

# The DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength from One Another

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## Emmitsburg High School Alumni Honored



Each year the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show honors an organization for its contributions to community life. This year the show celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Emmitsburg High School Alumni. The alumni group presents a \$500 scholarship to an outstanding student in the Emmitsburg School district every year.

Those receiving certificates of appreciation are, seated left to right, Susan E. Sanders, M. Lucille Valentine, and Mary L. Fisher. Standing left to right, Norman J. Shriver, Jr., Charles F. Stouter, Vernon Keilholtz, Eric E. Glass, Harold E. Frock, and George M. Springer.

A Dispatch Photo

## Skatepark needs community support

By Dr. Tim Wolfe

Ollies. Nollies. Fakies-to-disaster. Grinds. What in the world am I talking about? These are terms that your children will likely know, particularly if they skateboard, in-line skate (rollerblade), or freestyle walk (yes, there really is such an activity). I want to share with you, the parents and concerned citizens of the Emmitsburg area, what I have learned this summer by spending time with some of our local young people.

You may have noticed the ramps (skaters call them quarter pipes) set up in the parking lot of the Antique Mall in town. During the evening, between 5:00 and 9:00 P.M., area youngsters and I enjoy the thrill of

gliding over asphalt and wood as we challenge gravity. Despite my slightly overweight, thirty-something condition (and the accompanying physical limitations), I have found great joy in skating with people half my age (and younger). In the process, I have learned that some of our local youngsters are great people—they are friendly, caring, funny, and generally respectful. The “skatepark,” as we call it, has become an important part of life for area youngsters.

We are currently at a crossroads—the skatepark needs your help. There needs to be more adult supervision at the skatepark. While the skaters are generally well behaved, it makes sense to have responsible adults around to ensure  
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## Coalition releases initial survey findings

The Emmitsburg Coalition for a Better Community (ECBC) introduced the preliminary findings of a recent survey to a group of approximately 55 people Wednesday night, September 16, at the Senior Center.

The survey was conducted by the coalition in March 1998 to determine what local residents perceive is needed in order to strengthen families and the community.

In addition to identifying issues of concern, the survey also showed that Emmitsburg was a community noted for commitment and involvement, as well as a community with many assets and resources.

Issues of greatest concern to the community were the availability of after-school programs, family relations, abuse and neglect of children, illiteracy, job training and placement, alcohol and drug abuse, juvenile delinquency, health issues (non-dental), and communication.

Mayor William Carr said they

were indebted to the citizens who participated in the telephone survey. The random sample survey using telephone numbers with the 447 prefix was carried out by more than 80 Mount St. Mary's students over a ten day period. More than 420 responses were received.

Dr. Tim Wolfe of the Mount's Sociology Department said they were “pleasantly shocked” at how well the residents responded to the survey. Three out of every four households which received a phone call from the volunteers took the time to answer the questions—a 72% response rate. Typical response rates for these types of survey rarely reach over 60 percent.

In addition to the telephone survey of residents, one was also given to teenagers through the CASS program.

“The role of the coalition is to get things started,” said Susie

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## Rep. Bartlett meets with town officials



6th District Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, left, meets with Emmitsburg's Mayor Carr and Town Manager David Haller to discuss status of the town's water situation. Please see story on page 3

A Dispatch Photo

## 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.

### Farewell

Dear Friends,

It is with sadness that I write to tell you that effective September 11, 1998, I will no longer be working as director of Up-County Family Center. My husband, a United Methodist minister, has been transferred to a new church some distance from Emmitsburg. Consequently, our family will be moving.

Emmitsburg is a wonderful community. The sense of collaboration, of dedication, of fair-mindedness

amongst town people has been like none that I have ever experienced.

I have enjoyed getting to know you and learning from you. Up-County is a wonderful program thanks to your contributions, your enthusiasm, and your participation.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this community.

With deep regard,

Laurie Sheffield-James  
Up-County Family Center

### Too crowded

To the Editor:

A gentleman at Silo Hill called us to complain about our article in the *News-Post* in which we regretted that Interfaith Housing was planning to build ten more houses in Silo Hill. He assumed that we were against the Interfaith Housing project, which is not so, as we think that it is a wonderful project. We just do not like to see them packed into such a small area like sardines with such a small, dangerous exit and make it more dangerous for them and all the rest of us who have to face that four-way traffic in order to get out.

There are many ads in the newspapers for lots and land for sale where they could find plenty of open space. The folks who have the advantage of Interfaith's help are fortunate compared with the difficulties we had to build our first house without any help or money.

Fifty-eight years ago when we were married we were very poor and living in my brother's house in Baltimore. My wife was making \$20 a week at the old Montgomery Ward building in Baltimore, and I was making about the same working on torpedoed ships in the shipyard, and working at nights at Fort Meade.

We were looking for a house, but all we could afford was a one-room shack in southern Maryland which was about the size of the mail bomber's shack out west. We were able to buy it for \$200. We needed to add a porch to it, so we would buy a

little lumber each payday. We dug a shallow well by hand and installed a small pump and eventually got running water into the kitchen.

Over the years, buying a little lumber at a time, we added another porch, and finally a bedroom and bathroom. After ten years we had a seven-room house, built with our own hands. We did borrow some money from a Glen Burnie bank to buy a Bendix clothes washer.

We wanted to buy a farm in order that our sons would learn what hard work is. After ten years we finally sold the place for \$8000, which we used for a down payment on the farm, together with a 20-year mortgage. We can understand how helpful Interfaith Housing could have been.

Articles in magazines and newspapers point out that there is a lot of cheap land available on the western prairies and the population is so scarce that there are not enough people for the jobs available.

Just kidding. Mr. Upchurch could put his clients on a train, give each one a shovel, and head for the western prairies, and build sod houses, with sod walls and sod roofs, with buffalo hides for doors and windows. This writer was born on the Nebraska prairie. My own grandfather and grandmother lived out there in a sod house when they came from England.

We just hope Mr. Upchurch finds a less crowded place to put their homes. It would be better for all of us.

Paul Beale  
Emmitsburg

## Town News...

### From the desk of the town Manager

By David Haller

This monthly memo provides information to citizens on the status of projects in progress and new activities and projects being planned by the town. The belief is that an informed citizen will be more likely to effectively participate in town meetings and the present and future development of the community.

1) The Town will be de-sludging lagoon #1 at our wastewater treatment plant in October —this is the first de-sludging of the plant in its 10-year life.

2) The Town has just completed its purchase of the Silo Hill Park site.

3) The Town will be grading and installing playground equipment at the new Silo Hill Park in the next 30-60 days.

4) The Town has just applied to the SHA for the "retrofit sidewalk grant program" which, if granted, will improve our sidewalk system along Main Street and Seton Avenue.

5) The Town has just been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the

Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for construction of a new drinking water treatment plan. (Total project costs estimated at \$1.3 million).

6) In early September the Town finalized the installation of a 'Regulated Parking Program' on Welty Avenue (to better serve the residents of Welty Avenue)

7) The Town is presently working with the State of Maryland and contractors to repair the Rainbow Lake Spillway which received considerable storm damage in the Summer of 1996.

8) The Town is presently working to arrange the insurance required to continue a skate-boarding program in Emmitsburg

9) The Town is presently finalizing our Smoke-testing Program —to reduce "Wild Water" in the sanitary sewer system.

10) In the next few months the Town will annex the 50+ acres of the Community Park which is located outside of the Town limits at this time.

11) In an effort to improve services to employees and reduce the Town's costs by \$4000 per year the Town has just changed its health insurance carrier.

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## Bartlett gets update on Emmitsburg's water situation

Congressman Roscoe Bartlett visited Emmitsburg Sept. 3, and was briefed on the water situation faced by the town.

Mayor Carr described the need for a larger supply of water, relating this to the demands of growth and viability of the community. Carr outlined the current problems and what the town has done in solving them.

According to Mayor Carr engineering studies estimate that about 1.3 million dollars will be needed to develop new wells and a chemical treatment plant. To date the town has received approximately 1 million dollars in grant monies from the Maryland Department of Environment (\$497,000) and a Community Development Block Grant (\$500,000.)

According to town manager David Haller, the largest water customer is the fire academy. "If we

were not providing water for the fire academy the present system could easily provide enough water for immediate growth of the town," said Haller. "To continue providing the fire academy and be able to supply enough water for future demands we need about another 250,000 gallons per day," said Haller.

Bartlett noted that there were precedents of federal monies going to local communities providing services to federal agencies. Staff member Bill Straw will study further the implications of these precedents for the town.

Three of the four exploratory wells drilled to date do not provide enough flow to meet projected needs. The third well provided about 100 gallons per hour but the water is too cloudy to be of use without filtration. The fourth well is now being drilled.



Bob Wetzel (l) presents the Paula Marie Wetzel Family Choice Award to Mathew Schrum. A Dispatch Photo

The Indian Lookout Conservation Club held its first auto show Sat., Sept 12 in Thurmont. The meet highlighted the first Paula Marie Wetzel Family Choice Award presented by Paula's husband Bob to Mathew Schrum of East Berlin, Pa.. Mathew's restored '71 Chevy Pick-up reflected Paula's interest in pick-up trucks. Paula was a member of the club.

"Best in Show" was won by Junie Wetzel of Emmitsburg. Mr. Wetzel's '58 Ford was restored, equipped with dual pipes, low-

ered, and featured a Continental deck designed and constructed by Wetzel. Trophies were given to the top three of each class.

The club would like to thank everyone who made this first Car and Truck Show a success. A special thanks goes out to The Mountain Gate Plaza for allowing them to hold the show on their property.

The club is looking forward to holding its Second Annual Car and Truck show next year in Emmitsburg on the club grounds.

## CASS welcomes new area director

By Kathleen O'Connor  
On October 5, Bill Derbyshire, the new coordinator of the Community Agency School Services will take his office in the Emmitsburg Community Center. He is replacing Debbie Swiderski who gave birth to her baby girl in early September.

CASS is a Frederick County interagency program. Its goals are to facilitate interagency collaboration, emphasize prevention, and provide integrated and coordinated family-focused services. The CASS coordinator's primary responsibilities

are crisis intervention, identification of community needs, and collaboration with other agencies in funding and planning new programs.

In following the above goals, Mr. Derbyshire discussed three stages of family services: prevention, identification of high-risk populations, and actual crisis intervention.

The prevention stage seeks to educate families in crisis prevention techniques and to provide healthy, structured activities for youths that promote their physical and mental growth. These programs also help

working parents by providing supervised activities. He noted two programs that fulfill this need--the YMCA/Mount Saint Mary College joint venture in after school sports, and the Catocin Youth Association lacrosse teams.

The second stage receives its impetus from Frederick County statistics of families at risk because of poverty (25.1%), single parent

homes (70.1%), long distance job commutes (39.8%), youth high school dropout (25%), lack of family insurance (29%), or a medical condition. In this stage, Mr. Derbyshire would help the family  
**Please see CASS on page 10**

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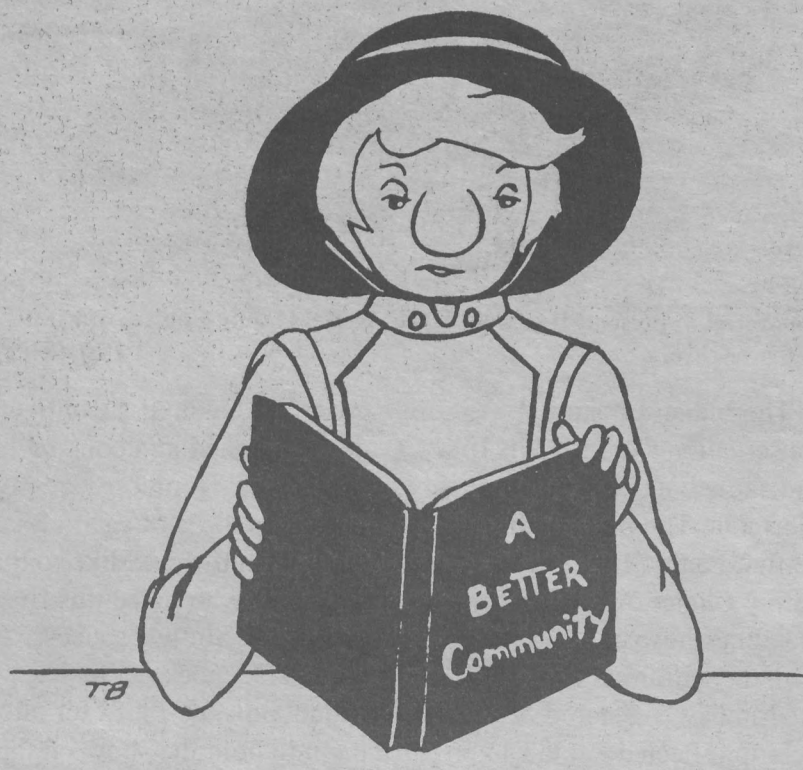


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A second public meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center to gather responses and reactions to the ECBC survey.

Part 1: Turning community issues into community strengths.

Homework assignment: Fill in survey worksheets. See page 5.



## 100 Years Ago - "In this place"

From the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

### Many kinds of wood

Oct. 7, 1898 - The finishing touches were recently put on the new wagon shed belonging to Mr. Jacob I. Topper, of near town. Forty five different kinds of wood were used in the construction of the building, all of which were taken from Mr. Toppers farm, with the exception of a piece of beech.

### I love a parade

Oct. 14, 1898 - When a circus visited Hagerstown the other day the parade was started before the municipal authorities were consulted. The Mayor, it is stated, sent an officer around to see the owner of the show and demand the payment of a license fee. Failing in the collection of this the officer was instructed to stop the parade. When the officer arrived on the scene the procession was already moving, and the proprietor declined to pay the fee demanded.

Then the officer undertook to stop the parade. The elephants were in the vanguard, however, and knowing nothing about municipal laws, they kept straight ahead. The balance of the procession followed, and the officer not being able to speak the elephant lan-

guage, was unable to stop it. Then it was discovered that there was no authority for the collection of a licence fee in the first place.

### A Cat That Catches Rabbits

Oct. 21, 1898 - Mr. Samuel Gamble has a cat that in addition to catching rats and ground squirrels, catches rabbits almost as large as herself, and takes them to the house. Mr. Gamble has taken a couple of the rabbits caught by this industrious *Felis*, and cleaned and ate them. This is certainly a valuable cat.

### New Organ

Oct. 28, 1898 - The Presbyterian Congregation has purchased and placed in their handsome Church a new organ of the latest design. It is an imitation of a pipe organ and presents a very pretty appearance. An organ recital was held in the church Tuesday evening, which was largely attended by an appreciative audience.

### An Unkind Cut.

Last week some very uncharitable person cut and carried away about half of the hose on the engine used in furnishing power for the stone crusher near town.

## TO be, or not to be?

### More straight talk about the future of the *Dispatch*.

Last month, we explained in a full-page letter to the community how the continued existence and growth of the *Dispatch* depend upon the number of people willing to subscribe to the newspaper. We explained that we can no longer operate as a free paper and that we need at least 300-400 local subscribers to continue.

To date we have received 90 pledges. Compared to the number of papers we circulate each month the ratio is very small 690/2200.

However, compared to the number of pledges we were seeking (300), we are about a third of the way to our goal.

We will continue to actively work these next few months toward making the *Dispatch* a permanent part of our community.

Along with the 90 pledges, we also received many heartwarming and encouraging notes and we are very appreciative of those who took the time to give us their good wishes. If you wish to support the continuing existence of the *Dispatch* and have not already done so, please return the pledge card when possible. Should we not receive enough pledges the December issue, which completes five full years of publishing may be the last one. We appreciate your interest and support.

You can also help by letting us know of things you would like to see in the paper (given a staff) that would make it

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Loveland, CEO of the United Way of Frederick County, and member of the coalition. "Success depends on it becoming part of the community."

She urged all those present to take a copy of the survey and the response worksheets which have been made available for individuals, families, civic, church, and professional groups to make further comments and suggestions as to how to address the identified issues.

A second public meeting will be held Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00

p.m. at the Senior Center to gather these responses. A strategic plan will then be drawn up to develop appropriate, affordable services and programs.

The Emmitsburg Coalition for a Better Community includes the town of Emmitsburg, United Way of Frederick County, Mt. St. Mary's College, Up-County Family Center, Seton Center Outreach, Inc., Emmitsburg Child Care Center, Catholic Charities, Catocin Community Agency School Services (CASS), and the Emmitsburg Elementary School.

**Survey Worksheet**

The Emmitsburg Coalition for a Better Community wishes input from all area residents about ways to address the issues identified in the survey.

The Coalition asks and hopes for everyone to pick up a worksheet (either at Up-County Family Center or the Town Office) and use it to let them know *what* they think and *how* they think the issues can be successfully addressed.

Your remarks, thoughts, and recommendations about each of the 18 issues can be put in one of four categories:

- Issues and Concerns surrounding survey issue, (e.g. job training and placement)
- Barriers and resistance to addressing issue
- Community strengths and resources for changing issue
- Other alternatives and solutions to issue.

You don't have to respond to each survey issue. But, if you have strong feelings about any issue, here is your chance to sound off and let people know what you think and how you would like to see the issue resolved.

Return your responses to the Up-County Family Center or the Town Office.

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that the youngsters are safe, that misbehavior is kept to a minimum, and to send the message that we (adults) are interested in their lives and committed to their wellbeing. We need better-constructed (safer) ramps (in fact, at this point we simply need ramps; the ramps that we worked so hard to build this summer were recently stolen). To date, we have received money from the local 4 X 4 club (thanks to Larry Little for arranging this donation); we have used these funds to purchase wood and nails to build ramps. We need new ramps and we are broke.

Simply put, we need YOU! The town council has allowed us to continue skating for another 90 days. Phil Postelle's generosity continues—he will allow us to keep skating in his Antique Mall parking lot. Local youngsters continue to go to the skatepark in the evening to have fun. All of this may end, however, if we do

not get more parental support and involvement.

I have a proposal: let us, the concerned parents and community leaders start the E.S.A. (Emmitsburg Skating Association). Look at how successful Little League baseball is in our community. To get things started, we would do well to follow the Little League model. I have already talked with a handful of parents who are willing to help with fund raising, supervision, and ramp building. While this is a good start, it is only a start. It seems to me that there is not an abundance of recreational opportunities for our young people. We have the chance to establish a challenging, healthy, and exciting youth recreation program for our youngsters.

If you can help, please contact me (Tim Wolfe) at 447-1752 (home) or 447-5373 (work) or at [wolfe@msmary.edu](mailto:wolfe@msmary.edu) (my e-mail address). Let's show our young people that we care.

**Emmitsburg Issues: What the ECBC Survey Revealed**

From the ECBC September 1998 Draft Report

Emmitsburg residents identified 10 areas as issues to be addressed in order to strengthen the community and its families. Many issues are similar to those with which other communities are currently grappling.

It is also apparent, given the number of civic, social and educational organizations in the area, and the community's commitment to improvement, that dealing with these issues is well within reach of the community itself.

Some additional monetary support may be needed, but should be available through grant funding. Following are the eighteen survey questions asked of area residents and their responses.

**Job Training is Available**

Survey Question:

*Job training is available*

About one quarter (26%) of those surveyed either agree or strongly agree that job training is available. A little over half (53%) either strongly disagree or disagree, and about one fifth (21 %) don't know or did not answer.

**Job Placement is Available**

Survey Question:

*Job placement services are available.*

About one fifth (21 %) either strongly agree or agree that job placement is available. Sixty-five percent either strongly disagree or disagree and about one quarter (25%) either don't know or did not answer.

**Illiteracy**

Survey Question:

*Illiteracy is a problem (i.e. people cannot read).*

About 2 out of every 5 (43%) of those surveyed either strongly agree or agree that illiteracy is a problem. Forty percent strongly disagree or disagree and 17% don't know or did not answer.

**Juvenile Delinquency**

Survey Question:

*Juvenile delinquency or youth crime is a problem.*

About 6 out of 10 individuals (64%) strongly agree or agree that juvenile delinquency is a problem. Twenty-nine percent strongly disagree or disagree. **Please see Questions on page 6**

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agree or disagree, and 7% don't know.

### Personal Crime

Survey Question:

*Personal crime is a problem (e.g., being assaulted).*

Thirty percent strongly agree and agree that personal crime is a problem. Well over one half (63%) either strongly disagree or disagree, and 6% don't know or did not answer.

### Property Crime

Survey Question:

*Property crime is a problem (e.g., having something stolen).*

About one half (50%) either strongly agree or agree that property crime is a problem. Forty-three percent strongly disagree and disagree, and 7% did not know.

### Affordable Housing is Available

Survey Question:

*Affordable housing is available.*

Sixty-nine percent either strongly agree or agree that affordable housing is available. Almost one quarter (23%) either strongly disagree or disagree and about 8% don't know or did not answer.

### Condition of Housing is a

### Problem

Survey Question:

*The condition of housing is a problem.*

About one third (34%) of those surveyed either strongly agree or agree that condition of housing is a problem. Over one half (66%) either strongly disagreed or disagreed, and about one tenth (10%) don't know or did not answer.

The survey of middle school and high school students indicated that 24% either strongly agree or agree that condition of housing is a problem. About half (53%) strongly disagree or disagree, and 24% didn't know or did not answer.

### Family Violence

Survey Question:

*Family violence (e.g., verbal or physical abuse).*

Nearly two out of five (41%) of the adult respondents strongly agree or agree that family violence (for example, verbal or physical abuse in the home) is a problem in the Emmitsburg area; 38% disagree or strongly disagree that family violence is a problem. Twenty-one percent said that they don't know if family violence is a problem in the Emmitsburg area.

### Parent-child interaction

Survey Question:

*Parent-child interaction is a problem (e.g., lack of communication).*

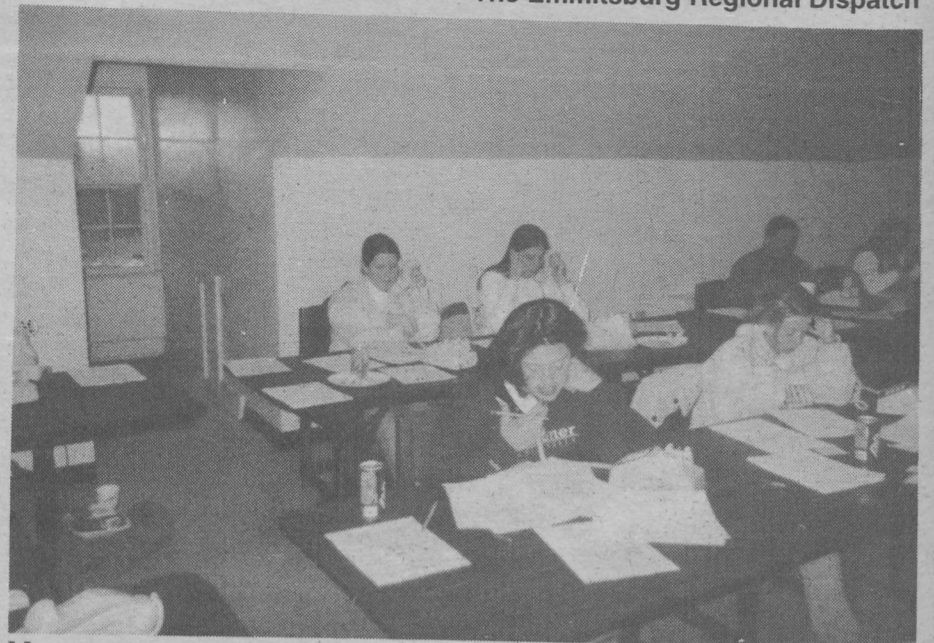
Almost one half (48%) strongly agree or agree that parent-child interaction is a problem. Over one third (45%) strongly disagree or disagree, and 17% don't know or did not answer.

### Abuse/Neglect

Survey Question:

*Abuse or neglect of children is a problem.*

About 2 out of every 5 (40%) of those surveyed either strongly agree or agree that the neglect and abuse of



Mount students conduct phone call survey

Photo courtesy Joe Purello

children is a problem. Forty-one percent either strongly disagree or disagree and 18% don't know or did not answer.

The survey of middle school and high school students yields similar results with 31% who strongly agree and agree that neglect and abuse of children is a problem. Forty-two percent either strongly disagree or disagree, and about one quarter (27%) don't know or did not answer.

### After-School Programs for Middle School Students are Available

Survey Question:

*After-school programs for middle school students (grades 6-8) are available.*

Of the 157 households with children under the age of 18, about a quarter (26%) strongly agree or agree that such programs are available for area middle school students. Fifty-two percent disagree or strongly disagree that such programs are available for middle school students. Over one in five parents (22%) don't know.

The survey of middle school and high school students yield different results. A substantial number of stu-

dents (43%) strongly agree or agree that after-school programs for middle school students are available.

### After-School Programs are Available for High School Students

Survey Question:

*After-school programs for high school students (grades 9-12) are available.*

About a fifth (26%) of parents surveyed strongly agree or agree that after-school programs for high school students in the Emmitsburg area are available. Fifty-five percent disagree or strongly disagree that such programs are available for area high school students. One fifth (18%) don't know if such programs are available for high school students.

The survey of middle school and high school students yields somewhat different results. The majority of students (69.6%) strongly agree or agree that after-school programs for high school students are available.

### Drug Abuse

Survey Question:

*Drug abuse is a problem.*

About 7 out of 10 individuals (67%) either strongly agree or agree that drug abuse is a problem. Eighteen percent either strongly disagree or disagree, and 15% didn't know or did not answer.

The survey of middle school and high school students showed that about 6 out of 10 (60%) strongly agree or agree that drug abuse is a problem. 26% either strongly disagree or disagree, and 14% either didn't know or did not answer.

### Alcohol Abuse

Survey Question:

*Alcohol abuse is a problem.*

About three out of four (71%) surveyed either strongly agree or agree that alcohol abuse is a problem, about one out of five (19%)

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Please see Questions on page 10



Retirees from MSM (from left) Barbara Vaughn, Dorothy Joy, Patricia Warthen, Dr. William Meredith, Dolores Henke, Kathleen Wivell, Sonny Wagerman. Photo courtesy Mount St. Mary's College

### Mount Saint Mary's College celebrated service and dedication of 15 retirees.

President George R. Houston, Jr., hosted an appreciation reception at his Emmitsburg home in August for 15 Mount employees who retired following the 1997-98 academic year. The retirees' combined years of distinguished service were 391.

Those honored were

- Dolores Henke, Emmitsburg, 51 years, vice president and dean's office.
- Dr. William Meredith, Emmitsburg, 41 years, biology.
- Dunbar Ashbury, Frederick, 36 years, business and economics.
- Guy Ridenour, Gettysburg, Pa., 34 years, physical plant.
- Kathleen Wivell, Emmitsburg, 28 years, custodial.
- Lawrence Riordan, Gettysburg, 27 years, enrollment management.
- Sonny Wagerman, Emmitsburg, 26 years, physical plant.
- Dorothy Joy, Emmitsburg, 23 years, library.
- Mary R. Topper, Emmitsburg, 21 years, purchasing.
- Amy Drumm, Emmitsburg, 20 years, post office.
- Patricia Warthen, Emmitsburg, 19 years, purchasing.
- Mary J. Nusbaum, Gettysburg, 18 years, business and economics.
- Sue White, Orrtanna Pa., 18 years, public safety.
- William Renner, Funkstown, Md., 16 years, business and administration.

### Henke recalls 51 years at the Mount

Mrs. Dolores Henke of Emmitsburg, recently retired from Mount Saint Mary's College after being employed there for 51 years.

Following her high school graduation, Mrs. Henke went to work at the Mount as secretary to the Dean of the College, and also to the Registrar. For a few years, she was Assistant to the Registrar. At the time of her retirement, she was Executive Assistant to the Vice President and Dean of the College.

When Mrs. Henke became an employee of the Mount, there were five women working in the offices: two in the business office, two in the library, and one in the Dean and Registrar's Office. Of course, that number has multiplied many times over.

She began her career at the Mount using a standard typewriter;

she was the first to have an electric typewriter - then came the computer age.

When the college instituted evening classes, she attended night classes during the school year and summers receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree (magna cum laude) in 1982. Her husband, Robert Henke, taught at the college for 38 years; their son, Dr. Robert Henke of Hanover, is also a graduate of the college, as well as several brothers, nieces and nephews.

In addition to the increased enrollment of students as well as faculty, administration, and staff, the school changed from an all-male school in 1973. With the closing of St. Joseph College, female students entered the Mount.

Please see Henke on page 9

### Birthday Celebration

A picnic was held on September 5, 1998, at the Indian Lookout Conservation Club in Emmitsburg, to celebrate the birthday of Gloria Bauerline.

In attendance were Donald and Bernadette Joy of Westminster; Rusty, Cindy, Russell and Andrew Raines of Westminster; Harold, Sandra, Calvin and Austin Raines of Westminster. Donny and Lisa Joy of Baltimore; Melissa and Dimitri Garafalakis of Baltimore; Dot and Jerry Joy of Emmitsburg; Lori, Lauryn, Danielle Hoff of Emmitsburg; Barry Joy; Denise, Leanne, Elise and David Manning of Emmitsburg; Karen and Jarod Miller of Emmitsburg; Tammy Joy of Belair; Perry, Sue, Hayley, Matthew, and Wesley Joy of Westminster; Michael, Patricia, Tony and Taylor Joy of Emmitsburg; Blaine Moffett of Emmitsburg; Pam and Morgan Gigous of Carroll Valley; Edward Joy and Lisa Saunders of Frederick; Patrick, Tara, Alex and Katie Joy of Frederick; Joseph Joy of Baltimore; Maverick, Cathy, Maverick, Jr., Betty, Brandy, and Becky Coburn of Baltimore; Stevie, Tracey, Steve, Jr., and Kathlynn Joy of Baltimore; Karen, Matthew and Megan Shell of



Gloria Bauerline

Hampstead; Jeanette and Roger Wiley of Graceham; Dolores Henke of Emmitsburg, Judy Henke and Tiffany Myers of Hanover; Dennis and Carol Martin of Thurmont; Bruce Martin of Emmitsburg; Cory and Missy Martin of Thurmont; Robin and Andrew Dowling of Frederick; Manuel Escola and Merce Marin of Barcelona, Spain; Andrew and Gloria Bauerline of Hanover. The covered dish affair and games were enjoyed by the children and adults. Mrs. Bauerline received many beautiful cards and gifts.



John Brown (L), Jessica Cupp and Betty Brown holding cute but distracted triplets. A Dispatch Photo

By Leslie Persse

September 12, 1998 marked the one-year birthday of Emmitsburg's own triplets. Born three months premature, Sarah, Aliza and Maggie Cupp were very fragile at birth. Sarah, the firstborn and smallest, weighed only 1 lb. 3 oz. Aliza and Maggie weighed 1.5 lbs. each. Eventually over 3 months they came home to their parents, Tommy and Jessica Peel Cupp. Now the girls are growing and thriving in their home environment. Sarah is now 13 lbs. (but still the smallest), with Maggie weighing in at 15 lbs. 15 oz. and Aliza a healthy 16 lbs. 14 oz.

The birthday celebration started a day early when Up-County's home

visitor, Leslie Persse arranged for Jessica to receive a beautiful birthstone chain necklace at Brown's Jewelry store. Mr and Mrs Brown were familiar with Jessica, Tommy and the triplets and felt they wanted to donate the necklace. Additionally, the Browns gave each girl a pewter cup with engraved first and middle names on each. Mrs. Brown also gave each of the girls her own doll. Jessica and the girls were excited with the gifts.

The presentation of the gifts took place in the recently renovated Brown's jewelry store at 9 Water Street in Thurmont, Maryland.

## Vocational award winner works on PBS project

Kevin Sharrer, of Rocky Ridge, one of 12 special merit winners in this year's All-American Vocational Student Award (AAVSA) worked on the roof-framing episode of PBS's *The New Home Show* which was taped on August 11. Eighteen-year-old Kevin, who plans to pursue a career in the carpentry field, won regional, state, and county awards for his carpentry talents. Kevin's

knowledge and skill in carpentry have already earned him positions with the Frederick County Public School System and a local construction company. He intends to continue his vocational education at Frederick Community College.

Kevin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Sharrer of Rocky Ridge.

## Births

### *Congratulations to these new parents*

Mr. & Mrs Mark Golibart, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Aug. 25

Tracy M. Weller, Emmitsburg, a son, Thursday Aug 27, 1998.

Sheri L. & Phillip A. Millison, Rocky Ridge, a daughter, Aug. 28

Debbie and Bill Swiderski, Fairfield, Pa., a daughter, Aug. 31

Rhonda Gosney & Paul R. Brown III, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Sept. 5

Mr. & Mrs. Jamison (Melissa A. Ridenour) Mathias, Rocky Ridge, a daughter, Sept 24.

## Artist of the Month



Artist Valerie Parsons at work.

Photo courtesy Jeremy Parsons

Valerie Parsons' pottery will be featured in a show in the Studio Gallery on Main Street in Emmitsburg during the month of October. The show opened with a reception on Sunday, September 27th.

Valerie works in her Myersville studio where she makes various creations in clay. She is an avid gardener and this is reflected in many of her creations.

Some of her most popular works are the unique stoneware birdhouses. These birdhouses are both decorative

and functional as is all of her work. Her work is hand painted, carved, or decorated with garden scenes.

Valerie works in a variety of mediums including stoneware and porcelain. There will be a wide range of her work on display including plates, bowls, vases, and other items that are wheel thrown, hand carved, and decorated.

Valerie will also have a variety of hand-built items including unique cottages that reflect her English background.

## Lifelong Learning opportunities

The Institute for Learning in Retirement (ILR) of Frederick County sponsored by the Frederick Community College is a membership organization for adults 60 years or older and their spouses. The ILR is intended to provide a broad range of educational, recreational, and cultural courses and experiences. The ILR also provides networking and socializing opportunities. The leadership and direction of the ILR comes from its members

A wide variety of courses from the intellectually stimulating to just for fun will be offered. Some courses will meet regularly over a 4 to 6 week period, others might be an afternoon workshop, or learning at lunch. Most courses are peer taught by fellow members, or, in some cases, staff and members will recruit a professional in the field to teach.

The courses will meet at various places, including Frederick Community College and the Emmitsburg Community Center. Locations have been selected based on participant convenience and access to the appropriate equipment and supplies. Most courses will meet during the morning or afternoons, however

there may be an evening or two involved as well.

*The Experience of Touch* will be held in the Emmitsburg Senior Center Friday, Nov. 6, 13, and 20, from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.. Participants will experience the giving and receiving of touch in a safe and respectful environment. Techniques for learning to touch friends and family members in gentle nurturing ways will be the focus of this course. Optional books may be purchased at the class.

The initial membership fee to join is a one time only \$25 fee. There is a \$20 per term fee which will allow members to register for one or more courses, workshops, or events. A minimum of two mailed announcements per year will detail course offerings and upcoming events for the new term.

An Open House will be held at the Emmitsburg Senior Center October 2, to inform people about the ILR and to have them hear about the classes that are scheduled for the fall.

For more information you may request a copy of the ILR fall schedule and membership application. Send your request to M. Nelson, 7932 O'Possumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702 or call (301)846-2419.

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## Lunch with the "WW" Bunch.

By Ruth Kemple

"Whew! This job is almost done. All these clothes, that are too *small* for me and ready to be donated to the Seton Center.

"Gee, I really like this slack suit. I'm starting Weight Watchers soon. Maybe I'll keep this one.

So I hung this suit in my bedroom and took the rest of the clothes to Seton Center."

Weight Watchers taught me to eat correctly and in a couple of months I was able to wear that suit I saved.

In 10 weeks our class lost 188½ pounds. In 4½ months I've lost 30 pounds and it really wasn't that difficult.

We meet Monday at noon at St. Catherine's over the lunch we each bring. The comradeship and support of our members are great. Our instructor Heather Sue really helps and encourages us. If you are interested in losing some unwanted pounds, please contact Margaret Keeper at (301) 447-3121 ext. 2566.

Now I pack up the clothes that are too *big* for me and take them to Seton Center.

### Henke from page 7

There have been many other dramatic changes at the college. The presidency went from having a priest in that position to the first lay president and recently, the first woman Dean of the College was hired. Numerous buildings were constructed, among those the Cogan Student Union Building, the Library, the Science Building, housing facilities and the apartment complex, the Knott Auditorium, the Athletic Recreation Convocation Complex,

the Knott Academic Center

The campus grounds have been improved greatly over the years, as well as other important aspects of the college.

Mrs. Henke felt that being employed at an institution like Mount Saint Mary's College was an education in itself, working for and with so many outstanding people. Getting to know so many students, faculty, and co-workers is an experience that has enriched her life tremendously.

## Emmitsburg Branch Library

### October Programs

Take a **Walking Tour of Historic Emmitsburg** on October 3, Saturday at 11:00. Ernie Shriver will lead a walking tour of the architecture and the fine homes of Emmitsburg. Find out more about your community as Ernie discusses the beautiful historic structures you will see. Wear comfortable shoes. Call the library right away for details and get on the list to take part.

Join others and find out about some great books through **Book Discussions**, on the second Friday of

every month 1:00-2:00. Hear other viewpoints about what you are reading. Call to find out what books are being discussed

This is the time to register your child for **October Storytimes**. Stories, songs, and activities are designed for ages 3 to 6 but 2-year-olds are also welcome. Storytimes are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 and Thursdays at 10:30 beginning Oct 7.

For more information, call the Emmitsburg Branch of Frederick County Public Libraries at 301 -417-2682,

## Adult education center welcomes all

Some people in Emmitsburg and environs have voiced an interest in improving their reading and writing skills.

At the Marguerite Naseau Center at the Provincial House on South Seton Avenue, a FREE program is offered by certified teachers who teach Basic Reading, Writing, pre-G.E.D. (for high school diploma) and ESL (English as a Second Language) for those who do not speak or read English. Instruction is one-on-one in a welcoming and supportive atmosphere.

Sister Mary Jerome McGinley developed this program and three other Daughters of Charity and six lay teachers assist her. All are volunteers. The purpose of the program is

to provide people with skills that will help them on their jobs as well as in everyday life situations. How great is the need for parents to be able to help their children!

The official title of the program is the Marguerite Naseau Center. Marguerite Naseau was a farm girl in France who taught herself how to read. She would ask the passersby the sounds of the alphabet letters. She later went from village to village teaching others.

If you would like to know more about the Adult Education Center (Marguerite Naseau Center), contact Sister Mary Jerome at (301) 447-3121. You may also ask for Sister Mary Louise Brown at the same number.



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## New York Middle School Program

Come to The Edge! Middle school students can enjoy this Frederick YMCA program five days a week from 2:45 until 6:30 p.m. at Emmitsburg Community Center. Spend the afternoon among friends enjoying fun activities that focus on education, exercise and character development helping to build self-esteem, self-identity, leadership and conflict-resolution skills. Held in collaboration with Frederick County Public Schools. Scholarships available.

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## The Emmitsburg Mason-Dixon Fall Festival

October 3 & 4

Antique Car Show

Taste of Emmitsburg

Band in the Park



Mason-Dixon Line Tours

Silent Auction

Local crafts

Children's Programs

**QUESTIONS from page 6** strongly disagree or disagree, and 11% don't know.

In the survey of middle school and high school students, about two out of five students (43%) either strongly agree or agree that alcohol abuse is a problem, the same amount (38%) either strongly disagree or disagree, and about one out of five (17%) do not know.

#### AIDS

Survey Question:

*HIV and AIDS are a problem (e.g., the usually deadly disease of the immune system).*

Seventeen percent strongly agree or agree that HIV and AIDS is a problem. About 2 out of every five individuals (43%) strongly disagree or disagree, and 40% don't know.

The survey of middle school and high school students show that about one quarter (23%) strongly agree or agree that HIV and AIDS is a prob-

lem. About 47% strongly disagree or disagree, and 30% don't know.

#### Stress is a Problem

Survey Question:

*People are under a lot of stress.*

Sixty-five percent strongly agree or agree that people are under a lot of stress. Over a quarter (28%) either strongly disagree or disagree, and 7% don't know.

The survey of middle school and high school students shows that over half (56%) strongly agree or agree that people are under a lot of stress. Twenty-four percent strongly disagree or disagree, and 21% don't know.

#### Dental Coverage

Survey Question:

*Are all members of your household covered by dental insurance?*

About one half (48%) cited that their household is covered by dental insurance, and about one half (52%) said that not everyone in their household is covered by dental insurance.

#### CASS from page 3

cope with its circumstances and provide referrals to appropriate agencies and resources. The 87% increase in juvenile justice referrals over the last ten years is also a factor. Although these statistics are interesting, it is this writer's opinion that further information is required in order to determine which of the above 87% also experienced single parent homes, for example. Perhaps some of the information from the Community Coalition for the Betterment of Emmitsburg will be useful. The Coalition has collected statistics by telephone interview that are specific to Emmitsburg.

In the third stage, crisis intervention, Mr. Derbyshire would contact the family to meet with the parents in their home or in his office to assess the situation and create stability. To this purpose, he would make referrals to appropriate agencies and design a package of options for the family—a family response plan—including mental health services, and concrete services such as food, clothing, and employment assistance, etc. The Council of Churches will help identify the community needs in this area. This information will be shared with CASS to help in providing the most appropriate family response plan. Some of the factors taken into consideration when designing such a plan are problem areas the family

experiences, the family value system, the physical needs, and the resources available to it.

Bill Derbyshire received his B.A. at the College of Wooster, in Ohio, and his M.S.W. at Case Western Reserve. He has performed clinical social work for 21 years both in Ohio and in Baltimore. His wife, Myra Derbyshire, has just assumed the position in Biology from which Professor Meredith recently retired. She received her B.S.C. in Botany from Manchester, and her Ph.D. in Genetics from Leeds University, England.

Bill Derbyshire is a man who backs up his ideas with action. He not only suggests that parents and youths become involved in the preventative sports activities mentioned earlier, but he himself volunteers in the programs—especially as a coach for the CYA lacrosse games. What is more, he competed as a Grand Master in the World Lacrosse Tournament held in Baltimore this last July. Lacrosse is an Iroquois Tribal sport, first observed in 1636 by Pere Jean de Brebeuf, S.J. (North American martyr), and later brought back to France. It was first played as an Exhibition Sport in the Olympics in 1904. It is now supported in the U.S. by U.S. Lacrosse in Baltimore, Maryland.

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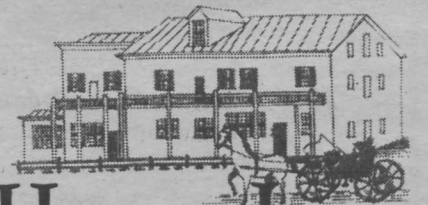
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# Emmitsburg Community Calendar

## October

The Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, Inc. and the Department of Natural Resources Police are having a Hunter safety Course at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club clubhouse at 12380 Shoemaker Road, Oct. 1, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Oct. 6, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Oct. 8, 6p.m. - 9 p.m.; and Oct. 11, 10 a.m. till finished. Pre registration by phone is a must. Call Dick or Florence Miller:(410)751-1685.

- 3 MASON-DIXON Line Festival; Breakfast and light snacks, Senior Citizens (all day); Lions Club Barbecue & Bake Sale, 10AM to 5PM; Library, 10AM to 1PM; Local Crafts; Sports Activities and Band in Community Park. Contact Hope Mahoney: (301)447-6522
- 4 MASON-DIXON Line Festival; Breakfast and light snacks, Senior Citizens (all day); Antique Car Show; Taste of Emmitsburg, 1PM to 4PM; Silent Auction, 3PM to 4PM; Historic Walking Tours; Local Crafts; Sports Activities and Mount Saint Mary's Chorus in Community Park. Contact Hope Mahoney: (301)447-6522
- 4 Emmitsburg Historic House Tour; Tour sites open 10AM-5PM; Tickets sold at Studio Gallery 304 E. Main Street or Seton Shrine, 333 S. Seton Ave. Contact Linda Postelle: (301)447-3292
- 4 Dale Osterle Etchings; Delaplaine Gallery, Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, MD. Opening 2PM - 4PM. Exhibition runs thru October 24. Contact Department of Visual and Performing Arts
- 4 Life Chain; Ecumenical Prayer Service at St. Joe's Catholic Church, 2PM; Sign distribution 2:25PM; Life Chain, 2:30-3:30PM; Contact Martin & Sherrie Grenchik
- 5 Emmitsburg Town Council Meeting, 7pm; Community Center, Senior Citizen Room, contact Town Office: 301-447-2313

## October calendar continued:

- 6 MSM Community Club: Gettysburg Professional Chorale, 7:30PM; CAMPUS LOCATION: Knott Auditorium
- 7 Follow-Up Meeting Emmitsburg Coalition for a Better Community, 7pm, Senior Citizen Room, Community Center; contact Up-County Family Center: (301)-447-2810
- 8 National Depression Screening Day, 10AM-NOON: 2PM-4PM. OR 6PM-8PM. Frederick Memorial Hospital. Pre - Registration preferred; Contact Frederick County Hotline:(301)662-2255
- 10 & 11 RIDGEFEST, Rocky Ridge Mt. Tabor Park. Apple Butter Boiling Sat. only. Apple Butter orders: 301-271-2880. Food, soup, sandwiches, pies, Firemen's fried ham, sandwiches; flea market; crafts; country store. Benefit Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church; free flea market space, call: (301)271-2135
- 10 & 11 4th Annual Arts & Crafts in Paradise at Ostertag Farm, 1PM-6PM; 3823 Forrest School Road, Smithsburg, MD; contact Cathy & Dave Mooreland: (301) 293-3345
- 11 Annual October Turkey Dinner; St. Anthony Shrine Parish, Noon to 5pm; Family style, Adults \$7.00 children under 12 \$3.00, under 6 free!; contact Rev, Tittler: (301)447-2367
- 13 Women's Aglow, Mountain Gate Restaurant, Thurmont; buffet 6:15PM, meeting 7:15PM; \$7.00 reservations taken 'til Oct. 9; speaker: Linda Harbaugh and Southern Gospel Group; contact: (301)447-2283, (301)271-4346
- 13 Look Good Feel Better Program; American Cancer Society 1011 E Patrick St, Frederick, MD, 7-9PM; registration deadline Oct. 6; contact AMC: (301)662-2357

## October calendar continued:

- 17 "A Learning Day for Child Care Providers, Parents and Community"; 7:45AM - 4:30PM; FCC, \$15; contact Child Care Choices: (301)662-4549
- 18 Taneytown Rod & Gun Club Country Breakfast 7AM - 11AM; 12380 Shoemaker Road, Taneytown; contact Godfrey or Florence:(410)751-1685
- 21 Senior Citizens Card Party, open to the public, 6:30PM; Admission \$2.00; Pinochle and 500, doors open at 5:30PM; contact: (301)4476253
- 22 Emmitsburg Planing and Zoning meeting, 7pm; Community Center, Senior Citizen Room, contact Town Office: (301)447-2313
- 24 2nd Annual Gettysburg Teddy Bear Show & Sale; N. Stratton St, Gettysburg; 9am-4pm, \$5.00; contact M.M. Myers: (717)338-9311
- 28 MSM Community Club: Brown Bag Concert, 12:10PM; bring your lunch and enjoy informal musical performances by Mount Faculty and Students; Upper Flynn Hall campus building.
- 30 MSM Community Club: MICHAEL W. SMITH Christian rock musician; location: Patriot Center in Fairfax, VA; for tickets contact: (301)447-5223
- 31 Senior Citizens Annual Fall Bazaar, 10AM- 3PM; Community Center; lunch is available; contact: (301)4476253

## November

- 5 Mt. Tabor UCC Ham & Cheese Sub Sale; Mt. Tabor Community Building; orders due Oct. 27; contact Rosie: (301)271-2649 or Viv: (301)271-7858

**The Emmitsburg Community Calendar is published monthly.** Calendar information will be posted by date and available space. Provide:

- Event Name
- Date
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**Please note:** Calendar submission deadline is the 20th of each month.

## November calendar continued:

- 7 Turkey and Oyster Supper, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Tom's Creek Church Rd. 1- 6:30PM; Adults \$9.00, Ages 5-10 \$4.50, carryouts \$9.50
- 15 Catocin High Safe & Sane Committee sponsoring a Basket Bingo, doors open @ 12:30PM, games begin @ 2PM; \$10.00; contact: (301)447-2854, (301)271-3814
- 15 Catocin High Band Boosters sponsoring a Basket Raffle during Dec.; Winning tickets match 3 digit MD lottery number, you win basket or pottery assigned to that day; 31 chances for \$5.00; contact:(301)447-2854

### Are you a member of the class of 1959 from St. Joseph high School?

Its time to think about getting together for our 40th! reunion.. Please help us reach all the members of our class - and plan to join us next June.

#### Contact:

Joan Topper Tracy  
17348 N. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD 21727 (301)447-6631  
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## Learning to fly

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Chris O'Callaghan, 20-year veteran glider pilot, explains the instruments and controls to Jack Deatherage (age 9) of Emmitsburg. Jack eagerly works the stick and rudder pedals as Chris takes him through the pre-flight check. Jack's safety harness is fastened before Chris climbs into the rear seat and straps himself in. Another pilot checks both harnesses.

"Do you want to land?" Chris asks. "I've taken about 200 passengers up and half of them have landed the glider their first time out." Jack thinks he might be ready for a landing.

"We'll see how you feel after you've flown the glider a bit," Chris says with a smile. The canopy is closed. Another control-check is performed, the tow cord is attached and the tow plane gently takes up the slack.

The aircraft begin their run. With a roar the ground is left behind. At 2,500 feet the cord is released. Jack has begun his third powerless flight. He's hooked!

The Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association, Inc. maintains a club airport along Pecher Road, between the towns of Fairfield, Pa. and Emmitsburg, Md. Club members are from all over the region: Harrisburg to Frederick to Washington D.C. and beyond. The airfield is used mostly on weekends.

While the club does not offer commercial flights, it is possible occasionally to get a ride. Glider lessons and certification can be obtained at the club. Pilots can solo as young as age 14 and can earn a license at age 16.

A sunny summer afternoon can be spent soaring over the farms and small towns of central Pennsylvania and mid-Maryland. Imagine a 9-year-old actually flying instead of pretending to by hunching over a video game control in front of a television.

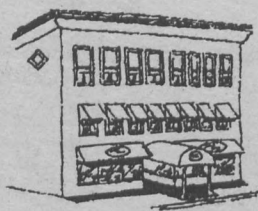
Jack did feel confident enough to land the glider. But Chris didn't feel confident enough to let him take off, not yet!

## Mount Community Club offers opportunity to audit courses.

According to John Gill, registrar, Mount Community Club members have the opportunity to audit undergraduate courses, i.e. attend and participate without receiving credit, provided that space is available in the course and the instructor gives his or her approval.

The audit charge is \$180 for a three-credit course. Courses may be audited in the fall, spring, or summer semesters.

Interested persons should call the Registrar's Office at 301-447-5215 for a class schedule and other information.



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## The Main Street Grill



Gettysburg Chorale, Jubilate!

Photo courtesy Ross Peddicord

## GETTYSBURG CHORALE PERFORMS OCT. 6 AT THE MOUNT

Jubilate!, the Gettysburg chorale featuring 24 talented singers, will perform an evening of works by Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin at Mount Saint Mary's College, Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Knott Auditorium.

Among the music being performed will be a Broadway medley from Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess." Kermit Finstad, associate professor of music at Gettysburg College, is

the group's artistic director.

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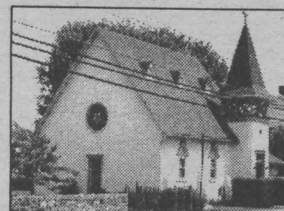


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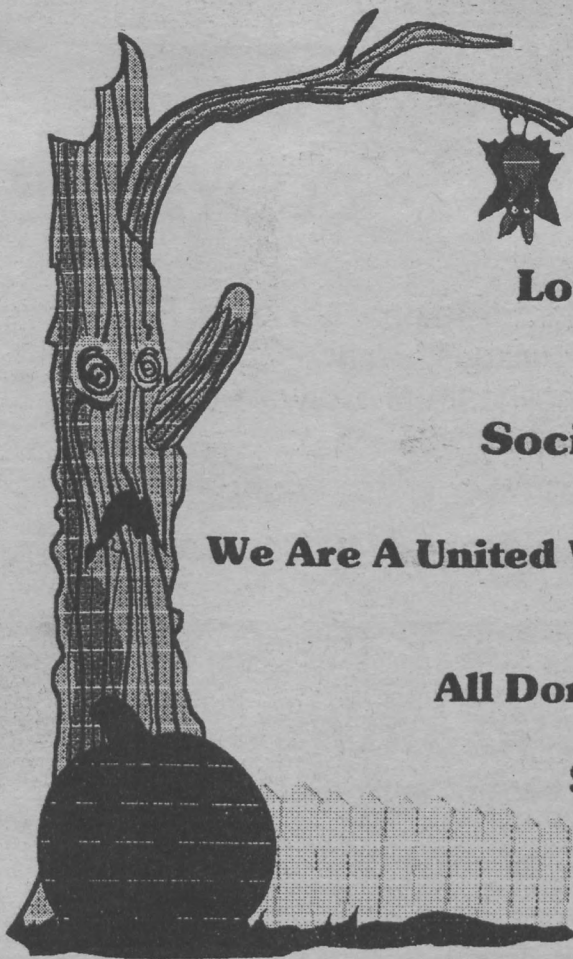


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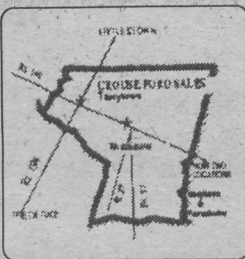
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## OBITUARIES

### Sister Irene Kraus, pioneering first president of Daughters of Charity National Health System

Sister Irene Kraus, Daughter of Charity, health care pioneer, died Friday, August 21, 1998, of cancer at St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore (MD). She was 74 years old.

Born in Philadelphia, at age 17 Sister Irene entered the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in 1941. In her early years she taught at St. Patrick's School, Richmond, Va. Upon graduation from The Catholic University of America in 1952, Sister Irene began her health care career, later receiving an MBA from Florida Atlantic University.

A personable, dynamic Daughter of Charity, she quickly demonstrated her leadership qualities, and, in 1955, she commenced administration of her first hospital, Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Binghamton, N.Y. In the ensuing years she held the position of President/Chief Executive Officer at six other Daughters of Charity Hospitals: Sisters Hospital, Waterville, Maine; Providence Hospital, Southfield, Mich.; St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville, Tenn.; Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C.; St. Vincent's Medical Center, Jacksonville, Fla.; Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, Fla. At the time of her death, Sister Irene was administrator of St. Joseph's Provincial House in Emmitsburg, headquarters for the Southeast Province of the Daughters of Charity, and served as Board Chair of St. Vincent's Medical Center and Vice Chair of the Board of Baptist/St. Vincent's Health

System, both of Jacksonville. She was a member of the Board of St. John's University, Jamaica, N.Y., and of the Finance Committee of the Daughters of Charity National Health System.

Sister Irene served six years as the pioneering first President and Chief Executive Officer of the Daughters of Charity National Health System, St. Louis, Mo., formed in a 1986 merger that combined the health care facilities sponsored by the U.S. provinces of the Daughters of Charity. Sister Irene often noted that the system's greatest accomplishment under her tenure was the creation in 1987 of a value system that focused on respect, advocacy for persons who are poor, quality care, simplicity, and inventiveness to infinity as a guide to delivery of care.

During her long history of service, Sister Irene received numerous honors including: American Hospital Association Distinguished Service medal; American College of Health Care Executives Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Hospital Administration; B'nai B'rith International National Health Care Award; PACE Award as Business Leader of the Year (1994) in Pensacola; and induction into the Health Care Hall of Fame. In 1991, McCall's magazine named her among 19 "women for the '90's." Sister Irene chaired the Catholic Health Association Board and was the first woman to chair the Board of the American Hospital Association.

Sister possessed an unusual gift for understanding the hearts and minds of people. She was a genuine people person, known for her ever-present sense of humor as well as for her leadership abilities.

Daughter of the late Frank and Irene Kraus of Philadelphia, Sister Irene was predeceased by a brother, Frank Kraus, and a sister, Mary Quinn. She is survived by three sisters; Gertrude Hunter and Marguerite Williams of Bel Air, Md. and Dolores Freeman of Willards, Md.; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, August 28, in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Daughters of Charity Retirement Fund.

### Mrs. Paula Wetzel

Mrs. Paula Marie Tremblay Wezel, 45, of Riffle Road, Emmitsburg, died Friday, Aug. 28, at her home.

She was the wife of Robert Lee Wetzel.

Born Oct. 29, 1952, in Baltimore, she was the daughter of Mary K Kurtinecz Tremblay of Emmitsburg, and the late Leo Paul Tremblay.

Mrs. Wetzel owned and operated the Total Look Beauty Salon in Emmitsburg for over 20 years.

She graduated from Emmitsburg High School and attended Frederick Community College.

She was a member of Eyler Valley Church and American Legion Post 121 Auxiliary, both of Emmitsburg, was an avid horse enthusiast, and was a member of the Thurmont Riding Club and various other equine organizations.

Surviving in addition to her mother and husband are two daughters, Traci L. Getz and husband Brian, and Shannon M. Wetzel, all of Emmitsburg; one granddaughter, Sarah E. Getz of Emmitsburg; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Wetzel will also be remembered by many friends.

Mrs. Wetzel was preceded in death by one sister, Helen Reynolds; and one brother, Nickolas Missos.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 1. Mrs. Wetzel's pastor, the Rev. Jeff Walter, officiated.

Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1101 E. Patrick St., Suite B, Frederick, Md. 21701.

### Mr. Shirley Hess

Mr. Shirley Warren Hess, 77, of Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, Aug. 29, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was the husband of Julia Monard Hess. Born May 22, 1921, in Broadway, Va., he was the son of the late William and Rebecca Dove Hess.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Barbara Dove of Emmitsburg, and Sandra Miller of Thurmont; seven grandchildren, Brandi Dove of Thurmont, Shape and Aaron Dove, and Nicholas, Dane, Ben and Irvin Miller, all of Emmitsburg; and three great-grandchildren, Dalton and Tanya Brooks,

both of Thurmont, and Tayler Dove of Gettysburg, Pa.

Funeral services were held 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, at Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg. Mr. Hess's pastor, the Rev. Donnie Jane Cardwell, officiated.

Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

### Mrs. Frances McNair

Mrs. Frances Elsie Shriner McNair, 83, of North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Aug. 30, at Michael Manor Nursing Home, Gettysburg, Pa.

She was the wife of Scott Thomas McNair. They were married for 63 years.

Born Feb. 16, 1915, in Rocky Ridge, she was the daughter of the late James and Bertha Valentine Shriner.

Mrs. McNair was a homemaker who helped maintain the family farm.

She enjoyed working in her flower gardens.

She was a member of Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three children, Shirley Gelwicks, of Hanover, Pa., Rodney McNair and wife Sarah of Emmitsburg, and Joan Bankard of Emmitsburg; six grandchildren, Wanda Seitz of Westminster, whom Mrs. McNair raised, Theresa Wantz, Terry McNair and Tammy Bankard, all of Emmitsburg, and Lisa Miller and Dale Ellen Gelwicks, both of Hanover, four great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mildred Clabaugh, Mrs. McNair was preceded in death by one brother, Mehrle Shriner; and two sisters, Viola Clabaugh and Luella Miller.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

A Christian Burial Service was held at Incarnation United Church of Christ at 11 a.m. Mrs. McNair's pastor, the Rev. Margaret Dodds, officiated. Interment was in Emmitsburg Presbyterian Cemetery.

### Mrs. Rebecca Lambert

Mrs. Rebecca Elizabeth Lambert, 81, of Westminster, formerly of Frederick and Emmitsburg, died Monday, Sept. 14, at Look About Manor Nursing Home, Westminster.

She was the wife of the late Ignatius Lambert.

Born Aug. 11, 1917, in Carroll County, she was the daughter of the

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late Harry Thomas and Hattie Miller Robertson.

She was a seamstress for 22 years. She and her husband lived in Frederick for 40 to 50 years, then Emmitsburg, and lastly Westminster.

She attended Westminster First Church of God, where she was a member of the Widow's Club.

Surviving are two daughters, Genevia L. Meeks of Westminster, and Jeanette R. Harford of Taneytown; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Martha M. Welsh, Corilla K. Robertson, Anna Bell Robertson and Cora G. Green; and four brothers, Hosea A., Edgar J., Emory T. and Charles R. Robertson.

Funeral services were held Sept. 17 at Pritts Funeral Home and Chapel, Westminster, with the Rev. Earl Yoakam officiating.

Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Woodsboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Westminster First Church of God, 27 N. Center St., Westminster, 21157.

**Mrs. Mary Shields**

Mrs. Mary Emline Manahan Shields, 84, of Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Sept. 15, at her residence.

She was the wife of Bernard Francis Shields, who died July 13, 1985.

Born April 17, 1914, in Frederick County, she was the daughter of the late Dennis Calvin and Della Catherine Smith Manahan.

Mrs. Shields was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, and the AARP.


She retired from the laundry department at Mount St. Mary's College in 1982 after 44 years of service.

Surviving are one daughter, Mary Catherine Shields of Emmitsburg; one foster sister, Catherine E. Manahan Pittinger of Emmitsburg; one foster brother, Cyrus L. Manahan of Accident; three sisters-in-law, Sally Shields, Regina Shields and Margaret Shields Kelly, all of Emmitsburg; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Cyrus Levi and Calvin Dennis Manahan.

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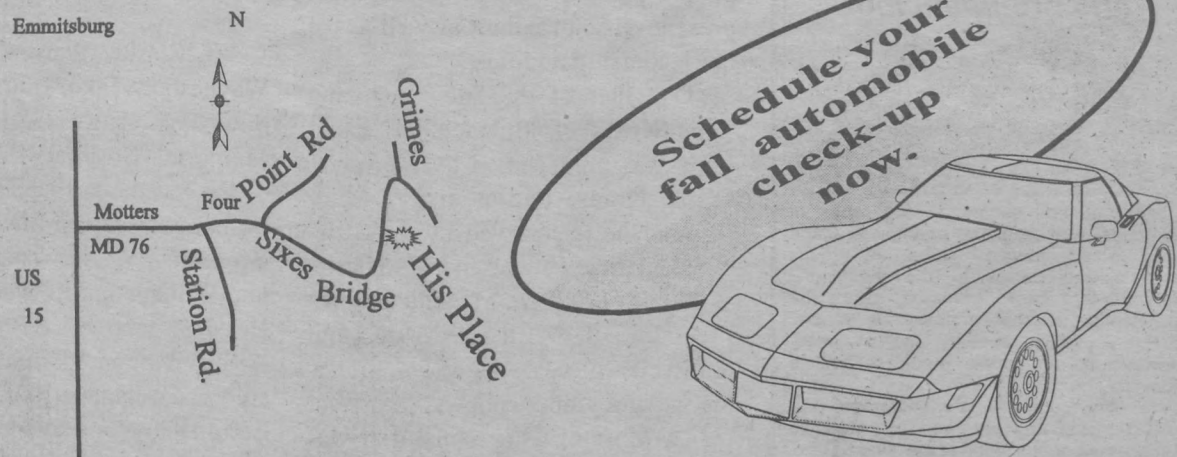
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## Right to Life' Priest Visits Emmitsburg ST. ANTHONY/OLMC NEWS

By Michele Cuseo

"Dignity of the Human person is precisely the point of the pro-life message," said Catholic priest, Father Richard Hogan, representing the "Priests for Life" ministry of the Church, as he visited different sites around Emmitsburg this September to deliver his "pro-life" message.

"Priests for Life" is a mission to promote the Church's teachings on abortion and euthanasia. Fr. Hogan encourages other priests and church members to become pro-active in every way possible--from distributing literature to contacting legislators to taking part in pro-life street activities.

Fr. Hogan was released from his parish church to give talks around the country speaking on cable stations, writing books, and making videos in a national campaign to promote the pro-life cause.

After Fr. Hogan spoke with Mt. St. Mary's students/faculty, and St. Joseph's Church members and said Mass at the Shrine, I had a quick opportunity to interview him.

(MC): "Fr. Hogan, why is the pro-life cause so important to you and the Church, and, do you consider it THE most important issue of the Catholic Church?"

Fr. Hogan (FR): "It is so important because innocent human life embraces everything about human

life. And, yes, it is the most important issue we face today. Life is at the heart of the Church and the gospel. It is about the goodness of God. God's love.

"The 'pro-choice' people would have you believe that abortion is a compassionate choice for women that ends the suffering of the woman caused by the unwanted pregnancy, but abortion has severely harmed women--causing physical harm and psychological trauma."

(MC) "The Church has been highly criticized for its stand on birth control/contraceptives by people outside the Catholic faith as well as by Catholics themselves."

(FR): "In 1968 Pope Paul VI said 'No' to the Pill. In the Pope's description of the 'theology of the body' one should never harm a healthy, functioning major part of the body. The use of contraception harms or alters a major functioning part of the body (reproduction)."

(MC): "Many Catholic women (I know) use contraceptives and without them would very likely have a baby each year of their fertile years without that choice."

(FR): "The Church is not opposed to birth control or responsible parenting. But we only condone natural family planning. There is a method that can be used which is based on recognizing signs of ovula-

By Ann Marshall

**The Emmitsburg Life Chain**, a prayerful gathering to protest abortion, will take place again this year on the Square in Emmitsburg on October 4, at 2:30 p.m. It will be preceded by an ecumenical prayer service at St. Joseph's Church at 2:00 p.m. Signs will be provided for those who wish to be Witnesses for Life and form a human cross in the center of town. October 4 is "Respect for Life" Sunday throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore. All parishes will unite in prayer for the pro-life cause.

**Time for Evening Prayer** is on Mondays from 7-9 p.m., at OLMC. The church will be open for private devotions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A quarter hour of community prayer will begin at 7:15. This is an opportunity to calm

tion (mucus viscosity test) which has been medically tested to be effective."

(MC): "The wave of the future looks like women will be controlling their own (what the church considers) abortions such as the RU-486, the 'morning-after' pill, and the latest method of using contraceptive pills immediately after 'the broken condom.' Many people see this as a big improvement over having an abortion say at two, three, or four months into a pregnancy."

(FR): The Church is still opposed to these methods because they are still abortions. A woman can still be fertile. Fertilization takes place very quickly. The morning-after pills interfere with the baby's lodging into the womb and can also prevent ovulation."

(MC): "How does the Church feel about the pro-life groups that bomb the health/abortion clinics?"

(FR): "We are completely against the bombings. Those people have no idea what the Right to Life means and have been disastrous to our cause. They are extremists."

Father Hogan is working with other Church (Catholic and non-Catholic) groups and sees more support moving in the pro-life direction.

*Just as there are no little people or unimportant lives, there is no insignificant work. -Elena Bonner*

the mind and renew the spirit. Special prayer petitions may be put in the basket at the back of the church and will be placed on the altar at 7:30 p.m.

**Turkey Dinner Time** at St. Anthony Shrine is the Sunday of Colorfest weekend, October 11, from 12-5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. There will be the usual great food, baked goods, white elephants, fudge. Dinner prices are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 12. Children under 6 eat free.

**The Labor Day Festival** at OLMC was very successful with a profit of \$7,500. Raffle winners were: \$300-Stacy Hausler; \$150-Eleanor Masser; Doll House-Ryan Harsh, Afghan-Ann McCaffrey. The next fund raiser for OLMC will be the Colorfest Sausage Stand. Volunteers are needed to prepare and/or serve food at this annual event.

**Catholic Relief Services** benefited from a special collection taken up the end of August in both parishes. The need for disaster assistance has been unusually heavy because of the crazy weather this year.

**Couples With Strong Catholic Marriages** are needed to assist engaged couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. See the church bulletin board for information or call Sister Carol at 301-447-2367.

**A Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception** in Washington, D.C., will take place on October 17 and is part of the Archdiocesan preparation for the Millennium. The pilgrimage will be led by Cardinal Keeler and will include a carillon recital, guided tours of the shrine chapels, rosary, hymns and confessions. Anyone interested in this day trip is asked to call Bob Krebs, 301271-4853.

**Congratulations on New Babies!**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish welcomes into the Catholic faith **Courtney Allyn Kirby**, daughter of Bryce and Kristie Kirby, who was baptized on September 13, 1998.

St. Anthony Shrine Parish welcomes into the Catholic Faith **Elena Cecelia Orchard**, daughter of Mark and Sharon Orchard, and **Matthew Wayne Stidom**, son of Randall and Jean Stidom. Both were baptized on September 20, 1998.



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## Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

### Birthdays for October:

Kenneth Frushour, Chad Wolfe, Becky Eiker, Kimberly Dinterman, Kathy Frushour, Franklin Stambaugh, Daniel Kaas, Blanche Saylor, Teressa Kaas, Cody Wolfe, and Dawn Hobbs.

A cookout was held Sept. 6 at the home of Cora and Carl Setherley of Rocky Ridge. Those attending were Gary Setherley, Falling Waters, W.Va.; Keith, Debbie, and Kortney Davis of Cascade; Bobby, Sharon, and Lindsey Wilson of New Windsor; Terry, Jennifer, and J.R. Wilson of Taneytown; Hilda Wilson and Butch Wilson of Taneytown; and daughter Holly Wilson; Dennis, Regina, Patrick, and Eric Cavell, Walkersville; Harvey M. (Buddy) Pittinger, Jr. of Walkersville; Gary, Barbara, Ronnie, and Timmy Mahaney of Thurmont; Sonny, Vonnie, Tenna, and Dale Long of Middleburg; Tonya and Steven Day, Hagerstown; Helen Shank, Thurmont; Ronnie and Diane Hahn, and Guy Pittinger. Games were played: volleyball, soft ball, water balloons. A good time was had by all.

### Ridge Fest

The Willing Workers of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church will have fall activities at the Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge on October 10-11. There will be apple butter boiling Saturday only. For apple butter orders call (301) 271-2880. Good homemade soups, sandwiches, pies, etc. will be for sale. Also Country Store items will be available. For

flea market set-ups, call (301) 271-2135. The Rocky Ridge firemen will have their famous fried ham sandwiches both days. Plenty of free parking and amusements for the children. Come and enjoy!

### Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company

We would like to thank everyone for support making our August carnival a success. Bingo will begin on October 3, 1998. The Rocky Ridge Ladies Auxiliary is selling Basket Raffle tickets for the month of November, which includes 16 retired baskets. The cost is \$5.00 for the entire month. Anyone interested in a raffle ticket may contact Linda Northrup at (301) 447-6714, Tammy Smith (301) 271-3739, or Teressa Kaas (301) 271-3781.

The fire company is putting together a souvenir booklet for our 50th anniversary. If anyone would like an individual name on the patron page of the booklet or would like to place an ad, please contact Bonnie Hurley at (301) 271-3370. The cost is \$5.00 for the patron page and the cost for an ad depends on its size. The deadline is October 16, 1998.

### Mt. Tabor U.C.C. Sub Sale

Ham and Cheese or Turkey subs must be ordered by October 27th. Twelve-inch subs: \$6.00, six-inch: \$3.00. Pick up Thursday evening, Nov. 5th at the Mt. Tabor Activity Building. For more information call Viv Martin (301) 271-7858 or Rosie Stambaugh (301) 271-2649.

*If I hadn't taken up painting, I would have raised chickens. It's all art.*  
-Grandma Moses

## Emmitsburg Life Chain...

Once again, on Sunday, October 4, people of all denominations will gather for the Annual Emmitsburg Life Chain, from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Emmitsburg town square. This will be preceded by a 2:00 ecumenical prayer service at St. Joseph's Church (just north of the square.)

Since 1987, the Life Chain program has expanded to over 900 cities nationwide. With signs in hand, our sole purpose is to provide a peaceful, prayerful, and non-political visual statement by our local Christian Community that abortion is grievously wrong.

Come. Be a prayerful witness. Pray for the conversion of hearts.

## MT. TABOR QUILTERS

By Inspector 13

Summer will soon be just a memory. October with its Colorfest, community festivals and yard sales, ushers in the holiday season (October through January 1). If it's too late for you to make that special quilted item for Christmas, come out to Mt. Tabor Park at Rocky Ridge and check out the quilters' display—October 10th and 11th.

September's Community Show in Thurmont seemed to have fewer items in the quilted line, or am I wrong in my estimating? Quilting as a necessity is no longer prevalent in our day-to-day living. Older quilters (like yours truly) are not able to continue quiltwork as arthritis and other ills take control. Quilting as art attracts younger people, however, and major quilt shows and contests are more appealing to the artist quilters than community affairs.

Many of the quilts made today are commemorative by definition. Examples of this type were on display at the Community Show—to memorialize unborn children who died and to celebrate the history of agricultural organizations in

Frederick County. There are quilts for AIDS babies and children and quilts to remember AIDS victims. Community celebration quilts such as those made for Frederick County's 250th birthday. These quilts are carefully researched and meticulously made and after being displayed at several places, are placed in a museum or permanent place. These quilts tell their stories well.

But these stories are too impersonal for me. I like the family heirloom stories because most of them have a humorous twist. In today's world we need remembering and we need loving and caring. But we also need humor. One of my favorite stories revolves around a very old lady—in her 90's. She'd always disliked her daughter-in-law Mamie and leveled the ultimate insult by "borrowing" an Easter dress the daughter-in-law had sewed for herself. The dress was cut into many pieces for a quilt because "it was just the color I needed." Grandma's quilt passed down through several generations and the story was repeated so often the quilt became known as "Mamie's Dress."

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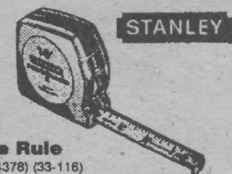
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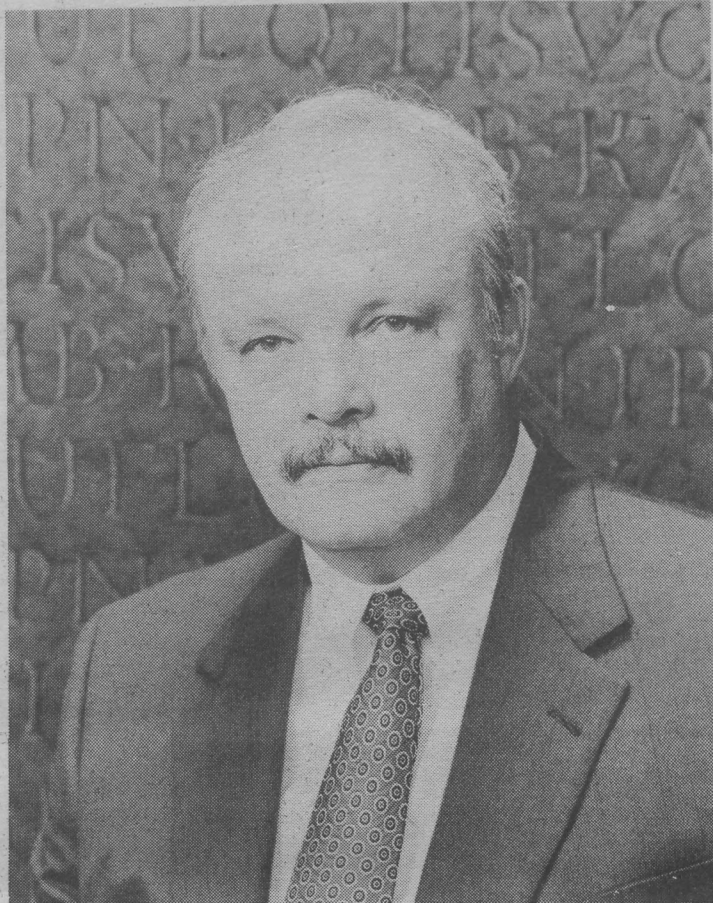
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## An Open Letter to the citizens of Emmitsburg and the Northern Frederick County



Dear Citizens of Emmitsburg,

As a candidate for County commissioner I need your support.

As the Mayor of Burkittsville, I realized that municipalities need a County/Municipal partnership that will help the local home town governments control their future. All too often local town governments are ignored by the County and at times are in direct conflict with the plans of the County government.

I created the Brunswick Region Planning Committee (BRPC) by calling together the people from Brunswick, Rosemont, Jefferson and Broad Run. Together we decided how our area will grow. We protected the maximum amount of farmland around Burkittsville and Jefferson by directing growth to the City of Brunswick. Brunswick needed the growth to revitalize their City. The City would also support growth with public water and sewer, and local fire and police protection. Brunswick also has the schools located within the City limits and could offer K through 12 all on one campus.

We brought this plan to the County commissioners which was not immediately received with open arms. This plan went against their own preconceived notions of how this region was to develop. Developers went to the County and elicited their consent on County controlled lands and never discussed plans with the affected municipalities. The Brunswick Region Plan upset the County's apple cart. We decided how the area was to develop and We targeted development to the city of Brunswick and We protected our farmland from sprawl.

Emmitsburg deserves the same consideration in how it plans to develop and to have the County cooperate and help realize those plans. Hometown governments must have a greater control over their future. Whatever the plans of the County are, the local town governments bear the weight of these decision and these decisions affect local property values and the quality of life. The County government and developers can in effect walk away from problems if the plans do not work as expected. Local government and communities must have a greater voice and bear responsibility for joint decisions.

As commissioner, I will strongly push for County/municipal partnerships and joint decision making with local development. Let the municipalities control growth that affects their communities. County government must help in every way to help realize local development plans which include road, water, sewer upgrades and especially a push for local school development which is a critical aid to attracting young families.

Help me give to Emmitsburg and other municipalities the help to determine their own future and vote for me for County commissioner on November 3rd.

Sincerely  
Paul Gilligan

*Paul Gilligan is the former Mayor of Burkittsville, past chair of the Brunswick Region Planning Committee, chair of the MidMaryland Rural. Legacy Association, President/CEO of the Chesapeake Kidney Centers Inc., Commander U.S.P.H.S. (Ret.), B.S. Loyola College, MHS, Johns Hopkins University SPH, married with two children and lives in Burkittsville.*

## Mother Seton School News

By Val Mentzer

### Sharing Our Spirit Of Joy

Welcome to the 1998-99 Mother Seton School year! This year's theme, "Sharing Our Spirit of Joy," is reflected in so many wonderful people, programs, gifts, thoughts and prayers of this new year. Our biggest joy is our wonderful students totaling an increased enrollment number of 376 this year! These students are ready for the new year—and the new uniforms!

Let's talk about our brand new joys. Welcome to the new staff members at Mother Seton: Kindergarten teacher Amy Brown, 1st grade teacher Kimberly Hutchison, 3rd grade teacher Anita Bricca, 4th grade teacher Gail Lucas, 2nd grade aide Tina Smith, 6th & 8th grade Physical Education teacher

### Technologically Speaking...

Who says school is out after the last bell rings in June? Many of our benefactors and our parent organization, the Home/School Association, were very busy this summer with both their hard work and generosity in providing a brand new, state-of-the-art computer in each and every classroom for our teachers and our students. We acknowledge our Mother Seton School Technology Committee for their dedication in launching and implementing our Mother Seton School Technology Plan. Last fall, Phase I of our plan came to fruition with 15 state-of-the-art computers in our Technology Lab. With the addition of classroom computers, Phase II has been completed. Wow -Phase III is on the way! We'll keep you posted! Thanks to all for giving your best to

Andrew Veveiros, Library/Media Coordinator Laura Morgan, Bus driver Tim Helser, Cafeteria staff Patty Hinman and Colleen Myers.

In cooperation with Mount Saint Mary's College, Mother Seton School is very happy to welcome Mount students for field experience for their classes. Mount Saint Mary's is also coordinating the America Reads/Community Work Study Program at Mother Seton School. This program provides Mount students to assist in an after-school tutoring program, as well as service study placement two days per week.

Again this year, we are very "joyful" to have two seminarians from the Mount enhance our Religious Studies Program. We welcome Mr. John Cyr and Mr. Michael Gosser to our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th 6th and 8th grade classrooms.

### It's Their Lucky Day!

August Raffle Calendar winners are the following: Aug. 1-Sister Annina Scharper, Aug. 2-Helene Mossburg, Aug.3-Wait Humphreys, Jr., Aug. 4-John Topper, Aug. 5-Diana Lewis, Aug. 6-Sandra Stewart, Aug. 7-Virginia Stalter, Aug. 8-Patrick Ford, Aug. 9-Mark Oliver, Aug. 10-Frances Messner, Aug. 11-Sister M. Ann Walsh, Aug. 12-Sister Paula McGuire, Aug. 13-Joe Dabbs, Aug. 14-Connell Family, Aug. 15-Kent Hlavac Breckwith, Aug. 16-Virgie Valentine, Aug. 17-George Staab, Aug. 18-Sister Barbara Golibart, Aug. 19-Carolyn Haugh, Aug. 20-William H. Miller, Aug. 21-Tony Ott, Aug. 22-Will/Debi Rogers, Aug. 23-Linda Lechowicz, Aug. 24-Patricia Griffin, Aug. 25-M/M Randall Miller, Aug. 26-Gary Staab, Aug. 27-Jenna & Pat Ott, Aug. 28-Sister Maria Gnerro, Aug. 29-John Eberhart, Jr, Aug. 30-M/M Brian Bowman, and Aug. 31-Louise Staab.



Laurita Turner begins the new school year wearing the new school uniform!

Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

### Dairy To Be Different

This year's cafeteria staff is pleased to implement the federally subsidized milk program for our students. This has been a "joy" for our parents.

### Colorfest Weekend

If you're planning to visit

Thurmont on Oct. 10th & 11th for Colorfest weekend, don't forget to stop by the Mother Seton School food booth. Our MSS bakers are whipping up some awesomely delicious homemade treats like cookies, fudge, cakes, breads, fruit pies, and more! Stop and see us—but don't eat first!

## Are We There Yet?

### A comprehensive guide to places to go with children.

It's too cold to go outside and your three-year-old is bouncing off the walls at home. Or it's summer break and you're looking for some place—any place—that your 13-year-old would enjoy. Where can you turn?

As a resource for parents throughout the area, the Frederick County Family Life Center just this month published *Are We There Yet?*, a comprehensive guide to places to go and things to do with children in and around the county. The 124-page spiral bound book contains information on parks and playgrounds, play places and birthday sites, kid-friendly stores, museums and other educational attractions, sports centers, lessons and clubs, and events and day trips.

*Are We There Yet?* retails for \$7.95 and can be purchased in area book stores or by calling 301-694-9002. Bulk discounts for retailers and non-profit groups are available.

The book is a revised and expanded version of a 1988 Frederick County Family Life Center publication, *Where to Go and What to Do with Children in and Around Frederick County*. Editor Leslie Ruby explained, "Besides addresses, phone numbers, hours, and costs, it contains details on each site gathered by those who would best understand what parents need to know—other parents. All places in the book have been visited

by one or more volunteer families."

Ms. Ruby, who is the marketing director at the Banner School and who has lived in Frederick County with her family for eight years, led a team of many volunteers who brought *Are We There Yet?* into being. The assistant editor of the book, Barbara Ruppert, is a mother of two and a writer with Ann Burnside Love and Associates, an advertising and marketing agency. The book's cover and interior illustrations were done by Yemi, an internationally known artist who recently moved to Frederick from New York City. Part of the printing costs were underwritten by a grant from the Community Foundation of Frederick.

Remarked Barbara Brittain, executive director of the Family Life Center, "The efforts of the volunteers on this project were truly heroic! We are thrilled to be publishing an updated version of this popular guide. It will be a valuable resource for Frederick families, as well as a source of ongoing funds for the center."

The Family Life Center is a not-for-profit organization that offers educational and recreation programs support groups and information services to enrich the lives of Frederick families of all ages. The center is not affiliated with any political or religious agenda and is supported entirely by memberships, contributions and grants. For information call (301)-694-9002.

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## Over the White Board

By Mike Hillman

Being raised in suburbia, the very idea that tin roofs still existed, let alone that I would ever own a home with one, was completely foreign to me. My naïveté about tin roofs went so far that, soon after purchasing the farm, I actually planned to replace our home's tin roof with an shingle roof. Bill, my younger brother, gave me his best "I'm not related to you" look when I broached the subject. As I began to enumerate my reasons, Bill took the glass I was holding and smelled it. "I thought the doctor told you not to mix alcohol with those pills...."

Bill's argument that tin roofs were great, and sound of rain on them was the most pleasing sound you'll ever hear, causing even an insomniac to sleep like a baby, fell on deaf ears. It wasn't until he mentioned that tin roofs last a lifetime, and need only an occasional coat of paint, that my mind began to change. I mentally compared the cost of the two or three gallons of paint to the cost of replacing the roof and reluctantly agreed with his logic.

Over the ensuing years, I kept a watchful eye on the roof for any signs of rust. As the last of the initial farm improvements were completed, I broached the subject of changing the roof's color. Audrey concurred, and green was quickly agreed to.

When told that the roof was my next adventure, Paul at Zurgable Brothers' hardware, grinned: "The roof—does Audrey know you're doing this? She hasn't notified the ambulance company yet." In response to his inquiry of why I was buying only two gallons, I reminded him that I was a nuclear engineer and had scientifically calculated how much paint I needed. Paul smiled: "Didn't you say the same thing about your tractor?"

Returning home, I grabbed a paint brush and headed to the attic. Now I should have been a little bit more tuned into the fact that if God had meant man to paint roofs on blistering hot August days, he would have given us skin that could withstand 300-degree temperatures. To steady myself while I opened the

paint cans, I touched the roof with my hand. The smell my skin began to give off was reminiscent of a blacksmith hot-shoeing a horse. I tried to scurry back to the attic opening, only to find that my sneakers had melted fast to the roof.

Pain, as I quickly learned, is a powerful motivator, and before I knew it I was safely back in the attic, albeit barefoot. Unfortunately, upon realizing that my roof was the equivalent of a frying pan, I jettisoned the paint cans, which promptly rolled down and off the roof and onto one of Audrey's prize gardens. I spent the rest of the afternoon trying to scrape my sneaker off the roof and dreaming up excuses.

"See, I told you you'd need more than two gallons," Paul smugly said, and he inquisitively looked at my bandaged hands, arms, legs, and feet.

"Yeah, yeah, just give me two more gallons. By the way, do you have paint remover?" I asked.

"Yeah, what size do you need?"

"Hmm, do you sell it in 55-gallon drums?"

The next evening, I ventured out onto the roof once again. Up until now, I had managed to delude myself into believing that I had no fear of heights. But as I looked at the ground, a mile or so down, I suddenly realized that I had a very real fear of heights, and once again found myself making a mad scramble for the attic opening ... to the sound of paint cans rolling off the roof in the background.

The following day I returned again to Zurgables' for more paint, paint remover, and all the clothes line they had. That evening, I made a roof ladder and cautiously crawled onto the roof, reassured that I was securely tied, with six separate lines, to our bed two stories down. Over the following two hours, I strung lines every which way imaginable across the roof. By the time I was done, the roof looked as if it had a cargo net strung over it.

The painting went quickly on the gently sloped sections of the roof. My nerves started to get the

better of me on the more steeply sloped front roof, but as the porch roof was below it, any fall would be short. The west side of the roof, however, was a whole different story. No roof was below it, and thus any fall from it was going to hurt.

After much haggling, I finally convinced Audrey to join me on the roof to watch for any signs of failure or movement in the roof ladder. In spite of all these precautions, my nerves quickly got the better of me. Before I knew it, I was slopping the paint on as fast as I could while simultaneously reciting, nonstop, the act of contrition.

Once secure again in the attic, I cut loose all the lines. Unfortunately I never considered the possibility that they might stick to the wet paint. By the time I finished pulling them off, and with it the paint holding them, the roof looked as if I had painted it after one too many gin and tonics, which I had. Up close, the silver lines looked like tinsel on a green Christmas tree. Fortunately, they couldn't be seen from the ground, so I took refuge in a old painter's saying: "High work is not eye work," and moved on to the fur-

nace chimney.

Now I had held off painting the furnace chimney in hopes that I would be rewarded for all those acts of contrition with some divine inspiration on how to paint it. As it rises over 10 feet above the roof, there is no easy way to get at it. I eventually settled upon the hare-brained idea of using a four-foot step ladder, propping up one side of it with some boards.

With a full can of paint in my hands, I nervously ascended the ladder. Once on the top step, I reached up and grabbed the chimney liner. The ladder thought this a excellent time to slide down the roof.

I called for Audrey. No response. I called again. Again, no response. I rationally assessed my situation, and it occurred to me that I had only one option ... I screamed. Still no Audrey. By now I felt as if I had been hanging for hours and started to consider my options, all of which started with dropping the bucket of paint I was holding down the flue and into the furnace.

Just about the time I had convinced myself that a gallon of paint



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# Cougar News

By Marlene Tarr, Principal

The school year is in full swing at Catoctin High School. Initiatives for school year '98-99 include:

Increased emphasis on oral & written communication skills across the curriculum

Increased emphasis on school-to-career experiences across the curriculum

Expansion of course offerings (German, sociology, AP environmental science, AP probability & statistics, AP physics)

Establishing a PC lab in the media center for student and staff use

Providing extended hours on select Tuesdays and Thursdays for students to access the PC Lab, the media center, the Internet, SAT prep, & academic tutoring

Beginning an after-school activity bus on selected Tuesdays & Thursdays

Continued emphasis on Character Counts! and peer mediation programs

Implementing the new Algebra I Curriculum (with data analysis)

- New textbooks for both Algebra I & II

- Additional class sets of graphing calculators

- Two overhead projectors for each math teacher (1 for problem solving and note taking and 1 for the graphing calculator)

Encouraging more challenging academic placements for students

Emphasizing teaching strategies which help teachers to teach students of varying ability levels in the same classroom

National speaker to address teachers on ways to raise expectations for students from low socioeconomic, environments

Adding an SAT prep club on activity days

Establishing a literary magazine

between the Art and English departments

Implementing a teacher mentoring program to assist new staff with the transition to a new job

Implementing site-based management

This year's Homecoming activities will be held on the first weekend in October. The Parade and Bonfire are scheduled for October 1 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The football game will be played on October 2 at 7:30. The Homecoming Dance will be held on October 3 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Interims will be distributed to all students during Block 4 on October 12. Parent Conferences are scheduled for evening hours on October 15 and during school hours on October 16. High school students will attend school in the afternoon only on October 15 and will attend morning only on October 16.

The annual All-County Band Festival will occur on October 22, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. in the stadium. This is always a great evening of musical entertainment. Please consider joining us.

October 23 is the Maryland State Teachers' Association conference. There will be no school on October 23 so that teachers can attend this conference.

It is never too soon to think ahead about college. "How to Fund a College Education" will be presented in the Library/Media Center at 6:30 p.m. on October 27, 1998. This evening is sponsored by our guidance department. The counselors will be available that evening.

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wouldn't hurt the furnace, and that two broken legs really weren't that bad, Audrey appeared from around the corner. "What are you yelling about now?"

"What do you think I'm yelling about? The ladder slipped. Will you come up and put it back into place?"

"Do I really have to get back on the roof?"

"Yes!!"

"Now?"

"Yes!!!!!!"

"Do you promise to stop making me look mean in your stories?"

"What? I don't make you look mean!"

"Have it your way. See you later!"

"Audrey? Audreyyyyy?...."

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RREEEYYYYYYYYYYYYY!!!!  
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Now you know the real reason why I began to write history articles.

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-Ten Menten



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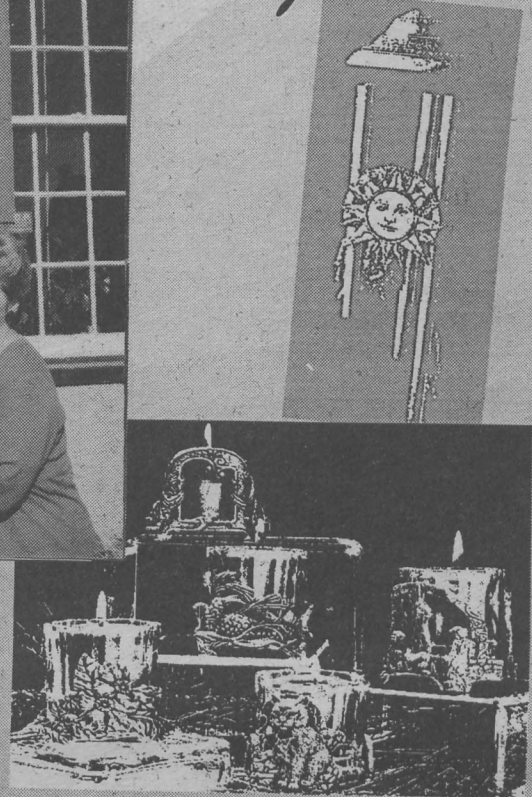
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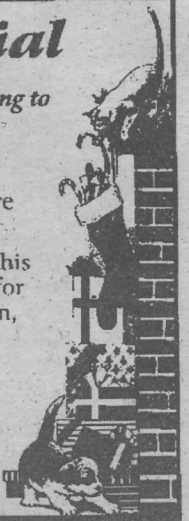
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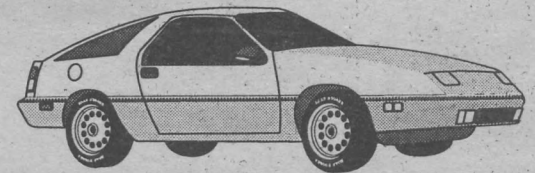
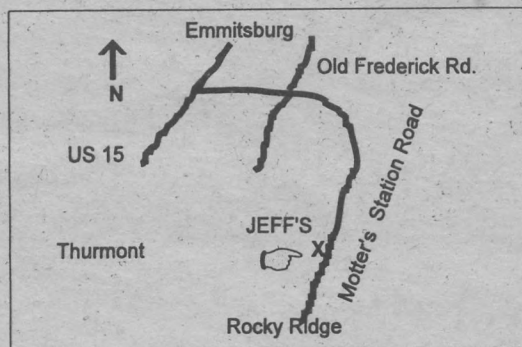
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