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Gaining Strength from One Another

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Extended Elementary School Proposed to BOE

Over 200 parents, grandparents, and caregivers attended the Oct 23 town meeting to hear presentations and discussion about the future of students in Emmitsburg schools. The meeting was a follow-up to a previous meeting which carried the same theme: "Give us back our kids." The purpose of these efforts is to reduce the flow of students out of the community and to reestablish a school in Emmitsburg for children from kindergarten to the eighth grade.

In his opening remarks Emmitsburg Mayor William Carr urged the townspeople and the attending members of the Frederick County Board of Education and the County Commissioners to "look to the future and work in partnership" in resolving concerns about the development and placement of elementary and middle schools in the Northern Frederick County region.

At the present time the Board of Education is following the Middle School concept of grouping students in grades 6,7, and 8. According to school executive Officer Ray Barnes

the present design parameters for Middle Schools call for a student body in the range of 500 - 900 students. The BOE is considering constructing a new Middle School in Thurmont for the Catoclin Region. Local students are bused from their community to attend school in another.

Carr proposed to the BOE and BOCC the reemerging concept of an Extended Elementary School for grades K-8 and that such a school be located in Emmitsburg in lieu of building a larger Middle School in Thurmont. He felt that such a school would have important benefits. "We would benefit through considerable savings in school building construction costs, reduce overcrowding in other schools in the Thurmont Planning Region, lower administrative costs, and we would be educating our children in their own community," Carr said. According to Carr the Extended Elementary School concept is gaining popularity

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Town Mourns Death of Commissioner

The sudden death of David Luther Copenhaver has left a great sadness and a void in the community.

Mr. Copenhaver, 49, of East Main Street, died Tuesday, Oct. 28 at his residence. He was the husband of Velma Marie Reaver Copenhaver.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 31, at Mount St. Mary's College Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The Rev. Ken Reid and the Rev. Keith Boisvert officiated. Dr. Robert Preston, a former mayor of Emmitsburg, delivered the eulogy.

Rev. Reid told the overflow crowd of mourners that "the epitaph of Dave Copenhaver's life is written by the number of people who are here today. It appears the entire community has been affected by his life," he said.

The funeral procession formed as the chapel bells tolled. As it moved through the campus, where Mr. Copenhaver had been employed for many years as a paint supervisor in the maintenance department, small groups of Mount employees and stu-



Dave Copenhaver

dents gathered in silence.

The procession, which stretched from the town square out to the Old Emmitsburg Road, passed honor guards of fellow county firemen and ambulance crews at every intersection in town as it made its way to the

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Not Just Another, Oh, Well!



The second of four new wells gushes forth with a liquid solution to some of Emmitsburg's growing pains. To date the wells yield about 100 gals./min. each. A Dispatch Photo

Vandalism in Emmitsburg

By Kathleen O'Conner

Is it writing? Is it art? Or is it just a nuisance? This spring and summer several Emmitsburg business were vandalized by the addition of black spray paint graffiti. Sometimes the damage has extended beyond mere paint.

The car wash was painted inside the first bay. Chris, of CPI Printers which runs the car wash, said, "Two years ago, they [the vandals] cut the hoses. This Halloween, our boss wants us to guard it."

The Jubilee is painted along the stream side where the trees partially hide the design. Paul Bealer, of Hogg Construction, was unaware of the paint on the rear of the building. He stated that he had experienced no vandalism on the Jubilee remodel-

ing job itself.

The Deli was also painted with black graffiti on the alley side. Holly Fritts, who with her family owns and operates the Deli, said that the damage was not great, but that it was "a nuisance." "Now," she said, "it has to be painted and I don't have the paint on hand, so I have to go out and buy it." And, of course, it will cost.

The Community Building was also painted with black graffiti above the east rear entrance roof, such that the vandals must have had to climb up to paint it. In this case, three youths were apprehended this spring after witnesses informed authorities. They were brought before the Frederick County Circuit

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Letters to the Editor

The *Dispatch* encourages its readers to express their thought about issues that appear in this paper or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the *Dispatch*. They should be brief and must be signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number to be used for verification. Deadline for letters is the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Computer pets? No.

When I first heard about "computer pets" I was listening to some comedy show and my reaction was to laugh. The idea harkened back to that period when comedians did routines about "pet rocks"—a totally ridiculous subject.

Several weeks later an article appeared in the news stating the banning of these contrivances from some public schools. The children were interrupting classes because of "pets" needs and parents opposed having possession of the tiny "pets" while the owners were in school. Funny? No. Amusing? No. Far more seriously these recent inventions are not like the "rocks"; they have been endowed with more lifelike characteristics.

The message being sent is not

humorous; the creators of these monsters are tampering with our sensitivities just as television violence instills an acceptance of abhorrent behavior in our children. In days gone by, living, breathing pets taught us that carefully chosen animals entrusted to our care deserved our devotion, and that we had shown that we could handle the responsibility of caring for a pet. The relationship rested upon emotions and understanding of the animal characters (human and non-human) involved.

As an animal lover, I conclude:

About one thing I must be most assertual—

Mention to me no "pets" that are "virtual."

Linda Knox
Emmitsburg

Copenhaver from page 1

Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. Mr. Copenhaver was a life member of the Vigilant Hose Co. and the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., and was active still with both companies. He served 27 years at the fire department and 25 on the ambulance squad.

With their flag flying at half mast, members of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company stood in silence outside the ambulance building on South Seton Avenue as the funeral procession passed.

At the square, tower trucks from Vigilant Hose Company and Frederick's Independent Hose Co. were positioned to form an arch from which a large American flag was suspended. Members of the Vigilant Hose Company stood at attention in front of the firehall as the procession moved down West Main Street. Mr. Copenhaver's turnout gear with the number 6 was placed on a chair in front of the company.

Small clusters of citizens gathered along the route to pay their last respect.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Department and Frederick Vol. Fire and Rescue Association provided honor guards at the chapel and cemetery.

Arrangements were made by

Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Copenhaver was born May 7, 1948, in Gettysburg, Pa., the son of the late Charles T. and Ruth E. Stonesifer Copenhaver.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann Wivell and husband Chris of Fairfield, PA, Kathy Ann Copenhaver of Emmitsburg, a brother, Robert C. Copenhaver of Taneytown; two sisters, Mollie A. Wilhide of Thurmont and Lisa A. Stanley of Gettysburg; a grandson, Coleman Wivell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was a member of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church.

Mr. Copenhaver was a member of the town council for the last nine years and served as president since May 1996.

In March of 1997, Mount Saint Mary's College honored Mr. Copenhaver with the first Sisters of St. Francis Award, given to an employee who embodies the mission of the college both at work and in his community. According to the award's guidelines the recipient should "be guided by high moral standards and a mature faith resulting in compassionate and just engagement with the world..." When reading the Citation at the award ceremony in March, and again during the funeral service on

Town News...

Updates:

Eagle Oil, Jubilee, and Emmit Gardens

McDonald's will soon have a neighbor by the name of Eagle Oil. The plans for the gas station and convenience store have received all approvals from the Planning and Zoning Commission. A meeting will be set in the near future to discuss preconditions for the project. In addition, the council during the October 6th town meeting approved the public works agreements. Two taps, one water and one sewer, have been awarded to the project. Due to the limit of water taps, the town purchased back one water tap from the developers of the Emmit Ridge Subdivision and awarded the tap to the Eagle Oil project. During a previous town meeting, the council agreed to extend time in which to use water and sewer taps to the

developers of Emmit Ridge with the condition the town could purchase back up to six water and sewer taps should the need arise. The Eagle Oil plans are available for public viewing at the town office.

Residents of Emmitsburg will soon enjoy a larger grocery store with new services such as a salad bar. The Jubilee grocery store has received all approvals for its extension from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The construction is in progress and there are predictions the project will be completed late in December or early January. The store remains open during the construction phase.

The water line project in the Emmit Gardens subdivision has been completed and residents of this area are enjoying improved water quality and increased volume.

Interfaith Housing continues search

Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland canceled the scheduled October 2 meeting with the town council and residents of the Silo Hill subdivision in order to explore alternatives for a site for the development of an affordable housing community in Emmitsburg.

They originally planned to construct a housing project of two and three bedroom town homes on land adjacent to Silo Hill, but met with opposition from Silo Hill residents at a September 16 Public Workshop. Many of the Silo Hill residents felt the housing project would cause a decrease in their property value.

The Interfaith homes, to be priced between \$85,000-\$95,000, would be rented at affordable rates to families earning between approximately \$19,000 and \$42,000 for a family of four. The homes would then be sold to the residents through

a lease-purchase program at the end of 15 years.

Peter Dean, project manager, said that Interfaith Housing "is looking harder to see if we can find a better alternative for our project and exploring those possibilities. We would like to find a site where the community is initially in favor of the project," he said.

"We have no immediate plans and will continue to talk with landowners and town officials," Mr. Dean said. "We're in it for the long haul - we're not trying to make a profit, and we want to build a good community. Our mission is to help people get affordable housing and, over time, become owners of the home."

Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland is a nonprofit organization created by the religious community of western Maryland.

Friday, Dr. Preston said "It is refreshing in this age of cynicism about government officials, that there are public officials like Commissioner Copenhaver who are honest and fair when dealing with the citizenry." As the first recipient of the Sisters of St. Francis award, Dr. Preston said that Dave "has set a standard of service that will be a model for years to come that maybe only a handful will be able to

approach."

Mr. Copenhaver also received numerous awards for rescuing flood and accident victims, both as a rescue worker and as a firefighter.

Donations may be made to Vigilant Hose Co., Box 171, Emmitsburg, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. Box 1101, Emmitsburg, or the Emmitsburg Little League, c/o James Enright, 45 Park Drive, Emmitsburg.

SCHOOL from page 1

across the country and state and there is a successful example of this concept as near as the Woodholme School in suburban Baltimore.

BOE member Gordon Cooley called for a careful study of the Extended Elementary vs. Middle School philosophies to clarify issues and collect data on them as an important step in further discussion of the problem. "The Board is concerned about cost-effectiveness and using the county's tax money wisely," Cooley said.

Emmitsburg town commissioner Phil Postelle propsed that with some rethinking of proposed school building plans, millions of dollars could be saved by making Emmitsburg, Lewistown, Sabillasville, and Thurmont Extended Elementary Schools and still keep student capacity below 96%.

Parents addressed the more qualitative side of the issue. There were concerns about the social, emotional, and academic experiences of the children being bused from their communities. "A community's

school is part of a child's identity and even part of a family tradition," said Shelia Dorsey. "Educating younger children outside of their community means they miss extra curricular activities, lose time in transportation, and miss opportunities."

Citing a Carnegie Foundation educational study, Sue Allen reported that students are much more successful if parents are involved in their education and if the schools are located in the students' community.

Recalling her own experiences in the old Emmitsburg School, Anna Margaret Martin regretted the loss of lasting friendships and sense of personhood when students are educated outside of their community.

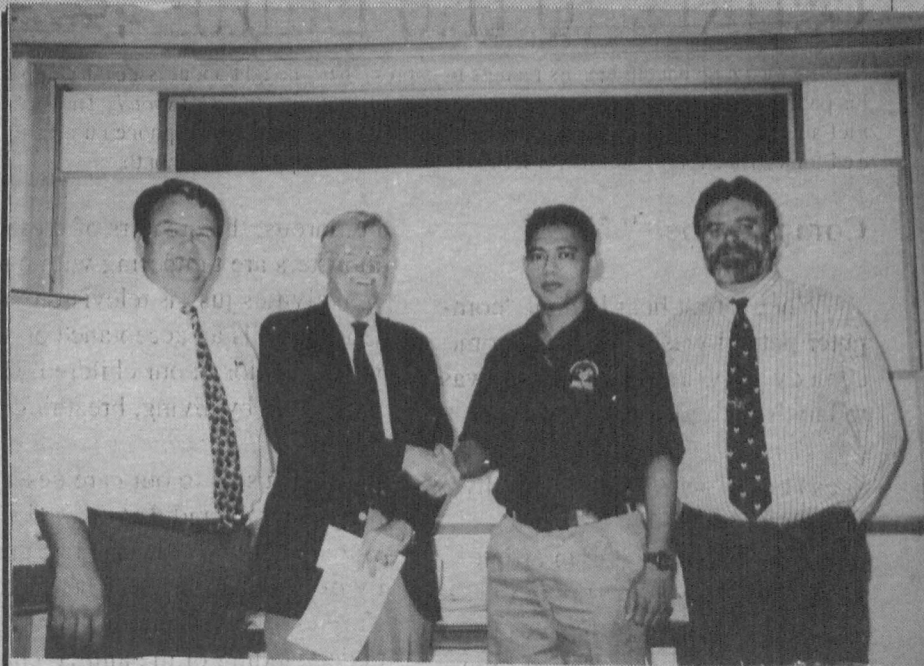
County Commissioner Mark Hoke extracted a statement from Ray Barnes that the flow of elementary school students has been stopped for a year. Hoke proposed that the Extended Elementary School concept be studied and that when the time comes for a larger school in Emmitsburg it would be the site for a test school.

theft of greater value and not graffiti alone.

Beyond the question of "Who done it?" is "Why?" Deputy Jeff Goulden said he believed the incidents were isolated and spontaneous. Mayor Bill Carr wondered, "Does Emmitsburg have enough for young people to do? Are parents being responsible? Are youths left as 'latch-key' students? Where were the parents when these youths were painting their night-time graffiti?" Or was it done after school, when parents were at work? But "is the municipal government to be responsible for day care?" he asked. There is a curfew for youths, but "if the parents don't observe the curfew themselves by enforcing it for their teens, then the municipal government does—it becomes the parent it's not designed to be."

Nevertheless, the community has invested in other activities and equipment, Mayor Carr pointed out, that could entertain youths during the summer and after-school hours. There are several parks, a basketball court, and at least 6 softball fields, not to mention the park program and the swimming pool which was a gift to the town. The town takes a fiscal loss to maintain these facilities, the mayor said.

A town committee has been

Donation for Council of Churches

Fire Academy Hazardous Materials Incident Management Class presents donation to Council of Churches. Left to right - Stephen Bloyd, Instructor, (NV); Paul Harner, Council of Churches, Sin Siang Meng, Class President, (Singapore Commander of Civil Defense); Randall Willden, Instructor (UT).

Photo courtesy Paul Harner

On October 17, 1997, the students and instructors of the Hazardous Materials Incident Management Class (R243) of the National Fire Academy presented the Emmitsburg Council of Churches with a donation which they said should be used "to benefit the citizens of Emmitsburg who have always welcomed the students of the National Fire Academy with open arms." The donation was gratefully accepted by Paul Harner, assuring the class that, with winter and the holidays coming on, the money will be put to good use.

VANDALISM from page 1

Court. Pete Peters, of Redwood Construction, said that he had experienced no vandalism of his own supplies or tools, etc., during the process of the remodeling of the building. He did say that, one morning, he had found some supplies, including steel pipes, set up as a skateboarding ramp. A spokesman from TST Masonry also stated that he had noticed no other vandalism. In any case, the paint must now be sandblasted off of the building — and it will cost the community dollars.

Some vandalism this summer was also theft. The concession stand in the town park by the ball field was broken into and sodas and candy stolen. Damage to the structure was minor, but the loss in stock and increased overhead of restocking over time, takes from the rightful owners and hurts all of us when, as customers, the products are not there to buy at game time. A substance was also sprayed on some of the picnic tables and had to be washed off.

The above incidents appear unrelated to the theft of a CD player from a Welty Ave. resident Monday night, Oct. 6. The owner's car was left unlocked and everything else inside was left untouched. It is a

formed to examine the cost of hiring a recreational director, but the report will not be available until summer of 1998. Some plans might be able to be made as early as January 1, 1998, when the new budget is formed, but cannot be effected until at least June 30—if the committee is successful in lobbying the town council.

Yet the questions of "Why?" still will not go away. Aren't the youths of Emmitsburg proud of their community? Another issue Mayor Carr noted is that vandalism is less in towns that have their own schools. Can youths in Emmitsburg truly identify with their town and be proud of it and not vandalize its buildings if they spend most of their day in another town? Will they really have a sense of community if their school is not part of that community? Some plans are already taking shape and some others are being hotly debated, but what can be done right now about helping youths to feel a better sense of belonging to the Emmitsburg com-

munity in which they live?

Well, Holly Fritts, of the Deli on Main Street had a very good idea. Referring to the graffiti vandals she said, "If they think they are artists or would like to be, they can come and see me. We've got to paint this whole building and we want to paint things like red peppers or whatever on the outer walls, so if they would like to paint something artistic, or have some ideas, that would be great."

So...maybe something's growing here... I'm thinking of a wonderful Mona Lisa that was painted under the Farm Lane bridge on the Michigan State University campus—student art. I'm also thinking of a wall along Lafayette Avenue in Grand Rapids, Michigan, painted by the youths of the neighborhood depicting themselves and their community life. Well, different towns, different walls, different lives—What are your lives and talents, students of Emmitsburg? Hope I see the evidence of some new artistic talent soon!

100 Years Ago "In this place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

A Curious Egg

Nov. 5, 1897 - A hen belonging to Mr. John Tyson, of this place, laid an egg recently, which measured 9x7½ inches in circumference. Within the egg was another with a perfect shell and had two yolks in it, and no albumen, the outer one had two yolks and the usual albumen.

Pleasant Reception

Mr. J.A. Adelsberger and his bride returned home last Saturday, and during the evening their many friends called to offer their congratulations. The Vigilant Hose Company, of which Mr. Adelsberger is a member, called in full uniform, and were very pleasantly entertained. Early in the evening a party of young ladies gave them a serenade, and later on they were serenaded by the Emmitt Cornet Band. Between twelve and one o'clock several members of the Hose Company gave them the serenade

usual on such occasions. The Emmitsburg Chronicle wishes them a long and happy life.

Meeting of the Farmers' Club

The Blue Mountain Farmers' Club met at the residence of Wm. S. Guthrie, in Emmitsburg. The subject "Do the signs of the times indicate prosperity to the farmer in the future?" was discussed by several of the members.

R.E. Hockensmith opened the discussion and said: "The subject is a very broad one, and to discuss it thoroughly we would have to travel over considerable territory. The present indications for the prosperity of the farmer certainly look gloomy, and if there is anything indicating to the contrary, it certainly seems a great way off. Many of the laws of our land are in great opposition to the welfare of the farmer, and are framed by professional men who never think of the farmer or his interest, unless they need his assistance at the ballot box."

A Narrow Escape

Nov. 12, 1887 - One day last week Mr. James W. Troxell was struck by a heavy pole used to hold a load of corn fodder in place. His nephew, Wm. Miller, got on top of the wagon and threw the pole off without any warning, and it struck Mr. Troxell on the arm and side. He was very seriously bruised but no bones were broken. He has now almost entirely recovered.

It Turned Up All Right

Nov. 19, 1897 - The gold necklace we advertised as lost, in our issue of last week, was promptly produced in this office before 2 o'clock, p.m., on Saturday, and soon reached the owner. It saves time and trouble to make known your wants and losses, in these columns, as well as what you wish to buy or sell, &c.

The Form with its Contents

Nov. 26, 1897 - Some sportsmen on Wednesday, in quest of game, came across the barrel that had contained the whiskey that was stolen from the railroad station, as reported in these columns last week, but unfortunately for the owner, the contents had somehow evaporated, and the form alone represented the departed spirits.



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Commentary: "We will sorely miss him"

By Mayor William Carr

The sudden death of Dave Copenhaver has left a void that will never be filled. Words are almost inadequate to express his contributions to the many endeavors that were a major part of his life and how those endeavors affected those around him.

Seldom does one individual have the many laudable characteristics that Dave Copenhaver exhibited. First and foremost, his family. He and his wife had established a family unit based on love, understanding, cooperation, and togetherness that knew no bounds. The love and compassion he had for his wife and two daughters had no limit of support and loyalty. His grandson gave him opportunity to flaunt his feelings that family comes first.

The work he did for over twenty five years at Mount Saint Mary's was done with enthusiasm and sin-

cerity year after year. Respected by his peers and coworkers alike, Dave's dedication to his purpose and obligations to the Mount and his work were always paramount. The recent Sisters of St. Francis Award bestowed on him by the college glowingly illustrates his worthiness.

The work he did for the town and its agencies was beyond the "norm." Seemingly always available for a task, Dave was involved with more groups than most people. His "word" was his bond and if he said, "I'll do it," it was done.

David Copenhaver was president of the town council - a job he did well with fairness his goal, and with a flair that demonstrated control and decisiveness. He was good for our town.

The people whose lives were touched by Dave are all better people from knowing him. We will sorely miss him!

Tom's Creek Church Celebrates 200 Years

Reminiscing about the past, thankful for our present blessings, and with a vision toward the future, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church celebrated its 200th Birthday on Sunday, September 28, 1997, with an all-day celebration. The day was blessed by many friends from the past and from surrounding communities, former pastors, who were present among us, and those who sent special letters. God's abounding grace flowed through the musically talented: Richard Lee Troxell, Job's Daughters, George Bruchey, Patt Troxell, "Special Grace," "Heartwarmers," Danielle Ripple, Susan Boehl, Janice Diehl, and the youth of Tom's Creek. Luncheon was served at noon and the bicentennial cake after the afternoon celebration. Two hundred candles adorned the cake, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion with a likeness of Tom's Creek Church. Some of the children did a fantastic job of blowing out all those candles. The history

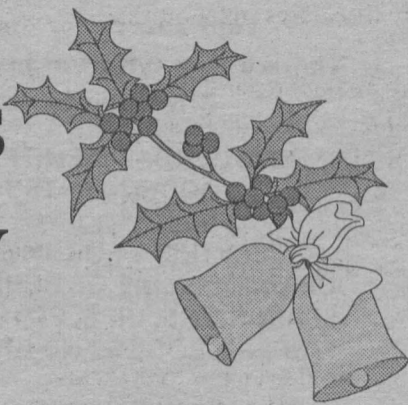
of the church had been shared throughout the year during the services and the year has been a continuous celebration with many activities. Those activities were prayerfully and skillfully planned by our Bicentennial Committee (Pat Hood, Dorothy Valentine, Anita Hill, Linda Fogle, and Pastor Donnie Cardwell). This committee has been meeting since December of last year, not only planning, but donating, creating (centerpieces, wall and church decorations), and being responsible for all phases of events for the year. A very special thanks to Ken Hood, whose expertise in woodwork and sign making continues to benefit us.

To all those who have contributed in any way to make this event successful—thank you! The new church property now consists of an outdoor worship area, a playground, and an area under roof. May God continue to bless us as our vision comes to fruition.



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Discussing Possibilities of UFOs



Bruce Maccabee speaking to an attentive group interested in UFOs.

A Dispatch Photo

Bruce Maccabee, of Eylers Valley, spoke at the Emmitsburg Library October 18, about his recently published book *UFOs are Real: Here's the Proof*. Maccabee coauthored the book with Edward Walters.

This is the third in a series of books about UFO sightings first seen in Nov. 1987. Maccabee wrote the chapters dealing with the scientific analysis of photographs taken of the sightings.

Maccabee received a Ph.D in Physics from American University in 1971 and presently works for the U.S. Navy. He became interested in UFOs in the 1960's.

Maccabee is author of numerous research papers on UFOs including "The UFO-FBI Connection / The Real X Files" which presents the early history of FBI, Air Force, and CIA investigations into the flying saucer phenomenon. "The X Files are real," said Maccabee.



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Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

The past month has been a sad time for our group. We lost one of our quilters, Isabel Mathias, and a former member of our men's "knotters" group, Richard Duple. His wife Pauline is one of our regulars. In addition, we also mourn the loss of Marie Stambaugh's brother-in-law, Monroe. We miss them all and extend our sympathy to their families.

Since quilts and quiltmaking are controlling factors in my life, viewing the work of other quilters is a favorite pastime. However, I find it frustrating that quilt show advertising gives no indication of the number of quilts on display. As I am a very senior citizen, I find a distance of 25 miles not out-of-line to drive to see five quilts. But I hesitate to drive outside my mileage limit, although there are quilt shows available in one-day-trip distances. Bus trips are an option—but not to view only a minimal number of quilts.

On October 5, I was pleasantly surprised by a quilt show at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

in Wolfsville, Maryland. The show was part of a year-long 150th anniversary celebration.

The day was warm and overcast, and as we entered the church a drizzling rain began to fall. But, inside, the building was teeming with sunshine and flowers, with stars and coloring-book figures. There were names of the past and present, embroidered to last forever, mixed with houses and buildings to be remembered. In one corner were "wedding rings"—some almost as old as the church itself.

At the time we visited, only five people were there—four adults and one little girl. But, as we moved through the rooms, there was a feeling that we were being followed by someone who wanted to hear our comments about *her* quilt. And that shadow in the doorway? Could it be the ladies from a long-ago quilting bee?

We counted ninety quilts in addition to wall hangings, woven coverlets, and other items—over one hundred in all.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life. I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

Keynote

Senior Citizens News

By Anna Margaret Martin

Fall is here
Can Winter be far behind?
There's a chill in the air,
Thanksgiving is here and
Christmas is just around the corner.

The big day at the center is Saturday, November 8th —Bazaar time! Food will be prepared, Fancy Table, Flowers, Country Store. There will be new and nearly new clothing, bingo, baked goodies and chances. Something for everyone. Doors open at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Our quilt will be raffled at 3 p.m. Come for lunch and spend the day.

Other activities as follow:
Thursday, Nov. 6 & 20 - Bingo,
1 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13 - "500" cards,
1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 25 - "500" cards,
1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 - Frederick
Shopping, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 18 - Meeting Day,
Blind Bingo

The center will be closed Nov.
27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving
Holiday.

We are open every day from 10
a.m. - 2 p.m. (Mon. - Fri.) Lunch is
served at 12 noon. Transportation is
available if needed and home deliv-
ered meals are available upon the
decision of the Commission on
Aging. Call 301-447-6253 for infor-
mation. Come enjoy the fun, fellow-
ship, and food.

Bon Voyage and "Break A Leg"

Lori Angleberger of Rocky Ridge will dance her way across the waters of the North Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Caribbean seas as part of the crew of the *Norwegian Crown* embarking from the ports of Miami and Fort Lauderdale.

Lori will ship out to Fort Lauderdale on Nov. 12 to begin rehearsals and orientation for life aboard a cruise ship. As a dancer she will perform in 3 different shows for six performances a week. Individual shows are alternated with the ship's dinner schedule since the ship's theater is not large enough to seat all the passengers.

While not dancing or rehearsing she will be expected to serve 12 hours of crew duty, assisting with other programs and activities on the ship's social schedule.

The 6-month tour will be divided into 14 to 16 cruises to the Western Europe and Mediterrean area, Western Caribbean and South America, Eastern Canada and New England as well as runs between New York and Bermuda.

Lori started dancing at the age of five. She studied at the Debora Lewis Studio in Thurmont where she trained in tap, jazz, and lyrical styles as well as ballet and hip hop.

Lori has performed locally at



Lori Angleberger will join the crew of the *Norwegian Crown* as a dancer for a six-month cruise.

Catoctin High School and Mount St. Mary's College, where she was instrumental in starting the dance team. She has also performed for 3 seasons at King's Dominion theme park in Virginia.

Ms. Angleberger expects to complete two cruises and then return to school to complete her graduate degree in social work at the University of Maryland at Baltimore.

She is the daughter of Carl and Jeanne Angleberger, Rocky Ridge.



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American Legion News

By George Danner

Francis X. Elder Post 121 American Legion, Emmitsburg, has a few activities planned for November at the Post Home. The November meeting for the men, Ladies' Auxiliary, and Sons of the Legion will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4th, at the Post Home.

Tuesday, Nov. 11, is Veterans' Day. The Post wishes all veterans the best for another year. Come by and say hello. We welcome all vets at any time.

A new program to be hosted by the Post is a "White Elephant"

Auction to be held at the Post Home at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 15th. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society, children's leukemia, and Martinsburg V.A. Hospital. We are seeking donations for the auction from area businesses and anyone else who would like to donate. Receipts will be available for tax deduction claims.

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**Mount St. Mary's Earth House
Profits From Honey Sales**

Bees are producing sweet dividends for the residents of a theme house on the campus of Mount Saint Mary's College. The college's "Earth House" completed its second annual fund-raising honey sale from hives maintained by the students. Pictured, left to right, are honey salesmen Jim Eble, Mike Cavallo and Brian Bolger. Senior Tim Burroughs, the leader of the house on Old Emmitsburg Road, said over 200 pounds of honey - over 150 pounds more than last year's inaugural sale - grossed \$250 to help defray living expenses. Burroughs, from Salisbury, Md., extracted the honey from the hives while the other nine Earth House residents helped bottle. The Earth House, established in 1996, is dedicated to ecological projects, including the organization of the Mount's fall, campus-wide beautification day.

Emmitsburg Little League Holds Banquet

By Rachel Wivell

On Wednesday, October 22nd, 40 members and guests were present at the Emmitsburg Little League banquet held at Hoss's Steak & Sea House in Gettysburg. All divisions of the organization were represented at the banquet from tee-ball age up through senior league and including girls' softball.

President Bill Wivell thanked all of the managers and coaches for the many volunteer hours that they gave to the organization to help make the 1997 season so successful. A special thank you was extended to all of the umpires who attended for their vol-

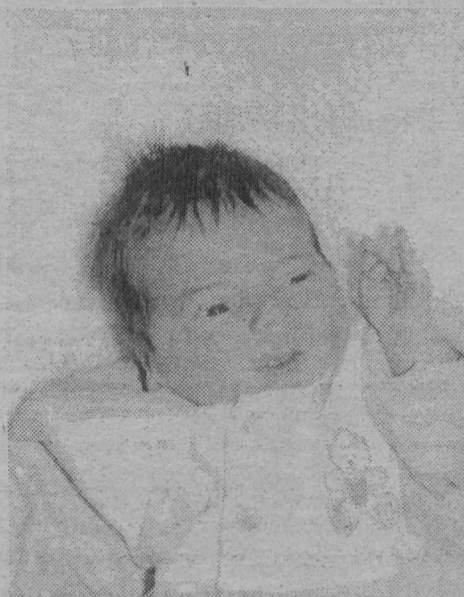
unteer hours. President Wivell stated that "without the umpires, there would be no games and that it sometimes seems like a thankless job. However, the time given to the organization was time well spent for the youth of the Emmitsburg area."

A special presentation was made during the evening to the Player Agent, Lisa Krom, for her many volunteer hours of work for the organization, including the management of the Concession Stand during the 1997 season. A watch and flower arrangement were presented to Lisa along with a well-deserved round of applause from the group.

The banquet was the conclusion of this year's season; however, it won't be long before work will begin on the 1998 season. Anyone who would like to become involved with this very worthwhile organization should contact President Bill Wivell. There is always a need for more help!

Deadline
December Issue
November 20
(Thanksgiving is coming.)

Births - Congratulations to the following residents of Emmitsburg



Benjamin Terrence Boller

third child, Benjamin Terrence Boller. Benjamin was born on Monday, Sept. 29, 1997. He weighed 8 lbs., 13 ozs. and measured 21½" long. Benjamin is welcomed by his sister Jessica and brother Andrew. His grandparents are Charles (Dusty) Boller, of Rocky Ridge, and Fred and Nancy Grimes of Emmitsburg.

Carmel and Janet Kelly announce the birth of their 4th child, a son, Luke Malachi, on October 22. Janet is the daughter of Ed and Helen Reaver and Carmel is the son of Dorothy Kelly, Thurmont.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Greifzu, a son on Tuesday, September 23.

Born to Lee Anna Dewees and Larry Messner, a son, on September 30.

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Artist of the Month

By Linda Postelle

Fiber Artist ANNIE DE GEORGE is Studio Gallery's featured artist during the month of November. She is one of the original cooperative members of Studio Gallery.

Annie DeGeorge, hailing from Kansas, finds it difficult to categorize herself as a particular type of artist. She wants to do what she wants to do when she wants to do it. And she does it very well. When asked what she feels might best describe her art, she will answer "I am an old-world Santa doll maker." Her Santas bring out the best in all the things she loves to do.

Having explored all types of needle art, she keeps returning to her love of textiles and textures. As a young girl Annie would zero in on what people were wearing and wanted to feel the texture. Her mother told her she wasn't going to take her anywhere until she learned to keep her hands to herself. As she grew she began a collection of fabrics and explored ways to use them.

She is happy to be able to recycle some great fabrics and leathers into her craft. Her Santas are well thought out. For instance, she has done several different versions of a Santa delivering presents in a canoe. All parts are beautifully handmade: the Santa, the canoe, the paddle, and the presents. These presents are not typical presents but rather ones that fit the scene - a stuffed bear, snow shoes, a simple small decorated tree. No wonder that her creations have been purchased by some of the best specialty shops.

Her display will include some "wearable art" and fiber crafts as well as her Santas. The show will open on Sunday, November 2, and her work will be featured during the entire month of November. Normal gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. STUDIO GALLERY, 304 E. Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. 301-447-3292.

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A Santa doll handmade by Annie De George

Birthday Celebration

By Delores Henke

A birthday party was held recently at the home of Mrs. Dolores Henke for her brother Patrick Joy's 57th birthday. Those in attendance were Gloria and Andy Bauerline of Bonneville; Bernadette and Donald Joy; Sandra, Harold, and Calvin Raines; Cynthia, Rusty, and Russell Raines of Westminster; Julie Joy and Mark Speak of Thurmont; Pam and Morgan Gigeous of Carroll Valley; Robert, Judy Andrienne and Alexander Henke and Courtney Myers of Hanover, Pa.; Lindsey Plato of Shrewsbury, Pa.; Melissa and Dimitri Garefalakis of Baltimore; Michael Joy; Jerry and Dot Joy; Lori Danielle, and Lauryn Hoff and Elise Manning of Emmitsburg.

Patrick, who has Downs Syndrome, lives at Amber Meadows in Frederick in a group home. Although he receives the best of care and is happy in his environment, Pat always enjoys time at home with his brothers, sisters, and relatives.

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Mount Saint Mary's Hosts Emmitsburg Arts League Show

Mount Saint Mary's College has offered the Emmitsburg Arts League the honor of a show to be held in their new Delaplaine Gallery in the Knott Auditorium during November. The colorful and captivating artwork of Rev. Robert Terentieff will be featured. The show opened with a reception on November 2, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The show will run until November 22. Everyone is welcome.

Father Robert Terentieff, assistant professor of Art at the Mount, has been the guiding light behind this exhibit. All league members were given the opportunity to enter several items each. James Agard, from the art department of Gettysburg College, was given the task of choosing works to be exhibited. From all these works one will be chosen by him as "Best-in-Show."

The Emmitsburg Arts League was formed in 1994 by three area artists, Nancy Coblentz Nelson,

Elizabeth Prongas, and Linda Postelle. It was an immediate success with dozens of area artists responding with membership support. Today it operates with a membership of over sixty artists. These span the range of professional artists to those who just want to enjoy art. The League offers monthly meetings with featured lecturers and several opportunities to display arts and crafts during the year.

The Emmitsburg Arts League greatly appreciates the opportunity to show work in an academic setting. We are proud to have the college in Emmitsburg and are pleased that they have given us this honor.

The event is free and open to the public. Ample parking is available.

For more information, contact the Department of Visual & Performing Arts at 301-447-5308, or Frank Buhrman in the Mount public relations office at 301-447-5366.



The art work of Rev. Robert Terentieff, assistant professor of art at Mount Saint Mary's College, will be featured in the Emmitsburg Arts League Juried Show Nov. 2 - 22 in the Mount's Delaplaine Art Gallery inside the Knott Auditorium. Father Terentieff is pictured with his expression in acrylics, "Terentieff."
Photo courtesy MSM

Community Interest

Neighborhood Watch

The Frederick County Sheriff's Department will be discussing the establishment of "Neighborhood Watch" programs throughout the town of Emmitsburg at the December 1st Town Meeting.

The meeting will be held at the V.F.W. at 7:30 p.m.

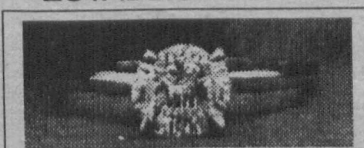
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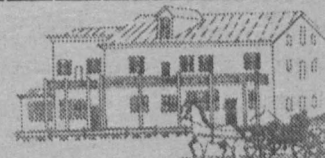
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Library Development in North Frederick County Discussed

On Monday, October 20, Frederick County Public Library (FCPL) director Denise Davis met in a first-ever joint meeting with members of the Emmitsburg Branch Library Advisory Board and the Thurmont Library Steering Committee to discuss the most recent library expansion proposals issuing from the Frederick County Public Libraries Board.

The purpose was to clarify misinterpretations of FCPL plans for library development in Northern Frederick County.

"The real question is, will we have quality public libraries, period," said Davis. We would like to see quality libraries in all of our communities throughout the county. What resources we have and how they will be allocated are of great concern to the county library system board."

"The county library board must work within the scope of the county's established planning regions," Davis said. "In the Thurmont Planning Region we are dealing with the situation of having libraries in the expanding communities of Emmitsburg and Thurmont and each needs to be upgraded. Each library is important and no library will be closed."

The Frederick County Public Libraries plan for library development of "Quality - Complementary Libraries" calls for the maintenance, upgrading, and expansion of the Emmitsburg Branch located in the Community Center from its present size of 2,500 sq. feet to 6,500 sq. feet. At the present time these ideas are reflected in the county's Capital Improvement Plan and could happen over the next three years.

Concurrently, the FCPL proposal calls for the construction of a new library facility in Thurmont to replace

the overcrowded 2,100 sq. feet space. The proposed 15,000 sq. ft. facility would house a larger collection to be used to support more in-depth research work. The larger facility would also house support services for the region and provide them more efficiently to all patrons. At the present time the proposal for the Thurmont Library is not listed on the CIP budget and this, as well as efforts to obtain an acceptable site, are seen as critical first steps.

According to Davis, "Libraries are dependent upon each other. The Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries must support each other as they in turn depend upon C. Burr Artz in Frederick."

"At the present time over 50% of all money that comes into the county goes to the Board of Education. Approximately 1% of that money goes to the county public libraries. We (FCPL) think that it is possible to have growth in our schools and public libraries as well. We have a good example of this in Montgomery County," Davis said.

"It is up to the county commissioners to appropriate the money. It is up to the individual citizen of each of your communities to encourage the commissioners. The issue here is people's political will. Each person must ask of themselves do they want libraries or not," said Davis. "'Grass roots' is where the power is if 'grass roots' exercises its initiative."

For more information on FCPL plans for library development in Northern Frederick County contact the librarians at either the Emmitsburg or Thurmont Branch for the minutes of the meeting that contain a more complete statement of their position on library development.

Lest We Forget: The Holocaust Experience

The Thurmont Branch of Frederick County Public Libraries will be hosting **Lest We Forget: The Holocaust Experience** on Sunday, November 16 at 2 p.m. at Catocin High School. The special speaker for this free afternoon program will be Nesse Godin, a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Speakers Bureau and a survivor of the Shauliai, Lithuania, Ghetto, the Stutthof Concentration Camp, four labor camps, and a death march.

Mrs. Godin has dedicated her adult life to teaching and sharing memories of the Holocaust, translating the experience into a personal glimpse of this enormous and horrifying drama. She is the Co-President of the Jewish Holocaust Survivors and Friends of Greater Washington and serves on the board for various Survivors' groups. She is the recipient of many awards and honors for her work, including the "The Myrtle Wreath" by the Hadassah Council and The Chaim Solomon Freedom Medal by B'nai

B'rith Argo Lodge. In 1990, The Maryland Commission on Women chose Godin as one of the "Unsung Heroines" of the State of Maryland.

Her life story has appeared in numerous publications and she has appeared on many T.V. and radio programs. She was born in Shaulia, Lithuania, where she lived with her parents and two brothers until the Nazi invasion. In 1950 she and her husband Jack, also a survivor, came to the U.S. and settled in the Washington, D.C., area. They are the proud parents of two daughters and a son and five grandchildren.

This program is being sponsored by the Thurmont Branch of the Frederick County Public Libraries and the Thurmont Branch Advisory Board. Individuals requesting signing for the hearing impaired should advise the library two weeks in advance of this program.

Catocin High School is located on Rt. 550 just north of Thurmont. Call the library at 301-271-7721 for directions or for further information.

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Who's Who in Emmitsburg

By Christina Stevenson

If you need to brush up on your history just have a conversation with Tom Humerick. A self-professed history buff and native of Emmitsburg, Humerick has spent the last ten years actively participating in Civil War reenactments. He also participates in World War I reenactments with the Great War Association.

Humerick traces his German and Irish roots back to the early 1700's when his ancestors arrived in Delaware from northwest Germany and Holland. Eventually, in 1942 Humerick's father settled the family in Emmitsburg and in 1945 Tom was born. Humerick attended both elementary and high school in Emmitsburg graduating from Emmitsburg High in 1964 with a class of twenty-four. At the age of 22 Humerick enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for twenty-two years. His service included a one-year tour of duty with the Navy Special Forces unit during the Vietnam conflict.

After his retirement from the Navy, Humerick became involved with Civil War reenactments. Motivated by his love of history

Humerick is committed to educating others about the Civil War era. Humerick is a member of the 2nd Virginia Stonewall Brigade and has traveled as far as Tennessee to participate in reenactments. In keeping with historical accuracy, Humerick produces his reenactment clothing using patterns he designed by studying era clothing exhibits at museums. In addition to studying the battles Humerick also studies the dances of the time as a member of the Victorian Dance ensemble. The group performs dances of the Civil War era using period music.

While most of his time is spent reenacting the Civil War and Victorian eras, Humerick is also active on the

Board of Directors for the American Legion Post 121 and the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. Retired life has simply provided an opportunity to allow Humerick to do the things he loves.

During the summer he trekked to the West Coast on his 1974 BMW motorcycle, racking up over 6,200 miles. Humerick stated he saw beautiful country but Emmitsburg is still the best.

If you would like to nominate an Emmitsburg resident for our Who's Who in Emmitsburg column please call or write the Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch. We will feature one person each month.



Obituaries (See also page 19)

Mr. Dennis Hewitt

Mr. Dennis Franklin Hewitt, 41, of Fairfiled, Pa., died Wednesday, Oct 15, at R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Baltimore.

He was the husband of Marcia Emma Virginia Ayers Hewitt.

Born April 15, 1956, in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Harry C. and Hilda L. Hardman Hewitt.

Mr. Hewitt worked for Beckett Construction as a building contractor.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four children, Stacie Ann Naugle and Lynaya Marie Hewitt, both of South Mountain, Pa., Ashley Nicole Hewitt of Waynesboro, Pa., and Ryan Joseph Hewitt of Fairfield; two grandsons, Eugene Dennis Naugle and Cody Lyn Naugle, both of South Mountain; and 11 brothers and sisters, Lois Fellows of New Mexico, Ronald Hewitt of Gettysburg, Pa., Sharon Emerson of Spring Grove, Pa., Sandra Myers of Harpers Ferry, W. Va., David Hewitt of Mount Carmel, Pa., James Hewitt of Emmitsburg, Kerry Hewitt of Fairfield, Collien Puciato of Orrtanna, Pa., Donna Wetzel of McSherrystown, Pa., Laura Hewitt of Littlestown, Pa., and Jay Hewitt of Biglerville, Pa.

Funeral services were held Oct. 18, at the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg. Burial was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

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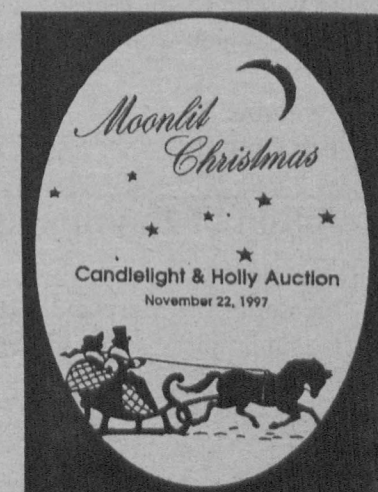
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Looking Ahead

Wednesday, November 5
The Emmitsburg Historical Society meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall of Elias Lutheran Church. Daniel Hartzler of New Windsor will be the speaker. His subject will be local clockmakers, which is also the subject of his latest book.

Saturday, November 8
The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens annual Fall Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This bazaar will be held in the Senior Citizens Center on South Seton Avenue. Lunch will be available as well as handicraft items, baked goods, flowers and plants, rummage and white elephant goodies. Also a country store and bingo. There is something for everyone. Come and enjoy the day with us.

Monday, November 10th
Women's Aglow meeting will be held at the Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, beginning at 6:15 p.m. (Notice new place and time). General meeting at 7:15 p.m. Cost \$7.00 for dinner buffet. Please call for dinner reservations by Nov. 7th: (301) 447-2283 or (301) 271-4346. Speaker will be Joann Johnson who has a testimony you won't want to miss.

Saturday, November 15
Elias Lutheran Church's

Breakfast Buffet will be held from 6:00 - 11:00 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, homefries, chipped beef gravy, and fruit will be served. Adults \$5. Children 6-12 \$2.

Saturday, November 22
St. Marks Lutheran Church's (Sabillasville) Christmas Craft Bazaar will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Soups, sandwiches, pies, desserts and baked goods will be available. Soup by the gallon and quart to go.

Saturday, November 22
Rocky Ridge Firemen's Butchering will be held at the Fire Hall. Ladies Auxiliary will serve breakfast from 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. To place an order for meat orders call 301-271-2880.

Saturday, December 6
Elias Lutheran Church's Annual Christmas Supper and Craft Bazaar will be held starting at 1:00 p.m. featuring BEEF, TURKEY, & HAM with apple fritters. Needlework, fancy table, and home-baked products will be available. Adults - \$7.50. Children - \$3. under six free. Carryouts \$8.50.

Fri. and Sat., December 5 and 6
6th Annual Christmas Country Fare -- a n Arts and Craft Show with Holiday Appeal. Auditorium of the Community Center, Emmitsburg.

A view of 19th century slum life

A Mount Saint Mary's College professor examines the emergence and attraction of 19th-century inner-city slums in the book, *Virtues of the Vicious*, just released by Oxford University Press.

Dr. Keith Gandal, assistant professor of English, concludes that the urban poor of the 1890s, trapped by the social shackles of decaying tenements such as those in New York's Lower East Side, progressed from being viewed as moral outcasts to being seen as objects of curiosity and artistic fascination by the middle class.

Virtues of the Vicious (\$49.95) is the culmination of 10 years of research and writing, beginning as Gandal's doctoral dissertation at the University of California-Berkeley. The book will be available at the Mount College Store in the Student Union Building and at Washington, D.C., area book stores.

For most of the 19th century, Gandal said, the poor were approached in "a very moralistic way...There was a concern about social conditions and health (but) it always came back to the ultimate question: What is the moral condition of the poor, and what can we do to reform

them?"

By the turn of the century, however, the life of the multicultural population of the U.S. slums was a seemingly exotic existence that lured middle-class photographers, artists and journalists to its midst. Middle-class portrayals of slum life as "strange and dangerous" formed part of a broad turn-of-the-century quest for masculinity, Gandal writes, a response to a sentimental Victorian respectability perceived as stifling.

Gandal presents analysis of two of the period's most important texts: Jacob Riis's *How The Other Half Lives* and Stephen Crane's *Maggie: A Girl of the Streets*.

Also featured in *Virtues of the Vicious* are 19th-century photographs by Riis, which were the first black-and-white pictures of inner-city slums published in an American book.

Gandal, who also taught at Stanford University, already has started a sequel to *Virtues of the Vicious* called *Spiritual Autopsies*, in which Gandal focuses on 19th- and 20th-century Bohemian writers, who like Crane, rejected middle-class culture and experienced the lifestyles of the poor and obscure.

The Evolution of Emmitsburg - How Residents and Government Can Help (Part 2)

By Teresa Moore
 Executive Director of the Maryland Greenways Commission

Developing a Strategy

Many consulting, planning and environmental firms now specialize in community visioning. With the help of a trained facilitator, residents articulate what is special to them, what potential they feel the area has, what threats they see developing, and the type of growth they think would enhance the community. Armed with this information, they are led through a process where they decide what can be done. Determining what needs to be accomplished is a key step in making progress and implementing a plan for the future. To be successful, any plan or strategy must be done with broad input from the community and have the support of local officials. Representatives from the

Maryland Office of Planning or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources can often help identify facilitators and set up a community visioning workshop.

There may also be an opportunity for assistance through the Countryside Stewardship Exchange. This program, which will be offered in the Chesapeake Bay region in 1998, pairs communities with a group of experts from the United States and other countries for a one week, intensive evaluation and planning session. A preliminary assessment is done so that outside experts with relevant experience and knowledge can be selected for the exchange. Many useful ideas are developed at these sessions. Applications for the 1998 program will be distributed in Maryland by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay.

Land Conservation Tools

It is important to work on a long-term plan that will direct future growth and attract desirable industries and businesses. It is also important to act quickly to protect key portions of the landscape and natural resources so that they are not overwhelmed in the short-run. There are existing programs at the state level that can help:

Program Open Space funds can be used to purchase properties for natural resource protection or for recreational purposes. Program Open Space is administered by the Department of Natural Resources, and funds are available from both the county and the state for specified purposes.

Maryland Environmental Trust easements can provide tax benefits to private property owners who agree to maintain all or a portion of their land in its natural state. Deed

restrictions are negotiated individually with each applicant.

Agricultural Preservation Easements, available through both state and county programs, provide a lump sum payment to approved landowners who agree to sell their development rights. At present, there are about 800,000 acres of protected land in Maryland, which has over 6 million acres of land within its borders. The conserved areas include lands protected by the programs above, along with other state, federal and local parks and natural areas and private land trust holdings. The greater Emmitsburg area does not have much in the way of protected land. A quick glance at a regional map shows only a couple of agricultural easements and one local park. Residents concerned about the potential for farms to be converted into other uses may want to think about utilizing some of these land conservation programs.



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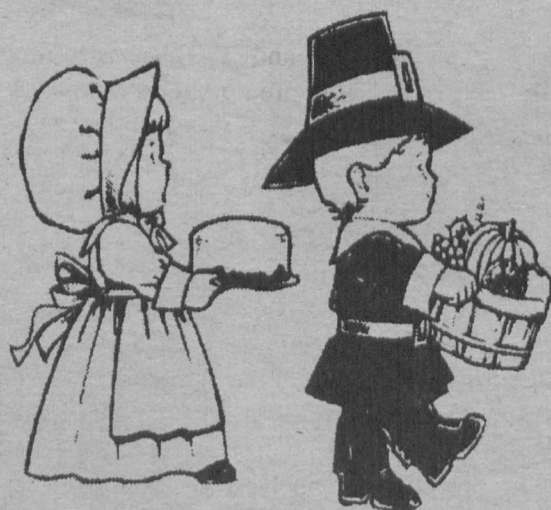
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Over the White Board Fence

Food for Thought

By Mike Hillman

Probably one of the more unusual bits of trivia that I discovered during the research on the history of the lands surrounding our farm, was the story of the Sixes Bridge Dam and Lake project.

The project, proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers in 1969, was designed initially to serve as a water reservoir for the Washington Metropolitan area. At the time, predictions of exponential growth in Washington's population and economy, had federal, state, and local governments apprehensive about the ability of the unregulated Potomac River to meet future water supply needs. To correct swings in the Potomac's flow, and therefore assure a steady water supply, dams on estuaries (like the Monocacy) that drain into the Potomac were proposed. The dams would hold the river back during rainy periods and release water during dry periods.

To substantiate their claims of the urgency of the project, the Corps noted in their 1973 Environmental Impact Statement that the water supply demands for the Washington area already exceeded the lowest flow of record of the Potomac River. Specifically, on July 15, 1971, over 400 million gallons of water was used from the Potomac River, while during the summer of 1966, the flow rate of the river had dropped to a rate of 388 million gallons per day, a 12 million gallon shortfall. With predictions of an impending water supply crisis and outright shortages and rationing by the year 2000, the federal government began detailed planning of a proposed reservoir system.

The dam for the reservoir, to be built over 5 years at a cost of 38 million dollars, was to be located on the Monocacy, 1/2 mile downstream from Sixes Bridge on property now owned by Lisa and Erol Bell. The topography of the Monocacy River Valley at this location was ideally suited for a dam. The eastern bank of the river lies at the base of a long, imposing, steep stone cliff, which would serve as the eastern wing of the dam. The right bank of the proposed dam is a long, sloping hill that

leads to a ridge line which runs clear up to Four Points Bridge on Tom's Creek. The 70 foot high dam was to be 2,250 feet long, composed of roughly 700 feet of concrete and 1,550 feet of rolled earth.

The V-shaped lake created by the dam would have extended 12.5 miles up the Monocacy River, just to the outskirts of Emmitsburg on Tom's Creek. With a shoreline of over 53 miles, the lake would have flooded 3,500 acres of farm land over a maximum width of two miles. Farm land which would be submerged by the proposed lake was to be purchased by the government under the right of eminent domain. To protect the quality of the water in the lake from farm runoff, landholders adjacent to the lake would have their property lines moved back a mandatory 300 feet from the lake's shore line.

In an effort to blunt criticism of the dam's impact on the local community, economy, and environment, the dam's proponents expanded its use from a simple reservoir to a recreational reservoir and a 7000-acre park. Under the revised plans, swimming, fishing, sailing, and motor boats would have been allowed. To support this expanded use, proponents called for the installation of access roads, and a vast array of visitor facilities, including parking areas, picnic tables, fireplaces, tent pads, and boat launching ramps.

While a majority of the new land would be used to support public recreation, a significant portion of the 7000-acre park was to be set aside as a nature preserve. An extensive reforestation program was to be undertaken which proponents predicted would draw extensive wildlife. The preserve would also encompass many lakes that would serve as a refuge and nesting grounds for flocks of migratory birds that were expected to utilize the lake and its surrounding park.

Proponents predicted that the expansion of allowed activities in the park and lake would serve as an additional attraction to visitors to Gettysburg, as well as a lure to claustrophobic Washingtonians, thereby creating a vibrant tourist and

recreational economy in the Emmitsburg area, freeing the area from its dependency on farming.

However, all good things do have their cost, and in this case, the cost was a little too high for many in the community. All told, the constructions of the dam and lake would have required the purchase of 10,880 acres, and the relocation of about 70 families. Many residents along Grimes, Sixes, Sixes Bridge and Four Points roads would see much of their present-day land covered by water.

As a survey conducted by the Maryland Historical Society noted, several historic county sites would have been adversely affected by the dam. These included the total submersion of Castle Dairy Farm, with its late 18th century stone house and

barns; the extraordinary large frame Victorian barn on Sixes' farm; the total submersion of the picture-perfect Grimes Farm; and, the flooding of Frenchman's Purchase - a 1794 two and one-half story sandstone bank house.

In addition to buildings, the lake threatened at least three late 19th century steel trestle bridges, which according to the Environmental Impact Statement for the project "are rapidly disappearing from the rural scene and are considered important elements in the historical character of Western Maryland." The bridges cited included Sixes Bridge, Tom's Creek Bridge (a.k.a. Four Points Bridge), and Grimes' Bridge.

Because of the personal toll it would take on the families within

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the projected lake area, the dam proposal was met with wide and fervent opposition. Public meetings were well attended, and always ended in a strong signal to the government that the dam was not welcome. An indicator of how strong the feelings were against the dam could be seen in the reaction of long-time residents when recently asked about the project. Most did their best to suppress the very notion that it was even proposed. Many, however, responded with an angry "They're not bringing *that* up again, are they?"

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I admit I was intrigued at the thought of our farm's suddenly being prime lake front property and the high price land would bring. I've even evilly thought of what it would look like with a McDonald's on it, yet I can't get over thinking what would have been lost. The unbroken peace and quiet of a spring morning; the pitch-black nights which pay host to faint stars, creating a dazzling celestial canopy; the long roadside chats with neighbors, too little seen. All the beauty man proposed to build pales in comparison to that created by Mother Nature. If you doubt it,

watch the sun rise near Grimes Bridge, soak in afternoon warmth at Four Points, watch a sun set anywhere in the valley. Only a fool would throw this serenity away.

OPTION 2

With the success of water conservation programs, water restrictive devices in household appliances, and the growing awareness of the scarcity of water, most have long ago discarded into the waste bin of history the very notion of a water shortage that could affect us. Then again, today the Potomac is flowing at only 75 percent of normal capacity and we are in the longest drought in over 100 years, the same precursors that existed in 1965 which led to the original calls for the dam; due to global warming, severe weather pattern shifts from drought to monsoons will be the norm, as it has been this year; there remain only 648 days until the year 2000, the original projected date of the beginning of water shortages. Are the omnipresent water restrictions haunting harbingers of things to come? Might the proponents of the dam have been right?

Food for thought: *The true price of a thing is what one has to give up for it ...* Henry David Thoreau

Highway Operations Ready for Winter

With the winter season ahead, it is time once again to prepare for the ice and snow. The Frederick County Division of Highway Operations is ready to work around the clock to make county roads safe for all citizens during the winter season.

In the past, Frederick County citizens have been extremely supportive and patient during the snowy conditions. "The department appreciates and thanks the citizens for helping to make those winter seasons safe and enjoyable," stated Bill Routzahn, Highway Operations Division Chief.

To help citizens to prepare for the winter season, the Department of Highway Operations has established a "Making Winter Storms Safe" brochure which provides a list of things to remember during a winter storm, as well as tips for storm safety. Included in the brochure are some of the following tips and procedures:

1. Do not follow a snow plow too closely. When plowing the roads, there are times when the driver will need to stop and back up.
2. If you live on a cul-de-sac, do not park your car on the road. It is difficult for the plows to maneuver around cars parked in the cul-de-sac. Park your car in the driveway away from the road.
3. When you shovel your driveway, face the road and throw the snow to the right. This way, when the plow goes by, the snow will not be pushed back onto the driveway.
4. Do not travel during snowy conditions unless it is absolutely neces-

sary. The lesser number of cars on the roads makes it easier for highway crews to get their jobs done.

5. Updates on road and weather conditions are faxed to the media when necessary. Citizens are encouraged to listen to the radio for these updates.

6. If you own a mail box that is located near the road, make sure the post is in good condition. If posts are knocked down during snow removal, Highway Operations will not replace them unless they were actually struck by the truck.

7. Communications between departments and agencies is critical during snowy conditions. After a storm hits, contact is made with the Board of Education to provide updates on road conditions. Also, if Central Alarm is out on a call, plows will be pulled from their runs to provide assistance to emergency vehicles.

"These tips and procedures have helped to eliminate many problems in the past, and the Division of

Highway Operations will continue in the same fashion this season," stated Mr. Routzahn.

"With the continued support from Frederick County citizens, and with all these plans and precautions in place, winter can be a safe and enjoyable season," Mr. Routzahn added.

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ST. ANTHONY- OLMC NEWS

By Ann Marshall

Heritage of Hope, a \$50 million dollar fund-raising campaign, is under way in the 162 parishes of the Diocese of Baltimore. St. Anthony Shrine and OLMC were the first parishes in the campaign to exceed their targets. As of mid-October, OLMC was 60% over goal. St. Anthony's was 27% over goal. Fr. Leo Tittler, pastor, was pictured on the cover of *Heritage Highlights* being congratulated by William Cardinal Keeler for his exemplary leadership. Fr. Tittler thanks his team members, Sr. Carol Czyzewski, Pastoral Associate, Sr. Jan Nasiadka, Pastoral Minister, and all those parishioners who helped solicit gifts.

A Novena of Nine Masses begins on All Souls Day (November 2) for deceased family and friends of parishioners. Names to be specifically included in the prayers for the dead may be placed in the collection box on Sunday, November 2 or phoned into the office, 301 447 2367.

Raffle Winners at St. Anthony's annual turkey dinner were: first prize, a night at the Historic Gettysburg Hotel, John and Peggy Offutt; second prize of \$100, Bart Hogan; third prize of \$50, Aldemore Turgeon. The dinner netted nearly \$4,000.

OLMC Sausage and Crabcake stand at Colorfest brought in \$2844. Car parking on church grounds added \$1150 to the parish profit on Colorfest.

Unborn Babies Need Prayers. Anyone who wishes to "spiritually adopt" an unborn child may call Sr. Mary Jan at the parish office, 301-447-2367, for more information. The adopting parent names and prays for the baby he/she "adopts" and is sent a monthly report of the child's development. In May or June, a baby shower will be held, proceeds and gifts to be donated to the Catocin Pregnancy Center.

Baptism: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish welcomes into the Catholic faith Corey William Rice, son of James and Mary Rice, who was baptized on Sunday, October 5, 1997.

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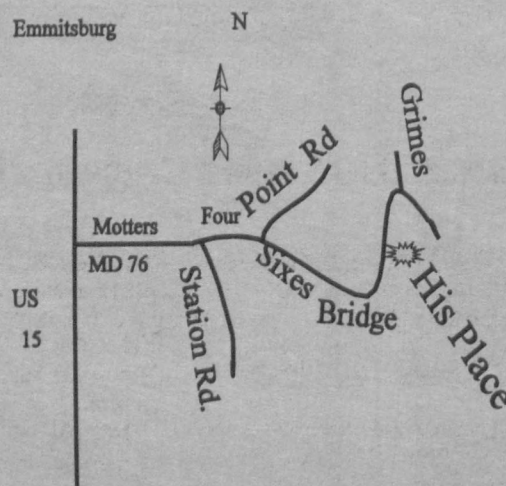
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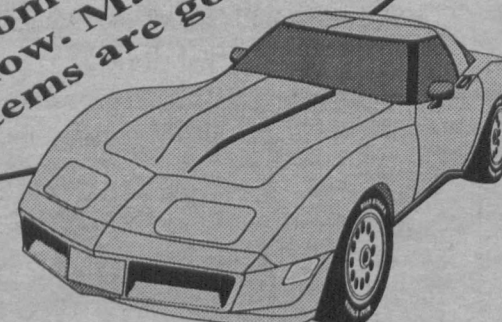
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The event draws hundreds of

runners and walkers donning holiday costumes with jingle bells tied to their shoelaces. Money raised will fund arthritis research and support helpful local services, such as support groups, exercise classes, self-help courses, and more. An estimated 745,000 people in Maryland have arthritis, affecting one in three families.

The Arthritis Foundation needs volunteers to help organize all aspects of the event. In addition to

host sponsor Eastalco, FCNB Bank, Orthopaedic Associates of Frederick, Arthritis & Osteoporosis Center of Frederick, McShea, Brueggers's Bagels, Key 103.1 radio, *Frederick Magazine* are this year's sponsors.

For more information call 301-663-0303. The Arthritis Foundation supports research to find the cure for and prevention of arthritis and seeks to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis.

Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

Our churches are sad from the loss of so many members and friends. Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Isabel Mathias, Lutheran; Monroe Stambaugh, U.C.C.; Shirley Hoffman, U.C.C.; Richard Duble, U.C.C.; Kathleen Miller, U.C.C.; and Helen Albaugh, Lutheran.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Joseph Grossnickle, David Valentine, Karl Orndorff, and William Gordon.

Bible Study is continuing at the Mt. Tabor Activity Building every Monday night beginning at 7 p.m. We have been studying the different religions.

Election of officers for the Mt. Tabor Sunday School were held and those chosen were Kenneth Sharrer - Superintendent, Kevin Sharrer - Assistant Superintendent, Brenda Mill and Peggy Ballew - Secretaries, Franklin Stambaugh - Treasurer, Bonnie Sanders and Linda Shields - Pianists, and Barbara Schildt - Building Fund Treasurer.

Rocky Ridge Firemen will hold a butchering at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall. on Nov. 22. The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving breakfast starting at 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. To place an order for meat, contact Robert Ogle at 301-271-2880.

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary wishes to Vernon and Bea Keilholtz on their 54th anniversary Nov. 17th., and Michelle and David Martin.

Birthdays for November:

Happy Birthday wishes to Gloria Frushour, Vivian Dinterman, Donald Hahn, Adrian Maxey, Carroll Glass, Derrin Glass, Bernie Hobbs, Amanda Beall, Curtis Greene, Emma Keeney, Donald Hahn, Kenneth Mumma, Glen Haines, Harold Late, Tena Marie Beall, Chaz Stambaugh, and Shirley Brown.

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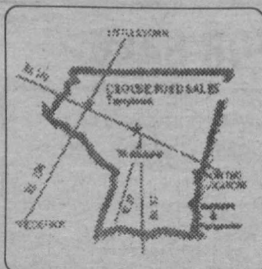
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Tips for Helping the Elderly

By Debra Brownley

I feel very fortunate to have spent thirty-three years of my life with my grandparents. I enjoy sitting down at the kitchen table on the back porch, listening to stories about their childhood, World War II, and the coal mines of West Virginia. But as I write this article, my time with my grandfather is limited because he has chronic leukemia. For seventy-eight years of my grandfather's life, he has never had to depend on anyone, but himself. Now the tall 6' 2" man leans on me.

Those persons who have elderly parents or grandparents, may find the following tips helpful:

1. Tape emergency numbers to the refrigerator or near the phone. (ex) fire, police, rescue squad, important doctors' numbers, and numbers for relatives.
2. Make sure the numbers on the phone are large enough for them to read. Portable phones are also nice because they can carry them wherever they go around the house or yard, especially if they have a medical problem.
3. Help them to clean hard-to-reach places. (ex) ceiling fans, underneath toilets, heavy dressers.
4. When it snows, offer to shovel out their driveway and clean off the steps. A fall can be fatal. Their bones are brittle and the healing process is longer.
5. Install handrailings and wheelchair ramps where necessary.
6. Place rubber mats in bath tubs to prevent them from slipping while getting in and out of the tub.
7. Run errands for them. (ex) pick up a loaf of bread, a gallon of milk, or go to the post office. Offer to pick up prescriptions for them.
8. Get "Grandma" driving again if her vision and reflexes are sound. Find alternate routes and back roads that aren't so congested with traffic.
9. Make sure that they feel safe and secure in their own home. (ex) install smoke detectors, make sure that windows and doors lock properly, and replace outside flood lights, so that they can see to get in the door at night. Motion detector lights are also nice.
10. Offer to help clean out garages, attics, basements, and haul trash to the dump. Many times these places get piled up because they're not able to lift and lug all of those heavy boxes, etc.
11. If your parent or grandparent is a pack rat, help them to organize and pack knickknacks, etc. Remember, things that may seem like junk to you probably have sentimental value to them. Supply the boxes, and be patient. Don't expect too much too fast.
12. In a medical emergency, the paramedics have to be able to move around in the house easily. Make sure that the aisle ways are clear of furniture, and that there is enough room to maneuver a cot. Every minute counts in a life-threatening situation.
13. Make sure that their vehicles are started up at least once a week and are maintained. (ex) check the oil, tire pressure, etc.
14. Buy them a good comfortable pair of shoes like Dr. Scholl's. Especially, if they're on their feet all day cooking and cleaning. Varicose veins are common in elderly people, and their legs can tire easily and hurt.
15. Check to see that they have the foods that they need. For example, bananas and oranges are high in potassium, and help to lower high blood pressure. Cranberry juice is good for cleaning and regulating their kidneys. Also, a lot of medications have to be taken with orange juice.
16. Make sure that their glasses aren't in need of repair, and schedule routine eye exams for them. A magnifying glass can also help them to read fine print.
17. Help them with routine maintenance around the house and yard such as painting, raking leaves, planting flowers, cleaning gutters, and repairing leaky roofs.
18. Mow the grass for them in the summer. Many elderly people may have heart trouble or high blood pressure. Stress from the heat can bring on these conditions more rapidly.
19. If someone is sick or confined to a bed, they may not be able to call out loudly. You may be in another room and not be able to hear them calling. Give them a cow bell or a dinner bell to ring if they need something.
20. Help them to organize their monthly bills. For example, a small portable file with file folders. That's not to say that you have to know penny for penny what comes in and goes out.
21. Help "Grandma" put on her hair coloring, so that it doesn't get in her eyes. Or, make her a salon appointment, and offer to drive her there. Gift certificates work nicely, and it makes them feel so good to have someone fuss over them for a change!
22. Pets can make great companions for the elderly, but make sure that they want the pet first before pawing it off on them. Puppies and kittens can require just as much care as young children, and can cost just as much! They may not be able to physically take care of the pet, or financially afford the upkeep. (ex) spay/neuter, vaccinations, etc.
23. If you have elderly parents or grandparents or know of someone

living in a nursing home, take time to visit throughout the year. It can be a very lonely place. In many cases, they can be signed out for the day. Take them on a picnic, or do something that they would enjoy.

24. Most elderly people have a difficult time living on their social security check, and have very little retirement income, if any. Have family members to pitch in a few extra dollars a week. All of those tens and twenties can really add up in a month's time.

Do these things because you want to do them, and not because you feel obligated. Many elderly people will not express their needs because they feel that they are a burden to their children and grandchildren. If they feel that you are doing things out of obligation, and not because you genuinely want to, they will be reluctant ask for your help in the future.

There comes a time when we all grow old and need help. If we can not turn to the people we love—our children, our grandchildren, and our friends—then whom can we turn to? Isn't it our responsibility to take care of the people who have taken care of us all of our lives?

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Obituaries

Mrs. Ethel Williar

Mrs. Ethel Hess Wetzel Williar, 73, of East Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

She was the wife of Russell Joseph Williar, who died July 23, 1990.

Born July 25, 1924, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late Ross Edward and Esther Gertrude Hess Wetzel.

Mrs. Williar was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

She was retired from the housekeeping department of St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are two daughters, Wanda J. Brooks of Biloxi, Miss., and Brenda L. Rigby of Fairfield, Pa.; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one sister, Nancy Cool of Emmitsburg; and one brother, Robert Leo Wetzel of Sabillasville.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, at Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, where Christian wake services will be held at 8 p.m. Friday.

Mr. Karl Orndorff

Mr. Karl Joseph Orndorff, 75, of Sixes Bridge Road, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, Oct. 18, at home.

He was the husband of Theresa M. Keepers Orndorff.

Born Sept. 11, 1922, in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Maurice Anthony and Irene Wivell Orndorff.

Mr. Orndorff was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife are six children, Stephen Orndorff and wife Lois of Emmitsburg, Sandra Gelwicks and husband Joe of Emmitsburg, Donna Koob of Rocky Ridge, Bonny Fitzgerald and husband Dave of Rocky Ridge, Alan Orndorff and wife Barbara of Fairfield, Pa., and Gail Reinhardt and husband Eric of Snow Hill. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and six brothers and sisters: Ethel Long of Harney, Sterling Orndorff of Rocky Ridge, Pauline Orndorff of Littlestown, Pa., and Clarence Orndorff, Dorothy Joy, and Francis Orndorff, all of Emmitsburg.

He was preceded in death by a son, Patrick Joseph Orndorff; a sister, Margaret Williamson; and a brother, George Louis Orndorff.

A Mass of Christian Burial was

held with the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy as celebrant. Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. William Gordon Sr.

Mr. William Cissel Gordon Sr., 68, of 14809 Bollinger Road, Rocky Ridge, died Monday, Oct. 20, at home.

He was the husband of Lucy Dora Bassler Gordon, whom he married July 28, 1957.

Born July 15, 1929, in Olney, he was the son of the late William Daniel Gordon and Dorothy Alice Knowles Gordon.

He was a member of Elias Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg and a former member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Fulton.

He retired in 1985 as a fireman with the Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue.

He was a life member of the 5th District Volunteer Fire Department of Clarksville. He served in the Army during the Korean War.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, William Cissel Gordon Jr. and wife Lisa of Highland; a daughter, Esther A. Gieron and husband Mark A. of Taneytown; three grandchildren, Matthew Daniel Gordon, Sarah Nichole Gieron, and Joshua Luke Gieron; and a brother-in-law, Lawrence Bassler and wife Florence of Emmitsburg.

The Rev. Susan Vatta officiated at graveside services in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 11795 Md. 216, Fulton, Md. 20759, or to Elias Lutheran Church, 100 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

Mr. Charles Sanders

Mr. Charles Edward Sanders, 55, of Annandale Road, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Gettysburg Hospital.

Born Jan. 1, 1942, in Gettysburg, he was the son of Julian M. and Ruth E. Harbaugh Sanders of Emmitsburg.

Mr. Sanders was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg; Moose Lodge 1381 of Westminster; Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 1562 of Gettysburg; Charles J. Lillian AMVETS Post 172 of Fairfield; VFW Post 6658 of Emmitsburg, and VFW Post 8806 of Union Bridge.

He loved gardening, music, and wrestling.

Surviving in addition to his parents are two sons, Edward Charles Sanders and wife Debbie, and Billy Ray Sanders and wife Kim, all of Fairfield; a daughter, Michelle Lynn Sanders and husband Mike Kershner of Hagerstown; four grandchildren, Aubrey Kershner of Hagerstown, and Adam Sanders, Beth

Sanders, and Cody Sanders, all of Fairfield; a sister, Judy Stambaugh and husband Lee of Thurmont; and a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He will be remembered by his companion, Charlotte Stitley of Keymar.

Mr. Sanders was preceded in death by his former wife, Patty Ann Belcher Sanders; a granddaughter, Patty Ann Sanders; and maternal and parental grandparents, Bertha and Emmitt Harbaugh and Lottie and Jason Sanders.

Funeral service were held in Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg. The Rev. Larry Eby officiated. Burial was in Fairfield Union Cemetery.

Ms. Mamie Kelly

Ms. Mamie Gladys Kelly, 82, of Federal Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, at Gettysburg (Pa.) Hospital.

Born March 8, 1915, in Thurmont, she was the daughter of the late Martin and Minnie Finneyfrock Kelly.

Ms. Kelly was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, and the Lutheran Church Women. She retired as an occupational therapist from St. Joseph's Provincial House after many years of service.

Surviving are one son, Ronald L. Kelly of Ellicott City; three grandchildren, Kathleen Wiley of Arlington, Va., Caroline Kryger of Ellicott City, and John Kelly of Arlington, Va.; two great-grandchildren, Ben Kryger and Madeline Kryger, both of Ellicott City; one sister, Grace Harbaugh of Gettysburg; and one brother, Ralph Kelley of Taneytown.

Ms. Kelly was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Anne Kelly; and five brothers and sisters, Guy Kelly, Ethel Smith, Mary Ohler, Luther Kelly and Charles Kelly.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 24, at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church with Ms. Kelly's pastor, the Rev. Susan Yatta, officiating. Interment was at Wellers United Brethren Cemetery, Thurmont.

Mrs. Helen Brown

Mrs. Helen Estella Humerick Brown, 91, of E. Main St., Emmitsburg, died Thursday, Oct. 30, at Citizens Nursing Home, Frederick.

Her husband, George Henry Brown, died in 1969.

Born Aug. 9, 1906 in Altoona, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Andrew Jackson and Anna Catherine Taylor Humerick.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens.

She retired from the housekeeping department at St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are three children, James Andrew Brown of Mobile, Ala., Carol Marie Lemon of Upper Marlboro, and George O. Brown of Gettysburg, Pa.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and four brothers and sisters, John G. Humerick of Emmitsburg, Marion Boyle of Fairfield, Pa., Dorothy Seiss of Emmitsburg, and Hilda Mahoney of Florida.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 3, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy as celebrant. Burial was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg. Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

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A "Seat Belt Reminder" took place at Emmitsburg Elementary School on Wednesday, Oct. 22, as parents picked up their kids at school. Stickers and coloring books were given to the car riders as they were reminded of the new seat belt laws and the importance of buckling up.

Local town deputy Jeff Gulden assisted Gail Rolls, the school nurse, with the project. *A Dispatch Photo*

Cougar News

By Marlene A. Tarr

The Catocin High School Marching Band and several staff members marched in a Character Counts parade in downtown Frederick on Saturday, October 18, 1997. We were joined by students and staff representatives from our feeder schools: Thurmont Middle, Thurmont Elementary, Emmitsburg Elementary, Sabillasville Elementary, and Lewistown Elementary.

Parents are reminded that the first term ends on November 5, 1997. Report cards will be distributed to students on November 20, during Block 4.

A number of events are scheduled in November. The annual Art and Choral Fest, with all feeder schools, will be held in the Catocin High School Auditorium on November 6, 1997, at 7:00 p.m.

Curriculum meetings are scheduled for Monday, November 10, 1997. Schools are closed to students on that day so that teachers can attend these meetings. Participants in fall sports will be honored on November 12, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Fall athletes and parents are encouraged to attend.

Parents and students participating in winter sports are invited to meet with their coaches on Thursday, November 13, 1997, at 7:00 p.m.

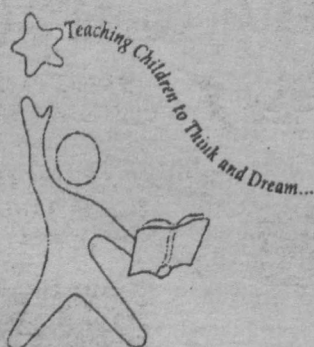
Select FFA members will be attending the National FFA convention between November 12 and November 15.

American Education Week is the week of November 17 - 21. Persons wishing to visit schools are welcome. For security reasons visitors are asked to first register at the front office.

The fall drama production, *Blithe Spirit*, is set for November 21 and 22 at 8:00 p.m. Schools will also close on November 27 and 28 for Thanksgiving break.

The Band Boosters are sponsoring a Basket Bingo fund-raiser on November 16, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at the Thurmont carnival grounds activity building. Please come out and support this event.

American Education Week



November 16-22, 1997

From The Mount

Kiwanis in College

By Ellen Drzewiecki

Kiwanis is one of those funny words that usually don't mean a lot, but to the Mount community it means more than meets the eye. Kiwanis is an international organization that provides community service to the elderly through the young. This organization is one of the largest service organizations in the world and is over seventy years old.

On the Mount campus we have the college version, or what is known as Circle K. There are high school and elementary school groups—Key Club for high school students and Builders for the elementary students. The president of the Mount group is Chris Sakers, the vice president is Maria Mercurio, the treasure is Beth Kelly, and the secretary is Betsy Compton.

The activities that this club has been involved in at the Mount and in the Emmitsburg area are: 1) Pennies for the poor—a collection of spare change for a number of organizations; 2) tutoring students at Emmitsburg elementary and in the Catocin Community Clubhouse at

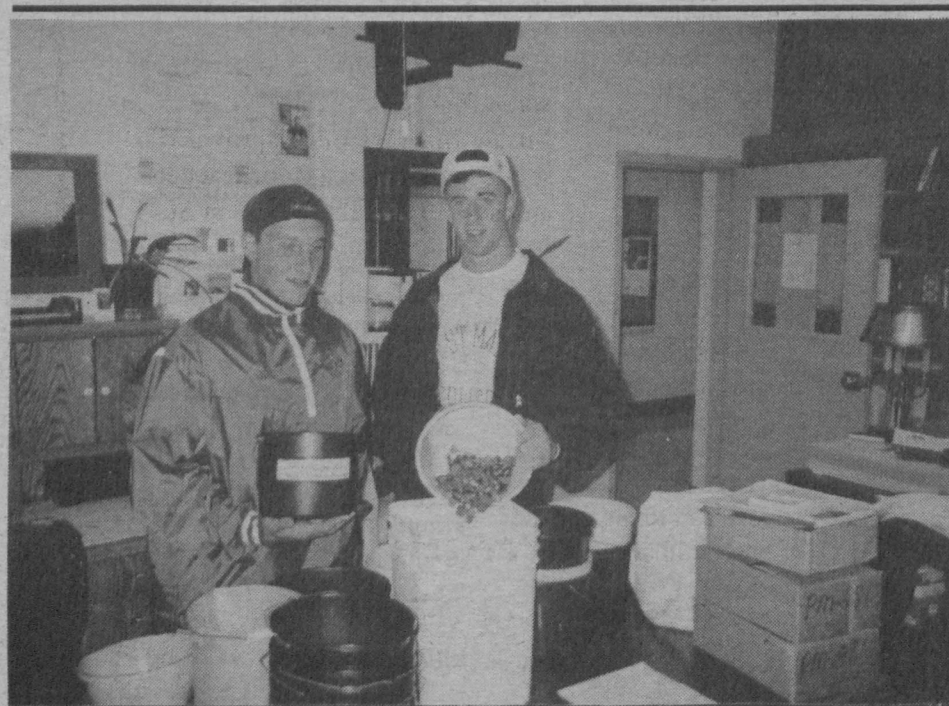
the Mount; 3) organizing parties at Villa St. Michael's and the Seton Center at Halloween, Christmas, and Easter; 4) sponsoring an international child in school; and 5) collecting soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald house.

Once a year a number of the members go to a district convention in which representatives from colleges gather and discuss community service projects and how to improve the ones that they are doing. Three students from the class of 1998 from the Mount were given awards last year at this convention. Amy Benjamin was given the President Award and the Past President Scholarship.

Ginger Parvis was given the Secretary Award. Lisa Willson was also given a scholarship from Kiwanis. These three women were the first students at the Mount to receive awards from Kiwanis.

The Mount believes strongly in the service aspect of life. We are proud to have an organization like this on our campus.

Ellen Drzewiecki is a Junior at Mount St. Mary's College.



Mike Williams and Ian Monigle, students at Mount Saint Mary's College, deposit some of the coins collected in the Pennies for the Poor Collection that took place at the Mount on Monday evening, October 20. Over \$500.00 was raised by students in the Rugby Club and by Mount seminarians who solicited donations from all the student residences on campus. Donations were also obtained by placing change jars in various offices at the Mount. This collection benefits the Amy Eyler Van Fund which is being organized by the Knights of Columbus Brute Council #1860 to help purchase a van that can accommodate an electric wheelchair for Amy Eyler, a seven year old who has Cerebral Palsy. Amy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Eyler of Emmitsburg.

Photo courtesy Joe Purello

Mother Seton School News

New Technology Lab



Dr. Ronald Valenti, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, cuts the ribbon for Seton Technology Lab.

By Val Mentzer

On Friday, October 17, 1997, Mother Seton School celebrated a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the state-of-the-art Technology Lab in the Mother Seton School Media Center. Fifteen new Pentium internet-accessible computers will be used to integrate technology in the school curriculum.

Dr. Ronald Valenti, superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, had the honor of cutting the ribbon. His vision for technology in the school curriculum for the Archdiocesan schools is epitomized in our Mother Seton School efforts.

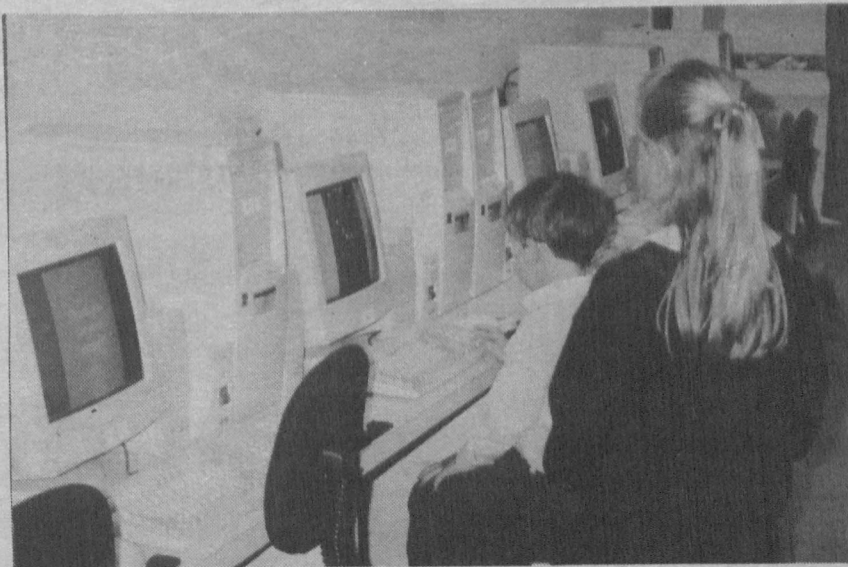
"The opening of the Tech Lab is a testament to how the faculty and staff at Mother Seton School have worked to incorporate technology

into their curricula," states Dr. Ronald Valenti. "I compliment the energy and initiative of these dedicated educators and invite the students to take full advantage of this wonderful resource."

Mother Seton School Technology Committee, Matt. Lechowicz, Paul Krauss, Kevin Ware, Frederick Portier, Mike Hanning and Brenda Quillen. These parent volunteers have spent countless hours planning and initiating the Technology Plan for Mother Seton School.

This has been a community effort for the last two years. Many individual donors have contributed through our Annual Giving Campaign and private contributions. Two businesses have contributed directly: Woodsboro Tavern in Walkersville, Md., and Carroll County Physical Therapy. A grant was received from the Friends of Catholic Education in Frederick County. The Student Council sponsored fund-raisers for the cause and Mt. St. Mary's College provided in-service education for our teachers and staff. The Villa Sisters at St. Joseph's Provincial house were also very generous, as well as Mr. William H. Page.

Many thanks to all of the parents



Students playing the first programs after the ribbon-cutting
Photos courtesy of Val Mentzer

and students who have contributed to this educational advancement for Mother Seton School. Without your support and prayers, this would not have been possible.

Candlelight & Holly Auction

For the past 14 years, Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg has held a "Candlelight and Holly" auction to benefit the school. This year's gala event, to be held on Saturday, November 22th, at the Eisenhower Inn and Conference

Center in Gettysburg, begins with a cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by a sit-down dinner at 7:45 p.m. Following the dinner, hundreds of items are offered for oral or silent auction. Items include gift certificates from area restaurants, vacation packages, clothing, foods of all varieties, fine jewelry, paintings and prints from local artists, and many Christmas crafts and items. Tickets are available by contacting Mrs. Jayne Richardson, Auction Coordinator, Mother Seton School Development Office (301) 447-

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Lao Tzu Meets Honor O'Toole

by Kathy Vickers

Have you ever wondered why some things intrigue you more than others? I mean, let's face it; some people get off on gardening, while others love to dig up old bones and study history. Some of our penchants drive us to follow the horses, while others spend their lives collecting old cars that they are always just about ready to rebuild.

Years ago, I began to realize that things Chinese really got to me. At first I thought it was just the ancientness of it all; or maybe it was because the language looked so strange and interesting. But under all the superficial, I really felt and still do feel, a deep alignment, a homing in if you will, with the Chinese. And it has more to do with their Beingness than, say, their arts or history, politics, or way of life. I couldn't fathom why I felt that way since my Irish heritage extends way back—beyond the Faery Folk! I rationalized this curiosity with a joke to myself: "You must have been a Chinese monk who fell from grace with an Irish woman." Now, since I don't believe in reincarnation—I just can't believe a loving God would put us through this passage more than once—I considered my joke just that: a joke. It still didn't stop my almost instinctive delight in the Chinese.

A few months ago, I got— as Karen over at CPI calls it—a "wake up call." The doctors wanted me to come in for more mammograms and then a biopsy. Never having been known to "go gentle into that good night," my gut survival instinct was to throw out antennae for help. During a casual visit to a health food store up in Pennsylvania, I was suddenly confronted with a book: Peter D'Adamo's *Eat Right For Your Blood Type*. "That's it! If the blood is good," I thought, "I might be able to beat this thing. Let's see, do I remember correctly that my blood is Type B positive? B positive, well, that's what I'll B".

As I absorbed the details of Dr. D'Adamo's theories, I discovered that he had traced the origins of all the current four world blood types: O, A, B, and the latest AB (only 1000 years old), with the paths those types

had taken as they evolved to strengthen the immune systems of our human races. Hunter/warrior O Type, the nomads, swept across the steppes and plains spearing their food on the run (that's why they have those heavy stomach acids, as well as ulcers when they don't eat right!). They blended slowly with the more agricultural types, wherein Type A blood evolved to help fend off the innumerable diseases contracted by closer-living communities. My Type B blood evolved as a finer balancing giving me the unique opportunity to subsist on both meat and dairy, carrying the fire of the O Type while blending type A so as to better handle the stress of modern life. What totally blew me away, though, was that most Europeans are O Types, while Type B blood came overwhelmingly predominately from Africa, India, and guess what—Asia!

"Aha!" posited that Chinese monk. "You beginning to catch on?"

"But how could that be?" I queried, perplexed. "I mean, for centuries my tribe has been hanging out in Ireland, maybe a step or two over into England, but China? Give me a break! We were just potato farmers, or fighting the Brits in the hills. We made linen, not silk! Yet, I could not deny the strength of that Chinese male and the wonder of how he hooked up with an Irish maid centuries ago. Could it be true that we do come back, that we live again, but how jump from China to Ireland like that?"

Our family friend Eric, the English Lit Master's candidate, suggests that Lao Tzu—once he had completed his teachings and climbed westward to his mountain to die—well, he might not have died. Instead he might have moved on down the other side of that mountain and boarded a ship which eventually led him to Greece. Hey! Is it possible that Lao Tzu might even have been Socrates? After all Lao Tzu meant not only "old man" but "ugly one" as well. And the Greeks *did* call Socrates "the ugly one!" I mean, think about it. People did live longer in those days. Lao Tzu was a very special person. And being an older Chinese he *would* look different to the Greeks. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, right? Anyway, then it's

just a simple jump to join Phocia and her Greek general husband as they embarked across the water to subdue the wild Irish tribes. And up in those mountainous crags where my warrior/poet/singer people come from, I dare say Lao Tzu (or one of his men) could have met Honor O'Toole.

There might be a more plausible explanation, though. And that is that our DNA carries our whole history; carries the secrets of a past that we, ourselves, do not know. We are just on the edge of relearning what our instincts are, so covered by the gloss of "civilization."

Like the amplification of a slight frequency's signal, our current showy attempts to explain "reincarnation" may hide a true germ of knowledge. Quite possibly we carry within our DNA not only the genes but the personas, as well as the blood types, of those ancestors past. Is there any reason why they shouldn't speak up, at least as part of our personalities?

Even though I kinda really like the idea of Lao Tzu being Socrates, I'm also fascinated with the concept that somewhere back there, after centuries of patient waiting, this Chinese fellow decided to make himself

known in my gene pool, and I got to be the lucky one, zapped with his very healthy, and adaptable, Blood Type B. Methinks Honor O'Toole would go for that!

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Pet Show Results

The Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show Pet Show was held Saturday, September 6, at Catoctin High School. Judges Gail Powell, Arrowhead Farms, Thurmont, and Dr. Teresa Koogler, Catoctin Veterinary Clinic, Thurmont, selected the winners.

The Grand Champion Pet was a basset hound exhibited by Josie and Abigail Greco and was dressed in a western costume. The Reserve Champion was a cat owned by Joey Davis.

The Grand Champion Pet received a certificate from Thurmont Cooperative, Inc. who also supplied dog and cat food for exhibitors.

The following winners are listed in their category and as first, second, third, and honorable mention respectively;

Cat With Prettiest Eyes - Joey Davis, Khristina Head, Samantha Head, Miranda Baker

Cat With Longest Whiskers- Sue Flohr, Kasarah Rodriguez, Samantha Zimmerman

Cutest Cat- Joey Davis, Jennifer Kaes, Jessica Zentz, Warren Zentz, Carroll Zentz

Best Trained Pet- Matt Althoff, Bev Greene, Jareth Lantz

Dog With Wiggliest Tail - Kasey Hill, Katlin Byrh, Julie Baer, Megan Cong

Prettiest Dog (25 Pounds and under)- Bev Greene, Kenny Claybaugh, Sarah Diercks, Erin Moser

Prettiest Dog (26 pounds and over) - Cody Burrier, Chandra Curry, Mike Mathis, Mitch Althoff

Best Costumed Pet- Josie and

Abigail Greco, Kelsey Dorsey, Bryan Lindsay, Christine and Kimberly Glacken

Pet With Most Spots- Cathy Rice, Gary Sunday, Sarah Diercks, Kasarah Rodriguez

Pet With Most Unusual Name- Sarah Diercks, Meagan Sampson, Miranda Baker, Hannah DuBois

Most Unusual Pet - Shawn Dorsey (Groundhog), Randy Rickert (Tree Frog), Miranda Baker (Crayfish), Keith Koontz (Praying Mantis)

Smallest Pet- Jen Jackson (Dog), Bryan Ligsay (Iguana), Joey Davis (Cat), Keith Koontz (Praying Mantis), and Randy Rickert (Tree Frog)

Largest Pet- Deb Long (dog), Becky Knott (dog), Tonya Fisher (dog), and Graham Ewing (dog)

Drink Coupons courtesy of Roy Rogers were given to those participating in the Pet Show.

A Pie-Eating Contest was held with pies being supplied by Jubilee Foods, Thurmont. Winners in the 5-7 age group were; Donnie Geiger, Josh Roman, and Graham Ewing. In the 8-10 ages group winners were; Christy Head, Scott Haines, and Amber Snurr. 11-13 age group - Ronald Gillespie, Kasey Hill, and Donna Beiger.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Department conducted a Bike Rodeo and highlighted the importance of bicycle safety. Ages 5-9 winners were Graham Ewing and Abigail Ewing and winners in the 9-13 ages were Joey Mueller, Ronald Gillespie, and Daniel Mathis. Champion of the Bike Rodeo was Joey Mueller and Reserve Champion was Ronald Gillespie. Submitted by Rodman Myers.

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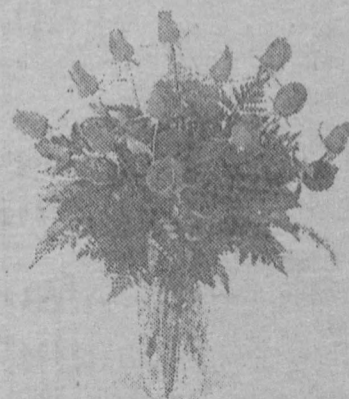
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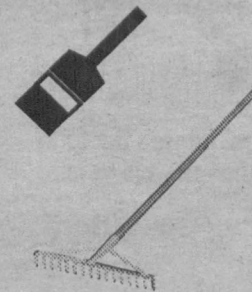
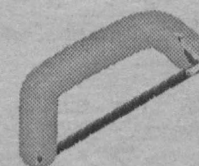
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