

# The DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength from One Another

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## Gene Myers recognized for his years of service to Emmitsburg



Gene Myers (l) receives proclamation of appreciation for his many years of service in many capacities to the Town of Emmitsburg. Mayor Carr presented the award.  
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"Gene Myers generously contributed his time and energy for the betterment of the Town of Emmitsburg, and dutifully served the town..." — an understatement. On May 3, 1999, the Town of Emmitsburg issued a proclamation to E. Eugene Myers in appreciation of his services:

"Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town Council, on behalf of the citizens of Emmitsburg proclaim its appreciation to Gene Myers for his dedication, support and superior service to the Town of Emmitsburg, which has made Emmitsburg a better place to live."

Over the years Gene has been associated with youth sports and recreation. He has sponsored and/or managed many softball and baseball teams. He served as a volunteer fireman as well as being Chief of the Vigilant Hose Company for 10 years. He served as the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, as Parks Commissioner, President of the Town Council, and is a former mayor of Emmitsburg.

## CAFOS - the good the bad and the beautiful - Part II

By Carol Austrian

### Harm to the environment

As we now know, earth, air, and water are all affected by pollutants, including, most observers agree, the tons of animal manure generated by CAFOs. The federal Environmental Protection Act and the Clean Water Act, among others, resulted from awareness that even an act as seemingly insignificant as fertilizing a lawn can ultimately affect our soil, rivers, and oceans, and the very air we breathe. So the possible effects of tons of excrement working its way into waterways are nothing short of frightening. Yet, as Jan Gardner, a member of the Frederick County Commission confirms, there are no virtually no state laws in Maryland and only a few federal statutes governing the potentially destructive activities of CAFOs. (She also points out that there are CAFOs operating in Maryland, raising poultry, that don't create any problems.)

On the plus side, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), which administers the relevant federal statutes, requires that Mr.

Harbaugh—and similar operations—obtain an NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) water quality permit. (A trout stream runs next to Mr. Harbaugh's property.) Mr. Harbaugh's application is under consideration right now by the MDE, according to Chris Bedford of the Sierra Club, which is closely monitoring the hog farm situation. There will be a public comment period during which interested parties can voice their opinion about the application. Is it a foregone conclusion that Mr. Harbaugh's application will be granted? "Absolutely not," Mr. Bedford says. In fact, he added, "We are going to challenge it on several bases."

Confirming that Mr. Harbaugh's application is "still being reviewed." Quentin Banks, a spokesman for the MDE, explained that applications must include a nutrient management plan. While specific details of Mr. Harbaugh's application are not readily available (a request must be filed under the Maryland Public Information Act), Mr. Banks acknowledged that Mr. Harbaugh's application

Please see CAFO on page 7

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

By Diana Hoover

The gym at the community center was alive with the sounds of 150 children and their families on Friday night May 7, 1999. There were hot dogs, sodas, and lots of fun to be had. Erik Behrendt won the town coverlet that was given as one of the door prizes. Mrs. Deb Spalding from Frederick County Parks and Recreation made balloon animals along with Urma Tressler who organized the dancing and games. Members of Rocky Ridge 4-H provided the face painting and Emmitsburg had some very colorful children by the end of the evening.

Commissioner Hoover wanted to thank Pizza Hut, Subway, Paul's Pit Stop, Crouse's, Zurgable Brothers Hardware and The Town of Emmitsburg for providing door prizes for the event. He said, "I believe everyone enjoyed themselves



Limbo! How low can you go? Kids leave parents standing at the Family Fun Night.

A Dispatch Photo

and the prizes helped to make the night a little more special."

The reason for this event was to get children out with their parents, and provide a place for families to get to know each other. Mayor Carr said, "When you see that many kids enjoying themselves, it's a good evening all around." He wanted to thank everyone that helped out with the project and was glad to see the support from the council at this event. Mayor Carr also thanks Frederick County Parks and Recreation for the fine job they have done with the after school program and family fun night.

# 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.

## Reporter's Notebook *Habana, Cuba*

by John Gehring

To visit Cuba is to be struck by the warmth of a people poor in material goods and rich in spirit. As a stranger in another country, stumbling through the culture with only a little—*un poquito*—grasp of the Spanish language, one adapts by using the universal language of laughter, smiles, handshakes. Visiting another country is something everyone should experience at least once. These journeys have a way of teaching important lessons about humanity, its diversity and commonality, in a way no history lecture ever can. In March I had the opportunity to accompany a group of students from St. Ignatius Loyola Academy in Baltimore on a four-day trip to Habana as part of the Orioles' historic game with a Cuban national team. I left the communist island with a humbled heart, a quiet sadness, and a genuine hope for the future. The expression "Ugly American" describes the arrogance and ignorance too many American tourists carry with them to foreign countries along with their cameras and swimsuits. It is an attitude born of a myth that American values, ideologies, and cultural customs should be branded over the world like so many Wal-Marts. I entered Habana aware of this Ugly American, knowing the specter of history our countries share in the Cuban Missile Crisis and did my best to meet people eye to eye like an open-minded student on a long-distance field trip. Although I knew of the passion Cubans had for the American pastime of baseball, I wondered how the people would view me, an outsider from a country whose government has imposed an economic embargo on the island for the past 40 years. One billboard we drove past showed a Cuban soldier driving back a frightened Uncle Sam. "Mr. Imperialist, we don't have to be afraid of you," the sign read.

### Shattered stereotypes

The Cuban people we met embraced us with a kindness I have rarely experienced. They offered hugs and kisses, asked us about the United States, were eager and proud to show off their country. Generous and hospitable, they were the perfect hosts. The little talk there was of politics seemed an afterthought to stories of baseball, work, families. Elier Margas, a 16-year-old Cuban baseball player, said the governments of both countries were the dis-

torters and propagandists. The Cuban and American people, he said, could be friends, share our cultures, talk baseball and discover each other as human beings outside of the shadow of politics. Elier and I remain in contact. He called a few months ago just to see how things were going. I hope to visit him again someday. Perhaps he will come here to Maryland and we can go to an Orioles game at Camden Yards.

The Spanish priest, poet and essayist, St. John of the Cross, said one of the things a person must give up in order to attain the "perfect spirit" is "everything you know." Countless times I heard Americans on our trip, both adults and children, talk about how their expectations of Cuba were shattered by the reality they were experiencing. Everything we think we know, of course, is often just another name for a stereotype rooted in fear and ignorance. Humility, I learned a little more during my four-day trip, begins with realizing that no one person, country, religion, or culture holds a monopoly on the truth.

In the outskirts of Habana we drove past dwellings that were little more than shanties. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, resources that country once sent to Cuba have dried up. Electricity often goes out. Food is scarce and unemployment levels high. Socialized medical care allows everyone to have access to doctors and clinics but medicine and supplies are often lacking. One sees how much the economic embargo, intended to destabilize the Castro regime, hurts the common people much as the so-called strategically placed "smart bombs" in the Gulf War caused—to use the Orwellian language of the United States military—"collateral damage." As disturbing as these conditions are to see, living under a communist regime leaves scars on one's soul and mind possibly even more debilitating than physical deprivation. Rolando Suarez, president of Caritas Cuba, a relief agency on the island, talked about the dangers inherent in his homeland where 99 percent of the people are literate but where "schools teach you how to repeat, not think." Freedom of expression—the clash of different views in the robust marketplace of ideas so treasured here—is snuffed out under this type of government. There is something profoundly sad in knowing that a people so spirited, a people whose souls are so alive, lack the freedoms we take for granted and often abuse here in the United States.

# Town News...

From the desk of... David Haller

1. Many thanks to Mrs. Frankie Field's, and the Silver Fancy Garden Club for the wonderful job planting and maintaining the treewells.
2. Commissioner Boyle has initiated discussion with the State Highway Admin. to consider a possible redesign of the town square.
3. The town is still waiting for a final decision by MDE as to grant reimbursement request of \$1.36 million related to well drilling costs for the town's proposed water treatment plant. The decision is expected within the next month.
4. The town swimming pool will opens May 29 for the summer season. All fees remain the same as last year.
5. Thanks to Mayor Carr, Commissioner Postelle, Deb Spaulding, Irma Tressler, Joe Purello, and Bill Derbyshire for their assistance with the After-School Program which is wrapping up its first year and planning for next year.

## Committee Reports

By Diana Hoover

### Parks and recreation committee

Students from Mother Seton School planted trees in Silo Hill Park. The Silver Fancy Garden Club donated \$50 for the Arbor Day Plantings. During the Arbor Day Celebration, Silo Hill Exxon made a donation of \$500 to the park. Brenda Sites, manager of the station, presented the check to Commissioner Sweeney.

August 7, 1999, will be the date for Community Park Day. Groups interested in having a booth please contact Ann Gingell at P.O. Box 65, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

On August 7, 1999, the park committee along with Frederick County Public Library will be having story time in the park. A special guest will be reading "Great American Tails." A marshmallow roast will follow.

The committee will also be working with the EBPA to provide some activities in the park during the Mason Dixon Festival in September.

### Street and transportation committee

Two committee members are needed. The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month for approximately one hour. Come out and see what's going on in town!

### Children lead the way

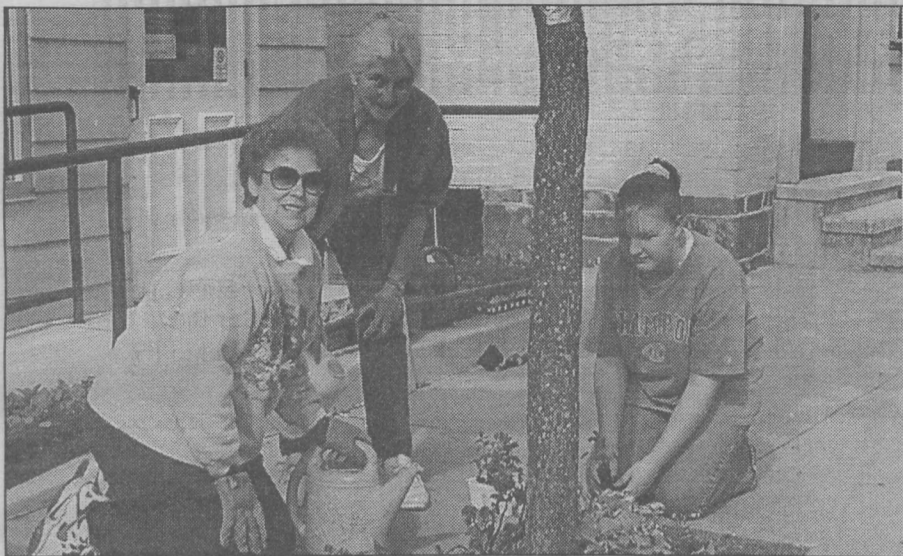
For all the complex political maneuvering that went into making the Orioles' visit to Cuba possible, the most exciting and encouraging thing about the trip was watching children from both countries playing together. The purity of children playing baseball or basketball transcended any walls of language or politics. Sports, with a language and culture all its own, became the great equalizer. Young people with wide eyes and open minds have a way of teaching adults important lessons. In one classroom at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy in Baltimore, a poem written by a 16-year-old from Franklin Community High School entitled "Underneath we are all the same" hangs on the wall. The poem captures much of what many of us learned on our journey to Cuba.

*He prayed—it wasn't my religion.  
He ate—it wasn't my food.  
He spoke—it wasn't my language.  
He dressed—it wasn't my clothes.  
He took my hand—it wasn't the  
color of mine.*

*But when he laughed—it was how I  
laughed,  
And when he cried—it was how I  
cried.*

One of the many images I will keep from this trip came after a hot day when American youth had a chance to play baseball with young Cubans. A Cuban teenager was struggling to find the words to say goodbye to his new American friends. Tears welled in his eyes. He looked as if he was saying goodbye to family members he might never see again. He wanted to tell a father from Washington, D.C., how much the day had meant to him. The father reached into his bag, handed him a baseball hat and engulfed him with a hug. "See, not all Americans are bad," he said. The teenager raised his hand to wipe his eye and smiled.

*John writes from Baltimore, where he was chosen to cover the St. Ignatius School children at the Orioles vs. Cuba baseball game. John is a recent graduate of the Mount.*



Rayda Hughes, Frankie Fields, and Amanda Hoover plant tree wells as the Silver Fancy Garden Club and town volunteers join in a project to beautify Emmitsburg.  
A Dispatch Photo

## A "MINDSUMMER" offered by the Mount

A full array of for-credit undergraduate and graduate courses will be offered this summer by Mount St. Mary's College. Nearly all of the offerings are in the evening or on the weekend, enabling students to work or enjoy summer leisure activities while taking classes.

Nearly 40 undergraduate courses will be offered in the evenings on the Mount's Emmitsburg campus. Courses will be held in accounting, biology, business, computer science, economics, English, government & international studies, history, mathematics, non-Western studies, philosophy, political science, psychology, rhetoric & communication, sociology, Spanish and theology.

Specific offerings range from the Mount's core curriculum course, "American Experience," to "Business Law," "The American Presidency," "Social Psychology," "Managerial Accounting" and "Public Relations."

A number of courses will be offered on international topics, including "Comparative Political Systems: Latin America," "Japanese Literature and Culture," "Political History of Ireland" and "Islamic Civilization."

Two sessions of classes are scheduled, May 26-July 1 and July 5-Aug. 7. Most classes meet twice a week. A limited amount of on-campus housing is available.

Six more courses are offered in Frederick through the Weekend College Program at Frederick Community College. The Mount offers programs in business and education in Frederick but some of the courses being offered also meet core curriculum requirements for other students.

The Mount's graduate programs in business and education also have summer courses available.

Sixteen courses will be offered for students working toward their MBA degrees, including required courses for the concentrations in health care and finance, finance and investments, not-for-profit accounting, management and marketing.

One course, "Marketing Theory & Practice," will be held through the FCC Weekend College Program; the others will meet in Emmitsburg.

Besides the two sessions offered to undergraduates, the MBA program holds six of its courses on a May 26-Aug. 7 schedule, with the classes meeting once a week.

The Graduate Studies in Education program will offer six courses toward a master's degree in education (M.Ed.) or teacher certification. Included are two classes in the dual certification program in elementary and special education.

The Mount also has its MindSummer program of camp-like academic programs for high school students. This year's inaugural offerings include theater and music, science and psychology research, computer programming and writing for sports media, as well as a computer camp for younger children.

Advance registration is already under way. For more information or to register, call one of the following numbers: 301-447-5215 for Undergraduate Summer School in Emmitsburg; 301-447-5333 for Undergraduate Weekend College; 301-447-5326 for Graduate Studies in Business (MBA); 301-447-5371 for Graduate Studies in Education (M.Ed.); 301-447-5820, ext. 4866, for MindSummer.

## 17th Annual Emmitsburg Lions Club Community Day July 3, 1999

(Rain Date: July 4)

Breakfast 6:30-10:00am at Firehall  
Food 10am-10pm  
Chicken Barbeque, soft Drinks, ice cream sandwiches, hot dogs  
Games 10am-4pm  
Balloon toss, egg toss, pie eating, sack race  
Horseshoes 1pm  
registration closes at 12:45  
Golf Contest 2-4pm  
Closest to Pin. Cash Prizes

Fun and Games 2-4pm  
Vigilant Hose Company of Emmitsburg Chicken Barbecue  
Chicken dinner with side dishes  
Parade 6-7pm  
Start at West Main Street to Square DePaul to E Main St. to Square to Community Center  
Program 7-7:30pm  
Theme: "Century Countdown"  
Music 8-9:30pm "Dixie Hiway"  
Fireworks: 9:45 pm Sharp

## Mount Tabor Quilters

by Inspector 13

The Mt Tabor Quilters have been finishing "trunk" or "attic" quilts dating from the 1930's and early 1940's. Most have been stored, unfinished, for many years. However, some traditional quilts brought to us are recently made. Most of them will be stored in a trunk - either by the quiltmakers or the person to whom the quilt was given. The fact bears repeating, "Quilts have many stories to tell, but not if they are locked in a trunk in the attic."

One memory quilt I made can tell many stories. There are 36 blocks, made and signed by family and friends. The life of every person has changed. There have been deaths, marriages, separations by moving, and divorces. One lady has been married

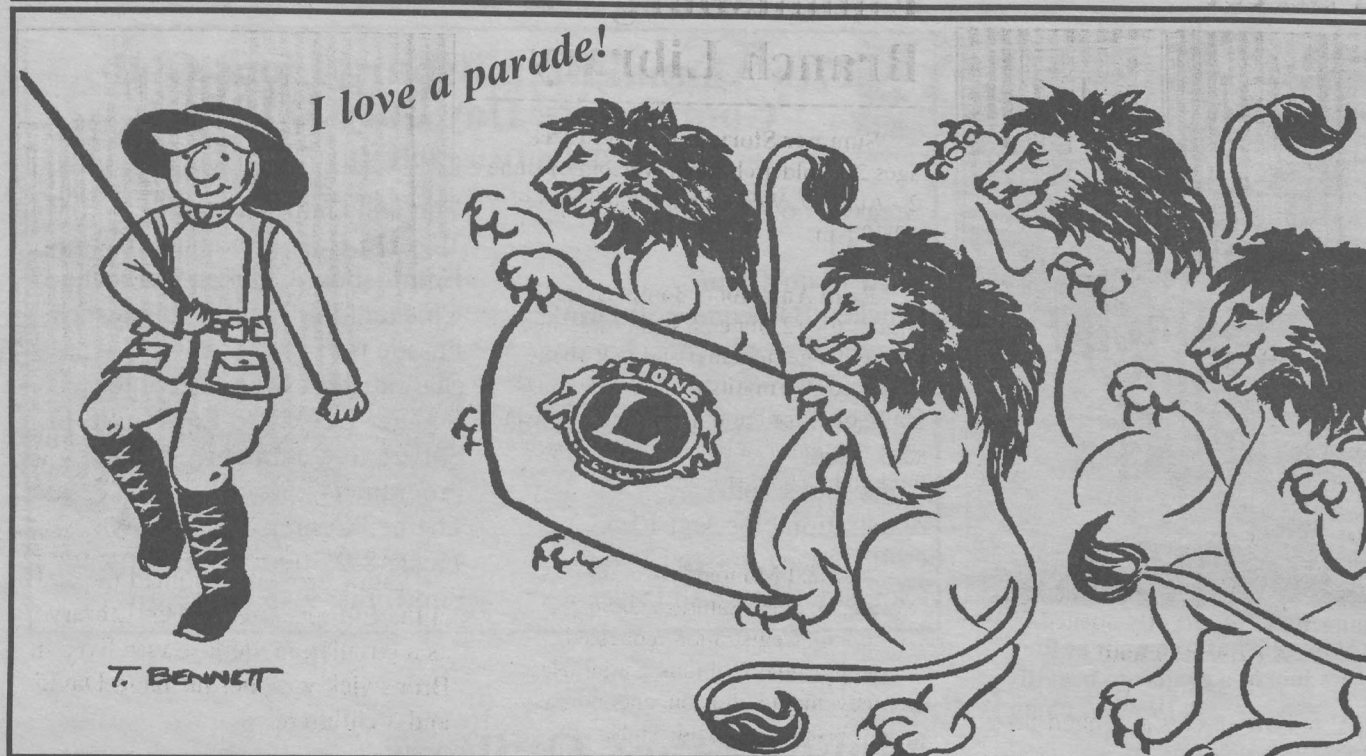
and divorced four times - remarried and is now a widow.

The Quilters were recently privileged to view a trunk quilt top of the 1850's. It was an Oak Leaf pattern done in turkey red, poison green, and white. Absolutely stunning; with stitches so tiny the viewer needed a magnifying glass to see them. The quilt-top was found at a Pennsylvania estate sale. Some of the older quiltmakers did the finishing themselves, but some took their tops to the Aid Society at church. Group quilting adds dimension to the story of a quilt, and binds people together as a family. This is true of Mt Tabor Quilters as evidenced by the love and support given to me at the death of my son. And I thank everyone quilter or not.



Pictured are the Charter Members that were present for the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company's 50th Anniversary Celebration last month. Left to right: Norville Eyler, Kenneth Mumma, Ralph Baker, and Robert Albaugh.

Photo courtesy Bonnie



## 100 Years Ago, "In this place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

### ST. JOSEPH'S

June 9, 1899-

South winds blow soft where the Sisters are staying  
Tread with your lightest step, whisper more low. Join in the prayers those ladies are saying:

Oh, what a joy your poor soul shall know.

Soil not their homestead, for e'er let it grow.

E'er let it gladden the land of its birth.

Pray with the Sisters whose hands made it so.

Happiest and loveliest home on the earth;

Such is their conduct wherever they go.

E.W.M.

June 23, 1899-Go to J.C. Williams' Bargain Store Saturday evening and get Ice Cream.

There will be fun at the Fireman's picnic in Welty's Grove, July 4. Don't miss it.

### Fourth of July Picnic

June 30, 1899- All of the arrangements for the Fireman's Fourth of July Picnic, which will be held in Welty's Grove, near town, have been completed, and the present indications are favorable for an unusually large audience, and one of the most enjoyable picnics ever held in this section of the country.

Addresses will be delivered at 1 o'clock in the afternoon by D.N. Hening, Esq., of Westminster, and Vincent Sebold, Esq., of Emmitsburg.

Among the special events at the picnic will be an Elephant Race, Sack Race, Foot Race and Pig Chase. These amusements will take place at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. There will also be a Shooting Gallery and a Talking Machine and Kinetoscope instrument on the grounds.

Compiled by Kate Sherman, student intern to the Dispatch from Mt. St. Mary's College

## Fireworks Donors 1998

The Lions thank these people and organization who made last year's Fireworks possible.

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## New business on Main Street



Alice Humphery relaxes in a cozy nook of collectibles in recently opened Callies Collectibles. *A Dispatch Photo*

By Annetta Rapp

Callie's Collectibles opened at 24 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, on April 22. Operated by the husband and wife team of Alice Humphrey and Dick Gladhill of Blue Ridge Summit, the store is a charming array of upscale consignment crafts, antiques, garden accessories, and accent pieces of Mexican pine furniture.

Eighty-five percent of the merchandise is on consignment and supplied by several artists, including a blacksmith, a woodcarver, and a basket weaver. Local residents contributing their works are Ken Balogh, Diane Lewis, and Deana Little. A "Christmas Corner" features

seasonal ornaments and hand-made decorations.

Alice's love of cooking led her to offer an assortment of food items. Focusing on family recipes which have developed in small businesses, the line includes a selection of Savannah Mixes, RBJ Spreadables, and Andy's Salsas and condiments among others. Gift baskets for all occasions by Tisket-Tasket and Goss candies are also available.

Callie's Collectibles is named for Alice and Dick's 3-year-old granddaughter, Callie Good. Store hours are Tues., Wed., and Sat. - 10 a.m. 6 p.m, Fri. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sun, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.. The shop is closed Mondays.

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## Emmitsburg Branch Library

**Summer Storytime Adventure**, ages 2-6 (older children welcome,) June 2 - Aug. 19, Wed., 7 p.m. and Thurs., 10:30 a.m.

**Read Any Good Books Lately?**, grades 6 - 12, June 28 is the first meeting. Let's get together and talk about books. Call Emmitsburg Branch (301-447-2682) for the time of the first meeting. Summer is a busy time for middle and high-school students so help us fine a time that fits into your schedule.

**Magical Moments by Culler Magic**, all ages, Saturday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. (registration requested, beginning June 2.) Frank Culler uses comedy, magic, illusion, and animals in a fun-for-all-ages magic show.

**Super Summer Adventures**, ages 7-12 Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2 p.m. (registration required, sign up for all four weeks or just one.) Stories, crafts, and activities for children too old for story time.

**Grreat animal Tales**, all ages, beginning August 3) Tuesday, August 17, 7 p.m. (registration requested.) Pick an animal out of a bag and storyteller Gary W. Lloyd will tell stories like *How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin*. Bring blankets and lawn chairs and meet in the park behind the library for an evening of stories and other surprises.

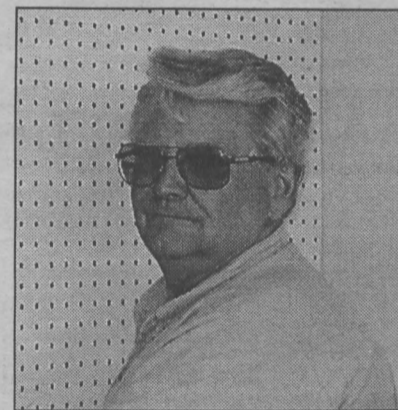
**Harry Staley** will exhibit his paintings at the Emmitsburg Branch Library. There will be a reception June 13 from 2 - 4 p.m.. Mr. Staley's work features mostly landscapes taken from his travels. Staley studied watercolors while in college during the 60's; currently, he works in oils. He is a forestry consultant and operates Staley's Christmas Tree Farm near Taneytown.

## New Librarian



Laura Brown has joined the staff at the Emmitsburg Branch Library as a circulation clerk. Laura lives in Brunswick with her husband David and 3 children.

After working in management while rearing her children Laura considers working in the library the beginning of her second career. Currently she is attending FCC and plans to transfer and continue her studies with an emphasis in the library field. "I love libraries, always have, now I have an opportunity to work where I love," Laura said.



Harry Staley

## Emmitsburg Community Fireworks Fund Underway

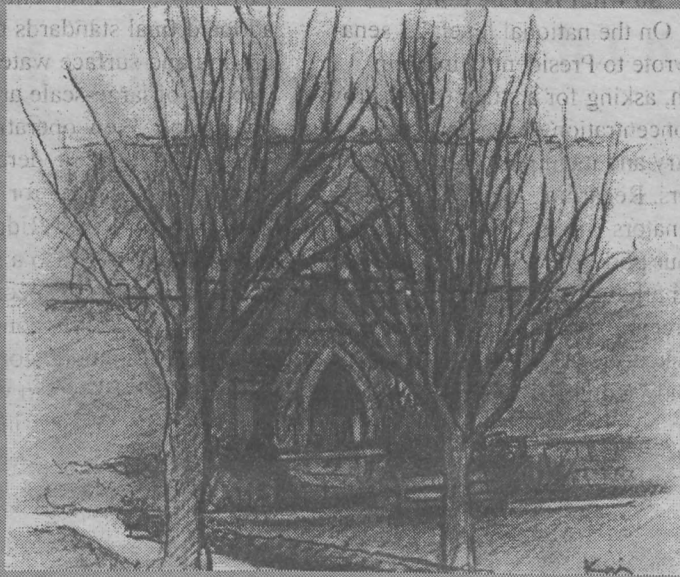
The Emmitsburg Lions once again are contacting organizations, businesses, and individuals who have supported the cost of our Annual Fireworks Display during our Community Day Celebration. Anyone may send donations to the Emmitsburg Community Fireworks Fund, Attn. Emmitsburg Lions Club, P.O. Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Deadline for entry in the program is June 24, 1999.

Enclosed please find my donation to the Lions Fireworks Fund.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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*Adare, Ireland 1999*, by Brian Kain  
A charcoal drawing by one of the featured Studio Gallery Artists in next month's "Trees" art exhibit.

## The STUDIO GALLERY announces....

Beginning the month of June, The STUDIO GALLERY's hours of operation are changing. The gallery will be open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11a.m. to 7p.m. and opened on Sunday's from 1p.m. to 4p.m.

The STUDIO GALLERY is also announcing an exciting line-up of exhibitions this summer. Beginning June 6th, from 1-4 p.m. the STUDIO GALLERY will open a month long exhibition titled "TREES".

The art on exhibit will feature art from the STUDIO's stable of artists and Bonsai Trees artfully crafted by local Bonsai horticulturalist Bob Droneburg, owner and operator of Crystal Fountain Bonsai. Bob's beautiful gardens are located about two miles up Crystal Fountain Road, right off of Annandale Road, Emmitsburg, MD.

Beginning July 18th, from 1p.m.-4p.m., the STUDIO GALLERY's next exhibition opening will feature "Native American Influences" fine art and crafts. This exhibition will be on view through September 2, 1999.

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1p.m.-4p.m., the STUDIO GALLERY will feature Jan Lamb's paintings, drawings, and prints.

Stop in any time and see two new local artists showing at the STUDIO GALLERY: Ms. Anita Miller, Carroll Valley, PA and Mr. Brian Kain, Emmitsburg, Md. These two artists complement the existing STUDIO GALLERY artists:

Eloise Bralove  
Rena Damskey  
Annie DeGeorge  
Barbara Johnson  
Jan Lamb  
Linda Postelle  
Lori Rubeling  
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Beginning in July the STUDIO GALLERY artist's work will be on-line at:  
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Last week's photo was a resident of Emmitsburg until she moved to Pennsylvania. Her name is Lavan (sp?) May and at the time this photo was taken she was between 12 and 14 years old. Thank you to Jason Sanders for providing us with her name.

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Edwina D. Fenwick, Emmitsburg, a daughter, April 29.

Susan and Wade Joy, Emmitsburg, a daughter, May 1.

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did include such a plan. Spray irrigation is the traditional method of disposing of waste, Mr. Banks pointed out, although other, more expensive means are available. For example, he said, one farmer trucks the waste, which is liquid, out of state—a very costly process.

**The Economics**

The basic reason for farmers—and large corporations, for that matter—to operate CAFOs makes sense—it makes money. Without definitive information about the agri-giants' CAFO operations—specific financials are not forthcoming—one would have to assume that CAFOs are moneymakers for Purina, Conagra, and the like. But small farmers contend that CAFOs are driving them out of business. According to a long-distance telephone service commercial currently running on television, 500 family farms per week are going out of business.

In fairness, only part of that trend can be ascribed to developments like CAFOs. It has to be very difficult for an independent farmer to decide whether to try to keep the family farm afloat in the face of corporate competition and poor returns for his labor, or to yield to what must be tempting offers to purchase his land for development or other purposes. And many, according to industry sources, are reluctantly abandoning their lifelong

work in agriculture to take up new professions.

One local dairy farmer, eager to elaborate on how concentrated animal farming operations are destroying the family farm, is Eddie Boyer, who for eight years operated a dairy farm in Jefferson but now owns one in New Oxford, Pa. He notes that small farmers are “in the business from the cradle to the grave” and have to pay the mortgages on their farms and all other expenses including feed, which [as noted earlier] is usually supplied to the CAFOs by a subsidiary of the corporation holding the contract on the animals.

Worse, he says, the farmer doesn't get anything close to a fair share of the profit for whatever he is able to produce. For example, he says, on a box of cereal that costs \$2.80 in the grocery store, the farmer gets three cents. Comparable figures for the dairy industry show that farmers receive a disproportionate share of the profits for milk and cheese, too, he says. He believes that Congress should take a look at a perceived loophole in the Capper-Volstead Act, a 1922 statute that allows farmers to form cooperatives exempt from antitrust laws, but which, he maintains, is allowing large corporations to consolidate agribusiness operations into farms such as CAFOs without any challenge from the U.S. Department of Justice.

**So what is to be done ?**

\* On the national level, 23 senators wrote to President Clinton in March, asking for a study of the growing concentration of the agriculture industry and its impact on family farmers. Regarding the hog industry, the senators wrote, “In the past decade, top four pork producers have increased their market share from 36 percent to 54 percent of the market.” The senators asked the president to complete the study within six months because of the already extremely fragile economic conditions in agriculture.

\* In January 1998, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Commission on Small Farms recommended to USDA Secretary Dan Glickman a series of initiatives aimed at preserving small farms (less than \$250,000 gross annual receipts).

\* Among the states, South Dakota amended its constitution to prohibit large corporations from owning farmland or being in the agricultural business in the state, with certain exceptions.

\* In California, a bill has been introduced that is aimed at controlling pollution from CAFOs. The proposal contains specific requirements and restrictions relating to permits, nutrient management plans and other aspects of pollution control.

\* Closer to home, in Pennsylvania, the state Department of

Environmental Protection in March adopted final standards to protect ground and surface water from the impacts of large-scale animal feeding operations. New operations will be required to have a federal NPDES permit, like the one for which Rodney Harbaugh of Rocky Ridge has applied in Maryland, and also a state water-quality permit with special conditions covering the design, construction and operation of manure storage facilities; prohibiting facilities in wetlands or floodplains; and requiring storage facilities to be lined and have groundwater monitors. Requirements for existing operations are also spelled out in the regulations.

\* Also in Pennsylvania, Straban township, next to Gettysburg, recently turned down a request to operate a billion-hen egg operation.

Meanwhile, resistance is building against the Harbaugh farm and its perceived problems for the neighbors. A group of nearby residents has formed a citizens' group and has hired an attorney to look into the areas of their concern. In addition to health problems that she attributes to the hog farm, Karen Kuhn says the trucks that rumble past her house in the middle of the night are disturbing her sleep. Says Mr. Harbaugh, “When I ran a dairy farm the milk truck came at 3 o'clock in the morning, and I never got any complaints.”

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## Phelan's Way



Phelan clan on a sunny, fun afternoon

By John Gehring

If chemistry is an important element to any basketball team, Jim and Dottie Phelan strike a perfect balance all their own. Ask Dottie about her husband, the men's basketball coach at Mount Saint Mary's College for the past 45 years, and you better get comfortable. This grandmother can talk, especially about the quiet, unassuming man she met, fell in love with and married as a 20-year-old. But don't worry, chances are she will make you coffee and an English muffin. You could listen all day. Ask Jim about what all the accolades and media attention meant to him this year after he joined an elite cadre of only four other coaches in college history to win 800 games and chances are he would rather talk about his players' 90 percent graduation rate, one of his grandkids or next year's recruits.

"He is such a quiet man. If you can get him to talk about himself you will be lucky. I do all the talking...One of Jim's favorite sayings is 'If you have to toot your own horn it isn't worth tootin,'" Dottie says, showing a visitor around their living room that doubles as a basketball museum filled with awards, plaques and mementos that speak for themselves about a remarkable coaching career.

So it has been for the past 45 years of marriage for the Phelans, playing off one another with distinct personalities that come together as beautifully as if the Head Coach Upstairs drew it all up on His well-worn playbook. If there is indeed

a great woman behind every man, a coach's wife shoulders an extra load. In wins and losses Dottie is there, in her seat at home games and too nervous to watch or listen at away games when she stays at home and has friends give her updates of the score. The experience can be exhilarating and agonizing, often times a little bit of both just in the first half. "People say 'Dottie, it is only a game.' No, it isn't. It is our life, our livelihood."

That livelihood began for the Phelans when Jim, wearing a four-in-hand tie—the trademark bowtie would come later—traveled from Philadelphia to Emmitsburg with Dottie and signed a one-year contract to coach the men's basketball team. He was 25. Their initial visit to the Mount was anything but love at first sight. "We came up on a gray, rainy day in March and the first thing I thought was 'Oh, my Lord,'" Dottie remembers. The couple returned again in September after their honeymoon. The clouds had moved on and the sun was shining. Ruth Dillon, wife of Jack Dillon, the athletic director at the time who went on to become the first lay president of the Mount, provided a warm welcome for Dottie, introducing the new coach's wife on the block to the close-knit community and taking her into town to shop. That one-year contract turned into 45 years. The Phelans raised a family in the small town that didn't have street lights when they arrived. It became as much a special part of their lives as any player or season.

The basketball teams that Phelan

led more than fulfilled the goal Monsignor Sheridan had when he hired the young coach fresh from an assistant position at LaSalle. "He said, 'I want to have something for the students to hang their hat on,'" Jim said. "From the first game we got here, the fans were wild." Crowds packed into the wooden bleachers in Memorial Gym, where visiting teams could feel the hot breath of Mounties roaring down on them and on more than one night left the gym with a loss and a long drive back home. The games heated up the winter nights for students and the community, quickly becoming a staple of the Mount experience. The bowtie tradition—Jim doesn't like the clip-on ones because they pop off when he yells—began after Dottie laid out his clothes for his first game against St. Francis of Brooklyn. She included a bowtie because Jim's coach at LaSalle had worn one. The tradition continued until one of his daughters reached her teenage years and didn't want her dad looking like a dork on the sideline. The bowtie came off and the team went on a 7-19 losing streak. Back came

the bowtie. There it has remained ever since.

While today's players may wear their shorts a bit droopier, Memorial Gym has been replaced with the Knott Arena, and the fresh-faced coach stalking the sidelines has become a bowtied legend with a face that could be carved on the Mount Rushmore of Hoops, not much has changed. This year, after a difficult season, the Mount won their last three games—including a victory over Central Connecticut that gave Jim Phelan his 800th career win—to receive their second invitation to the NCAA Basketball Tournament. In June the college will dedicate the road that encircles the Mount's athletic complex, naming it "Phelan's Way." "It's a great honor. I'm just waiting for someone to run into the sign. It will probably be me," he said. As important a pillar as basketball is in the Phelans' lives, family is the true bedrock the couple build their lives on. With five children and nine grandchildren, the

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Phelans' house just down the road from the Mount campus is often crowded with family members. Their daughter Lynn, who graduated from the Mount in 1979, is the assistant athletic director at the college. For the Phelans, who have no brothers or sisters, family gatherings are times to be cherished, more precious than any overtime win or trip to a conference championship.

Both Jim and Dottie have deep roots in Emmitsburg, the sleepy town they discovered many yesterdays ago that has somehow, as time

has a way of working, added up to a few decades. Jim says he isn't sure how long he will coach. As long as he feels good and still feels that buzz of excitement in anticipation for new players, new challenges and new seasons he will be on the bench. One thing seems more certain. The Phelans have no plans to say goodbye to Emmitsburg when Jim retires. "Let's just say I don't think we will be moving to Florida. This to us is home... This has been a wonderful experience with people who are so friendly and good," Jim said. "We couldn't have found a better place."

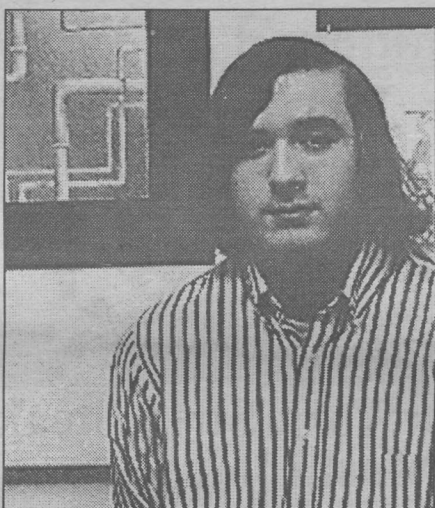
**Mount Soph "Best in Show" at Bruté Art Exhibition**

Sophomore Michael Morgan from Hampton, Va., emerged as the major award-winner in the Simon Bruté Student Art Exhibition at Mount Saint Mary's College.

Morgan's penetrating pencil drawing, "Everyone Else," was selected Best in Show and took first prize in Drawing I in the juried competition sponsored by the Mount's Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

Elizabeth Prongas, representing the Frederick Arts Club and the Emmitsburg Arts Council, presented Morgan with separate \$100 checks from both organizations.

Morgan also placed second in stained glass for "Misplaced Pipes Perhaps Dreaming," and earned hon-



**Michael Morgan**

orable mention in Drawing I for his colored pencils artwork, "Cartoon Ink."

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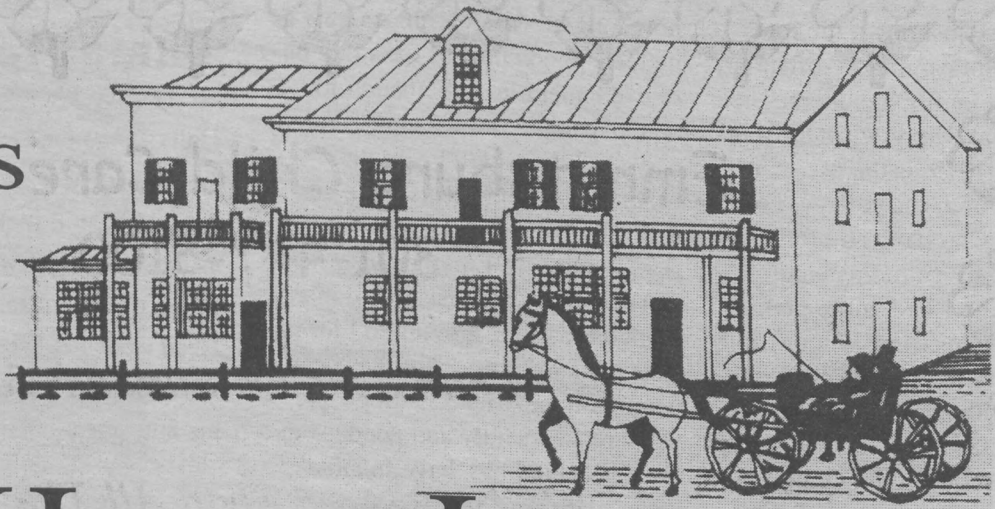
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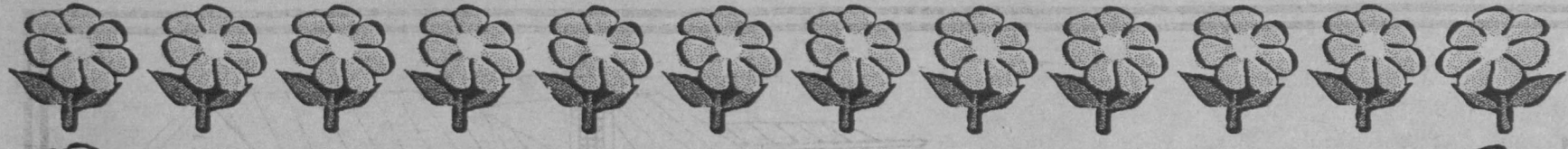


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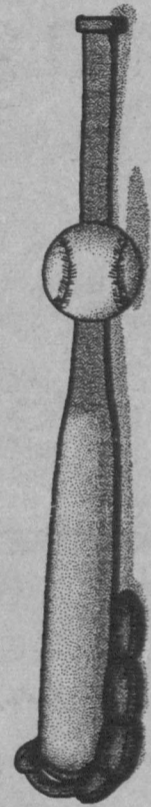
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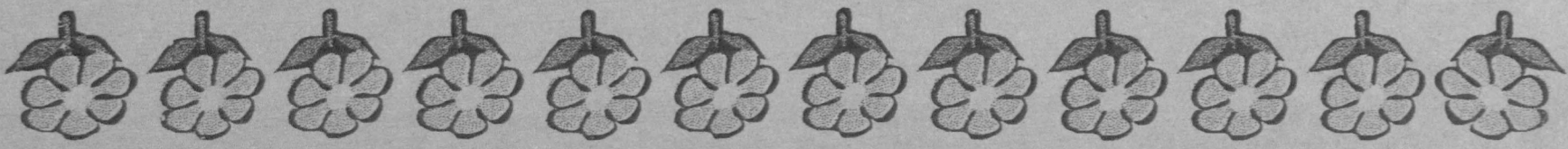


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## Looking Ahead

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During July, "All Day Art Adventures" are available to parents who sign up their children for a morning and a afternoon class at the Center. For a small cost, there will be a supervised lunch time and an art activity.

For more information, or to receive a schedule of events, contact The Delaplaine Visual Arts Center @301-698-0656.

**Mason-Dixon Line Festival**  
Committee Meeting June 8th, 9 a.m. at the Visitors Center, first floor of the Community Center.

### EBPA Meeting

June 14th, Bradley Hall, Mount Saint Mary's College; 7:30p.m.. Frederick County Civic Federation discussion: Future of Route 15 corridor

### Mission of Mercy

#### June Schedule

To celebrate our new mobile medical clinic, Mission of Mercy is having an open house on Thursday, May 20 at our Thurmont clinic site: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church from 12:30-2pm, and again on June 10 at our Taneytown clinic site: St. Joseph's Catholic Church from 11-12:30pm. Everyone is invited to come and tour the new clinic and speak with the volunteers. Dr. Sullivan will be available for interviews. We hope to see you out there.

### Women's Aglow International

• June 10th: 6-7pm Prayer walk. Meet at the Thurmont Town Park to pray for your community.

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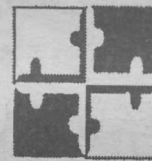


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# PET HEALTH COLUMN

By Becky Clarke

Well, here we are again, spring time! The birds and bees are busy and unfortunately the puppies and kitties are too! Yes, that's right, your un-neutered or intact male and female cat or dog may just as well be feeling the stirrings of spring. So if you are one of the many owners who have been putting that "dreadful" surgery off, it's time to move it to the top of the list now!

Many people tend to put this procedure off as long as they can accept their pet's behavior, which is sometimes forever, but the truth is you can't afford NOT to have your pet neutered. When considering any surgical procedure, it is important to understand the medical and behavioral advantages. As a pet owner, you may consider elective surgery to have your pet "fixed." If your pet is a female, she will be spayed, which is the removal of the ovaries and uterus (ovariohysterectomy). If your pet is a male, he will be neutered, which is the removal of the testicles. (Not nearly as bad as it sounds!)

Surgery for spaying usually occurs at approximately six months of age. There is no advantage in allowing your female to have a litter of puppies or kittens, or for that matter, to go through a heat period. Prevention of pregnancy and heat periods is usually the primary reason for spaying a female. But just as important are the following:

- 1). Unspayed females are more likely to develop mammary tumors/cancer.
- 2). They are more prone to uterine infections (pyometra). Pyometra is a potentially life-threatening infection of the uterus occurring 4-6 weeks after a heat period. It is especially prevalent in older females.

Surgery for males (neutering) also occurs at approximately six months of age, unless the pet is having early puberty and is causing problems (spraying, behavioral). If this occurs and the testicles have descended, consult your veterinarian. He or she may go ahead with the procedure. Neutering a male greatly minimizes prostate cancer, prostate infection, testicular cancer, and certain types of tumors called perianal adenoma. Neutered males will not be as likely to roam. Roaming leads to serious problems; first, he is more likely to be injured or hit by a car; second, he is likely to breed a female leading to more unwanted pets. He can also get into trouble with animal control agencies. Males who have been neutered usually stop the "marking of their territory" (or killing your neighbors' shrubs), and will not be as aggressive toward other males.

Some owners express a concern over change in their pets' personality such as lethargy or laziness, as a result of surgery. Cat owners worry spaying or neutering will decrease their urge to hunt. Dog owners worry their pets will no longer be good watch dogs. These rumors simply are **not true**.

All pets deserve healthy, happy lifestyles. As you think about the medical and behavioral advantages, remember too that you are helping to control the problem of unwanted pets—over four-million pets are euthanized every year in the United States. Spaying and neutering does its part to attack this growing number and is obviously an advantage to us all. I firmly believe that a neutered pet is a happy pet! So if you've been putting it off, consider having this procedure done for the benefit of all the pet population and human too! Oh yes, I'd better mention the number one excuse for not having a male neutered . . . "He'll look like a sissy." Well, for that, there are testicular implants for dogs! So there you have it, no macho excuses anymore!



Ashley Wivell and her horse "Kettle."

Photo courtesy of Mike Hillman



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# Bringing Up Ashley

by Mike Hillman

When I first began to write this piece, I found myself wanting to subtitle it: "Bridging the generation gap: how I survived Ashley Wivell's attempts to make me feel old." For in many ways, learning to communicate complex ideas with someone one-third my age was more difficult than learning to run a nuclear reactor. The effort was made even harder when the analogies I utilized drew blank responses, or worse, sneers of "I wasn't born yet . . ."

Unbeknownst to me, for several years Ashley had strained to catch glimpses of me working my horses. From the school bus she watched my morning dressage work. In the afternoon, on her way to help at her grandfather's dairy farm, she'd have her mother pause if I were jumping. Like a lot of little girls, she had made her decision to want to ride . . . obviously she had missed all my falls, or the rides that were immediately followed by triple gin and tonics. . . .

One day, three years ago, as I was fine tuning my horse movements, I looked up and noticed a little blond hair girl sitting in a western saddle on a pony, watching me. As I rode by her she blurted out: "Will you teach me how to ride?" I stopped dead in my tracks.

While I was flattered by the request, I nevertheless couldn't get by the western tack, pint-sized pony, and her age. Don't get me wrong, kids are great . . . we get to write then off on our taxes, they are good at painting fences, and up to a certain age, they will pretty much do what they are told. But teaching them to ride—well, that's another story. As she sat there looking at me with her pretty blue eyes, I knew I had to think fast or I was going to be in big trouble. "Um . . . I don't teach western. There's a western instructor over the hill; why don't you try her?"

Ashley looked perplexed. This was probably the first time she was ever told that there were different styles of riding. As determined to get me to teach her as I was not to teach, Ashley wracked her brain for a winning come-back. "Well . . . I don't want to ride western. I want to ride like you. No one else rides like

you around here, so there's no one else to go to. So will you teach me, please?"

"Wow, this kid is good," I thought. Now I was in for it. I tried to explain to Ashley as nicely as I could that I didn't teach, and even if I did, I wasn't good enough to teach her. I could tell by the look on her face she wasn't buying it.

Religiously, for the next three weeks, Ashley would ride down on her pony and stand outside the fence and watch me ride. Her silent vigil, soon began to take their toll on my resolve. Finally, one rainy day, as I turned out of the driveway headed for a lesson, I spied Ashley standing near the fence, soaking wet, holding a candle. She won.

Fortunately for me, Audrey and I had befriended a Mount Saint Mary's student named Kate Au, who happened to be a "B" Pony Clubber. (The pony club is a British-based organization that teaches proper English horsemanship. The more you learn, the higher you grade. By the time you get to "A," you are Olympic-level quality.) I told Kate about Ashley and asked if she would help. Kate jumped at the opportunity to teach. And teach she could. Over the following year, under Kate's tutelage, Ashley established a firm classical foundation.

Unhappy with the fact that I was often alone at competition, Audrey hit upon the idea of sending Ashley with me. "She can't drive the truck home if you kill yourself on cross country, but at least she can bring the horse back to the trailer and take care of him . . ." And so it began. The following week Ashley accompanied me to a competition in Virginia, where she got her first real taste of eventing. She was forever hooked.

The eventing bug within Ashley grew exponentially with every event she groomed at. Returning home, she would quickly mount her pony and practice what she had seen that day. Unfortunately, "Ben," Ashley's fourteen-hand pony, soon hit his limits. In his many lives, Ben has answered many callings, most recently of which was as a western barrel racer. While he was willing to do most anything, a right canter was not in his repertoire. Reluctantly, both Kate and I agreed that Ben had to go. Ashley was heartbroken, but she wanted to event and by now knew what it was going to take. So she bit her lower lip and said nothing. Only the red surrounding her normally bright blue eyes gave away her feelings.

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# ST. ANTHONY/OLMC NEWS



Kathy Cashiola

Mrs. Kathy Cashiola of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish has resigned as Coordinator of Religious Education for St. Anthony/OLMC parishes, effective the end of May. "These past four years have been the most rewarding years of my life," says Kathy, "and I'll still be active and on-call but now I need to devote more time to my family."

The person who directs religious education in a parish wears many hats and must be able to dream and then turn dreams into reality, must inspire confidence in youth, elicit support from parishioners, learn from ideas that didn't work, enjoy the great times, remember not to yawn at meetings, and must do it all on an irregular schedule and, of course, within budget.

Father Leo Tittler, pastor of the joint parishes, had warm words for Kathy's job performance. "Kathy is a very sincere Christian and her example and ideas have helped bring about the building of the Kingdom here in Emmitsburg/Thurmont. She helped wherever she was needed and while she won't be around on a daily basis, I know she and her husband Chris and her four children will continue to help us." The parishes have thanked Kathy and presented her with a purse.

Mrs. Diane Decker, parish secretary, is making a good recovery after surgery and thanks everyone for their prayers and good wishes. If anyone saw her at the church office the other day, it wasn't because she is well enough to resume her many duties but because, for a few hours at least, she couldn't stay away. And that attitude is a blessing for the parishes.

Mrs. Yvette Leith, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, has been selected to receive the For God and

Youth Award Award, an honor that is presented by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The joint parishes congratulate Yvette on earning this recognition.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 21-25. Anyone interested in helping this year is urged to call the Religious Education office at 301271-4099. Many common household items, such as brown lunch

bags, baby food jars, potato chip cans with lids, small aluminum pie plates, small milk cartons, and broken bright-colored crayons are needed for craft projects. For a complete list or to volunteer refreshments, call the RE office.

The Overseas Appeal on April 25 amounted to nearly \$800.

Parish Job Openings include Coordinator of Youth Ministry,

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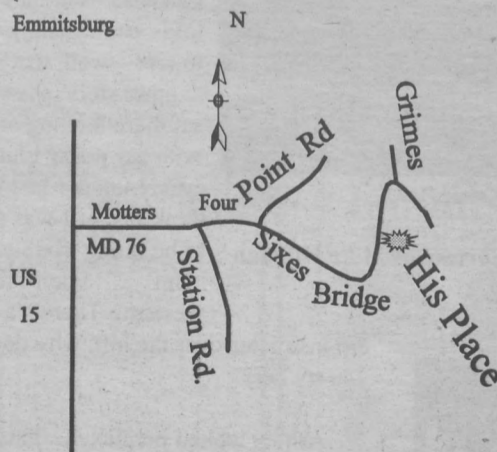
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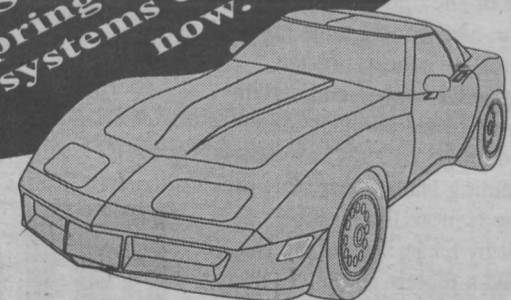
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# Rocky Ridge News

**Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Ayres** on their wedding May 8, at Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ, Rocky Ridge, Pastor Ted Haas officiated. The bride was the former Rose Shriner. The wedding reception was held at the Mt. Tabor Activity Building.

**Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Saunders** on their wedding May 8, at the Mt. Tabor Lutheran

Church, Rocky Ridge. Pastor James Russell officiated. The bride was the former Amy Burrier. The wedding reception was held at the New Midway Fire Co.

**June birthdays - Happy Birthday** wishes to Verna Keeney, Melissa Keeney, Michael Harris Sr., Shirley Sharrer, Katie Burrier, Lindsey Greene, Chris Wiles, Annabelle Houck, Jessie

Wetzel, Donald Brown, Debbie Hahn, Robert Albaugh, and Dennis Glass.

**Happy anniversary wishes to Rosie and Eugene Stambaugh and Josie and Richard Kinterman.**

**Mount Tabor churches will sponsor their annual festival on Sat. June 5,** in the Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Sandwiches, soup, pies, ice cream will be available. Fancy table, games for young and not so young. Music by Country Christians. Largest sliding board in the area.

**On Sunday, March 28 immediately**

after morning service, the Monocacy Church of the Brethren Congregation held a surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration for their minister and his wife, Brother Donald and Jane Stine. Approximately 100 members attended.

A program of celebration consisting of special music from Jerry Free, Debbie Eyler, and Ronnie Anders, a poem read by Erma Black, children of the church singing, and the presentation of flowers.

Lunch was served in the basement. Mr. and Mrs. Stine were surprised with a collection of photos from their past, gathered and displayed by their son and daughter-in-law. The congregation presented the Stines with a double wedding ring quilt that was quilted by Pauline Duple. Many other mementos of the occasion were presented.

## **SAFE - new Sexual assault program announced**

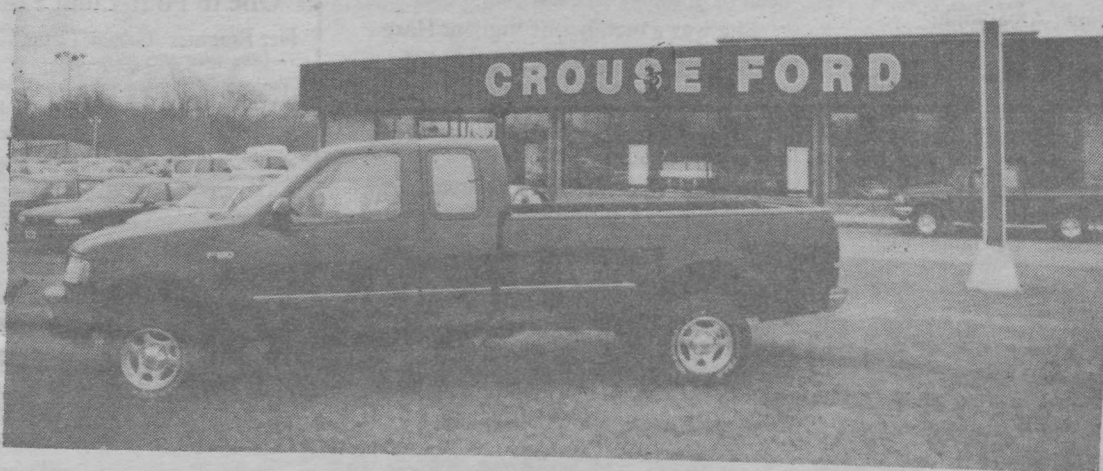
Victims of sexual assault will benefit from a new program to be announced at a news conference to be held Monday, April 26, at 9:00 a.m. in the squad room of the Frederick City Police department in the Frederick County Courthouse/Multi-Service Center located at Court and West Patrick Streets in Frederick, Maryland. The three steps of SAFE will be described; SAFE offers professional and confidential care to victims of sexual assault.

The program was established so that a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) nurse, who has had extensive classroom instruction and clinical experience, can collect evidence of the alleged crime and give private, confidential care to the patient. Evidence collected during the examination is invaluable to police in their investigation and prosecution of the crime.

A SAFE nurse will be available 24 hours a day in the FMH Emergency Department. The SAFE nurse will interview the patient, perform the examination (with the patient's consent), collect evidence for police purposes, treat and discharge the patient.

The sexual assault response team in Frederick County consists of Heartly House, the Frederick County Sheriffs Department, the State's Attorney's office, the Frederick County Health Department, Frederick City Police, the Department of Social Services/Child Protective Services, Maryland State Police, the Mental Health Association, Thurmont Police and Brunswick Police.

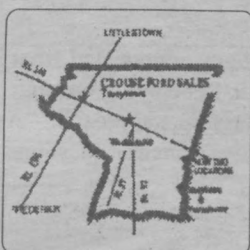
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# OBITUARIES

## Mrs. Laura Gill

Mrs. Laura Susan Ashton Gill, 83, of Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, died Sunday, May 9, at Shepherd's Choice, Gettysburg, Pa.

She was the wife of John Henry Gill, who died in 1957.

Born Aug. 22, 1915, in Philadelphia, Pa., she was a daughter of the late William and Lillian Carmen Ashton.

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

She is survived by two sons, John C. Gill of Waynesboro, Pa., and Peter J. Gift of Lancaster, Pa.; five grandchildren, Christopher, Amanda, and Matthew Gearhart, all of Waynesboro, Daniel Gill of Waynesboro, and Nathan Gill of Lancaster; and two nephews, James Phelan of Emmitsburg and James Friel of Drexel Hill, Pa.

A memorial mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church with her pastor, the Rev. Joseph R. Wright, as the celebrant.

Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

## Mrs. Florence Brauer

Mrs. Florence Evelyn Anderson Brauer, 85, of Four Points Road, Rocky Ridge, died Tuesday, May 11, at Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Walkersville.

She was the wife of Charles Ernest Brauer.

Born April 20, 1914, in Phillipsburg, N.J., she was a daughter of the late Alfred and Mary Heins Anderson.

Mrs. Brauer was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg.

She was also a member of Rocky Ridge Fire Co. and Auxiliary; Emmitsburg Grange; Frederick County Pomona Grange; Maryland State Grange; Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show; Amarangh, Hackettstown, N.J.; and

White Shrine, Hackettstown. She had also been a F-H Club leader in Hackettstown.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 15 at Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg. Dr. James Fisher officiated.

Interment was in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

## Mrs. Sharon Topper

Mrs. Sharon Ann Danner Topper, 43, of East Main Street Emmitsburg, died Thursday, May 13 at Johns Hopkins Bay View, Baltimore.

She was the wife of Thomas Lawrence Topper, who died Feb. 3, 1998.

Born Nov. 4, 1955, in Gettysburg, Pa., she was a daughter of George L. Jr. and Nancy R. Gerken Danner of Emmitsburg.

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

She graduated from St. Joseph's High School, Emmitsburg, in 1973, and Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, in 1977.

Mrs. Topper was assistant to the dean of graduate studies.

She was a member of Vigilant Hose Co. Auxiliary, Emmitsburg; Ladies of Brute Council 1860, Emmitsburg; Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a cheerleader coach.

Surviving in addition to her parents are two children, Alison A. and Lindsay A. Topper, both of Emmitsburg; one broth-

er, Mike Danner of Emmitsburg; father-in-law and mother-in-law, William L. and Carmen E. Topper of Emmitsburg; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 17, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Her pastor, the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, was the principal celebrant.

Interment will be in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Topper Children Educational Fund, c/o Farmers & Mechanics National Bank Emmitsburg Office, Center Square, P. O. Box 279, Emmitsburg, Md, 1797



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## ASHLEY continued from page 13

The search for a new horse had just begun when an old friend in Vermont contacted us about an old school horse in need of a home. Negotiations went quickly. A video was sent, and Ashley fell in love with what she saw. Two days later, in the middle of the night, in the midst of the first ice storm of the winter, Ashley got to say hello to "Kettle" for the very first time.

Ashley's trip on cloud nine was cut short when a nasty gash in a hind leg took Kettle out of action for almost two months, and with it, the remainder of her spring season. By the fall, Ashley's much-hyped first year was beginning to look like the maiden voyage of the *Titanic*. Ashley had only managed to make it to one event and one horse show. I began to cringe every time Ashley's parents stopped in for more medical supplies or to recount the latest injury; and I swore I would never recommend a horse to anyone ever again. In spite of it all, Ashley kept a stiff upper lip and her hopes high. Unable to ride herself, she nevertheless busied herself with learning from my wife how to groom, practicing what she had learned on all my events.

Unfortunately, Kate graduated at the end of the fall season, and I was once again faced with finding Ashley an instructor. A few weeks after Kate had left, I asked a noticeably dejected Ashley if she would like to join me in a lesson with my coach, down in

Middleburg. The sparkle in Ashley's eyes gave me all the answer I needed.

Having been warned that taking a lesson with Julie was to be considered an honor, bright and early the following morning, Ashley brought Kettle to our barn for a "proper bath." Four hours of tack-cleaning later, Ashley and Kettle were ready for their big adventure.

Julie was wonderful with Ashley, and Ashley bubbled with enthusiasm. Later, while discussing the lack-of-a-coach predicament, Julie inquired why I was unwilling to teach. She wholeheartedly agreed that I knew nothing, but pointed out that that also applied to my professional career, and that it hadn't stopped me there. After a little more prodding I finally agreed to help Ashley, but only under the condition that Julie agree to teach Ashley at least once a month, and that she provide me direction as to what to work on. Ashley, not to mention her parents, were quite happy with the arrangement, and things quickly got down to business.

In spite of my initial reservations about teaching Ashley, as the time drew near for our first "real" lesson, I found myself actually preparing for it. My first step was to encourage Ashley to ride when I rode, thus giving me an opportunity to observe her and her horse over an extended length of time. Following our rides, I would jot down some notes, list some possible corrective

actions, and then call Julie for her approval.

"Yeah . . . that sounds right, Mike, but you got to remember, I explain things to you using quantum mechanic terms because you're a nuclear engineer, and too stupid, er, I mean bright, to understand plain English. If you explain it to Ashley like you just did to me, she's going to be totally lost. Instead, why don't you simply tell her to squeeze harder with her legs?"

Realizing that Julie was probably right, I laid aside the 42 pages of detailed technical notes and computer-generated diagrams, and decided to wing it.

"So, Ashley, how are you?"

"Fine."

Ok, I thought, we're off to a good start . . . I wracked my brain on what to say next? "So how is school?"

"Fine."

Hmm, that didn't work. "How's your horse?"

"Fine."

I suddenly appreciated what it's like for a comic to be dying on stage. So I decided the direct approach. "Ashley, do you always answer questions with one word?"

"Yes."

I quickly retrieved my 42 pages of notes and began the lesson.



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# Emmitsburg Elementary School NEWS

## Catoctin FFA Teaches Elementary Students Through PALS

By Laura Keilholtz

The Catoctin FFA Chapter has been involved in the Partners in Active Learning Support (PALS) program. PALS is a mentoring program that matches high school agriculture students with elementary children. This is a program that was developed by the National FFA Organization. The PALS program helps those involved to build trust in others and develop positive self-esteem. This program allows high school and elementary students to explore their interests in plants, animals, and the world around them.

Through this program, Catoctin FFA members travel to Emmitsburg Elementary School every other Friday afternoon. They have been working with second, third, and fourth graders. Each elementary student has a PAL and the group does activities to help promote an awareness of agriculture. Some of the activities include making ice cream, planting flowers, agriculturally related crafts and games, a puppet show, and many fun worksheets. On the last day together, FFA members hand out certificates and have an ice cream sundae party with the children.

The following are Catoctin FFA members who have helped to make this program such a success: Laura



**Catoctin pals**  
Laura Keilholtz and Justine Study meet as participants in the Catoctin Pals Program at Emmitsburg Elementary School.

Keilholtz, chairperson, Jennifer Butler, Paul Dennis, Penny Eyler, Christina Hurley, Rachel McFerren, Carrie Muller, Kirra Pilson, Dave Stonesifer, Amanda Valentine, Jessica Valentine, & Dawn Willard.

The second grade students at Emmitsburg Elementary who were able to participate in the program were Cody Albright, Chris Bodner, Joshua Brotherton, Hannah Claytor, Ashley Hansbrough, Colleen Heaton, Mariah Hill, Daniel Hobbs, Katelyn Keilholtz, Johnathan Kubala, Shawn Little, Jordan Martin, Robert Myers, Jessica Reckley, Kourtney Roman, Brooke Sickle, Miriah Stone, Kyle Vaughn, Kayne Wantz, and Bradley Wilt.

Third graders who participated in the program were Richard Cool, Becca Fink, Olivia Frech, Ashley Glass, Zach Ickles, Briana Kwarta, Sara Maring, Amanda Miller, Ethan Miller, Emily Mitchell, Matthew O'Donnell, Matt Ohler, Kyle Sanders, Joshua Stinnett, Kassondra Topper, Nathaniel Usilton, Amber Weikert, Elizabeth Wold, and Matthew Wolfe.

Fourth grade students who enjoyed the PALS program were Cassie Cassio, David Cockerill, Abby Dawson, Brittany Dewees, Amanda Droneburg, Helen Droneburg, Sammi Fink, Eric Fisher, Michaela Gelwicks, Mandi Hadel, Travas Herr, Elizabeth Hoover, Justin Krietz, Danielle Miller, Hayley Schnibbee, Corey Stouter, Chad Sweeney, April Tuggle, Nick Wagerman, and Megan Wood. Special thanks to Emmitsburg Elementary School's staff members and teachers who helped make the program successful, especially Mrs. Zigler, and Mrs. Severance. All of the students from Emmitsburg Elementary and Catoctin High

enjoyed the program and were able to gain knowledge of agriculture.

There will be a conference on conflict resolution at FCC on June 4th. This program teaches students to work out problems and conflicts in a constructive manner. These students will attend: Zach Bennett, Jessica Chaney, David Cockerill, Samantha Fink, Michaela Gelwicks, Natasha Metz, Hayley Schnibbe, April Smith, April Tuggle, Megan Adelsberger, Travis Biddinger, Michael Compton, Rachel Froitzheim, Meghan Gray, Robin Hawkins, Chris Kelly, Rebecca Peters, Kyle Potts, Tara Ridenour, and Jessica Schmidt.

June 11<sup>th</sup> is the date for our annual field day which the kids really enjoy. Class picnics will also be held in June. Thanks to all the parent, grandparent, and Catoctin High volunteers who make these days so special for our students.

June 18<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for students. Come on summer! We hope all our students will take time to read some good books during their free time. Visit the Emmitsburg Public Library. Maybe you would even like to keep a journal or diary.

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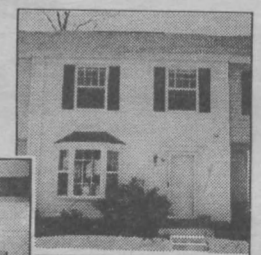
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### Congratulations, 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!

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|                       | Stephanie Wenck |

### Pennies From Heaven...

This year's Penny Power broke the bank with an astounding \$3,384.00 return! Students collected their spare change and rang up a record-breaking total. This total enabled the school to purchase 18 brand new color printers - one for each classroom. Great job, students and families! We are all working to do great things for our school community,

### Prayer Ascending For World Peace

Sister Regina Hlavac and the 7th graders lead the Mother Seton School students in prayer during the Ascension Thursday Mass. The theme focused on multicultural appreciation. Each class was represented by one student who brought up flags from various nations in the opening procession. Also, the First Reading was read in French by next year's Student Council President, Nicholas Monacelli. A Spanish "Alleluia" preceded the reading of the Gospel. We thank the many families who shared this afternoon of prayer with the students

### Walking to Fight Children's

Cancer... Once again the Mother Seton School students walked so that others may have a fighting chance at life. On May 10, the students participated in the Annual Walkathon to benefit the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology Department. Many students walked over 10 miles for the cause. Students obtained pledges for this effort. We thank all of the many, many parent (and grandparent!) volunteers who so graciously spent the day with our students. Your help and support is tremendously appreciated,



The Annual Teaching Awards Banquet was recently held for the Division of Catholic Schools. Mrs. Carol Topley, a fifth grade teacher at Mother Seton School received a special award for her teaching efforts. Mrs. Topley was chosen by her teaching peers to represent Mother Seton School at the Archdiocesan Teaching Awards Banquet.

And your prayers were very helpful, too - not one drop of rain! Thank you!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the many people who helped make this year's Emmitsburg Carnival a success! Mother Seton sponsored this annual event the week of May 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the volunteers and people who supported the Carnival by enjoying our good food, rides, and games! A special thank you to the coordinating committee - Ruth and Darryl Smith, Terry and John Smith and Kathy and John Dowling. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

### Another School Year

What a wonderful year of "Sharing Our Spirit of Joy". May all of the students and their families have a wonderful and blessed summer. Before you know it, the bell will ring for that first day of school again. Enjoy, relax and read over the summer!

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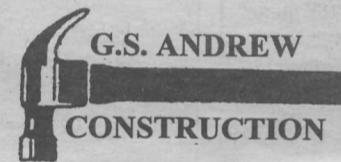


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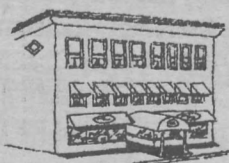
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