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Gaining Strength from One Another

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Mason-Dixon Festival features antique surveying display



Surveyors' campsite: a popular exhibit at Emmitsburg's Mason-Dixon Line Fall Festival
A Dispatch Photo

R. Wayne Twigg, portraying Jeremiah Dixon, Surveyor/Astronomer of the Royal Society of London, 1764, is shown looking through an antique theodolite at the surveyors campsite at the Mason-Dixon Line Fall Festival. This instrument was used for surveying and building construction.

In the background is a replica of a portable observatory used by

Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon to observe the stars in order to determine their position on the earth.

The exhibit by the Mason-Dixon Line Preservation Partnership also included displays of modern and antique surveying instruments, a self-guiding auto tour of nearby Mason-Dixon mile stones, and a Mason-Dixon Line slide program.

Emmitsburg Coalition for a Better Community reaching new places

Members of the Emmitsburg Coalition for a Better Community [ECBC] are working on new affordable housing projects and responding to requests for copies of the community survey and task force plans from communities throughout the nation, according to United Way of Frederick County CEO, Susie Loveland.

"ECBC and its various task forces have gained added energies as plans for further grants and programs fall into place," Loveland commented. The Frederick County Department of Housing and Community Development has been working

closely with the Coalition to bring new monies into the area to increase home ownership.

In a joint proposal, ECBC has applied for a Community Development Block Grant of \$270,000 to help homebuyers with settlement (and down-payment costs); this fund would be augmented with a matching grant from the County of \$30,000. Alice Cooper, director of Frederick County Department of Housing and Community Development has taken that even further, applying to the

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Community harassed by thoughtless teens

At the September town meeting Frederick County Sheriff's Deputy Willie Ollie reported that one adult woman, age 18, and three juveniles, ages 14-16, were charged with breaking and entering into a West Main Street house on Friday, September 9.

Deputy Ollie said all four were Emmitsburg residents and that he felt these individuals have been responsible for 90% of the recent vandalism in the parks and several burglaries and thefts.

The youths were caught when Thurmont police answered a call

from a resident witnessing the break-in. The owners of the home, having experienced several break-ins recently, had just installed a 24-hour surveillance cameras which caught the youths breaking into a basement door.

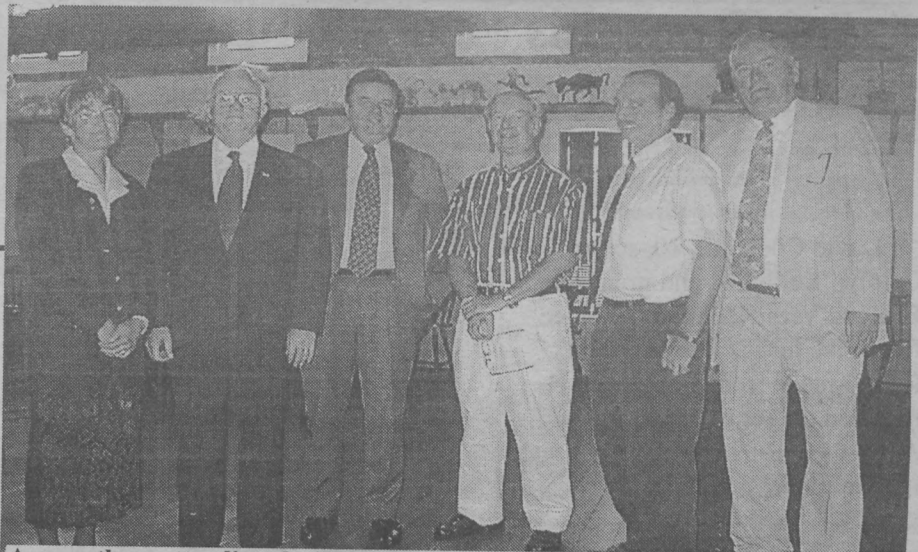
All four were charged with first-degree burglary and destruction of property

The juveniles were sent to a detention center and the adult jailed.

When asked by a town resident what is done with parents when their

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EBPA hears about smart growth



Among those attending the EBPA function were from left Susan Loveland, Executive Director of the United Way of Frederick County; Delegate Donald Elliott; Ronald Young, guest speaker; Phil Postelle, president Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners; Dan Reaver, Jr., EBPA member; and Emmitsburg Mayor William Carr.
A Dispatch Photo

Ronald Young, former mayor of Frederick and the current deputy director of the Maryland Department of Planning was the guest speaker for the meeting of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association held Tuesday, September 21, at the Carriage House Inn.

"Maryland has taken the leadership in smart growth," Mr. Young said, and the "principle behind it is common sense. This means growing in a wiser way and using our money effi-

ciently." Mr. Young said he has visited 26 states talking about Maryland's smart-growth plan and so far 19 governors have endorsed it. One aspect of the smart-growth plan is the designation of Priority Funding Areas in the state. Local governments determine where there is the greatest need and that is where the state will spend its money. Mr. Young said Emmitsburg has been designated as one of these areas.

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.

Recalling the Community Show

I have attended every Community Show since its beginning in Emmitsburg when Mr. Baker was the teacher. There has always been a feeling of friendship connected with it as neighbors stand side by side admiring produce, baking, canning, handiwork, livestock, looking and hoping for the Blue Ribbon that signifies "First Prize." I have twice in all these years won a Blue Ribbon, once for a rose and another for a hand-knit sweater.

When I was teaching I loved seeing the FFA students before opening day as they followed the instructions of the Ag teacher who was teaching them how to have a good show.

These students stood proud in their blue FFA jackets, enjoying the only attention they would get during the whole school year--setting up booths, building animal pens, carry-

ing lumber, bales of straw, chairs--helping entrants carry canned goods and other produce from their cars to the gym.

It was good training. I have been to social affairs where the responsibility of organizing was in the hands of former FFA students and things ran smoothly. They had had good training.

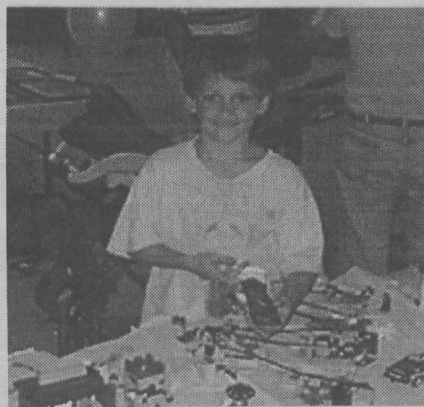
The exhibitors today are the sons and the daughters of yesterday's exhibitors--a bit more modern with new techniques, but with the same pride in their products as their parents had had.

From the very beginning I got to know people of the community, parents of my students, business men and women whom I otherwise would not have met except at the Community Show. I wouldn't miss it for the world.

Ruth Richards
Emmitsburg

Scenes from this year's Thurmont - Emmitsburg Community Show

David Cockerill, 10, son of Carolyn Keilholtz, and grandson of Bea and Vern Keilholtz, received first prize for his Star War Pod Racers made from a Lego set. He received the set on his birthday, August 16, 1999, and finished making the model that night.



Loretta Adelsberger and friend raffle off a quilt made by the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens
A Dispatch Photo

Town News...

Commissioners hear pleas to save tennis court and to keep bikes and skateboarders off sidewalks

At the September 13 town meeting, Commissioners heard concerns from citizens about the proposed use of the tennis court for a skateboard park and children riding bicycles and skateboarding on the sidewalks.

Heather Smith said she thought the proposed conversion of the tennis court into a skateboard park not only discriminates against tennis players but destroys the expensive special surface used for tennis. She questioned the cost effectiveness of the plan saying that it would be more expensive to repair and replace the tennis court in the future than to build a new area for skateboarders. "You already have one of the best courts around; why destroy it?" asked Mrs. Smith. She told the commissioners that she and her friends now have to go to Thurmont to play because the Emmitsburg court is kept locked. The town manager David Haller said this had to be done to keep the skateboarders from taking down the net and using the surface even though they have been told not to.

In the ensuing discussion Mr. Haller pointed out that the skateboard project is on hold awaiting the fulfillment of one of the terms in the agreement. The town agreed to the skateboard project only if there was a schedule of adult and parental supervision submitted to the commissioners, ensuring supervision as required by the town's insurance company.

Action on the skateboard park project was tabled for 60 days so skateboarders and parents could review their commitment and for the board to consider different ways of approaching the problem of providing both skateboard and tennis facilities in the town.

In the meantime, those who wish to play tennis should go to the town office to get the key.

Resident Jenny Motter expressed her concern about the dangers of children riding bicycles and skateboarding on the narrow sidewalks of the town. According to Miss Motter there is a great chance of injury to older citizens as well as the children. "I'm 77 years old and had to jump off the pavement to avoid being hit," she said. "You never see this happening in other towns." The council directed the town manager to review the local and state ordinances regarding this matter. Deputy Ollie was instructed to warn the children of the dangers. The council also called for cooperation of the young people and parents in this matter.

In other business, the commissioners agreed to complete a 600-ft. permanent connection between water systems of the town and Mount Saint Mary's College. The connection would provide emergency water to either party in times of need and would make it possible to forgo building a new storage tank for the town. The project is expected to cost \$25,000.

It was also announced that the town has received a proposal from Lee Kuntz, director of management services for Frederick County, to move the town office to the third floor of Community Center building. This would provide 5,000 square feet for offices, plus ADA compliance, and ample parking. It will cost the town approximately \$209,000 to rehab the area.

The town would have a 25-year lease at \$1 a year and would provide day-to-day maintenance. The commissioners asked that the town manager continue negotiations with Mr. Kuntz. The action would require approval of the Frederick County Board of Commissioners as well as the Emmitsburg Town Council.

Global Anesthesia Systems to build in Emmitsburg

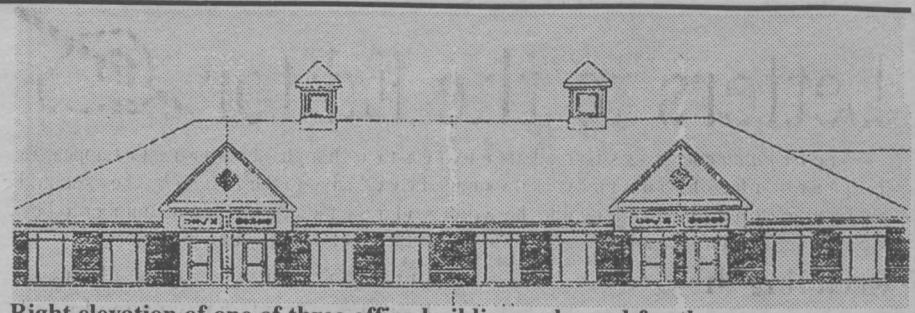
By Sarah Wassner

On the outskirts of Emmitsburg, not far from Route 15, lies an empty plot of land across from the Industrial Park. For most people, this grassy area goes unnoticed, as it has for years. However, two physicians have sought out this lot as a place to expand their bustling business. Dr. Judy Hutchinson and Dr. Jeffrey Haugh, anesthesiologists who head the Global Anesthesia Systems, are the developers of a new Office/Retail Park located at the corner of Route 15 and Creamery Road.

Global Anesthesia Systems provides office anesthesia services to patients having procedures done in their doctor's office or in a surgical center. They also offer all of the anesthesia services at Hanover Hospital. Dr. Hutchinson and Dr.

Haugh travel with their equipment to meet patients throughout the week in such locations as Hagerstown, Annapolis, and Baltimore.

On days with no scheduled appointments, Dr. Hutchinson will return to their current Emmitsburg office on West Main St. to handle the administrative work for the practice. With the aid of Tracy Dellinger, Cindy Staub, and the doctor's son Zachary Hutchinson, the business has proven to be successful since moving to Emmitsburg last year. So successful, in fact, that it is beginning to outgrow its current office. Dr. Hutchinson explains, "Emmitsburg is a beautiful, historic town, but unfortunately the wiring is historic as well. We need more room for the office and we need new wiring systems to set up our computers," she said.



Right elevation of one of three office buildings planned for the new office/retail park at the corner of US 15 and Creamery Road.

Three buildings are planned for the new office/retail park. Hutchinson would occupy one and open the two others to any professional seeking office space. Currently, she is waiting to hear from the county in order to start developing.

"Once we receive a permit, we can start to build," said Dr. Hutchinson. "Barring a bad winter, construction should be completed by this spring."

According to Dr. Hutchinson, plans for the lot are for three colonial style single-story brick buildings of approximately 7000 square feet each. Each building will have a large window out front, ideal for retailers. However, Dr. Hutchinson stresses that these buildings will be open to anybody

for both professional and retail purposes. So far, she has received inquiries from restaurants, businesses, and professionals.

"It will be good office space, with plenty of parking," Dr. Hutchinson said.

As for now, Dr. Hutchinson will continue to maintain her practice while raising her three children, Zach, 14; Samantha, 7; and Amy Lynne, 5 with her husband Paul, a computer programmer. Dr. Hutchinson, a native of Baltimore, resides in Gettysburg.

Sarah Wassner, a junior at Mount Saint Mary's College, is a service-learning intern with the Dispatch this semester.

Postmaster William A. Thomas, Jr., Returns to Emmitsburg

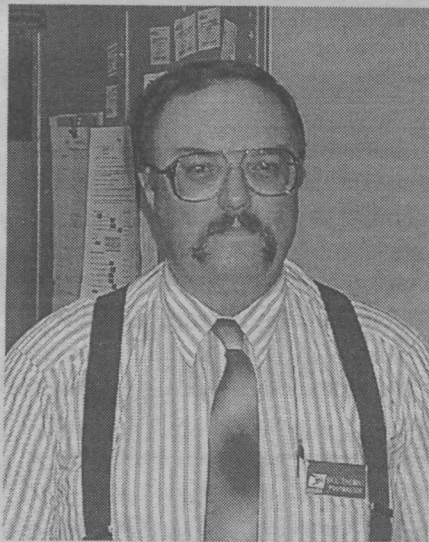
By Pat Howes Bell

After being temporarily in charge of the Emmitsburg Post Office for a month, six or seven years ago, Bill Thomas knew he wanted to come back in a permanent position. He saw Emmitsburg as "a great town" and was especially attracted by the presence of the mountains.

His wishes came true this past June 16, when he assumed the title of Postmaster at Emmitsburg. At age 40, with 15 years of postal work behind him, he is proud of the career that has brought him here.

Bill began working for the U. S. Postal Service at Manchester, as a clerk. In 1989 he was appointed Postmaster at Rocky Ridge, thereafter advancing as Postmaster in several other communities: Freeland (Baltimore County), Woodbine, and finally, Emmitsburg..

Born in Baltimore, Bill Thomas is a life-long Marylander, attending middle and high school in Westminster, where he lives with his wife and two daughters. He earned an Associate Degree in Accounting and Management at Catonsville Community College.



William A. Thomas, Jr.

Active and involved with the youth of his community, he is the treasurer of the Little League and serves as an umpire, working games up to and including the state tournaments. He is also a member of the Optimists, a civic organization oriented toward helping young people.

After several months in his new position here, Bill still sees the town as "great," commenting that "The people made me feel welcome. This is a *real town*—not just an *area*," [like his previous assignment locations]. Of course, his work makes

him especially aware of the rapid growth of the community. He pointed out that several new "cluster" boxes had been installed recently in new developments.

When asked about the role of the post office in the community, he said he regretted not being able to deliver mail to the residents within the town limits (a technicality resulting from the small population), but acknowledged that the residents' need to come to the post office for mail makes it a hub of social interaction, adding to the sense of community. The carriers to the rural areas feel a tie to their customers, even to the extent of checking on occupants if mail is not picked up for some time or some other situation alerts them to a possible problem.

In summing up his feelings about his new post, Bill Thomas wants to make sure that he is on record with high praise for his employees. "This is one of the greatest groups of employees I've ever been involved with. They get along so well as a group—making my job so much easier."

Emmitsburg Town Bulk Trash Pick-up, Oct. 9

Place your bulk trash at the same place you put your trash for weekly pick-up. Items they will take are chairs, sofas, stoves, old clothing, ordinary household cleaning items, etc.

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EXTRA! EXTRA! Gala 2000

The Emmitsburg *Dispatch* Fundraising Committee has been busy putting together a delightful evening consisting of a dinner/dance and live and silent auctions to be held in JoAnn's Ballroom of the Carriage House Inn, on March 25, 2000.

A delicious menu is planned, and a D.J. will spin all your favorite dancing tunes. You should just see the "must have" items this generous community has already given for the silent auction.

Watch for the next issue of the *Dispatch* for more details or call our new office at 301-447-3039 for information.

Congratulations

The Mason-Dixon Line Fall Festival Committee deserves credit for a lot of hard work which will be the groundwork for a growing and continuing event.

The Lions were happy. Four hundred chicken dinners were sold.

The Library Board was happy with its book sale. Hundreds of books found new homes and a considerable sum was collected. It will go toward important library projects.

The Horse Farm Tour was a whopping success. One-hundred forty people enjoyed the tour of area farms (There will be some more news soon regarding future Horse Farm Tours.)

The Mount beat Navy in the first rugby game ever played in Emmitsburg. A considerable crowd found the game exciting.

The Seniors brought us Christmas in September with their lovely hand-crafted gifts and paintings.

And, if you missed "The Taste of Emmitsburg," the offerings by local restaurateurs were delicious.

We can all look forward to next year's festival.

100 Years Ago "In this place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

Major Seton

October 6, 1899--Major Henry Seton, 12 U.S. Infantry, expects to soon arrive from Manila, Philippine Islands. He contemplates a short visit to Emmitsburg soon after his arrival, in order that he may regain, as far as possible, his former good health, which was greatly impaired in Cuba, during the late war with Spain, and almost entirely lost at Manila during the present Philippine rebellion. The Major entertains very tender feelings for the people and surroundings of Emmitsburg and vicinity. He has accordingly selected it as the best place for a week or so of recuperation.

Oct. 6, 1899--Mt. St. Mary's College have enlarged and remodeled several of their buildings, and now, having water works and an abundant supply of pure mountain spring water from a reservoir 200 feet above the buildings, and a complete sanitary system, they are fully up to date, and now have one of the finest located and best equipped institutions of learning in this country. Messrs. T.J. Hays & Son are putting in the sanitary plumbing and steam heating.

Frightened by a "Spook"

Oct. 14, 1899--As Mr. Syndey Street was walking with the members of his family a night or two ago through a bit of woods near the edge of Nanticoke, some foolish person parading as a ghost badly frightened Mrs. Street and her two young children. The "spook" appeared in a white sheet, tapped one of the party on the back, and then silently glided into the thicket. They all saw the "ghost." Mrs. Street and the children ran screaming to the house of Mr. John Parker half a mile distant. When they got there they were all prostrated by exhaustion from the fright and the run. Mr. Street was so much concerned for his family that he did not pursue the "ghost" and give him a whaling as the neighbors think ought to have been done.

Dog Saves A Child's Life.

Oct. 20, 1899--The large pet dog of Charles Hagerman, of Irishtown, Pa. saved the life of his 3-year-old son while the two were at play in the yard.

The child had a chain fastened around his body and attached to the neck of the dog. They were strolling about, when the boy accidentally fell into the cistern, containing several feet of water. The dog, bracing himself for the shock, pulled on the chain with sufficient force to hold the child's head above water. The pitiful cries of the boy were heard by a young lady residing with the family, who hastened to the scene and rescued the little fellow from his perilous position.

Jumped out of a window

Oct. 20, 1899--Mr. Solomon Michael, residing near Myersville seriously injured himself under strange circumstances Friday night. He arose from bed, and, making his way to a window, smashed the glass and sash out and then plunged out feet foremost, falling about 19 feet. His wife ran for assistance, and Mr. Michael was found lying on the ground under the window with his left arm broken, his wrist dislocated and severe bruises. It was also feared the he is internally hurt. Mr. Michael says he was under the delusion that "someone was after him" and that he was fleeing to save his life. His wife says there was no one in the house but the family. Mr. Michael had sold a load of wheat that day and took the money home with him, and, it is thought, he was dreaming that burglars were after him. Mr. Michael died from the injuries received.

October 27, 1899--One day last week while Mr. John Plank was loading a double barrel shot gun, the one barrel which was loaded went off, the load barely missing his head, tearing the rim off his hat. Fire arms should be more carefully handled, as they are very dangerous.

Vandalism continued from page 1 children are arrested, Sgt. Tim Clarke of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office said that the parents can be charged with neglect. He said the problem with the juvenile system in the county is that there is no automatic detention. He told the commissioners that the biggest asset for the Sheriff's Department is the community's cooperation in calling when something seems to be amiss.

Mayor Carr reported that the town had recently hired two security officers for night patrol because of the increase in vandalism in town. The vandals have recently broken up picnic tables, spray-painted park buildings, and broken into the caboose in Community Park. Mayor Carr also said the town had received a petition from residents of Lincoln on the Park apartments requesting more policing because of break-ins into their cars.

The security officers will be on

duty from midnight to 8 a.m. and will report any violations they witness to the police. Their testimonies can be used by the police to make arrests if necessary. The board of commissioners voted to continue the security service for 90 days.

It was reported that, on August 25 and Sept. 6 - 8, over 60 parking meters on Main Street were broken into and an undetermined amount of money taken. How this was accomplished still remains a mystery.

It was also announced arrangements have been made with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office for a second deputy to be assigned to Emmitsburg. Deputy Michael Ratliff began his duties on Thursday, September 16.

Mayor Carr commended Deputy Ollie for his police work and asked that the town manager send an official commendation on behalf of Ollie to the Frederick County Sheriff's Office.

ECBC from page 1

Bank of Atlanta's affordable housing program for \$1 million and to the United States Department of Agriculture for \$2 million. USDA funds are for second mortgages with interest rates between 1 and 4 percent, depending on income level; Bank of Atlanta funds would be for first mortgages at an interest rate of 4 percent, according to Ms. Cooper. Decisions from the funders should be made by the end of October for the Block Grant funds and by early January for the others.

"These are the kinds of initiatives that have attracted attention of other small communities which are beginning to hear about the ECBC through write ups in United Way literature and in some professional magazines as well," said Loveland.

The ECBC is becoming a national model of community strengthening as a result of bringing a representative group of community citizens together and working toward a common vision, she explained.

"It's exciting to consider the very positive outcomes of people caring about their community and being willing to get involved," Loveland said. Task forces for after-school programs, better parent-child communication, literacy, housing, and educational programs continue to improve the quality of life in Emmitsburg and continue to explore new ways to bring resources into the community. "The most important component of the ECBC has been the noticeable spirit with which people have worked together, never considering the possibility of failure," she concluded.

Stamp dedication ceremony to honor nation's fallen firefighters

A commemorative postage stamp *Honoring those who served* recognizes fallen firefighters and their families. The ceremony is part of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, held each year as a tribute to firefighters who died in the line of duty and to their families. The ceremony will be held Sat. Oct. 2, 1999, at 6:45 p.m. at the Fire Academy in Emmitsburg.

The Postal Service will offer commemorative collector "cachets" along with a special "Memorial Park Station" postmark. The 33-cent first-class stamp features a symbolic, rippling American flag and the legend "Honoring Those Who Served."



CROP walkers pass the half-way mark.

A Dispatch Photo

Emmitsburg's Annual CROP Walk

By Phyllis Kelly

Emmitsburg held its yearly CROP Walk Sunday, September 19. The walk was to raise money for the hungry. It is sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches who work through Church World Service to reach the hungry people throughout the world.

Forty-three walkers enjoyed the beautiful, sunny weather as they walked the 2 1/2 miles around St.

Catherine's Nursing Center and the National Fire Academy. They raised a little over \$2,500 of which 25% will stay with the local food bank in Emmitsburg. All seven churches in the area were represented by walkers who participated.

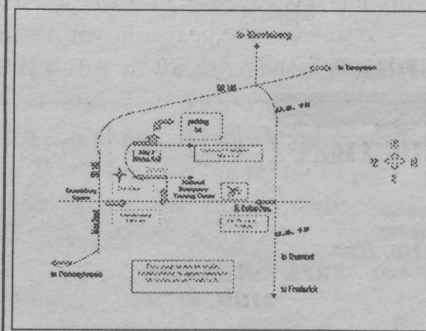
At the half-way stop, the walkers enjoyed orange drink donated by McDonalds and the apples donated by the Catocin Mountain Orchard. The walkers thank all their many sponsors.

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St. Catherine's News



Mary Van Buren

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for September 1999 is Mary Van Buren.

Mary has been employed as the Activities Director since 1994. Mary was chosen because she is friendly and cheerful and is always there with a helping hand for the nurses and residents. The trips and programs she plans for the residents are always fun. Mary is very organized and always has a lot going on. The days go by quicker for the residents with many activities planned. The residents always say good things about Mary and the special dinners she plans are great. Congratulations, Mary.

Birthday greetings ...

to Dan Kaas who will be 81 on October 16.

Dan stopped by the *Dispatch* office and says he likes cards. So keep those cards and letters coming, folks.

Births

Congratulations to these proud parents ...

Tracey and Gregory Veney, Emmitsburg, a daughter, August 24.

Sharon and Jimmy Harmon, Emmitsburg, a son, September 14.



Dick and Catherine Marsden, 137 S. Seton, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 18, with the renewal of their marriage vows at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Joseph R. Wright officiating. A buffet luncheon catered by the Carriage House Inn followed at the parish hall. Fifty friends and family members attended.

Girl Scouting in Emmitsburg

By Shirley Greene

Did you know that Girl Scouting is the largest girl serving organization in the world?

Girl Scouts is alive and well in Emmitsburg. We currently serve first grade through tenth grade girls but we are capable of serving kindergarten through twelfth. While the award winning leaders provide a service to the girls of the area, the girls also provide community service hours in return to the community. Whether it be a drive for the food bank or helping the Lion's Club with their Christmas party, it's all

valuable service time.

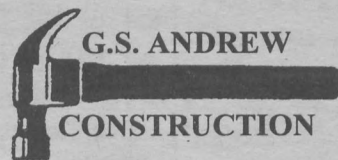
The older girls, Cadettes and Seniors, are a service to both Thurmont and Emmitsburg because the girls come from both towns. Can you name any other organization in Emmitsburg or Thurmont singularly geared to the adolescent girls?

The Girl Scouting program is a place where girls grown strong. It's a healthy, wholesome place where girls can grown and learn to become strong confident young women. Girls learn to be leaders, the leaders of tomorrow, the leaders of your community. Thank you for your continued support

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'96 Ford Aerostar, 45K	\$11,995
'94 Ford Ranger Ex. Cab 4x4	\$10,995

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Library News County Library Trustees to meet in Emmitsburg

The Frederick County Board of Trustees is taking its meetings to the branches of the Frederick County Public Library system.

On October 6, at 7:00 p.m. the board will meet in the meeting room of the Emmitsburg Branch Library.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and learn more about the quest for the renovation of the local branch. Renovations to the local library are scheduled to begin

in 2001.

Frederick County commissioners have also been invited to the meeting and local residents will have a chance to meet their commissioners and share with them their concerns about the local library.

The meeting's agenda is:

7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Board meeting, the public is invited.

8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Get to know your commissioners.

Bob Wivell Golf Tournament 1999

By Jim Wivell

The Wivell family held their 10th annual Bob Wivell Golf Tournament at Cedar Ridge Golf Course on Sunday, September 12, 1999.

The first place team in the best ball tournament was team captain Jerry Wivell, Ron Wivell, Keith Wivell and Doug "Dawg" Wivell. Second place was won by team captain Phil Topper Sr., Brian Reaver, Fred Hoff Sr. and Zach Reaver. Third place was won by team captain Tony Little, Dennis "Buck"

Wivell, Vince Reaver and Mark Wivell. Longest Drive was won by Ed Northrup on hole #9 and Phil Topper Sr. on hole #18. Closest to the pin was won by Clinton Wivell on hole #7 and Matt Reaver on hole #11. Thirty six relatives participated in the tournament.

The Bob Wivell Golf Tournament is open to all Wivell relatives and is held on the second Sunday of September annually. Anyone interested in playing should contact Phil Topper Sr. or Andrew Wivell.

The Black Swan offers toys and gifts for kids

By Annetta Rapp

The Black Swan is a unique toy store which offers an alternative to the plastic and battery-operated playthings that flood today's market.

Entering the door of the English Tudor-style house at 430 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, one is transport-

ed back to "toyland": Byers horses; classic-designed puppets; wooden Thomas the Train sets and accessories; an assortment of Playmobile toys, which the owners think is the best designed toy to please ages 2-12. Also featured are two types of jigsaw puzzles: 3D ranging from the *Titanic* to the Taj Mahal,

and photomosaic in which each piece has a photo and when assembled creates a figure such as the Statue of Liberty, Abraham Lincoln, etc.) Tucked in nooks and crannies are Rainbow Creatures, kites, and an array of other trinkets sure to capture the fancy of children and adults alike.

The first of the three rooms on the second floor displays playthings such as LaMaze Infant Development and Tomy toys for the infant to preschool set; as well as a large display

of arts and craft supplies. There is a small table and chair set where children may play with felt boards, puzzles, etc.

Another room is dedicated to books, tapes and learning games. The collection ranges from *The Little Engine That Could* to classic stories for older readers. Harry Potter books

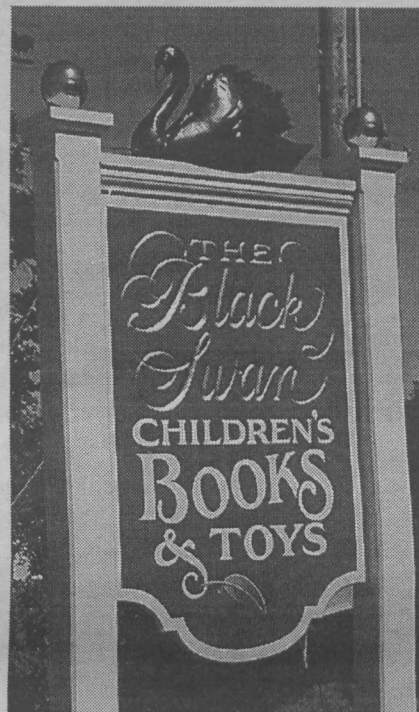
are also available.

Books not in stock may be ordered.

The third room is a little girl's dreamland. Dolls such as Madeline & Friends, American Girls Collection, baby dolls by Carolle (machine washable), and a new line of "It's Me" dolls and accessories celebrating milestones in a girl's life, i.e. "I'm going to school," "I'm a Big Sister," etc. Also on display are dress-up accessories: silver slip-

pers trimmed in pink "fur," sequined handbags, butterfly wings, etc.

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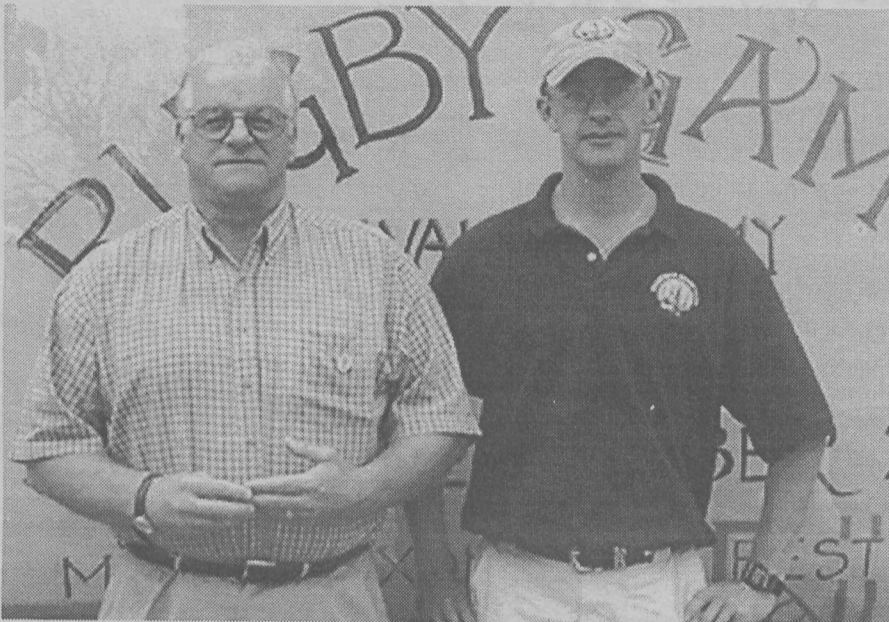
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A day like no other-- rugby in Emmitsburg



Mount rugby coaches Don Briggs (l) and Eamon Doyle

A Dispatch Photo

The Mount Saint Mary's Rugby Club entertained the U.S. Naval Academy Rugby Club in a first-ever rugby game in the town of Emmitsburg on September 25. Score: Mount 29 - Navy 17. The Mount B team won its match 17 - 3.

The match was played as one of the activities of the Mason-Dixon Festival to introduce local citizens to this fast-moving game from the British Isles that has become a sport played worldwide.

Don Briggs, coach of MSM rugby arranged the match not only to be a fun part of the festival's activities, but to introduce the sport that is growing more popular across the country. *Sports Illustrated* ranks women's rugby as the fastest growing sport in the USA. (Thirty-five

women at the Mount have signed up for a rugby team.) Briggs is assisted by Jay Myles and Eamon Doyle of the Frederick club. Men, women, and high schoolers, and even 5-7-year-olds are playing this exciting game with the strange (unfamiliar) rules—pass backward to go forward, go forward only by running or kicking, having a scrum (restart) following a knock-on (illegal forward motion of the ball). A score is a "try."

Eamon Doyle from Derry, Ireland, played with the Cookstown club. He is a Level III rugby coach and is also the coach of the Frederick Rugby Club. "Rugby is not a game just for behemoths, teams can be comprised of players from 5'6" to 7'6" weighing from 120

lbs. to 300 lbs. It's a game of well-conditioned athletes," says Doyle. "What is required is overall athleticism, speed, vision, perseverance, and endurance," he adds.

A game consists of two 40-minute halves with no timeout and only a 1-minute timeout for injuries. "There are a few set plays, but mostly it's a game of taking advantage of opportunities and players' imaginations," said Doyle.

Currently the Mount's rugby club record is 4 wins and no losses (defeating Indiana University of Pa. and George Washington University, Frostburg State, and Navy). "Our goal is to qualify for the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Union play-off and move on to the nationals," said Briggs.

When asked what is unusual about the game, Coach Doyle lists the fast pace, the big hits, and the "different" decisions made by the referees. (Seemingly a global trait, yet dues are collected to support the referees.) Coaches Briggs and Doyle are proudest of their players' enthusiasm and commitment to the game.

Remaining Schedule for the Mount

- Oct. 2 - American University - Away
- Oct. 9 - St Mary's College - Away
- Oct. 23 - Salisbury State - Away
- Oct. 30 - Johns Hopkins - Home
- Nov. 6 - Washington College - Home
- Nov. 11 - Potomac Rugby Union Playoffs - TBA

Rugby: the basics

Rugby is a popular game played by men and women of every race and creed, from under age five to well over fifty, in over a hundred countries. In a few of those countries it is the national sport -- some say religion.

The basic game involves 15 players, though seven-a-side tournaments are also popular.

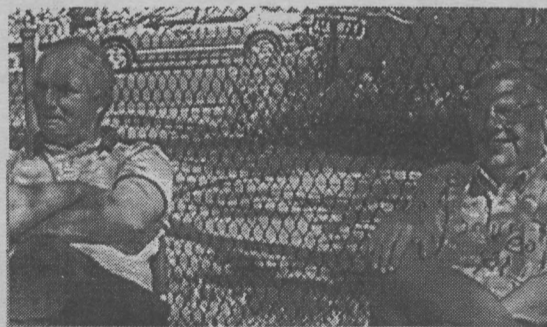
The object of the game is to score as many points as possible by carrying, passing, kicking and grounding an oval ball in the scoring zone at the far end of the field -- called the in-goal area. Grounding the ball, which must be done with downward pressure, results in a try (worth 5 points). After a try a conversion may be attempted by place kick or drop kick. If the ball passes over the bar and between the goal posts the conversion is successful and results in a further 2 points. Points may also be scored from a drop kick in general play (worth 3 points) and a penalty kick (worth 3 points).

The ball may not be passed forward (though it may be kicked forward) and players may not receive the ball in an offside position, nor may they wait in such a position. Players may not be tackled without the ball. Also there is no blocking. Play stops only when a try is scored, or the ball goes out of play, or an infringement occurs. When the ball goes out it is thrown back in at a line-out where the opposing "forwards" line up and jump for the ball. Infringements result in a penalty, or free kick, or scrum. In a scrum the opposing forwards bind together in a unit and push against the other forwards, trying to win the ball with their feet. Substitutions are allowed only in case of injury, and there are no separate offensive and defensive units.

Positions: Hooker - hooks the ball with his feet in the scrum;
Props - support the hooker
Locks - locks the front line
Flankers, 8th man, Scrum half
Fly half; Wings; Centers; Fullbacks

Scoring:
Try - 5 points
Conversion - 2 points
Drop Kick - 3 points

Michael Meyer (left) of Harrisburg, PA, and Martin Golibart of Emmitsburg enjoying the rugby game from their "skybox," as promised by Golibart when he invited his friend to the game. "The only thing missing were the red leather seats," said Meyer.



The Scrum-- where push comes to shove. Players attempt to recover the ball by pushing the other team out of the way.

The ball cannot be touched by hands until it comes out the back of this formation and is handled by the halfbacks.

Dispatch Photos

Mason-Dixon

September 25 & 26



Book rummager's delight. Library sells excess books.



Town folk and Mount students gather at the elementary school grounds to watch the Mount play Navy.



John Sanders (l) and Mark Zurgable do a "good turn."



Middies from the Naval Academy jog on to establish their beachhead.

Fall Festival



Setting up for the day's activities at the community center.



A "line-out," returning the ball to play

Third MOUNT'NSCAPE a Success!

by Joseph Purello

On Saturday, September 11 fifty Mount St. Mary's freshmen, upper-class students, and employees had the opportunity to participate in five service projects offered by the Office of Campus Ministry and Community Service as part of MOUNT'NSCAPE (Mount New Student Community Action & Preservation of the Environment). Working in teams of ten, the primary goal of the service day was to introduce freshmen to service opportunities with a variety of agencies in the community. In addition, the day of service provides freshmen with a chance to make new friends and the opportunity to work with upper-class students and employees. It is hoped that freshmen involved in MOUNT'NSCAPE will enjoy this introduction to service in the community and choose to stay involved in the wide variety of volunteer service activities sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministry and Community Service.

Pre-Theology Enrollment High: Mount Seminary Welcomes Record Number of New Students

A record number of new students have begun classes at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, bringing the total number of seminarians enrolled to one of the highest levels in well over a decade.

With 164 men in formation for the Catholic priesthood, Seminary facilities are stretched to the limit, and all eyes are on Bishop John Keating Hall, which is scheduled for completion early next year, adding 46 seminarian rooms plus classroom and other facilities.

Fifty-seven of the seminarians are new to the Mount this year. Most are either members of the first-year class or pre-theologians (who are completing the church's specific undergraduate academic requirement). The number of new men and the number in pre-theology are both all-time highs.

The Seminary student body will have perhaps its most international look ever this year, with more

Two Emmitsburg organizations benefited from the volunteer efforts of MOUNT'NSCAPE. Vicki Marick, Director of Up-County Family Center found several projects to keep the volunteers busy--sprucing up the interior and exterior of this center's location on Lincoln Avenue. Thanks to the assistance of Sue Osterman, Mary Van Buren and Peggy Kelly at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Mount volunteers enjoyed constructing door wreaths and bird houses with St. Catherine's residents.

The other three service projects in this year's MOUNT'NSCAPE included: 1) Landscaping and planting shrubbery at Gathland State Park in Burkittsville, Md.; 2) volleyball, basketball, and swimming with Special Olympic athletes from Frederick County at Mount St. Mary's Knott Arena; and 3) trail maintenance projects at Fountain Rock Park in Walkersville, Md., arranged by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

than 20 percent of the new seminarians born in other countries. Five of the new men are Philippine natives, with others from Colombia, Guam, Ireland, Mexico and Nigeria.

As in past years, the men come from a variety of backgrounds. Many were teachers, and an increasing number come from computer-related jobs. The new men include an M.D. and several others who worked in health care. The U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force are represented, as is the Mexican Army. Several have worked in the church.

Other employment backgrounds include electrical engineer, chef, fitness trainer, house painter and actuary. Undergraduate and graduate education backgrounds range from business and math/computer science to music.



All Aboard the MOUNT'NSCAPE Train! Volunteers at Up-County Family Center pose for a group shot. The group's landscaping work is visible in background. *A Dispatch Photo*

Mount Employees Deborah Gonyea, Sr. Anne Higgins, Jim Lenihan, David Karn, Bonnie Mitchell, Joe Purello, and Sarah Stokely helped to moderate the service projects. Leadership for the day was also provided by ten upper-class students: Tracy Berrang, Kelly Cusick, Michelle Doyle, Paul Fer, Abby Goliber, Brian Koenig, Kristen Massagli, Jamie Price, Mary Saynuk, Jessica Walker. A special thanks goes also to Mount employee Denise

Ditch for arranging the use of the Knott ARCC for the Special Olympics activities and to Mount employee Brenda Rigby for arranging the transportation support for MOUNT'NSCAPE.

Joseph Purello is the Director of Community Service and Service Learning.

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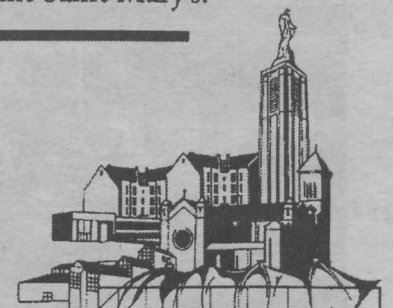
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Minnie's house

By Ruth Richards

In the fall of '42 we moved to the Neighbors' house on South Seton Avenue with the promise that we could stay there for the duration of the war. However, circumstances made it necessary for the Neighbors to return to Emmitsburg in the fall of '43. We weren't exactly evicted, but the arrangement offered to us of sharing the house with the Neighbors' family did not appeal to us, so we had to move.

Moving did not appeal to us either, for we knew that housing in Emmitsburg was scarce and we had no furniture. Well, we had a refrigerator that we had bought our first year in Mrs. Patterson's house, but except for a handful of odds and ends, we had nothing else.

We rented Minnie Eichelburger's house from the Emmitsburg Water Company, owner at that time, the house that is now next to the Drive-in at the Bank. In 1943 there was one house in between, and maybe two. Mr. Peter Burkette (said to be the richest man in Emmitsburg) owned that house which had a rented apartment upstairs, and he lived downstairs. Now, my memory is a bit fuzzy. There was a small A&P store owned by Mr. Bill Rowe there also, but I don't know if that was a part of Mr. Burkette's house, or a separate building.

Minnie's house was big, and needless to say, we could not live in that big house with only a refrigerator. Someone told us about Mr. Herzog at Blue Ridge Summit who had some kind of connection with a furniture warehouse in Baltimore. We contacted him and he took us to the warehouse where we could choose from the furniture in stock..

As we walked through the warehouse we were made aware that War-time furniture was not only poorly made, but made with inferior design and materials. Couches and easy chairs had no springs, belying the word "easy." The bed springs consisted of two parallel boards with flimsy springs between and heaven only knows what was in the lumpy mattresses. We bought a drop-leaf table that teetered no matter where

we placed it, a buffet, and low dining room chairs. The only thing now remaining of that shopping spree is a suite of bedroom furniture of cherry wood, and that remains because it was of fine quality.

How were we going to get this furniture back to Emmitsburg? Mr. Herzog had the answer. Obviously he had done this before. It was not an insurmountable problem. Andy Eyster, a friend from our first days in Emmitsburg, went to Baltimore, picked up the furniture, and brought it to Emmitsburg.

We still had no stove or kitchen furniture. We bought a tiny gas stove from Hayes Hardware, and a kitchen table and chairs from a second-hand store under the hotel. I was ready to make this house livable and cozy but by then I was pregnant and Dr. Cadle put me to bed for six weeks.

Sometime during those six weeks there was a carnival where the erstwhile shoe factory was and the Antique Mall now is. Every hour of the day, hour after hour, the calliope at the carnival played "Pistol Packing Mama-Put that Pistol Down." I was reeling with nausea at that time and hearing that tune set me off. Today just thinking about that tune almost sends me reeling again.

There were annoyances about this house that we had to contend with. As soon as we moved in we had no hot water, even though we had built fires in the little stove next to the furnace for that purpose. That problem was solved when Mr. Hayes discovered that the hot water pipe had been connected to the toilet. We were flushing all of our hot water away.

Other annoyances were not so easily dealt with. The furnace was hand-fired and because of the war, the only coal we could get was "oil coal," I think it was called. It was terrible. If the fire was "banked" (does anyone know that usage, anymore?) too much, the fire would go out and the house would be cold in the morning. On many occasions black smoke from the furnace would

fill the house and everything would be covered with a greasy black film. Oh, Joy!!

We were horrified to find that we had rats from the chicken "factory" next door. Every time we went down to the basement there would be rats crawling overhead on the pipes, or sucking water out of the drain for the wash tub. Flying ants or termites would swarm in the front room and in the room at the top of the stairs I had set aside as a nursery.

We had even begun to think that the house was haunted. Not infrequently we would be awakened in the middle of the night by the sound of something being dropped onto the attic floor overhead. We went up to the attic several times and found nothing that would account for that noise.

The blinds that had been furnished by the landlords did not reach all the way to the bottoms of the windows, which were down to the floor. Often at night we would discover passersby stooping to look under the blinds and into the room. I wonder what they were hoping to see.

Each room on the west side of that house had windows. I felt they had to be curtained to help make each room look more complete, even though they let in no light, nor could we see anything except the east wall of the house next door.

There was a little yard to the east of the house with a hedge along the sidewalk. One Saturday evening while we were sitting on the front steps we were privileged to learn that the little yard was a public toilet. "Come on, Mommy. Here's where we always go." Mommy had hesitated when she saw us on the steps.

That little yard got very weedy. We had no tools; there were none to buy. Mrs. Hayes (Sam's mother) was embarrassed by the untidiness. She hired Gene Myers, a high schooler at that time, to tidy it up for us (her).

The yard at the back of the house was large enough for a garden. I have no idea how the ground was prepared for a garden, but we had a great tomato crop, enough to can for the winter. "Victory Gardens" were the thing then.

For a while I did not get acquainted with many of my neighbors. The Hamers were right next door and as I have previously mentioned, Mrs. Hamer was just wonderful to me and to us. She brought us good things to eat and helped with advice on things that puzzled us.

Our baby (Katherine) was born in May and when I took her out in the pram walking up and down Main Street, I got to know more of the people east of the square. That will have to be another story--there's too much to tell.

Note: Labor Day marked our 59th year in Emmitsburg.

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October 5, 7, & 12

Hunter Safety Course sponsored by the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, Inc. and the Department of Natural Resources Police will be held at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd. from 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. on the 5th and 7th. The October 12th class will be from 9:00 a.m. till finished. Pre-phone registration a must. Call Dick or Florence Miller at (410) 751-1685 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00p.m. No registration will be taken after 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to the Emmitsburg Community Meeting of the Frederick County Public Libraries Board of Trustees at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Board Meeting 7-8 p.m. From 8 to 9 p.m., enjoy refreshments and get to know your Frederick County Commissioners.

Sat. & Sun., October 9 and 10

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of Rocky Ridge Ridgefest will be held at Mt.

Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge. On Saturday enjoy an apple butter boiling demonstration. Apple butter will be available for sale (advance orders accepted 301-271-2880). The Rocky Ridge firemen's famous fried ham sandwiches will be on sale both days. Flea markets, crafts (free spaces available call 301-271-2135), good home-cooked food, a country store and more will be yours to enjoy. Mt. Tabor Park is home to the "Big Slide." Sponsored by the Willing Workers. Directions to Mt. Tabor Park: follow Route 77 to Rocky Ridge, turn left onto Motters Station Road, park is just ahead on left.

Sunday, October 10

Annual Turkey Dinner at St. Anthony Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg (adjacent to Mount Saint Mary's College), from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Family Style Turkey Dinner: adults, \$7.00; children under 12, \$3.00; under 6, free. Carry-outs: adults, \$7.50; children under 12, \$3.25; under 6, free. Other attractions — homemade baked goods and candy. Enjoy beautiful country and friendly country hospitality!

Sat. & Sun. October 16 and 17

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Tuesday, October 19

EBPA monthly luncheon will be held at the Carriage House Inn (2nd floor) at 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$10. Guest speaker will be James R. Shaw, Director of Planning, Frederick County. All are welcome.

Saturday, October 23

Halloween Family Fun Night from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Community Center sponsored by the Parks and Recreation committee. Jack-o-lantern contest, cake walk, and music. Costume are encouraged but not a requirement. Try to fool your friends.

Wednesday, October 27

An evening card party, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens, will be held at the Senior Center, 300 South

Seton Avenue, at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public. Pinochle and "500" will be played. Refreshments available. Admission is \$2. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 301-447-6253 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Friday, November 5

Flu Shots will be offered by the Frederick County Health Department in Emmitsburg at the Emmitsburg Senior Center from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Flu vaccine is \$7. You may also receive the pneumococcal vaccine for \$10 and or a free tetanus vaccine.

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For questions please call 301-694-1733.

Looking WAY Ahead

Mark your calendar for the Christmas Country Fare to be held Friday, Dec. 3, from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, DePaul St., Emmitsburg.

There will be a variety of arts and crafts and holiday items. Many different foods will be available for lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Join us for a wonderful weekend.

For vendor set-up information or more general information call Pat at 301-447-6343 after 6 p.m.

Area religious news

Emmitsburg Life Chain

On Sunday, October 3rd, 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 nonpolitical visual statement by our local Christian Community that abortion is grievously wrong. Come. Be a prayerful witness. Pray for the conversion of hearts.

Pilgrimage for Sea Services to be held Sunday, October 3

The Daughters of Charity are pleased to host the Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services which include the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Merchant Marine. This special pilgrimage is sponsored by a twenty-five member committee of retired Naval Officers and their spouses. Admiral James D.

Watkins, USN (Ret.) is Chair of the Sponsoring Committee. Admiral Watkins has been closely associated with the Shrine and the Daughters of Charity since 1975. He helped to establish the celebration of "A Day for the Navy" and the patronage of Mother Seton of those in the sea services.

The Most Reverend Edwin F. O'Brien, S.T.D., Archbishop, Military Services Archdiocese, will preside as the principal celebrant and homilist for the Eucharistic Liturgy to be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at Emmitsburg.

Music will be provided by The Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Choir from Annapolis. Presentation of the Colors: Ceremonial Guard, Military District Washington, D.C.

Ushers will be provided by the Mother Seton Council of the Knights of Columbus in Lanham.

Shrine sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend the liturgy And the reception which follows. There is no admission charge and ample parking is available at the Basilica.

Women's Aglow Meetings

Women's Aglow meeting will be held Monday, October 11, at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont, Md. 6:15 p.m. for buffet. General meeting 7:15 p.m. Cost for buffet is \$7. Speaker Karen Rivas from Ranson, W. Va., who was miraculously healed of lupus. She would like to pray for healings. Karen also ministers to young people. Call for reservations by Friday, Oct. 8, at 301-447-2283 or 301-271-4346.

Thurmont Women's Aglow will sponsor "A Day Away with Jesus," a day of ministry for women, on Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Evangelical Bible Church, 14698 Albert Staub Ct., Thurmont, Md. Cost: \$5 for registration. Bring a bag lunch. Continental breakfast and drink will be provided by Aglow. Rev. Bunny Jett will be speaking on "Preparation for the Bride of Christ." The day will also feature Rev. Bunny Jett and her musicians with music ministry, worship, and prayer.

For reservations or information please call 301-447- 2283 or 301-271-4346.

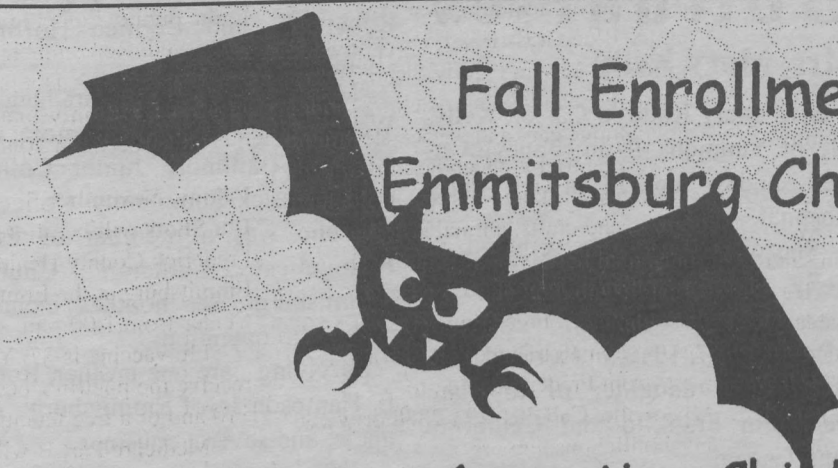


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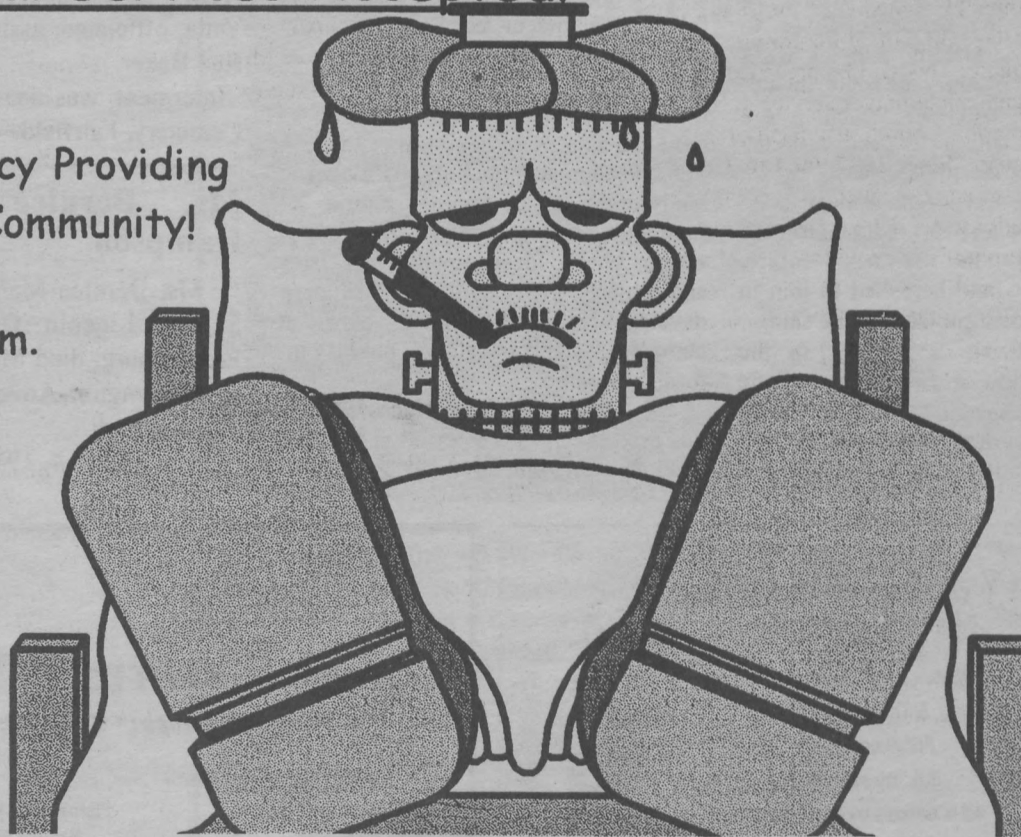
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Plans to Beautify, Improve Route 15 Move Ahead

by Caryl Austrian

Efforts to maintain and enhance the beauty of Route 15 in Maryland took a step forward on September 22 when local officials meeting at Hood College in Frederick agreed to ask the state to declare the entire section of the historic roadway that runs through Maryland a State Scenic Byway.

Such a designation would make the road eligible for funds from several sources that would pay for projects such as crossroad elimination, landscaping, billboard removal and improved signage.

Part of the road—from Emmitsburg to Thurmont—was previously accorded Scenic Byway status, but the section south from Thurmont needs to receive the designation before the entire stretch of the road that passes through Maryland can be considered as a single improvement and beautification project. That section was previously rejected for scenic highway status on the basis of scenic criteria but could be considered under historic criteria, one attending official stated, noting its importance during the Civil War.

This latest meeting on the subject of Route 15—there was a conference in March at Camp Greentop in the Catocins—brought together about two dozen City of Frederick, Frederick County and state officials as well as representatives of several community groups, some with active projects involving the road already under way. Called by the Frederick County Department of Planning and Zoning, the meeting was chaired by Ed Gorski, chief of the Department's comprehensive planning section.

At the outset, Gorski urged attendees, "Let's not let [Route] 15 grow ugly. It's going to grow. But we want it to be a corridor we can take pride in." He noted that Virginia, where Route 15 extends from the Potomac River to Charlottesville, is already studying ways to improve and beautify the route, including uniform signage and widening to a four-lane road with a divider the stretch from the Potomac to Leesburg, known for its choking traffic and enough accidents to require a recent reduction in the speed limit. In the near future, Pennsylvania would be asked to join in the "15 Corridor" project too, he said.

Following designation of the Maryland section of the road as a State Scenic Byway, the next step would be to submit an application to the Federal Highway Administration for a "Corridor

Management Study," according to Terry Maxwell, Maryland Scenic Byways Coordinator at the Maryland Department of Transportation. The study, conducted by a consultant, would determine essentially what improvements are needed and where with regard to the Maryland section of the route. That study would recommend, for example, what crossroads need to be eliminated and where screening or additional landscaping would be appropriate.

Funding for the actual projects is available through at least three different sources, Gorski explained. They are the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (called TEA-21), administered by the State Highway Administration; Scenic America, a non-profit that works with state members to obtain funding and scenic byway status through the National Scenic Byways Program (designation first as a state scenic byway is needed before federal status can be sought); and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Little known is that the NEA offers grants for rural preservation and land use as well as urban design, Gorski pointed out.

One suggestion at the Greentop meeting was a competitive design project centering around one of the interchanges such as the one at Lewistown. Perhaps the NEA would provide a grant for this project, Gorski said. He noted that a project funded through the NEA would require a 50-50 match, meaning that various county, state and other sources would have to come up with half the money—in cash, while the National Scenic Byways Program grants require an 80-20 match, with local sources providing the twenty percent. "We obviously like that one better," said one official, drawing laughter from the audience.

In a brainstorming session that followed, attendees came up with many ideas, including: develop a vision statement; create a design manual; conduct the corridor management study; determine the assets and liabilities of the corridor; examine billboards, lighting and landscaping to determine criteria for funding; look at similar efforts elsewhere; check for competing programs and projects; gain jurisdictional support; develop a marketing strategy aimed at companies; and develop a public outreach program.

Progress on the Route 15 corridor project will be reviewed at the next meeting, in November.

Obituaries

Mrs. Mary Kelly

Mrs. Mary Kathryn Carson Kelly, 81, of Simmons Road, Taneytown, died Sunday, Sept. 12, at Gettysburg Hospital.

She was the wife of Wilbur Ray Kelly. They were married for 57 years.

Born Aug. 7, 1918, in Fairfield, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Benjamin Franklin and Catherine Smit Carson.

Mrs. Kelly was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

She was a member of the auxiliary of Disabled American Veterans Unit 22, Westminster, and the American Association of Retired Persons.

She retired as a nurse and had worked at the State Sanitarium, Sabillasville, Carroll County General Hospital, Westminster; and Carroll County Nursing Home, Westminster.

Surviving in addition to her husband are three sons, Michael Kelly of Pinso, Tenn., Carson Kelly and wife Phyllis of Fairfield, and Stephen Kelly of Emmitsburg; eight grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kelly was preceded in death by nine brothers and sisters, Hiram, Hazel, Myrtle, Earl, Raymond, and Mabel Carson, Lilian Pryor, Minnie Gantz, and Lottie Reck.

Funeral services were held Wed., Sept. 15 at Skiles Funeral Home. Mrs. Kelly's pastor, the Rev. Susan Haas Yatta, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Rex Baker.

Interment was in Fairfield Union Cemetery, Fairfield.

Ms. Bernice Margaret Hampson

Ms. Bernice Margaret Hampson, 53, of Lincoln On The Park, Emmitsburg, died Monday, Sept. 20, at Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park.

Born March 4, 1946, in Baltimore,

she was a daughter of the late Dr Robert E. and Bernice Hoffman Hampson.

Ms. Hampson was a graduate of Western High School, Baltimore, and attended Baltimore Junior College and Frederick Community College.

She was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Her hobbies included harn radio operation.

Surviving are one brother, Robert E. Hampson Jr. of Emmitsburg; one uncle; and several cousins.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, at Elias Lutheran Church. Ms. Hampson's pastor, the Rev. Susan Haas Yatta, officiated.

Entombment was in the mausoleum at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Accessible Improvement Fund of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 465, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727, or to the American Diabetes Association, 3120 Timanus Lane, Suite 106, Baltimore, Md. 21244-2883.

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There was also Buchers restaurant and motel and the White House Inn both of which predated what is now the Carriage House Inn Restaurant. The Hotel Slagle was

located in what now houses several apartments as well as the Catholic Bookstore. The Emmit House was located at the western end of West Main Street and still carries the same name but today houses apartments and a real estate office. Today we have the Stonehurst Inn Bed & Breakfast out on route 140 west.

This photograph shows one of the other fine, although nameless, hotels in Emmitsburg located conveniently on the town square in what was Myers Radio & TV, now Myers Oil Company. Do you recognize it? If you know the name of this establishment our readers may like to know.

Thank you once again to Jason Sanders for sharing this photograph with us.



On Wed., August 29, Emmitsburg Child Care's PS-A class had a field trip to the Carriage House Inn. The group of 2-year-olds had an elegant luncheon. With the assistance of teachers Julie Sweeney, Mary Hankey, and Director Sharon Slaybaugh the children were eager to participate in the making of pasta necklaces. Chef John came out to visit, and his big floppy hat was a hit with the kids. A great time was had by all.

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Obituary

Mrs. Margaret Hays

Margaret Warner Hays formerly of Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Sept. 26.

She had resided with her daughter; C. Susanne Jones, of 436 Mannix Road, Peru, N.Y, the past 15 years.

She was the wife of James Thomas Hays, who died July 20, 1985.

Born March 15, 1902, at Burkittsville, she was a daughter of the late Charles Arthur and Carrie Mae Horine Warner

Mrs. Hays attended Hartwick Academy in Cooperstown, N.Y, and Pierce Business School in Philadelphia, Pa.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of Peru Community Church, Peru.

She is survived by four children, James T. Hays Jr. of Keeseville, N.Y., Margaret H. Murray of Wyomissing, Pa., C. Susanne Jones of Peru, and S. Barbara Adams of Vienna, Austria; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, H. Elizabeth Kenron, and three brothers, C. Anderson Warner, Laurean H. Warner and Guilford T. Warner.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1, at Skiles Funeral Home, 210 W Main St., Emmitsburg.

The Rev. Dr. George Goodrich officiated.

Interment will be in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in care of the Hospice of the North Country, 386 Rugar St., Plattsburg, N.Y 12901; Shriners Hospital for Children, Zembo Temple, North Third St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17110; or the Bell Choir of the Peru Community Church, Peru, N.Y 12972.

CADETTE/SENIOR TROOP 1088

By Shirley Greene

Have you heard the good news? The Cadette/Senior Troop has grown!

Last year we ended with only three girls. Energetic girls, but only three. As of this writing, we have ten. That's right: ten young ladies, who are ready for a full year ahead and willing to work hard to make it happen.

We just finished selling nuts, candy, and calendars. If you still need

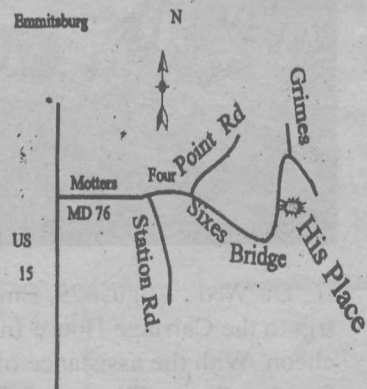
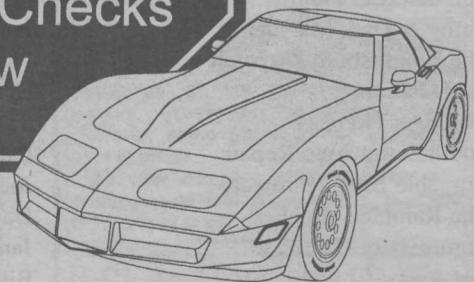
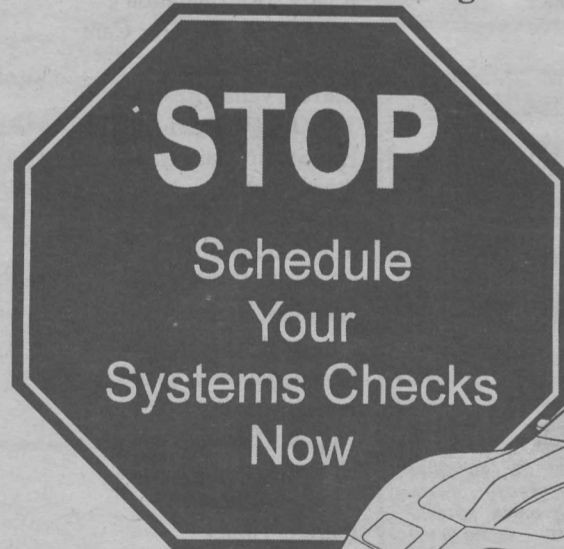
some, just let any Girl Scout know. We went camping in September near Hanover. This was a new experience, as we had never been to that campground before. You may have seen our art work on Back to School Night. We enjoy doing service projects for the community.

After our big trip to Savannah this past summer, we will settle down for a regular Girl Scout year. We will still be doing fund-raising, so in advance -Thanks for all your support.

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St. Anthony Shrine/OLMC News

by Ann Marshall

The collection to aid earthquake victims in Turkey, taken up by the combined parishes, amounted to \$2,734 and was sent immediately to Catholic Relief Services.

Hospitals are no longer allowed to list a patient's denomination or parish unless the patient gives *specific permission*. Please give this permission if you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital and would be

glad to have a visit from a priest or eucharistic minister.

Our Parishes Welcome Deacon Dario (rhymes with Cairo) Diaz from South America and Mount Saint Mary's Seminary who will serve here while he prepares for ordination in the Hartford Archdiocese, We also welcome Mary Mann, a senior intern from MSM College sociology department,

who will assist us this year in the work of Christ's justice and charity.

Dine Well at Colorfest (October 9 & 10) by heading straight for OLMC's sausage and crabcake stand in Thurmont Park which will be open both days and/or by enjoying St. Anthony's annual family style turkey dinner on Sunday, October 10, from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall.

A Rummage Sale, organized in connection with Colorfest by the

Human Services committee, will be set up under the Pavillion at St. Anthony's on October 9 and 10, from 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Amazing bargains! Most clothing will be priced at a quarter an item or three dollars for a full shopping bag.

The Annual Labor Day Festival at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, Thurmont, was a fun and profitable time. Bottom line was over \$7,000 raised for church needs. Raffle winners of \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively were Jeff Jurchak, Mary Jo Resavy, and Clarence Favorite.

A Liturgy Planning Meeting to prepare for Advent and Christmas will be held Tuesday October 26, at OLMC Parish Center. All parishioners are invited to attend and help "prepare the way of the Lord."

The Knights of Columbus will hold their regular meeting on Monday, October 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the OLMC Parish Center Starting Monday, October 11, the K of C Family Hour of Prayer for the new millenium will be held at OLMC Church at 7:00 p.m. each Monday for the remainder of this century.

A Commissioning Ceremony to honor education program volunteers for 1999-2000 was held during the 4:00 p.m. Mass on September 11. The following were recognized:

Congratulations. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish welcomes into the Catholic community of faith **Lillian Theresa Perella**, daughter of Charles and Christine Perella, who was baptized on Sunday, September 12, 1999.

Congratulations. St. Anthony Shrine Parish welcomes into the Catholic community of faith **Zachary Milbourne**, son of Matthew and Dawn Milbourne, who was baptized on Sunday, September 19, 1999.

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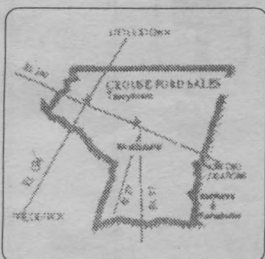
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BEFORE YOU BREED YOUR DOG

By Becky Clarke, R.V.T.

So you have finally purchased that perfect purebred dog. Everybody keeps telling you how beautiful she is and that they want a puppy from her. She is from champion lines. This would be an excellent way to get your money back from her. It's an appealing idea, but the world of dog breeding is as unfamiliar to you as the puppy training stage you went through just a short time ago. You have no idea how to go about breeding or what to expect. So how can you know whether having your female bred is really the right step for you?

IS SHE FREE FROM INHERITED DEFECTS?

Every breed has faults, some of which are highly inherited. A few of these are hip dysplasia, which is a bad formation of the hip joints in young dogs of many different breeds. Signs of hip dysplasia are not usually detected in younger puppies, but are often noticed as the puppy gets a little older. You will notice signs of lameness in the hind end and trouble getting up and down. The only way to diagnose this is to have X-rays of the hips. Unfortunately, this is very easily passed onto offspring, and should always be considered before breeding your dog. Some other very important defects to rule out before breeding your dog are progressive retinal atrophy (eye defects) and heart abnormalities.

Your dog may appear fine, but many problems can be found only by special examination. So before you consider breeding, please have your dog thoroughly inspected by a veterinarian. Most times a defect that the parents have is passed onto the offspring in a much more severe form, causing nothing but heartache to you as a breeder and more importantly to the puppies' eventual owners.

WHY ARE YOU HAVING HER BRED?

This is something that shouldn't be taken lightly. As dog lovers, let's try to resolve rather than aggravate pet overpopulation, hence homeless pets.

You should have plans for all the puppies before the litter is ever conceived. Also, it is very over-optimistic to assume that you will ever recoup your investment or even profit by breeding dogs. Few people ever come out ahead once they have paid stud fees, provided the necessary veterinary care and food for the mother and litter of puppies, and accounted for the enormous amount of time it takes to care for them. It is also very wrong to breed because you think it will be an interesting experience for your family. There is also an emotional cost. Always consider that your dog might have a difficult birth or need a caesarean section, with a high risk of losing your best friend. Unfortunately, death can play as large a role as life when it comes to breeding dogs. It is rare ever to have an entire litter survive.

DOES YOUR LIFESTYLE ALLOW FOR BREEDING?

It takes an enormous amount of time to prepare for breeding. First, you have all the research to do in regards to what stud dog you will use. It takes time to study pedigrees and visit other male dogs to assure that you are selecting the most compatible mate. Never just breed to a stud because it's the same breed. There is so much more to consider.... remember the defects that could be passed on, consider temperament and always try to improve the breed! There is also much time spent on preparing your female for the proper conception time, pre- and post-natal veterinary care, more frequent trips outside, extra feeding, and careful observation for any problems. Then, once the litter is born, you'll have to clean behind them. And you won't believe, until you see it for yourself, what eight untrained puppies can produce in a single day! Come weaning time, someone must be available four times daily to mix the mush and make like a teacher. Puppies don't automatically take to eating from a bowl. This means extra time again to clear up the disaster area resulting from the tromp of tiny feet around those food bowls. You'll need close to an hour, start to finish, for each feeding session.

WHAT ABOUT FACILITIES?

Unless you have a heated kennel, chances are part of your home will become a nursery. Puppies do require a clean, climate-controlled facility. The noise and odor level should be considered when finding a place in your home. You should have a place that is self contained, so the mother will stay with the puppies and the puppies will not be wandering all over the house. You need to consider that usually for about four weeks after giving birth, the mother will have copious amounts of discharge. It is also very important that the puppies are well socialized between the age of 6 - 12 weeks. This means a lot of contact with people. Someone needs to be home to fulfill this important stage of development.

CAN YOU AFFORD IT?

At least \$1000 should be available to cover necessary medical care, stud fees, food, advertising and the

problem (i.e. caesarean section, birthing problems, etc.)

CAN YOU PART WITH THE PUPPIES?

I can tell you from experience that it is extremely hard to part with puppies after you have given so much time and care to them for eight weeks (not to mention that you fall in love with them all!). It is extremely tough for young children. You must also be willing to stand behind each puppy with a guarantee, and most of all be a responsible breeder!

In summary, breeding a litter of puppies is a gigantic undertaking, one that should never be taken lightly. Some people love it; others have regretted it. My best advice to you is to research all that you can before you decide to breed your dog. If your dog is purebred, the American Kennel Club will supply you with an abundance of information to consider. For additional information, contact them at 919-233-9767.

Quilters

By Inspector 13

Now that Floyd has delivered gallons of water to us, we can dye-test all of the new fabric we've been buying. As I told you last month, Jinny Beyer published a report in Keepsake Quilters Newsletter (1998) detailing her experience with the problem of unstable fabric dyes.

Some quilters wash a new fabric many times to eliminate bleeding of colors. Ms. Beyer advises against this practice because it makes the fabric look old, but the color may still run.

Ms. Beyer says, "I always wash my quilts in cold water...using a washing machine on gentle cycle. Colors that do not run when tested may do so in the completed quilt, especially if cold water is not used. Ms. Beyer also advises against washing quilts in the bathtub. She

say, "Not only will the weight of all the water put a strain on the stitching, but it is virtually impossible to get the excess water out of the quilt. If any bleeding is likely to occur, this will surely aid the process." A washing machine spin cycle eliminates the excess water.

Some detergents may also induce colors to run. To test fabric use a 2-inch square in a ceramic cup or small dish. Use enough cold water to slightly cover the fabric. If the color does not run, test it further by adding a small amount of detergent. If the color does not bleed, it is probably stable. If the color does run try other detergents.

One more step to take is putting a square of white or light color fabric in the test bowl. If this fabric changes color, the dye in your darker fabric has run. Throw it away or use with other darker colors that won't show the dye stain.

Next month Jinny Beyer visits Cone Mills Plant.

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Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

Saturday and Sunday, Oct 9 & 10, Mt. Tabor Lutheran church of Rocky Ridge's Ridgefest sponsored by the Willing Workers, will be held at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge, just minutes away from Thurmont. On Saturday enjoy an apple butter boiling demonstration. Apple butter will be available (advance orders accepted, call 301-271-2880) The Rocky Ridge firemen's famous fried ham sandwiches will be on sale both days. Flea markets, crafts (free space available, call 301-271-2135) good home-cooked foods, a country store and more will be yours to enjoy. Mt. Tabor Park is home of the "Big Slide."

Church of Brethren Birthdays. Happy birthday to Chad Wolfe, Dawn Hobbs, Ralph Eyler, Richard

Eichelberger, Orville Smith, Karen Anders and Patsy Rice.

Other October birthday greetings to Kenneth Frushour, Sr., Becky Eiker, Kimberly Dinterman, Kathy Frushour, and Franklin Stambaugh.

Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company

As most of you know Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co. is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and it has been a very successful one so far. We were honored at the Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show on September 10, 1999.

Thank you for all your support now and in the past.

"I do!"



At its annual carnival the Rocky Ridge Fire Company brought back old memories when they revived "the mock wedding" of years ago. Members of the wedding party are back row from left Robbie Eyler, bridesmaid; John Tredway, ring bearer; Robert Mumma, Reverend Mumma. Middle row: Alan Hurley, bride's father; Rickie Beall, rejected suitor. Front row: Melvin Troxell, flower girl; Robert Albaugh, bride; Luke Humerick, groom; and Tom Meyerly, best man. As the "Rev." Mumma said, "If you need entertainment call the volunteer firemen."

UNDERSTANDING THE ANGUISH OF INFERTILITY

By Kimberly Beckett

ONE OF THE MOST difficult and frustrating conditions to deal with is infertility. One out of every six couples has trouble conceiving or cannot conceive. There are many possible reasons for this dismal statistic: blocked fallopian tubes, ovarian failure, hormonal imbalances, poor motility and or low sperm count, to name just a few. In some cases, the doctors cannot find any explanation. In those cases the infertility is diagnosed as "unexplained."

This is so in our case. Since 1995 my husband and I have been trying desperately to conceive a child and start a family. We have been undergoing expensive, intrusive tests and procedures since 1997 with a reproductive endocrinologist.

No one can possibly know the pain, despair, anger, and frustration we endure each month when "Aunt flow" arrives and we learn, yet again, that this month's expensive, painful fertility treatments have failed again. The months are no longer months; they are "cycle." The day of the week is irrelevant. What matters now is what cycle day you are on, how many days it has been since ovulation or transfer, and whether the blood test will be positive or negative at the end of the hellish two-week wait.

Then, if pregnancy is achieved, the couple worry if they will make it successfully through the whole nine

months. Also, the side effects of the fertility drugs on the woman can be devastating. Moodiness, weight gain, fatigue, depression--all take a toll on the infertile couple.

Adding to the difficulties of infertility are the clueless people giving advice. Infertility sufferers hear: "Relax and it will happen; you are trying too hard," "It will happen soon," or "Why don't you adopt?" It only adds fuel to the fire of the pain burning within the infertile couple's souls. The barriers to pregnancy are physical or physiological, NOT psychological. Tubes do not become blocked because a woman is "trying too hard" to get pregnant. Antibodies that kill sperm will not disappear if a couple simply "relax." In addition, a man cannot make his sperm swim faster or penetrate the egg by being more positive.

Holidays are emotionally painful and the hardest to deal with. Every year I say to myself: next year will be it; nevertheless, every year passes and it is the same--no pregnancy, no baby. We are alone in our grief, understood only by those who have experienced the same sorrows each Mother's Day, Father's Day, or Christmas. On top of all other problems we deal with on a daily basis, most of us infertile couples do not have insurance coverage for this disease. This lack of insurance coverage

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Mother Seton School News

By Val Mentzer



Participating in the special inservice program were Joyce Connelly, principal St. John's Regional School; Sr. Mary Catherine, principal, Mother Seton School; Dr. Marie Murphy, guest speaker; and Richard Fairley, Head Master St. John's Prospect Hall.

Photo courtesy

And the 1999-2000 school year is under way at Mother Seton School. This year's enrollment shows an increase of 12% to a total of 403 students in grades Kindergarten -8th grade. The new school year also begins with complete internet accessibility in each classroom, new color printers for each classroom, and new updated playground equipment. The new Baltimore Archdiocesan Religious Studies program begins this year, as well as an extended curriculum integrating Computer Skills and Library Skills.

Our new staff members to come aboard this year are Lisa Boese, 1st grade Teacher Assistant; Jayne Breighner, 3rd Grade Teacher; Sara Dukehart, 3rd Grade Teacher; Lynda Forman, Middle School Science and Math; Donna Gebhart, 1st Grade Teacher Assistant; Terri Monacelli, 2nd Grade Teacher Assistant; J.L. Radford-Williard, Title I Teaching Assistant; Heather Sears, 5th Grade Teacher; and

Andrew Veveiros, Middle School Physical Education.

Each year at Mother Seton School, seminarians from Mount St. Mary's Seminary supplement our Religious Studies program. This year, Mike Fitzpatrick and Harry Buzuzian join our staff. On Tuesday, August 24th, three Frederick County Catholic schools held a special combined inservice: "Preparing For the Third Millennium." Staff and teachers from Mother Seton School, St. John's Regional, and St John's Prospect Hall prepared for the coming school year with a motivational talk from Dr. Marie Murphy, National Catechetical Consultant for William H. Sadlier, Inc. The meeting was held at the ARCC at Mount Saint Mary's College.

This year marks the Jubilee celebration as presented by Pope John Paul II as "The Coming of the Third Millennium." All three schools also celebrated liturgy together with Rev. Keith Boisvert.



First grade teaching assistant Donna Gebhart helps first grader Joseph Crouse get ready for the first day of school. Photo courtesy Val Mentzer.

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Special Risks: Domestic Violence in Rural Communities

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Driving north on Route 15 into the Catoctin area, one is impressed by the beautiful scenery and the serene landscapes. It feels as though you are entering a safer, gentler part of Frederick County. And in some ways this is undoubtedly true, but sadly, not when it comes to domestic violence (DV).


Heartly House (a Frederick County agency that provides services to survivors of domestic/sexual violence) serves nearly 4,000 Frederick County residents per year--many of whom live in the Catoctin area. The counseling office in Emmitsburg has been kept very busy with requests for services.

Abuse in relationships takes many forms. The term "domestic violence" may suggest physical attacks. However, most DV situations involve other forms of abuse. Emotional abuse may include threats, intimidation, isolation, and insults. And it is especially hard for a victim to admit that sexual abuse is

occurring in a marriage or partnership. These types of abuse can destroy the victim's self-esteem and create a climate of fear and hopelessness.

Living in a small town or secluded setting has its own unique risks. Victims often live far from neighbors and/or are kept isolated by their abusers. This makes it very difficult to reach out for help or support. Residents of small towns are often very familiar with each other and the abuser may be well connected with local authorities. The victim may fear that he or she will not be taken seriously and/or that familiarity will protect the abuser. Close ties in the community may make it very difficult to seek help in a way that feels confidential to the victim.

It is important that victims understand that they are not to blame for the abuse. If you (or someone you care about) is involved in an abusive situation it is important to get professional help. For assistance call Heartly House at 301-662-8800 or the CASS Coordinator at 301-447-3611.



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Working Together Towards Health.

INFERTILITY from page 19

makes it impossible for some infertile couples to afford the treatments they need. Most infertile couples will risk financial ruin to conceive a child. Pennsylvania, where my husband and I reside, does not yet mandate infertility coverage. This makes treatment even more costly for us and adds to the stress that we endure each cycle.

Since the loss of our precious embryo due to a laboratory error in April, it has been so much harder on me. It is very painful for me to be around pregnant women, babies, and toddlers. I avoid places where they might be, such as church, baby showers, family gatherings, etc. It is devastating to hear that a family member, friend, or colleague is preg-

nant. I wonder, "Why not me, too?" I will never forget that day in April when I actually screamed at God for the first time in my life. We were so happy to have a healthy embryo cleaving in a petri dish, only to have it all taken away after waiting for so long.

We plan on trying IVF again soon, and we hope this time to be successful and finally to become parents. I look forward to the day that our life gets back to normal and we can get off this roller coaster of emotional and financial burden. We ask only one thing: please pray for the all the infertile couples struggling to become parents. For more information about infertility, please visit www.inciid.org and www.fertilethoughts.net on the web.

C O U G A R N E W S

By Marlene Tarr, Principal, Catoctin High School

The school year is in full swing at Catoctin High School. The big news this year is the major renovation and addition project. While work to the gym is visible from the road, a great deal more work is occurring at the rear of the building and to the interior courtyard. These are primarily classroom additions. The project will be ongoing throughout this school year and into the next. The various sections will be completed in stages.

There has been considerable media attention this fall regarding the teacher shortage in some school systems. I am pleased to share with you that all of our positions are filled with teachers who are qualified and certified in the subject they teach.

This year's homecoming activities will be on the last weekend in October. The parade and bonfire are scheduled for October 28, beginning at 6 p.m. The football game will be played on October 29 at 7 p.m. The homecoming dance will be held on October 30 from 8 p.m.

until 11 p.m.

Interims will be distributed to all students during Block 4 on October 4. Parent conferences are scheduled for evening hours on October 14, and during school hours on October 15. High School students will attend school in the afternoon only on October 14, and will attend morning only on October 15.

The annual All-County Band Festival will occur on October 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the stadium. This is always a great evening of musical entertainment. Please consider joining us.

There will be no school for students on October 21 and 22. These are staff development days.

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 7 p.m. on October 26, 1999. Our Guidance Department sponsors this evening. The counselors will also be available that evening.

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Something to Eat

by Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Chicken! I hate it.

When I was a kid chicken was not served as often as beef and it was welcome when it appeared. Then Dad retired from the Air Force and our lives changed. Beef nearly disappeared from our table to be replaced with chicken: it was cheaper. Chicken meant we didn't have money for beef: we were poorer. I learned to hate chicken.

Mom tried to make the bird interesting. She made chicken pot-pie, chicken and dumplings, chicken rice soup. She roasted chicken, fried, broiled, boiled, stuffed and ground it up. She used seasonings none of us had ever heard of. She served every concoction of vegetables and condiments she could think of. Nothing changed the foul bird into the beef I was missing.

By the time I had a regular job we had gotten into barbecuing burgers, hot-dogs, and chicken on a grill. I slowly learned to enjoy chicken slathered in semi-charred, hickory-flavored barbecue sauce. Then Wanda and I got together.

Wanda marks the passing of the seasons by when she can buy a barbecued chicken dinner from the

Lions Club. Rain or shine, I take her to wherever Mark Zurgable is tending a smoky pit topped with chicken. I believe the Lions Club has her chicken held in reserve, so sure are they that she will show up for a dinner. Me? They couldn't sell me a bird even if I were hungry. I just don't care for chicken.

Recently I was flipping pages in a new cookbook at the Emmitsburg branch of the county library: *Learning To Cook with Marion Cunningham*.

Ms. Cunningham has such a simple recipe for roast chicken and vegetables I decided to give it a try. Of course I couldn't follow it exactly. My version went like this: A 9"x13" baking pan or dish, enough of those peeled baby carrots to cover half the bottom of the pan. Three of the large outer stalks of celery washed and cut into 1" pieces, 3 or 4 medium yellow onions peeled and cut into quarters. Four or 5 small red potatoes (or, 1 or 2 large ones washed and cut into mouth-sized chunks). And a whole fryer (4 pounds, rinsed under cold water).

I shake a small amount of soy sauce and red hot sauce over the bird and veggies. Then I lightly

sprinkle a mix of powdered rosemary and fresh ground pepper (Penzeys Spices) over the bird and veggies (salt can be added at the table). A couple of cloves of peeled garlic can be tossed into the bird and it's ready to go onto the middle rack of a 425° F (preheated) oven for 30 minutes.

Remove the pan and turn the veggies (that aren't under the chicken) with a spoon. Put the pan back in the oven for another 30 minutes. Test for doneness by poking a paring knife into a thigh where it hooks to the body. "Pink" juice and it ain't done, "clear" and it's finished. A meat thermometer stuck in the breast, without touching bone, will read 170° F to 180° F. I like mine DONE, 180° F at least.

I admit that I ate more vegetables than bird. Wanda also liked the veggies, though she went at the bird with nothing but praise. The dish was simple to make. Most good meals are just that, simple. *Learning To Cook* is an excellent book for those looking to learn, or relearn, the basics.

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Did you know you can recycle more than just newspapers and milk jugs? A recent airing of a morning news show carried suggestions as to different ways of recycling things you may not have thought of before.

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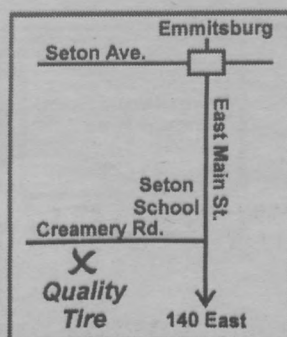
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