restored Harley-Davidson motorcycles and restored metropolitan police department motorcycles for the city of Georgetown.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Tina Baker, and husband David of Waynesboro, Pa.; two sons, Raymond Allen Molinaro Jr. of Olney and Christopher Anton Molinaro of Emmitsburg; and a grandson, Colin Ross Baker of Waynesboro.

Funeral service were held at Zeilers Funeral Home, Baltimore. Interment was at Oaklawn Cemetery, Baltimore.

### Mr. Kermit Lowe

Mr. Kermit L. Lowe, 80, of DePaul Street, Emmitsburg, died Thursday, Sept. 19, at home.

He was the husband of Catherine Lingg Lowe.

Born July 15, 1916, in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Harry and Anna Mae Miller Lowe.

Mr. Lowe, a lifelong Emmitsburg resident, was a maintenance supervisor at Knouse Foods, Orrtanna, Pa., for many years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, the Holy Name Society, VFW Post 6658 of Emmitsburg, and was a past town commissioner. Mr. Lowe served in the U.S. Army during World War II and had the rank of sergeant. He received the Purple Heart.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Brenda E. Humerick of Millers and Jill M. Hooper of Thurmont; two granddaughters, Dionne Gentile of Emmitsburg and Toni J. Humerick of Millers; four great-grandchildren, Dale, Kenny and Trevor Gentile of Emmitsburg and Cori E. Lantz of Millers; and a sister D. Lorraine "Jane" Lowe of Emmitsburg.

A memorial Mass was held Sept. 21, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Charles E. Jacobs as celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorial donations may be made to Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. Emmitsburg, MD or VFW Post 6658, Emmitsburg, MD.

Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

### Mrs. Charlene Valentine

Mrs. Charlene Kea Valentine, 49, of East Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Sept. 22, at University Hospital, Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa.

Born May 12, 1947, in Thurmont, she was the daughter of Floyd E. and Eveline B. Frailey Frye of Thurmont.

Mrs. Valentine worked as a secretary for Peoples Life Insurance in Frederick, and was a cashier at Jubilee Foods, Thurmont. She was a 1965 graduate of Thurmont High School.

Surviving in addition to her parents are two daughters, Cindy Ridenour and husband Cecil of Emmitsburg, and Lisa Weaver and husband Dave of Waynesboro, Pa.; four grandchildren, Dustin and Brady Ridenour, both of Emmitsburg, and Cory Suetzer and Sarah Weaver, both of Waynesboro; two sisters, Janet Brown and husband Jerry of Thurmont, and Darlene Rickerd of Thurmont; one brother, Ed Frye and wife Wanda of Thurmont; two nephews,

Carroll Brown and wife Lori of Thurmont, and Kevin Rickerd of Thurmont; one great-niece, Ashley Brown of Thurmont; and one great-nephew, Chad Brown of Thurmont.

Mrs. Valentine will also be remembered by special friends, Susan Albright of Fairfield, Pa., and Diane Smith of Waynesboro; and Michelle Moroz of Thurmont.

Mrs. Valentine was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Gene Rickerd.

Funerals service were held at Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Larry Eby, assisted by the Rev. W. Ronald Fearer, officiating. Interment was in the Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., Emmitsburg, MD, the Vigilant Hose Co., Emmitsburg, MD, or to the Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA.

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## Food For Thought ...



By George Geralis

The arrival of a notice from the taxidermist reminding me that our son's six-point deer rack was ready to be picked up prompted me to consider another meal of venison before the next deer season begins.

Venison makes great winter meals, but cooking a hearty venison dish in autumn is as appropriate as wearing sweaters and going hiking in the woods.

There were two packages of "deer-burger" in our freezer and one marked venison steak and a larger one, weighing about 4 pounds, marked venison haunch.

I opted for the haunch, realizing that there was ample time to defrost properly and to marinate it in time for a weekend meal.

Leaving the frozen meat in its freezer-wrapped paper, I transferred it to the refrigerator for two days, allowing it to defrost slowly.

On the third day, I removed the roast from the wrapping paper, and wiped it dry with paper towels, and with a very sharp knife removed the "silver skin" (the silver colored membrane which surrounds segments of muscles in meats).

Having completed that step, I placed the venison in a glass casserole, just large enough to contain the meat, and added the marinade in which it would remain for three days.

It is advisable to marinate foods in non-reactive cooking containers. One should refrain from using aluminum or tin-lined utensils for this purpose. The resulting chemical reaction will detrimentally alter the taste and quality of the dish. Glass, stainless steel, or enameled cookware would be best.

### Marinade

- 1 Large onion, thinly sliced
- 2 Large carrots, thinly sliced
- 4 Scallions, sliced
- 4 Sprigs of parsley
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 6 Bruised peppercorns
- 6 Juniper berries, crushed
- 4 Sprigs of thyme
- 1 Cup wine vinegar
- 1 Bottle dry white wine
- 1/2 Cup olive oil

Care should be taken to mix the ingredients thoroughly and to apply marinade to the entire surface of the roast. The clinging olive oil will help prevent the meat from becoming exposed to the air.

Place the casserole, covered, in the refrigerator to stand for three days, turning the meat twice a day.

When ready to cook, wipe the meat with paper towels and lard the venison, generously, with salt pork and insert slivers of garlic into the meat, (in the absence of a larding needle, a pointed object such as a clean sharpening steel may be used as a probe and further used to prod strips of salt pork into the cavities).

Roast for 30 minutes in a 450° F oven and continue roasting for 1 1/2 hours, or 30 minutes to the pound, basting frequently with the drippings and the marinade until tender. When the meat is cooked to your satisfaction, remove from the casserole but keep in a warm oven while preparing the sauce.

### SAUCE

Strained drippings and marinade from the casserole

- 1 Cup currant jelly
- 1 Pinch powdered ginger
- 1 Pinch powdered clove
- 1/2 Lemon, squeezed and strained
- 1/2 Cup sour cream
- 1 Tablespoon good brandy

And now the sauce! Strain the drippings and the marinade from the casserole, discarding the solids. Pour the strained liquid into a large non-reactive sauce pan and slowly add cur-

rant jelly, ginger, clove, and lemon juice.

When the sauce has thickened and reduced a little, slowly add the sour cream and blend everything thoroughly.

Just before serving, add brandy and serve in a gravy boat.

We served a combination of mashed potatoes and turnips as an accompaniment, together with shredded boiled cabbage and apples which we very simply prepared by boiling the shredded cabbage in salted water for 5 minutes, refreshing it in ice water to prevent it from continuing to cook. Then we squeezed it dry in a clean kitchen towel and returned the dried cabbage to a sauce pan, topping it with wedges of cored and peeled golden delicious apples. The cabbage and apples were cooked in 1/4 cup of apple cider for 20 minutes, after which 3 tablespoons of unsalted butter were stirred in.

As you have obviously noted, this is not one of those 45-minute meal preparations, but the added effort will provide you with fond memories, especially if you can afford to purchase an extra bottle of dry red wine for *drinking* purposes.

There's a store called Bonjour Croissant. It makes me want to go to Paris and open a store called Hello Toast. Fran Lebowitz

(STREETS from page 3)

businesses. Commissioner Benveni reiterated his position that he was pro business, and would not take any position on the matter that would harm the businesses in the town. "There is no harm in discussion and seeing if there is any possible solution to the problem," said Benveni.

Mr. Joe Ritz, asked that the committee continue to examine the meter question so that residents be allowed to park in front of their homes.

### Widening of East Lincoln

The question of widening East Lincoln Avenue and making it one way east-bound from South Seton Avenue to Chesapeake St. was discussed by the committee. Commissioner Benveni proposed that only about 5 feet would be required to widen the street to carry 2 lanes of traffic.

Concerns of safety for the safety of students at Mother Seton school were expressed by Sr. Sandra Goldsborough.

"Making the street wider would have the effect of increasing traffic speed in an area where drivers don't obey the traffic signs now," said Sister.

Sr. Mary Catherine, principal of Seton Elementary stated she was not fond of "playing chicken" while driving on East Lincoln and her concern was for the safety of the children. Sister Mary Catherine pointed out the risk of increased truck traffic traveling closer to the school especially trucks hauling hazardous materials.

Mr. Larry Underriner, representing the Sisters of Charity, pointed out the loss of property that would be incurred by the Sisters and that the cost of moving the power lines along the south side of the avenue would be very high.

Commissioner Benveni suggested that a search for grant money be undertaken to offset the expense of acquiring the property and moving the fence and utility poles. The matter was tabled for further study.

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## Fresh Water Fish, The Pet

By Jack H. Deatherage, Jr.

Water changes are usually an event in the Deatherage fish room. (Wanda dreads them. Not because she plays any part in them, but because I am involved with them!)

The day often begins at 5:30 a.m. with my stumbling downstairs, clutching a cup of tea, driven by the urge to atone for the mistreatment of my fish by the way of massive water changes. (Smaller, more frequent changes would be of greater benefit, but I do what I do.) Wanda sleeps on until 7:00 a.m., blissfully unaware that I have begun refilling the aquariums. I have everything under control.

Of course she can speak of the morning she walked into the kitchen to find Jack III and me spreading every towel, blanket, and bed sheet on the floor in a frantic attempt to sop up water from a broken sink drain. It wasn't my fault that the plumbing had come undone while I was busy in another room!

I'm sure she wouldn't need much prodding to tell how I began refilling a tank and got interested in a magazine article about goldfish. She stepped into the room and shrieked something about the tank overflowing. That accident only required all the bath towels to clean up.

There are other occasions Wanda could recall concerning my attempts to manage our fish, but mostly it has been the over-flowing tanks and popped-loose plumbing that causes her distress when she finds me gone from the bedroom earlier than 6 a.m.

on a weekend. I'll be in the library/computer room when the intercom buzzes. "Are you doing water changes?" I can hear the panic in her voice. I answer, "I'm writing." "Okay, but you're not doing water changes are you?" (The good you do, they never remember. The bad, they never forget!)

I don't understand my relationship with water. In 1990 we drove 12 hours north to visit Wanda's Canadian friends. I went farther north to spend 4 days fishing. After a six-hour drive back to Wanda and friends, I slept uncomfortably and got up before daybreak. To everyone's irritation I announced we had to leave for Emmitsburg that morning. No breakfast, no argument. We had to go home!

Of course I missed a turn and we spent 13 hours on the road. Wanda was unhappy about leaving her friends so abruptly, Jack III bawling during the whole drive, and it rained almost non-stop. We had 3 days of vacation left! Why did I have to leave that morning? The hot water heater in our downstairs apartment emptied its 40 gallons of water onto our bedroom floor the morning after we got home.

How could I know I had to be home that morning? How can I stand in the same room, not ten feet from a tank being refilled, Jethro Tull playing Heavy Horses at 75% volume out of the stereo and not notice that the tank is over-flowing while I rearrange rocks in another tank?

The longer I live, the more confused I get.

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