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Anna Margaret Retires



By Kathleen O'Connor

Anna Margaret Martin, meal manager and Coordinator at the Emmitsburg Senior Citizen Center, will be retiring December 31, after thirty years of service. She volunteered in the meal program from 1968 until 1985, when she was asked to become the meal manager.

Born at Motter's Station, about 5 miles from Emmitsburg, Anna Margaret grew up at a country corner. Her father, James Sayler, ran Sayler's Grocery Store at Motter's Station for many years. Then her brother, Bob Sayler, kept the store open until 1982 while he also ran the shack at the ball park in town.

With her three brothers, Richard (Dee), Robert, and Thomas, and her one sister, Mary Ellen, Anna Margaret attended Emmitsburg Elementary School, which had 7 grades at that time, and Emmitsburg High School. As a youngster, she helped her mother in the family garden and sang in the Elias Lutheran Church Choir.

Later, during World War II, she helped in the family grocery store, for her brothers were in the service. Surprisingly, she said, they were never

separated during the whole war. They were released from service on the same day and Dee came home 3 weeks earlier than Bob only because he had a wife and child waiting for him at home.

In 1946, she married George Martin in Elias Lutheran Church and moved to a farm only 2 miles from Motter's Station. Later she joined the United Church of Christ and became a member of the Consistory or church council. She was active in the UCC Choir and women's organizations. She and George had four children, all of whom graduated from Emmitsburg schools.

The Senior Citizen group was organized in 1966. In 1968, when Anna Margaret came on board, the Senior Citizen Center was on the Square in Emmitsburg. Anna Margaret recalls: "The post office was on the corner and the center was between the post office and the Ott House. It was called the Zimmerman Building then. We outgrew that space and, in 1975, we moved to the Community Building where we are now. I was volunteering in the kitchen. Mrs. Larue Harman was the meal manager then. She retired in 1985."

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Local cemeteries damaged

By Kevin Spradlin

Three-year-old Blanche Adams died April 1, 1899, and was buried in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church cemetery at 47 De Paul St.

Adams' memory, marked by a modest white tombstone, lived in peace for more than 98 years until vandals damaged the graveyard during the nighttime hours of Nov. 14-15.

Nearly 50 markers were tipped over or broken. In the same night, some 20 tombstones were damaged at the Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church on E. Main St.

Early estimates marked the loss at a cost of well over \$5,000.

"We see this as something more objectively evil," the Rev. Michael Kennedy said. "The cemetery is an extension of the church."

The vandals, Kennedy said, were targeting the beliefs of the Church, not merely the cemetery.

Susan Yatta, five months into her

very first pastorate at Elias, said while random acts of vandalism are "usual," she's never seen anything like what happened three weeks ago.

"The week before Halloween, three or four tombstones were tipped over," Yatta said. "It's been on and off for quite a while."

While Frederick County Sheriff's Deputies have no leads, Kennedy said, three area stone makers have come to aid the churches.

Kinnaird Memorials of Thurmont has offered to reseal and reset many of the stones free of charge. Two other monument makers from Gettysburg, Pa., and Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., have submitted bids that Kennedy said are more than fair.

Through late November it was undecided whether or not a reward would be offered. In either case, any person with any information relating to this case should contact the Emmitsburg Police Dept. at 301-447-2312.

S'more Turkey, Mom!



What's a Thanksgiving without pilgrims and Indians? There were some of each, in their feathers and bonnets, at the second annual Thanksgiving Feast held recently at the Seton Child Care Center. From left, Elizabeth Rosendal, John Seipher, and Lydia Emory wait patiently for the feast to begin. About 175 parents, grandparents, children, and staff members enjoyed the turkey prepared by the kitchen staff and the variety of dishes brought in by parents. Al Opack, director of the center, gave credit to his staff and the parents for the success of the Thanksgiving celebration.

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Town News...

The Nov. 3 town meeting opened with a moment of silence as a tribute to the late Commissioner Dave Copenhaver who died Oct. 28. Chris Weaver was appointed to fill the vacancy on the council created by Mr. Copenhaver's death. He will hold the office until next April when the annual election is held. After he was sworn in Mr. Weaver made the following statements. "I wish I could be here under better circumstances, but I would like to thank the mayor and town council for allowing me to honor my best friend the only way I know how. I feel this is the least I could do for him. This is only a small token of appreciation for all he has done for me and my family over the years, so I would like to dedicate the next six months to the memory of my best friend and mentor, David Copenhaver."

Following the swearing in of Mr. Weaver, the council was reorganized Philip Postelle was elected president and Cliff Sweeney treasurer. Rosario Benvengi was appointed to be the liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission. In other business, the commissioners voted to have free parking in downtown Emmitsburg between Dec. 1 and Jan. 2. Any money deposited in the meters will be placed in the Bob Koontz Memorial Fund which is used for youth activities in Emmitsburg. The commissioners also approved plans for a Civil War bazaar to be held in the

town park next Labor Day weekend.

At the December 1 town meeting, commissioners and town residents heard presentations from two organizations that would like to become established in Emmitsburg.

John Grove, a member of the Frederick Jaycees, told the council the Maryland Jaycees would like to have a Jaycees chapter in northern Frederick County that would include members from Thurmont and Emmitsburg. The Jaycees are a leadership training organization, providing young adults ages 21-39 the opportunity to develop personal and leadership skills through local community service. Karen Madsen, district manager for Maryland Jaycees, said the group hopes to have a chapter in place by January 24.

Deputy First Class Todd Crum from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office spoke about the effectiveness of the neighborhood watch program. "Citizens can be the eyes and ears for the community when we're not here," Deputy Crum said. "It's a partnership with law enforcers - you and your neighbors share information which leads to arrest."

According to Deputy Crum, 23% of all bike thefts in the county (excluding Frederick city) occur in Emmitsburg. He told the group there is less crime in areas that have a neighborhood watch program and encouraged the citizens to become involved.

Call for referendum derailed

At the Oct. 6 town meeting Commissioner Rosario Benvengi resolved "to have a referendum in which the public would make the decision regarding the need for a fifth town commissioner." Benvengi's motion was a continuation of previous attempts to get the council to adopt a five-commissioner council. Concern had been expressed that because the Mayor has many day-to-day dealings with the public, he is in a position to be swayed. The council voted in favor 3-1 (Commissioner Postelle opposed.)

On Oct 16, Mayor William Carr vetoed this legislation. A fifth commissioner would preempt the chief elected official from voting on much of the town's business. "I disagree completely," said Carr. It [active daily participation] in fact

makes for a better, more informed council member."

The legislation was also rejected on grounds that it called for action not authorized in the town code. Carr noted there is no authority in the Town Charter or Code to pass legislation by way of a referendum. Calling such a referendum would require changing the town code. To change the town charter, the Maryland Code requires that a written amendment be submitted as part of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Carr noted that although the town council cannot call for a referendum at the present time, that 20% of the voters acting on their own with no assistance of town council members or town employees could, following the correct procedure, submit a petition for a referendum.

Emmitsburg Coverlet now available



Wendy Sumner-Crummitt, owner of Emmitsburg Flowers & Gifts, (left) and Ann Gingell, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee's coverlet fund-raiser, display the custom-designed, triple-weave throw coverlet featuring scenes of the Emmitsburg Square, circa 1757. The original scenes displayed on the 63"x 55" coverlet were painted by Emmitsburg artist Linda Postelle. The 100% cotton coverlet made in the U.S.A. costs \$49 and can be purchased at the Town Office, Emmitsburg Flowers & Gifts, the Ott House, and Flowers For You. The coverlet may be personalized by machine embroidery for an extra fee. Proceeds will go toward projects in Memorial and Community parks.

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UPDATES -Emmit Ridge, Wells, and Water Lines

The Emmit Ridge subdivision will be a topic of discussion for the Emmitsburg town council at the January 5th town meeting. The subdivision is located in the northern section of town adjacent to Irishtown Road. The project was planned in three phases with the third phase providing an access road connecting to Irishtown Road. Currently, the only access to Emmit Ridge is through the neighboring Northgate subdivision entrance. According to the original plans, the developers cannot begin phase three until prior phases are complete and thirty-three homes are built. To date, just three homes have been completed in the first phase. In the meantime, the original plan time limits have expired. At its Dec. 1 town meeting the commissioners voted to reinstate the final plats for

Emmits Ridge Subdivision for one year, but change the phasing to require Phases II and III to be developed simultaneously. They also called for the development of Irishtown Road immediately after the completion of Phase I.

Two wells being tested for ground water supply have not been successful. The output of the first well dropped below an acceptable level following testing, and the other turned into a sink-hole. The equipment is to be moved and a different well drilling rig will be used. A site is being prepared for the drilling of a third well. No more drilling is expected to take place until after Christmas.

Plans for a new water line under North Seton Avenue are on hold while it is being redesigned to accommodate a larger pipe. A six-inch pipe was planned; however, due to the potential growth of the town's population a larger pipe will be required.

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The Senior Citizen Center today has many activities to offer Emmitsburg. Of course, there is the meal program. The Commission on Aging buys the meals from the Frederick County Board of Education and sets a suggested donation. The meals are made at Catoctin High School. Seniors may reserve meals 24 hours in advance and they are served Monday through Friday at 12:00 noon. "Although a donation is requested," assured Anna Margaret, "no one is ever turned away if they cannot donate."

If a senior is homebound and would like the meal delivered, the center retains a county employee who drives a station wagon and delivers meals to those at home. "When this man is on vacation," Anna Margaret suggested, "we could really use a backup volunteer. We needed someone last month and I knew where to call, so I called one of the churches in town." Volunteers Shirley Dillon, Polly Ann Knox, and Audrey Baumgardner delivered meals for a while last month.

"People want to be asked," Anna Margaret pointed out. "You won't get things done, if you don't ask." Potential volunteers need to know what you need and when you need it. "However, sometimes," she mused, "people don't support the center as much as they could. We need more of the seniors who come to the center events to be involved in serving each other, not just coming for the entertainment, although that's good, too." The bingos, card parties, and day trips are examples of events at which seniors may serve each other.

"It would also be good," Ann Margaret suggested, "to see more volunteer support from Emmitsburg citizens at large who are not necessarily seniors. Not many young people volunteer in the kitchen. We serve about

16 - 50 lunches a day. Only about 2 - 4 lunches are delivered to the homebound at present, but we need 2 - 3 volunteers each day to serve in the center kitchen. Usually it is the same people."

Big on the "wish list" is an experienced volunteer to lead an exercise class for seniors. "Most of us are 75 years old or older and a number have passed away in recent years, but one of the things the Commission on Aging says is very important to keep us in good health is daily exercise."

Well, all of these are good ideas to be directed to the new president of the Senior Citizens Center, Kathleen Shore, and Linda Umble, the new meal manager. Anna Margaret will be having surgery in January 1998 to replace her knees with ones of surgical steel which should enable her, after physical therapy and plenty of exercise, to walk with more ease again. "I'll probably have one knee done at a time," she said.

When asked what she would like to be doing this time next year if all goes well with the operation, Anna Margaret said, "Singing with the Emmitsburg Community Chorus! This year I was not able to make the meetings because I could not climb the stairs, but I want to get back. I have two daughters in the choir, too. We've always sung even at home, mostly Gospel music."

The Community Choir started as people from different churches singing usually religious songs back in 1968, then we progressed to singing other music, too. It's been almost 30 years now." The last concert this year will be Sunday, December 7, at the St. Joseph Provincial House Chapel. The choristers will resume in February.

Looking forward to hearing you sing next Thanksgivingtime, Anna Margaret.

God bless you!

Major Fire Training Event



Firemen from local companies queue up to enter the burning house and practice various fire-fighting techniques during the recent training exercise held on Harney Road.
A Dispatch Photo

The art and science of fire warfare

On Saturday, November 15, Vigilant Hose Company firefighters conducted a large live fire training exercise at the "Long Farm" on Harney Road, 1/2 mile north of Route 140. Participating in the event were upwards of 80 local fire, rescue and emergency medical services personnel from northern portions of Frederick County along with their counterparts from Carroll County, Maryland, and southern Adams County in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Donald Eyler of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, offered the large old farmhouse to local firefighters for necessary firefighting and rescue practice. Perhaps built prior to the Civil War, the house and surrounding outbuildings had fallen into considerable disrepair in recent years so that the house itself was only of value for fire department training. "Acquiring safe structures for such training has become increasingly difficult and we are pleased with Mr. Eyler's gracious offer", Fire Chief Frank Davis said.

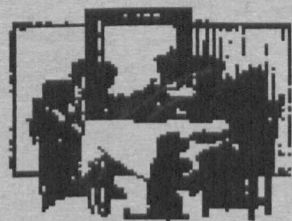
Beginning early Saturday morning, fire and rescue workers gathered to participate in the event, which included a number of simulated exercises, each becoming more complex throughout the morning. The training included proper use of self-contained breathing apparatus, personnel accountability, personal alert safety warning devices, entry

and rescue techniques, ventilation strategies, water supply procedures, hoseline placement, and incident command. Additionally, multi-agency coordination, traffic control and canteen services were also among the activities practiced.

Stress on the crews was also monitored. After a stint on the front line each fireman reports to the rehabilitation station manned by Emergency Medical Technicians who determine the blood pressure and oxygen levels in the blood. These measurements are used to determine further participation in fighting the fire. "We have had to sit a couple of guys down already," said EMS Kevin Stambaugh, "even though it's only a training exercise."

"There is a little bit of a technical overkill here today," said Harney Fire Chief Yingling, "but this does help produce some common sense and awareness during a real situation. Excitement and panic are part of the mix." As a case in point Chief Yingling stated that the new fire protective clothing is rated to withstand temperatures up to 1200 degrees. "But," he said, "the body can only withstand temperatures up to 120-150 degrees before the skin starts to peel off. A guy has got to be aware."

By early afternoon the entire structure was demolished, but some emergency personnel remained on the scene until late in the day to assure the public's safety.



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Commentary:

In one way or another, one time or another, we have all cheered, hissed, ignored, or worked our tails off for the notion of this community called Emmitsburg. We have been bombastic, autistic, almost saintly, and at times a little ornery.

Groups, clubs, and individuals have seen their efforts praised, scorned, or ignored. They feel as if they have been knocked down, stood up, dragged out, rode hard and put away wet.

We continue to do this all for the notion of Emmitsburg, our community, where we live and who we are, and what we want to become.

"Somehow we'll muddle through," seems appropriate. And so we do.

Into the midst of these diverse swirling perceptions of ourselves, our tasks, and our behaviors, have come some important concepts that we should all embrace. Our potential for growth and the changes it will bring require this.

We should welcome to Emmitsburg the Jaycees who wish to form a new chapter here. They are more than a service organization. Their objective is, as it has been

100 Years Ago "In this place" from the Emmitsburg Chronicle

Dec. 3, 1887 - I have opened a first-class Restaurant and saloon at my old stand near the square, where I will be pleased to have my friends call. Oysters will be served in all styles during the season. I have fitted up an oyster parlor for the accommodation of ladies. Bar stocked with the choicest Liquors and Wines. Thanking the public for past favors and soliciting a continuance of the same, I remain,

Respectfully
Michael Hoke

Dec 10, 1887 - An Anti-Saloon League has been formed.

Heavy Hogs.

Dec 10, 1887 - On last Friday Mr. Peter Bollinger, slaughtered two hogs belonging to Mr. Geo. W. Miller which weighed, respectively, 494 and 360 pounds.

Mr. John Mentzer killed two hogs on Tuesday which weighed 400 and 356 pound. On Wednesday Mr. M. Frank Rowe had four hogs slaughtered with a total weight of 1,540 pound.

The above are the first weights of

hogs that we have published this season, and we hope our friends will not send us any more weights unless they are heavier than those given above.

Laughs at Locksmiths.

Dec 17, 1887 - Rose Toms, aged fifteen years, who still wears short dresses, eloped Sunday morning with Victor Alexander, aged nineteen, of Middletown. The girls whose mother is dead, live with her married sister, Mrs. Daniel Bidle. Mr. Bidle Saturday heard of the proposed elopement and he locked the girl in a room. Sunday morning, while he was in another room talking to a neighbor, the girl hoisted a window, leaped and fled across the fields several miles distance where Alexander was waiting with a buggy.

Gibson Pictures

On Saturday evening, Jan. first, at Gelwick's Hall there will be an exhibition of Gibson Pictures, under the management of Mrs. Hack and Miss Lucy Higbee, for the benefit of the Reformed Church. It will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock. Admission 25 cents

Mt. St. Mary's College Notes

Like the relaxing of the frost in spring was the feeling that arose within the bosom of every student of this institution when the morning of the 16th arrived. Each felt fresh vigor stirring him to be up and to be doing; and so at the early hour of dawn, one hundred and twenty happy boys executed, on the front terrace, one of the most difficult drills in the curriculum of military tactics. Bystanders pronounced it a master effort.

Century Club

The Young Ladies' Century Club, of Emmitsburg, gave a social at Dr. R.L. Annan's, on Thursday evening, Dec. 4th.

The large parlor was thronged with a brilliant company of richly attired ladies, and elegantly groomed gentlemen, who passed the evening in perfect enjoyment.

The invited guests began to arrive at 8 o'clock, and from that hour until 10 o'clock they swelled the throng in the drawing room.

Every element of comfort and convenience for the guests were provided by the Club's management. An elaborate luncheon was served in the dining room, during the evening, by the committee of the club, after which the company repaired to the drawing-room, and soon midnight passed the small hours found them still lost in the mazes of the waltz.

since 1920, to provide leadership training for men and women through community involvement. Trained, skilled, and active leaders are always in short supply in small communities. The Jaycees offer in essence a local training/service program based on the development of 'this place.'

Equally we should embrace the Neighborhood Watch Program sponsored by the Sheriff's Department. In our community we have mostly minor crime, especially among young people. Some citizen's cry out for stricter enforcement. The other side of the law and order coin is prevention. Through adopting some of the approaches used by other Neighborhood Watch Programs and adapting them for our own circumstances citizens can be deterrents to juvenile vandalizing misbehavior. They can also be models for responsible behavior for the kids in the community.

Both the Frederick Jaycees and Sheriff's Department are standing by and willing to assist our community in developing these programs. Call them and ask some questions. Jaycees, 301-663-4432. Sheriff's office, 301-694-2167.

School proposal to be studied

During a meeting held November 18 between the school board and the Frederick County Commissioners, Mark Hoke proposed a pilot program that would expand the current Emmitsburg Elementary School to include middle school grades.

Hoke's proposal evolved from recent meetings held in Emmitsburg where town residents and officials urged the Board of Education and commissioners to consider an extended elementary school plan so that the children could attend school in their own community. Presently 150 students are bused from Emmitsburg to Thurmont Middle School.

Superintendent Jack Dale said there were a lot of issues to consider before agreeing to a pilot program. He did agree, however, to meet with Mayor Carr and citizen representatives of Emmitsburg for both a "broader and in-depth look at the

implications of the extended elementary school concept in the community and county."

"We don't want to put the students in academic risk," said Dr. Dale. At the present time Frederick County's Middle Schools are the strongest part of the education program. We want to see what other school systems across the state have done and take time to look at the types of programs, subject matter issues, program offerings, and staffing," said Dale. "We don't think it wise to jump into a pilot project without some prior investigation."

"We don't want to stop the good thing we've got going," said BOE board president Jean Smith. "But we will look at it [extended elementary school concept]," Smith said.

Dr. Dale agreed to give the school board and county commissioners an update on the analysis of the pilot program in 60 days.

Births

Congratulations to the following residents of Emmitsburg -

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ney, a daughter, October 18.
Born to Lorrie Thomas, a daughter, Nov. 13
Born to Tammy Cool, a daughter, Nov. 20.

Remembering the Vets



An honor guard comprised of members of the American Legion Post 121 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post # 6658 remember all veterans with an honorary salute over the grave of Francis X. Elder.
A Dispatch Photo

Mount hosts financial aid workshop Dec. 13

How are you going to pay for college? It is the inevitable question parents and high school students must answer.

Mount Saint Mary's College, where 93 percent of the 1997-98 freshman class received financial assistance, will help answer that question when it hosts a Financial Aid Workshop Dec. 13, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Knott Auditorium.

The public is invited, and there is no admission charge. Parents, high school students and guidance counselors are especially encouraged to attend. Ample parking is available.

Mount Director of Financial Aid Joe Zanella will discuss the free application for Federal Student Financial Aid.

Dean of Enrollment Management Lawrence Riordan, who also chairs the college's Scholarship Committee, will provide an overview of financial aid programs, including tax-leveraging scholarships and life-long learning credits, and the formula that determines eligibility.

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Senior Citizen Center News

By Anna Margaret Martin

1997 is just about over! Christmas will soon be here. It seems as tho' 1997 just got here. I've often heard that the older you get, the faster the years roll by!

It has been a busy year for us here at the center, with meetings, bingo, cards, good food, and fun. Also we moved for nine weeks and we're still "catching up" since we came home.

Prize winners for the Senior Center Bazaar held on Nov. 8 were Country Store: Wheel Barrow with Bear - Elwood Eiker; Box of Groceries - Ed Adelsberger; Fancy Table: Afghan - Laura Tenney, Coffee Warmer - Mary Teresa Miller; Rummage Table: Pizza Stone - Mary Teresa Miller, Bird House - Mozella Gregory; Flower Table: Box of Groceries - Becky Joy; White Elephant Table: Tissue Box Barn - Mary Teresa Miller, Santa Letter Holder - Faine Rodgers; Cake Table: Basket of Furry Critters - Anna Law, Cake - Ruth Long, Quilt - Mary Sanders.

There will be some changes in the new year. Linda Keilholtz Umbel, our new meal manager and Coordinator, will be arriving Jan. 1, 1998, transferring from the Commission on Aging in Frederick.

American Legion News

By George Danner

The American Legion Post #121 would like to thank everyone who helped make our first White Elephant Auction a huge success. We were able to raise \$1,100 to donate to these charities; The American Cancer Society, Children's Leukemia, and Martinsburg V.A. Hospital.

In particular we wish to thank these area businesses for their patronage: Murdorf Auction Service, Ott House, Dave and Jane's, Pizza Hut, Zurgables, Shriver's Meats, Erwin Distributing Co., The Bees

Linda is not new to the Emmitsburg community, having lived in the district all her life and currently living on Grimes Road. I know she will do a fine job.

The Center will continue with the following activities in December:

Thursday, Dec. 4 and 18 - Bingo, 1 p.m.

Thursday, Dec 11 - "500 cards, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec 9 - Shopping in Frederick, 1 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15 - Christmas Dinner, 12 noon.

We will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 25th.

Lunch will be served at 12 noon during the holiday season. Reservations a must, 24 hours in advance.

This will be my last article for the *Dispatch* as I will be retiring on Dec. 31 from my position here with the Commission on Aging. It's been a good 13 years and I've enjoyed working and meeting the people. I want to thank my faithful volunteers for their help all these years. Without them the program wouldn't have run so smoothly.

Good luck to you, Linda. Again, thanks for the "good years."

Anna Margaret.
Happy Holidays.

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The Post will hold a Steamed Shrimp and Bar-B-Q Chicken Feed on Sunday Dec 14, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Post Home; \$12 each. For information call 301-447-2274.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

Presbyterian Organist Celebrates 90th

On Sunday, November 16, 1997, following the morning church service, friends, family, and members of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church gathered for a surprise luncheon to celebrate the 90th birthday of organist Alfred Gilbert.

"This is such a surprise," he said as he was ushered into the social room for the celebration. "It's very nice - I'm not used to this attention - and if I get to heaven I won't be any more surprised than I am today."

Mr. Gilbert has been the organist at the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church since 1966 and still plays every Sunday, barring bad weather. He lives in New Oxford, Pa., and has an understanding with the church officers that he won't drive to Emmitsburg for the service if there is ice or snow on the road. Otherwise, his music fills the sanctuary each Sunday, along with his good humor and bright spirit.

Born in Gettysburg, Pa., November 28, 1907, Al was one of nine children of Edith Shepherd and Harry C. Gilbert. All his life he has been a musician. He played the piano in orchestras around Gettysburg, as well as in theaters. "Way back in Jan. 1929 my first job was in the Argonne Theater in Belair, MD., where I played for the silent movies, and I thought I was set for life," he said.



Al Gilbert

"However, in September of that year, 'talkies' came in and that was the end of my career. Then I had to go to religion," he said with a grin.

Over the years Mr. Gilbert has been a substitute organist for the Taneytown Presbyterian Church. Many of the members from that church came to his birthday celebration.

When asked if he had any words of wisdom to pass on to the younger generations, he said "No, not really - just be yourself. Be friendly and reach out to people. That's what I've tried to do all these years."



THE OTT HOUSE

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Amy Eyler Van Fund

Members of Brute Council #1860, Knights of Columbus, would like you to meet Amy Eyler, the 7-year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Eyler of Emmitsburg. Amy has Cerebral Palsy and has graduated to an electric wheelchair. Because of extensive and ongoing medical expenses, the Eyler family is unable to afford the van necessary to accommodate the electric wheelchair.

Brute Council #1860 has undertaken a fundraising drive to provide Amy with a van. Their goal is to raise more than \$30,000 to cover taxes, title, maintenance, and related expenses. Patrick M. Sullivan, Sr., Grand Knight, is chairman of

the fund raiser. Mrs. Kay Soares, is co-chairperson, Steve Hollinger, financial secretary/treasurer, and Mrs. Barbara Sullivan, secretary.

The council hopes that the community will be generous and asks that donations be made to the Amy Eyler Van Fund, c/o Brute Council #1860, P.O.Box 445, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, Attn.: Steve Hollinger. All donations will be publicly acknowledged. Please indicate if you wish to remain anonymous.

For more information please contact Patrick or Barbara Sullivan at (301) 447-3782 or Kay Soares at (301) 898-9559.



(From left) Patrick Sullivan, Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus's Brute Council #1860, and Mount Saint Mary's seminarians Dan Rogaczewski and Chris Pieroni present a \$518.25 to the Eyler Family - James, Amy, Paul, and Janice. Mount seminarians and the Mount Saint Mary's College Rugby Club organized the collection to benefit the Amy Eyler Van Fund in October by placing change cannisters around the Mount campus.

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Whereas, through his leadership, Harry assisted the Town by providing his expertise and knowledge in the establishment of a Forest Resource Management Plan for Emmitsburg's watershed resources; and

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Airman Jeremy S. Sweeney

Local man completes basic training

Airman Jeremy S. Sweeney recently graduated from Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is now attending Tech School in Wichita Falls, Texas. He is the son of Ron and Julie Sweeney, grandson of Donald and Betty Sweeney and the late Prof. Bernard J. and Mary L. Eckenrode, all of Emmitsburg.

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Library News

Carolyn Magura is the new library associate at the Emmitsburg Branch of FCPL. Most of her library experience has been in academic libraries including the University of Virginia and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Carolyn holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and she still enjoys painting and making things. Carolyn also loves music, hiking, the ocean, and "exploring." She lives in Middletown and considers Frederick County to be the most beautiful place she has ever lived.



Carolyn Magura

Library poised for growth

At the November meeting of the library advisory board, member David Martin challenged the members with innovative thinking. Martin proposed that the library consider moving to the 3rd floor of the Community Center. "The library could occupy the old gymnasium/auditorium and the adjacent classroom would be offices and special purpose rooms," Martin said. According to Martin this is in line with the thinking of the Frederick County Public Library Board's aim to maintain and upgrade the Emmitsburg Branch, improving its functionality.

Currently the Emmitsburg Branch is on the county Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2001. The proposed modifications call for an enlargement of the library space to approximately 4,600 square feet. Part

of the modifications called for in the present plan would require disturbing load-bearing walls. "It would be much cheaper to remove the partition walls dividing the old auditorium and we would have a larger central room plus office space," Martin said. "Access to the third floor will not be an issue now that the building is being equipped with an elevator and meets the ADA requirements."

Although there have been some provisional plans proposed, "They are not carved in stone," Martin said. Martin was appointed project facilitator by the board. He will present this concept to the town council. He will also explore the possibility and feasibility with county Dir. of Maint. Services Ron Hart and Project Mgr. Dennis Cross.

At its December meeting the town commissioners approved of this new view of the library renovation.

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Andy Trout, 447-6813;

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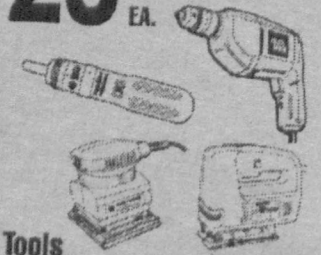
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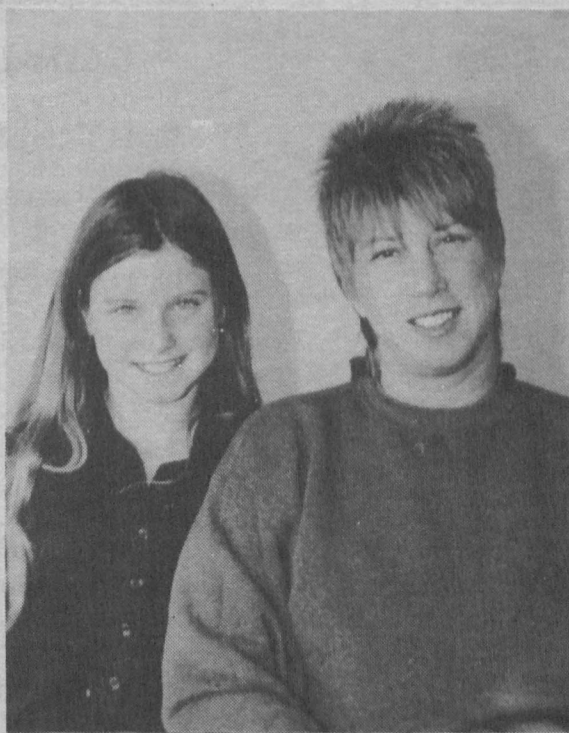
Shave and a haircut...

The Emmitsburg Family Barber Shop—an old-fashioned barber shop—comes to Emmitsburg. The shop will do the things normally done in the manner of traditional barber shops: shampoos, hair cuts, hot-lather shaves, no chemical treatments. It will open in December in the 111-year-old storefront on East Main Street just across the street from the Town Office.

"We are crossing the time line and going back to the era of the traditional barber shop," said proprietor/barber Jamie Regnier. "To accomplish this there will be a real leather and chrome barber's chair, old church pews as waiting benches, antique tools of the trade (on display), a kids' corner, and toys. We would like to be an extension of the spirit of Mac McGlaughlin's barber shop: friendly, good atmosphere, and "cracker-barrel" conversation," said Regnier.

Jamie has had 13 years of experience of doing hair. The last 8 years she worked in Wastler and Walter Barber Shop in Frederick where her boss was former Emmitsburgian Frankie Wastler. Frankie began his career in Mac's Barber Shop. "Frankie was a great boss and one of the nicest guys you ever want to meet. He and Bernie Walter were good 'buds'," said Regnier. To complete the circle, Mac McGlaughlin will be the first customer of the Emmitsburg Family Barber Shop.

During the last four years Regnier has been living in Carroll Valley. "Every day when I went through the square on my way to Frederick I dreamed of opening a barber shop in this building. Now I am, and I'll live



Jamie Regnier (r) with daughter Ashley

here also," Regnier said. A Grand Opening is planned for the second weekend in December featuring, naturally, a Barber Shop Quartet, popcorn and candy apples. A yard sale and crafts sale will be held in the yard adjacent to the shop.

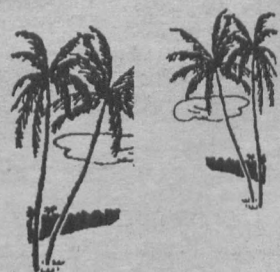
How much for a shave and a haircut? For men and women: Haircuts - \$7, Razor cuts - \$8; Shampoo and cut - \$10, Hot-lather shaves - \$7, and Facials - \$7. Shoe shines? Maybe.

Historic festival planned

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association has been asked by Town Commissioner Phil Postelle to coordinate planning and activities for the Mason-Dixon Fall Festival. The event is scheduled for Oct. 3 and 4, 1998.

According to EBPA president Bob Gauss there are several important reasons for the event to occur and he encourages interested citizens and groups to participate in the planning. Major purposes of the event are to participate in Frederick County's 250th Birthday Celebration and to gain a marketing advantage by reviving the idea of a fall festival in Emmitsburg. "Our hope is to celebrate the town's slogan 'An Historic Mason-Dixon Line Community,' and to distinguish ourselves from the legions of fall festivals that have sprung up around the area by tying our celebration to the historic Mason-Dixon Line."

A small group from the EBPA met recently to begin the planning for this festival and is seeking ideas from other groups. "We are inviting all who reside in and around the historic Emmitsburg area to participate in the planning of the festival. We'll be meeting Jan. 14, 7 p.m., at the Gourmet Grill and urge individuals or groups who want to participate to bring their creative ideas and energy," Gauss said. The group is seeking food booths, crafters, artistic displays, tours, etc.



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Scouting activities

CADET TROOP 108

By Shirley Green

Did you buy nuts from a Girl Scout? That's right, *nuts*! The first major fundraiser for the Girl Scouts has been delivered and is being enjoyed by a majority of residents of this area. The nuts came in many different flavors. If you didn't get any nuts, please look for a Girl Scout in January to get some cookies.

The Cadette Troop has been busy lately. Recently, we attended a sock hop at Mother Seton School for local Girl Scouts of all ages. Two Cadette troops provided face painting for the younger girls. They also had a hula hoop contest.

One Sunday afternoon proved to be exciting for the girls when they participated in a Photo Scavenger hunt open to Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts only. The girls had to take photos of different things around Frederick County in a limited amount of time. While the photos were being developed, the girls learned more about photography and enjoyed pizza. When the photos were returned, they were mounted for all the others to enjoy. Thanks to the organizers for a wonderful afternoon.

Currently the girls are working to fill stockings for the Salvation Army. Thanks to many area businesses for the many donations. The girls bought things out of their own money and the troop treasury provided the hats and gloves for each stocking. They are filled now and ready to be given to needy children by the Salvation Army.

Again this year we will be helping the Emmitsburg Lions Club with the annual Christmas party for the local children. We will be providing craft instruction for children of all ages. We hope to see you there.

At our Second Annual Campfire,

we held our investiture service, at which the returning girls were reinvested and the new girls were invested and received their pins. Later we had a campfire. The campfire service was opened with a new tradition: a decorated log was placed on the fire. At the close, the ashes were saved to put on the next fire we have. The girls and families were introduced and good food was provided by all the families, including the ingredients for S'mores, a traditional Girl Scout campfire food. Our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, was honored with a birthday cupcake as it was held very close to her birthdate.

The girls are currently working on the Career Exploration Badge. We have had a representative from an employment agency come to talk to the troop about their dreams for the future. The girls found out that they really can be anything they want to be, even if it has traditionally been a man's field. We will be having a female airplane mechanic come to talk to us in the future. If you are a woman who has an interesting occupation, please contact one of the leaders at 301-447-3397, leave a message; we would love to hear from you. The girls are always interested in new challenges.

Also in December, the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company has asked the troop to act as victims for a mock disaster drill. The girls are excited about this adventure. Thanks to Emmitsburg Ambulance Company for giving us the practice.

Some of the girls have also expressed an interest in helping Resthaven Memorial Gardens to light the votives for Christmas. That will be on Sunday, Dec. 31. We hope you will will drive by to see the wonderful illumination. We hope of the candles for the Christmas season.

Happy Holidays!

Annual Christmas Decoration Awards

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association announces that it will be awarding prizes for the best Christmas decorations within the corporate limits of Emmitsburg. There are two categories: single

family homes and "other" (businesses, offices, multi-units, etc.). The prizes will consist of special Emmitsburg Christmas items. The judging will take place on Sunday, December 21, 1997, and the winners will be announced at the Town Hall on Monday, December 22.

Some of the criteria to be considered by the judges (a panel of well-known citizens from outside the corporate limits) will be traditional decoration, live greens, tastefulness, single candles, and compatibility with the National Register Designation.

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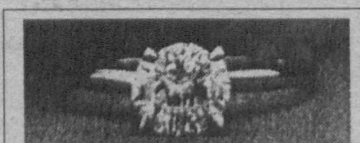
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Matthew. Its melodies and spirit make it a seasonal favorite of many church musicians, while the length and style ensure that it can be enjoyed by listeners of all ages.

The Chorus will be directed in this 34th annual Christmas concert by Mrs. Kelly Crenshaw. Mrs. Crenshaw, a former public school music teacher and the choir director at Apples United

Church of Christ in Thurmont, came to the Chorus in February of this year. Mrs. Pat McElroy will provide piano accompaniment for the group, and Mr. Jay Allen will serve as narrator.

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Trouble

Folks, we got trouble. We got trouble right here in "Emmit City." Trouble - that starts with "T" and it rhymes with "P" and that stands for Pool.

The Municipal Swimming Pool Activity report covering May 1 through September 1, 1997, showed a cash deficit of \$21,684.22. Disbursements were \$38,688.95 and revenues were \$17,004.73, leaving the negative balance. According to Town Manager Yvette Semler Kreitz, this year's operating loss on the town pool is typical of losses incurred by pool operations over the past several years.

The contract to operate the pool, regular maintenance, and life guard services, was \$30,086 and accounts for approximately 77% of the pool operating costs. "We approach the contract for services from the safety-first position," said Kreitz. "You get what you pay for and our primary concern is for good life-guard coverage," she said. The pool is provided basically as a recreational service to the town and is one of its largest expense items.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Clifford Sweeney called for a survey of maintenance needs required to get the pool in shape for next year's season. The repairs called for are a new roof costing \$12,000, approximately \$4,000 for new safety tiling in the dressing and shower rooms, and approximately \$3,000 to repair a leak in the main pool. Sweeney, working with the Parks and Recreation Committee, will be operating fundraisers for the pool. One currently under way is the Emmitsburg Coverlet sale. As part of an awareness campaign, Sweeney will address organizations in the town advising them of the current pool plight and seeking help.

According to Kreitz the town government will apply in April for state Project Open Space (POS) money. If the money is granted, the state will pay 75% of the costs and the town would be obligated to pay the other 25%. If the state grants the POS monies the town commissioners would have to agree to paying the 25% at the May town meeting. "If they do, work on the repairs could proceed as early as July 1. If not, things are uncertain," said Kreitz.

Presently the town office and Parks and Recreation committee are looking for ideas, including different types of fundraisers, volunteer labor to reduce costs of operating the concession stand and ticket office, donations of pool amenities, and monetary donations (checks payable to the Parks and Recreation Pool Fund.)

If none of this works the alternatives are not attractive. They could include raising rates, closing the pool, closing the concession stand, or operating the pool on a limited schedule.

Who's Who in Emmitsburg

By Christina Stevenson

While others may sculpt or draw as a hobby, Lori Rubeling does this and more for a living.

Lori has resided in Emmitsburg for five years with her husband and business partner Brian Kain and their two children Noah and Jury.

She grew up near Woodsboro and graduated from Walkersville High School. Lori then attended Towson State University and the Maryland Institute College of Art. She obtained her Bachelor's of Fine Arts at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington D.C.

After obtaining her B.F.A., Lori studied theoretical architecture with Daniel Libskind in Detroit. It was here that she met Brian and began collaborating with him on design projects.

In 1995, Lori and Brian officially combined their talents to form Rubeling-Kain Studios. As described by Lori, Rubeling-Kain Studios is a comprehensive art and design studio including sculpture, mural painting, and toy design.

The pair designed a toy called the (Oh-Drah-dek) which consists of two interlinking parts that when given a slight nudge

will "walk". They are currently designing a child's version of the toy using animal shapes.

Lori has shared her skills with others through teaching subjects such as theater arts, practical arts, and industrial design. She is currently teaching graphic design at Villa Julie College in Baltimore County.

In addition to creating designs for Rubeling-Kain Studios and teaching, Lori is active in the Emmitsburg Elementary PTA, the Commission to Bring Back our Children, and the Up-County Advisory Board.

Merry Mulch Your Tree

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

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Sister Denise Sims to Receive Founder's Medal for Career of Service in Public Health

Sister Denise Sims, who has worked with the needy of all ages during more than half a century in public health service, will receive the Mount Saint Mary's Founder's Medal in ceremonies on Monday, Dec. 8.

The award will be presented at the end of the Mass of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which will begin at 4:15 p.m. in the Mount's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The public is invited.

A member of the Daughters of Charity for 67 years and a Southern Maryland native, Sister Denise is coordinator of outreach programs at Seton Center in Emmitsburg, where she has also directed or been involved with the National Shrine Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Villa St. Michael and the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

She also has spent periods of her career in Boston, Rochester, N.Y., Washington and Richmond, Va., as well as elsewhere in Maryland. During that period, she has worked in pre- and post-natal care, pediatrics, geriatrics and virtually everything in between.

"Public health - that says it all," Sister Denise said in an interview. "There are so many opportuni-

ties to use community resources and teach people to gain their independence ... and what they learn, they can teach others."

Rev. Gerard Francik, chaplain and director of campus ministry at Mount Saint Mary's, announced the 1997 honoree and praised Sr. Denise's career of service.

"So often, we only recognize the famous people in the world who have made it on TV, in sports, in music or in the movies," Father Francik said. "In awarding the medal to Sister Denise, the Council on Campus Ministry is reminding the whole community of the thousands of ordinary people who spend their lives doing extraordinary work. Through her 67 years of religious life, Sister Denise exemplifies these people."

The Founder's Medal recipient deflected praise aimed at her achievements alone.

"It's not one person," she said. "It's everybody working together, towards people in need." She likewise demurred at praise of her longevity in service. "When the Lord gives you the strength and the health to keep working," she said, "it's a blessing."

A public reception in Flynn Hall will follow the Mass and Founder's Medal presentation.

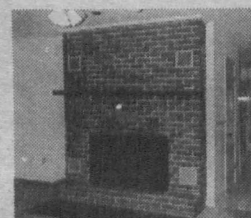
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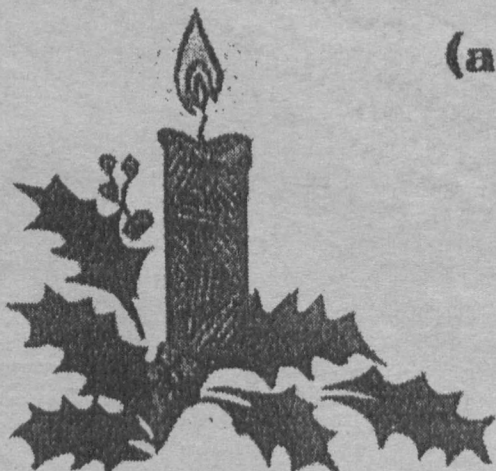


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News from Rocky Ridge

By Emma Keeney

Happy December birthday wishes to Jean Knipple, Erin Eiker, Betty Anne Moser, and Jo-ann Wetzel.

Happy anniversary wishes to Carole Larue and Francis Summer, Dec. 7, and to Viv and Jerry Martin on Dec. 13.

On Nov. 23rd, the Mt. Tabor Youth Group filled and delivered Thanksgiving baskets to the shut-in church members.

On Rally Day, Sunday School class members were awarded pins for the number of years of participation: 40-year pin, Barb Keilholtz; 34-year pin, Emma Keeney; 25-year pin, Shirley Sharrer; 15-year pin, Kevin Sharrer; 13-year pin, Melissa Sharrer; 11-year pin, Rebecca Shields and Travis Sanders; 10-year pin, Ben Sanders; 9-year pin, Brittany Miller; 8-year pin, Lindsey Green; 7-year pin, Bradley Wiles, Jeanette Miller, James Stambaugh, Melissa Wiles, Glenn Haines, Tammy Wiles; 6-year pin, Bradley Green and Bethany Wolf; 5-year pin, Kathy Wolf, Kathleen Ballew, and Josh Ballew; 2-year pin, David Cockerill.

At the Halloween Party held at the Activity Building, many guests appeared in costume, and all received a prize. However, special recognition was given to a number of costumes in several categories:

Ages 6-9: Prettiest: Jeaneette Miller and Kathleen Ballew; Most unique: David Cockerill and Chad McNair; Scariest: Cody Wolfe and Bradley Greene.

Ages 10-14: Scariest: Glenn Haines; Most unique: Melissa Sharrer; Most art work: Lindsey Greene.

Ages 15-18: Most unique: Kevin Sharrer; Most art work: Tammy Wiles; Prettiest: Michele Kram.

Age 19 & Up: Most unique: Shirley Sharrer; Most art work: Pat Haines; Scariest: Michelle Martin.

Costumes were judged by guests Charles Stonesifer and Louise Lane and members Linda Shields and Regina Dinterman.

Barbara Keilholtz won the door prize, which was donated by Ethel Sharrer.

Some of the activities included "Twister," conducted by Shirley Greene, Melissa Sharrer and Tammy Wiles, Halloween Bingo, organized by Caroline Cockerill, and a skit entitled "Hospital Throwaways," presented by Shirley Greene. A husking bee was held in the basement with many of the children taking part. Rosie Stambaugh was in charge of the refreshments.

During church on Dec. 7, at the "Time for Children" service, gloves, mittens, and socks will be collected by the children and put on the Christmas tree, to be delivered later.

The Church of the Brethren will have a social at 5:00 p.m., and a program at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 7. There will be a candlelight service Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m.. The children's program will be held Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The Mt. Tabor Sunday School will present a Christmas program Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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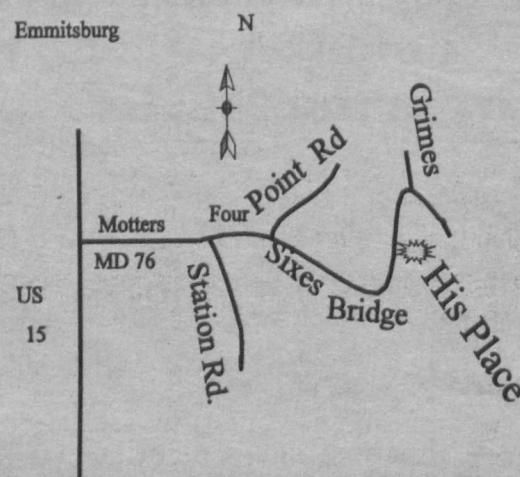
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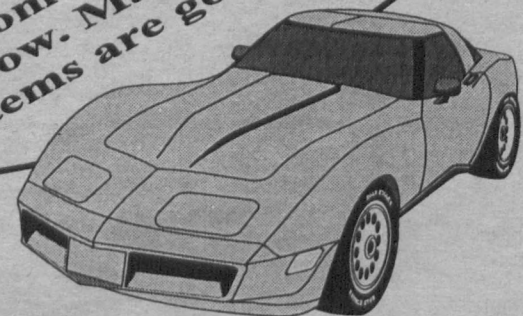
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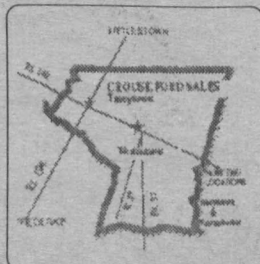
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ST. ANTHONY/OLMC NEWS

By Ann Marshall

The Catholic faith communities of northern Frederick County have scheduled an Advent Penance Service to be held at St. Timothy Church on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. Adults and youth are invited to participate in this service. Child care will be provided for children ages 3-5. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the context of Scripture, reflection and music. Five priests will be present for private confession. A healing prayer will be offered for individuals who request to be prayed over and anointed. St. Timothy's is located at 8651 Biggs Ford Road, Walkersville.

Kathy Cashiola, Coordinator of Religious Education, thanks Mr. & Mrs. Norm Otis for contributing a 386 Compaq Computer to the Religious Education/Youth Ministry Office. This gift provides the office with increased technology and capability and links it with a central printer.

The Human Services Committee delivered Thanksgiving baskets of non-perishable food and treats to parish members who are shut-in or who have lost a spouse or child during 1997. This is an annual project to demonstrate the caring of the faith community for its members who suffer adversit. The HSC will hold a Food and Rummage sale at St. Anthony's Upper Hall on Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to finance its activities. Contact Helen Reaver for more information at 301-447-6431.

Altar Flowers the weekend of October 25/26 were a memorial for Charles F. and Mary Julia Brawner and family given by their family. Altar Flowers on the weekend of November 15/16 were donated by Susan Favorite with love for her grandfather, Charles Putnam, who just celebrated his 85th birthday.

Adopt-A-Family for Christmas by reaching out to one of the nine needy families identified by the parishes through the Seton Center program. Here's how to help: A small Christmas tree in the rear of each church is hung with Christmas ornaments. Each ornament has information for one person (coded) to make gift buying easy. Take an ornament, return it with the unwrapped gift plus necessary

Please see St. Anthony's page 16

Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

The quilters are now planning for their annual Christmas banquet. It will be held at Mountain Gate Restaurant on December 4 at 6:30 p.m. It seems only last week that it was summer, and now we're thinking of snow for Christmas. Of course, that means cold temperatures—quilt time!

At the present time we are working on a very old "Mosaic" pattern quilt. It is interesting to study the different fabrics in an old quilt—the plaids, flowers, and stripes of long-ago colors. What stories they tell! A piece of a man's blue chambray shirt—was he a farmer? And his blue pin-stripe on white had to be a "go-to-meetin" shirt. Do any of you remember the strapless tube-tops that young women wore in the '40's? There's a stretchy piece of blue tube-top in this quilt!

Few of today's crafters make

quilts that fall into this category. Even today's *scrap* designs are planned, not hit-and-miss matches. The shades of all *one-color* quilts are seldom broken by the addition of a foreign color. If the home color scheme changes, the quilt may no longer harmonize and must be retired. How can a quilt gather memories if it's retired early?

Some typically modern designs and color treatments were evident at a recent showing at Needle and Thread, near Gettysburg. One design featured appliquéd flowers on a starry, midnight-blue background with tiny golden fairy pins flitting about. Two quilts appeared to have ribbons floating down the quilt as it hung. There was also a "Bargello" quilt, some traditional patterns, and miniatures of feed-sack material.

Let the "pieces" of your life help make peace in the world.

St. Anthony's from page 15 boxes and holiday wrap to the back of the church by Sunday, December 7. Anyone wishing to help with this project or to make a money gift should call 301-447-2367.

A Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 14, from 3-5 p.m., at OLMC Parish Center. All

parishioners are invited for entertainment (there will be a magician), food, and fun.

Scholarships for Catholic high school and college education are being offered by the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Write or call: Maryland Knights of Columbus, 6243 Gilston Park Road, Baltimore, MD 21228-2841, (410)747 8877.

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Here's a neat little recipe that should really get you in the festive mood. We can't guarantee the results, but we have it on the best authority that those who have tried the method have had a jolly good time!

Cheers!

Best Fruitcake Ever

1 cup butter, 1 cup sugar, 4 large eggs, 1 cup dried fruit, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon salt, lemon juice, 1 cup brown sugar, nuts, 1 or 2 quarts whiskey

Before you start, sample the whiskey to check for quality. Good, isn't it? Now go ahead.

Select a large mixing bowl, measuring cup, etc. Check the whisky again as it must be just right. To be sure the whiskey is of the highest quality, pour one level cup into a glass and drink it as fast as you can. Repeat.

With an electric mixer, beat the butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of thugar and beat again.

Meanwhile, make sure the whisky is of the finest quality. Cry another top. Open second quart if necessary.

Add 2 arge leggs 2 cups fried druit and beat'td high. If druit gets struck in beaters, just pry loose with a drewscraver. Sample the whisky again, checking for tonsciscicity.

Next, sift 3 cups of salt or anything, it really dosen't matter. Simple die wisky.

Sift half a pint of lemon juice Fold in chopped-butter and strained max, Add I babblespoon (if brown sugar, or whatever colour you can find and wix meL Grease oven and turn cake pan to 350 gredecs. Now pour the whole mess into the coven and ake. Check the whisky again and bo to ged.



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Looking Ahead

For additional December events, please see the Lamplight & Holly Schedule of Events on Page 24 of the *Dispatch*.

Saturday, December 6 Elias Lutheran Church

Annual Christmas Supper and Craft Bazaar starting at 1:00 p.m. featuring BEEF, TURKEY, & HAM with apple fritters. Needlework, a fancy table, and homebaked products will be for sale. Adults: \$7.50. Children: \$3. Under 6 FREE. Carryouts: \$8.50.

Saturday, December 6

Food and Rummage Sale from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church (Rt. 15 south past Mount St. Mary's College). Food, good clothing, and usable toys. Drop-offs on Dec. 5 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 10

Women's Aglow Meeting at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, MD, 6:15 p.m. Cost: \$7.00 for buffet. Please call 447-2283 or 271-4346 for reservations by Dec. 5th. Meeting time: 7:15 p.m. Speaker will be Bill Yount, National Advisor for Aglow.

Land of Little Horses offers Christmas across the Land

Celebrate "Christmas Across the Land" at the Land of Little Horses near Gettysburg for three weekends during the holiday season -- December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20, in the evenings from 6:30 - 9 p.m. The delightful miniature equine park presents a joyful Christmas show in their heated arena, featuring their star Falabella miniature horses. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

In addition, dazzling holiday lights decorate the entire park, including miniature enchanted villages, creating a festive mood for all to enjoy. A visit from Santa, a live

nativity, Christmas train rides, and great gift shop for unique Christmas shopping will ensure a good time for visitors of all ages.

Admission is just \$5 per person, and free of charge for children under two. It's an easy drive from Gettysburg or Fairfield. Follow Rt. 30 West from Gettysburg, or Rt. 116 West from Fairfield, until you reach Knoxlyn Road, which runs between the two routes. Turn left from Rt. 30 or right from Rt. 116, and follow the signs. Let a visit to the Land of Little Horses put you in the holiday spirit this Christmas.

Christmas tradition continues

The Emmitsburg Lions Club presents the 68th Annual Children's Christmas party for children of the Emmitsburg area. Since 1929 the Emmitsburg Lions have brought the children Santa and a treat on the Saturday preceding Christmas.

Lions President Richard Kelley of Emmitsburg Lions said, "We are proud to continue this long-standing tradition of the children's party," scheduled for 10 a.m. December 20th, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building.

There will be numerous activities. At 10 a.m., the Emmitsburg Girl Scouts will assist children in making crafts, Christmas ornaments, and presents. At 11 a.m. a clown will perform magic tricks for the entertainment of the children and the young-at-heart. Following the magic show the children will be served refreshments of hot cocoa, hot dogs, and fixin's. Starting at 12 noon and continuing until 2 p.m.,

Santa will receive the children in Santa's Shanty and will have a treat for each. Photographs may be taken and video cameras are welcome.

According to Santa, his work in the area has been made much easier by the generous support of the Lions, the American Legion, the VFW, and the Ambulance Corps.

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 18 and 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Santa will be in his Shanty at the Ambulance Corps Building to hear the wishes of the children.

"If anyone is interested in joining the Emmitsburg Lions, which treasures, values, and supports all that is right and good about a small town and its people, we encourage you to join," said Lions President Kelly. If interested, please contact any Lions Club member or call Lion Gene Rosensteel at 301-447-2562.

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Small bowls of steamed, white rice and cups of water. No meat, no vegetables, no fruit, no dessert. Not your typical Thanksgiving feast.

Some Mount Saint Mary's College students learned first-hand how 65 percent of the world eats, and they came away from the experience more appreciative of what they are regularly served on their dinner plates.

For one night, Mount students dined as the underprivileged majority of the world does daily at a Hunger Awareness Meal Nov. 20 at the college's Student Union Building. The fund-raising event, which attracted a crowd of over 200 students, was a joint effort of the Mount's offices of campus ministry and community service, student development and dining services.

Because the intention of the Hunger Awareness Meal was to reflect world food consumption patterns, 65 percent of the students attending received only rice and water. And because furniture is a luxury for a similar percentage of the world's population, the students ate while sitting on the floor.

Representing 25 percent of the world's population, a second group of diners were served a tastier medley of rice and beans, plus fruit juices. The remaining 10 percent, the globe's privileged minority, were treated to a traditional, four-course dinner served by candlelight and on cloth-covered tables.

Which meal the students sat down to was determined by a random drawing.

The Hunger Awareness meal planning team included Mount Chaplain Rev. Jerry Francik, employees Joe Purello, Ken Newbraugh and Liz Skeffington and students Brendan Cavanagh, Ayesha Collins and Jessica Tweedy.

Purello, director of commu-

nity service, said \$600 was raised and divided equally between the Church World Service, based in College Park, Md., and Religious Coalition for Emergency Food Needs, Frederick, Md.

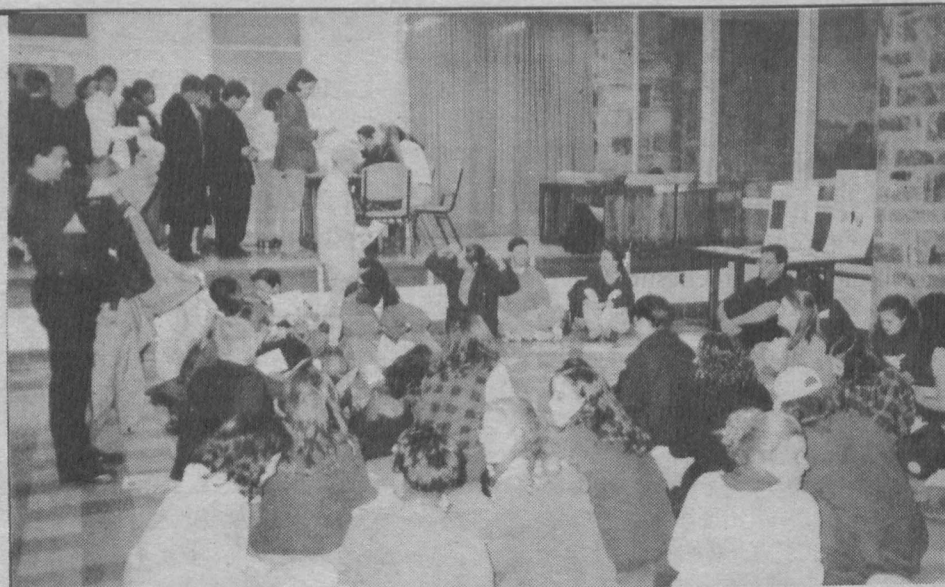
In addition to preparing three different meals, the Mount's dining services staff also made cash contributions to assist hunger relief efforts locally and worldwide.

"We did not have any choice of where we were born," said Purello. "Most of us were fortunate to have been born into circumstances in which we did not want for our food needs. It could have been otherwise for us. For billions of others on earth, food insecurity is the norm."

The evening featured two distinguished speakers: Gigi Gruenke, MidAtlantic regional director for the Church World Service, and Rev. Dr. Benjamin Davis, executive director of the Religious Coalition for Emergency Food Needs.

"In America today, about 25 percent of our food is wasted, thrown away at restaurants and homes," said Dr. Davis, who holds an appointment as the Ecumenical Professor of Moral Theology and Biblical Studies at St. Mary's Seminary and University.

"If we were to just use that



Mount students dined as the underprivileged majority of the world does daily—sitting on the floor, eating bowls of plain rice and drinking water—at a Hunger Awareness Meal Nov. 20, at the college's Student Union Building. Over 200 students attended.

Photo courtesy Joe Purello

(waste) more effectively, we could feed 50 million people in another country at the same level we eat at."

Dr. Davis said through food banks in Maryland, "we have been able to serve 22,000 people who live just in Frederick County."

Offered three meals a day at the Student Union Building, as well as an all-day, short-order snack bar, Mount students still related at least for a couple hours to the disadvantaged families who are fortunate to sit down to a meal of any kind.

"I felt really bad for the peo-

ple who were eating only rice," said freshman Dave Holoway. "It was awful. No butter or anything."

Senior Jessica Tweedy said: "Statistics really can't put into words how it actually feels to get just one meal a day. I think it is very important to be put in that situation. If you don't walk a mile in somebody's shoes, you don't really know."

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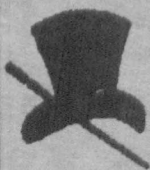
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Obituaries

Dorothy Newcomer

Mrs. Dorothy Irene Newcomer, 91, of Emmitsburg died Sun. Nov. 9, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

She was the wife of the late Carroll Franklin Newcomer.

Born Oct. 12, 1906, in Detour, she was the daughter of the late Emory Clayton and Mattie Virginia Eyler Shorb. Mrs. Newcomer was a member of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge, and Emmitsburg Senior Citizens.

Surviving are one son, Carroll Eugene Newcomer of Emmitsburg; two grandchildren, Skip Newcomer of Petaluma, Calif., and Cindy Miller of San Diego, Calif.; and two great-grandchildren, Jennifer Miller and Adam Miller, both of San Diego.

Mrs. Newcomer was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 12, with the Rev. James Russell officiating. Interment will be in Mount Tabor Cemetery, Rocky Ridge.

Sister Catherine Sanders

Sister Catherine Sanders, Daughters of Charity, 66, formerly of Emmitsburg died Saturday, Nov. 15, at Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Born March 22, 1931, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late J. Clarence and Mary C. Sanders.

Surviving are one brother, James J. Sanders of Bethesda; two sisters, Joan Ditzler of Biglerville, Pa., and Marianne Brady of Sparta, N.J.; 22 nieces and nephews; and many other relatives.

Sister Catherine was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy G. Freshman; and three brothers, Howard C. Sanders, Allen C. Sanders, and Anthony O. Sanders.

A Mass of the Resurrection was offered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Daughters of Charity Retirement Fund, 333 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Martha Sours

Mrs. Martha Jane Harless Sours, 57, of 15529 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, died Friday, Nov. 21 at home.

Born Aug. 14, 1940, in Renick, W. Va., she was a daughter of Violet Harless Albright and stepdaughter of Dayton David Albright of Jefferson.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Thurmont and a former member of First Baptist Church of Brunswick.

Surviving in addition to her mother and stepfather are four children, Martha L. Rice of Rocky Ridge, Lynn L. Sours of Thurmont, Stanley C. Sours of Woodsboro and Hickory A. Sours of Brunswick; nine grandchildren: James Rice, Thomas Green, Tabatha Lowery, David Rice, Kenneth Lowery, Jennifer Sours, Lindsay Figard, Brandon Sours, and Matthew Sickles; three sisters, Peggy Kauffman, Bertha Sweeney, and Susie Clem, all of Frederick; a brother, Charles Rineholt of Keymar; an aunt, Bonnie Harless of West Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.

She also is remembered by a devoted friend, Robert C. Warner of

Jefferson.

Funeral services were held at the Thurmont funeral home of Robert E. Dailey & Son on Monday, Nov. 24. The Rev. James Rousey officiated. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

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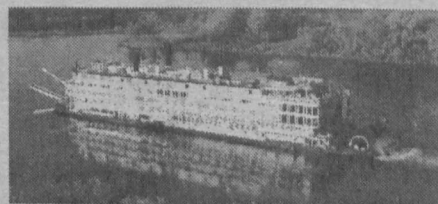
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Cougar News

By Marlene Tarr
Principal, Catocin High School

A special "thank you" to our PTSA for beautifying the area around the message sign, at the end of the driveway, with the trees and shrubs. These shrubs were planted in honor of the 100th anniversary of the PTSA. Thank you to Bob Bevan and the FFA for planting the items. A huge thank you to Judy White and Carolyn Brubaker for pruning the trees and clearing out undergrowth around the campus this fall.

The Emmitsburg Historical Society is looking for a high school student interested in service learning. For more information about this exciting opportunity, please contact April Wells, Service Learning Coordinator, at 301-271-7406. She will put you in touch with the contact for the Historical Society.

We are seeking members of the community to serve on our Drama Review Board. The Board helps us select upcoming plays and musicals. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please call Marty Tarr at 301-271-7406.

A number of activities are set for December. The athletic department open their winter season with wrestling, cross-country, and basketball events. The Holiday Dinner-Dance is scheduled for December 12, from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. The Holiday Art & Musical Festival will be held on December 17, beginning at 7 p.m. The annual Winter Workshop for kindergartners from our feeder schools and Mother Seton will be held from 8 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. on December 18. The PTSA will provide a special assembly for students on December

19 during Block 4. "Edgar and the History of Percussion" will entertain students during two assemblies. Edgar is actually Edgar Myers, a local resident, whose son is a '97 graduate of Catocin.

Please support the Safe & Sane Committee by purchasing your holiday tree from the Gateway Farm Market between November 28 and December 21.

The next deadline for entries for the Parent Newsletter is January 16. Legible submissions should be given to Janice Snyder in the front office.

The Marching Cougars Band will travel to Walt Disney World between December 19 and 23 to participate in the 25th Anniversary Celebration. They have been selected to march in the Main Street Parade while visiting Walt Disney World. It is an honor to be selected for this particular parade and we are very proud of their accomplishment.

The Superintendent's Roundtable for the Catocin feeder schools will be held on Jan. 13, from 7 - 9 p.m. at Thurmont Middle School. Please plan to attend to support our need for a classroom addition, a gym addition, and a renovation to our nearly 30 year old high school facility. Such a project would bring wiring for technology, distance learning, relief from overcrowding, and equity with other county high schools.

School will close on December 24 and remain closed until January 5 for the winter break. In whatever manner you and your family celebrate the holiday season, the students and staff of Catocin High School wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and a Happy New Year. May 1998 be a year of peace, love, and prosperity for all of us!

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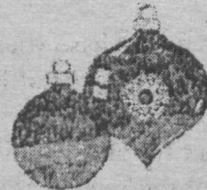
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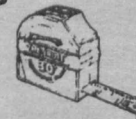


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Mother Seton School News

By Val Mentzer

The Age of Enlightenment

Recently, the eighth grade students paid a cultural visit to Pennsylvania's Renaissance Fair. The students and teachers were dressed in proper Renaissance garb, and enjoyed a day of educationally enlightening activities befitting a student learning about the Renaissance era! Conversations with the Queen and jousting competitions were among such activities.

Candlelight & Holly Auction

This year's "Moonlit Christmas" Auction was once again a huge success. This lovely evening could not be possible without the many, many school families and staff that have dedicated many hours of volunteer time to insure its' success! We would like to extend a huge "Thank you" to Jayne Richardson and her Auction Committee: Chuck Burkell, John & Kathy Dowling, Chuck & Tina Eaton, Myra McCarron, Jayne

Richardson, Debi & Will Rogers, Dean & Ann Torgerson, and Jim & JoAnn Wilson. Also, thanks to the school families that donated items for the Oral Auction, Silent Auction and Classroom baskets. Many families also attended as guests and worked the evening of the Auction.

The proceeds from the Candlelight & Holly Auction directly benefit the Catholic education of our students at Mother Seton School. We want to thank all of the local Frederick County businesses that have donated items for this event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

School Raffle Calendars

Don't forget to purchase your 1998 Mother Seton School Raffle Calendar. You could be a big \$1,000.00 winner for only a \$25.00 investment! Your raffle number will be part of our drawing every day of the week! Each day we pull a \$25.00 winner, each Friday is a \$50.00 winner, every last day of the month is a \$100.00 winner &



What ho! What garb! From left, Michael Moore, Joseph Hallinan, Alex Adelsberger, Sun Jing Park, Tyler Boone and Zachary Smith model "cool threads" from the Renaissance era.
Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

Christmas & Easter are our \$1,000.00 winners! Contact the school office if you are interested in purchasing these calendars. They are a great Christmas gift! Please call (301) 447-3161.

A Thanksgiving Blessing

On Wednesday, November 26th, our 4th graders led us in a Thanksgiving Paralitury.

Our students dedicated their prayers to those in need during the holiday season. Our students also brought many food items to share with hungry neighbors. We are very grateful for the blessings we have in our Mother Seton School community.

Let it Snow, let it snow, let it snow!

The snow will soon be flying, that means the Mother Seton School Ski Program is ready to go! Once again the students will be participating in a ski program offered at Ski Liberty in Fairfield, PA. Beginning January 7th, from 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ski lessons will begin for a 4 or 6 week period. These lessons are held every Wednesday. This is a great program for everyone! Join in on the fun. Mother Seton School students should contact the front office for further information.

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Over the white board fence...

By Mike Hillman

There's no way around it, equestrian sports were invented for the very rich or very talented, of which, unfortunately, I am neither. While relegated to being only a weekend warrior, riding nevertheless has offered me the opportunity to meet some unique people. Gary Kubala, our veterinarian, for example, has become such a frequent visitor to our farm that rarely a night goes by that we don't get together to complain about lame horses, the poor quality of American beer, or the budgets our wives have put us on.

My blacksmith, meanwhile, believes that Elvis killed Kennedy and the Trilateral Commission is responsible for my horse pulling shoes off. When we all get together, the conversations get rather scary, especially when you consider the topics we discuss versus the number of years of post-graduate education we have between us. No matter what the topic, humor is always a key ingredient, with each providing our fair share, though recently I think it's been a little one sided...

Like most amateur riders, I've often toyed with the idea of having a second horse. I can't begin to count the number of times I came off a less than stellar dressage or cross-country ride, wishing I could do it all over. After much cajoling (including a forced vacation to Hawaii), I was finally able to convince my highly skeptical wife that I'd never make it to the Olympics on one horse, and reluctantly, she acquiesced to my obtaining a second horse. What I failed to mention, however, was the fact that our trailer was too narrow to ship two horses comfortably and that our 13-year-old truck was incapable of pulling two horses at once.

Upon discovering these facts, Audrey suggested that I sell my experienced horse and use the proceeds to pay for the new truck and trailer. Scratching my head in awe of her non-rider logic, I tactfully tried to convey to her that if I followed her advice, I would once again be riding one horse, making a new truck and trailer unnecessary. In the end, however, she correctly recognized the futility of trying to persuade me to change my mind, and reluctantly agreed to my plan.

Now for almost 16 years I've gotten to and from lessons and shows with the same truck and tag-along trailer, and for the most part, trailering has been uneventful. Following the failure of the radio in my old truck, however, uneventful soon became downright boring. As a result of the lack of incidents, I grew fairly confident in my skill in the art of trailering, and have even dared to at times to pontificate to others on how best to drive a truck and trailer. No rig seemed beyond my ability to drive, that is, of course, until I bought a goose-neck....

"Remember, goosenecks pivot faster because they're attached in the middle of the bed, not to the bumper, so swing wider than you did with your old trailer," shouted the owner of the trailer dealership as I confidently pulled my new dream rig out on the road for the first time. "Yeah, yeah" I thought. "With my experience, what is there to learn?" Armed with a truck with power, but more importantly, a radio that worked, road trips soon became the order of the day. Lulled into security by the rig's impressive handling characteristics, tuning in radio stations soon became a greater concern than paying attention to corners.

Six weeks to the day after its purchase, I found myself nonchalantly turning into my coach's farm for a lesson. Be-bopping along to a Rolling Stone tune, I was just about to lip synch the song's refrain, when my daydream world was shattered by a violent jerk and the sound of splintering wood. Stunned, I turned around to see my brand new trailer

sitting on top of what was left of a brand new post and board fence. Unwilling to accept what had just happened, I immediately backed the truck up, reset my watch and closed my eyes. I even painted my sneakers ruby red and tapped them three times. But all was to no avail; when I opened my eyes, the fence was still down.

My screams of agony were plainly heard in the next county. Looking over the damage, I found myself feeling quite sick to my stomach, especially since I knew I was too cheap to hire someone to repair the fence, and the forecast for the week was hot, followed by more hot, and the Virginia humidity was already dripping off me. As luck would have it, the day the repairs were done would prove to be the hottest day of the summer.

Armed with an array of tools, a cooler of strawberry daiquiris, and accompanied by PJ, my trusty Jack Russell, the repairs to the fence were eventually completed, though more time was spent under a hose with PJ, cooling off, than in driving nails.

Exhausted from rare physical work and the heat of the day, and with the trailer scheduled to be dropped off the following day for repairs, I began to put the whole

incident behind me, and once again reached for the radio and sat back to enjoy the hour long trip home. Fatigued, but happy, I turned into my driveway, the same driveway I had turned my old trailer into for years. Unfortunately, I wasn't driving my old trailer.

The cracking of wood was barely audible over the Moody Blues tune, which was playing at the radio's maximum volume, but the sight of my wife feverishly waving for me to stop, and Joe and Cindy Wivell scurrying for cover, awoke me to the fact that something was terribly wrong. Sheepishly I looked behind me to discover that I had once again turned too sharply, and in doing so, taken out five sections of our new picket fence.

Jumping out of the truck, I began to rant and rave like a mad man, and in the process created some very colorful new words for the English language, much to the amusement of neighbors who began to gather and gawk. After regaining my composure and swearing off strawberry daiquiris forever, I salvaged what was possible of the fence. Later that evening my wife noticed that the horses were still in the trailer. Having already once witnessed my antics following a

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collision with my coach's fence, they had apparently decided that they were safer in the trailer than out.

With two wrecked fences under my belt, it was hard for me not to wonder if my driving skills might be at fault. After much reflection, I eventually concluded that both incidents had been acts of God. I had just about convinced a rightfully skeptical Audrey of the correctness of this conclusion, when I squashed forever any positive notion one might have had about my trailering abilities.

After retrieving the keys to the truck, which she had hidden, and with a stern warning to keep the radio off, I gingerly began to maneuver the truck and trailer through the gate separating the yard from the dressage field. Since this is how we normally turn the rig around, the maneuver was fairly old hat. As the gate was six feet wider than the trailer, my primary concern was not running over our three dogs, who think zig-zaging in front of the truck is great sport. After finally getting them to sit out of the way [no easy task in itself], I began to move the truck forward. For once, the dogs did as they were told, though for some unknown reason they were all looking in the same direction, towards the fence.

As it turned out, while getting the dogs out of the way, the truck had slowly idled forward, so slowly that I never felt the right fender come into contact with the gate post. As the dogs watched in disbelief, the truck was now gunned forward, and the fender peeled backwards. By the time I realized what was happening,

it was too late. As I climbed out of the truck, the dogs took one look at me and sprinted for cover.

Livid with my stupidity, I picked up the glasses I should have been wearing and threw them on the ground with full intention of crushing them to pieces, however, Audrey read my mind and gave me a look that made me rethink this action. As I looked around for something else to break, she rushed into the house and hid all the knives and other sharp objects. Intent on ending what had now become a bad joke, I grabbed a sledge hammer and headed for what was left of the fender. From a safe distance however, Audrey interrupted me with a well-thrown frozen strawberry daiquiri, which I promptly picked up and began to suck on as if it was a baby's pacifier.

With belief in the supremacy of my trailering abilities now in shreds, I took it upon myself to install some mechanical interlock in my truck in hopes to prevent future recurrences. Now when the steering wheel is turned in any direction for longer than 3 seconds, the radio automatically shuts off, and a loud siren goes off, over which is superimposed a voice shouting "Swing wider then you did with your old trailer, stupid." As an extra added measure, I've installed an electric cattle prod under the driver's seat that goes off at the same time, which has its down side, especially when someone borrows the truck and I forget to tell them about it.

Having put three months between me and the last run in with a fence, I can finally look back at these moments and laugh, especially since I now have a ready stockpile of spare fenders in the barn.

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Sat., 10 am - 5 pm

Dec. 6
Sat., 10:30 am

Dec. 6
Sat., 1 pm

Dec. 7
Sun., 3 pm

Dec. 7
Sun., 6 pm

Dec. 8
Mon., 6 pm - 9 pm

Dec. 11
Thurs., 10 am

Dec. 11
Thurs., 10 - 11:30 am

Dec. 11
Thurs., 2 pm - 4 pm

Dec. 11
Thurs., 7 pm

Dec. 11
Thurs., 7 pm

Dec. 12
Fri., 9 am - 7 pm

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**Annual Christmas Bazaar
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**Emmitsburg Community
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Tree Lighting Ceremony
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**9th Annual Evening of
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**Christmas Caroling with
children at Provincial
House**

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Dec. 17
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