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Phelan gives 'half-time' talk to local group



JIM PHELAN

Jim Phelan, head coach of the Mount St. Mary's basketball team, spoke to the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association [EBPA] and guests on Tuesday, Dec. 21. Drawing parallels between his coaching experiences and being in business, Coach Phelan gave a relaxed, enjoyable "half-time" talk about "peaks and valleys" of competition that are part of the landscape of participating in the dynamic process of growth and change.

this place...it was wonderful to raise children here and the people are wonderful but it is going to grow. You will have to fight for the positives, keep working, stay motivated and get motivated people," Mr. Phelan said.

Coach Phelan is in his 46th year as a coach. He is the winningest of active coaches, with 801 wins (ranking fourth among all coaches), and is second in the number of games coached. "History is memories," Phelan said. "You always have to play hard. Motivation is the key."

He said that his family has "loved

Lack of participation threatens town's Little League

BY DEAN TORGERSON

For many years Emmitsburg Little League has been the premier non-school activity for Emmitsburg kids of all ages. It's a great way of bringing families together and building community spirit. Unfortunately, over the past few years, Emmitsburg Little League has seen a decline in participation from both children and parents and its continued existence is being threatened.

A small handful of volunteers keep the league running, but we are in need of more volunteers for league officers and coaches if Emmitsburg Little League is to survive.

The league held a meeting Thursday, January 6, to prepare for the 2000 season and to elect officers..

Little League player sign-up will be held February 5 and 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and February 12 and 13

from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church on West Main Street in Emmitsburg.

For more information or to volunteer call Bill Wivell at 301-447-2354.

Interfaith self-help program is tough but pays off

BY KAY SHULTZ

Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland

It's been nearly three months since Michelle and Kevin and their four children moved into their new four-bedroom home in an Emmitsburg development. This will be their first Christmas in a home of their own - a home they worked very hard to have. "It's been a long time since I've been in the Christmas spirit. The radio's playing Christmas songs and I'm humming along - it's scary!" Michelle says she has always enjoyed the holidays but this year is really into it, singing carols, planning for Christmas Eve and for Christmas breakfast, going shopping and decorating her home.

"It still doesn't seem quite Please see HOUSE on page 14

Wal-Mart plays Santa to Up-County families

Families at Up-County Family Center, a United Way Agency, received a surprise visit from Santa thanks to the generosity of Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart, in keeping with the true meaning of Christmas, donated over \$3,100 for Up-County staff to shop for needy families. Students of St. John's Literary Institution, armed with wish lists and shopping carts, purchased household items, baby gates, car seats, strollers, sheets, towels, and winter clothing. Gifts were delivered to Up-County participants in time for the holidays. Our many thanks to Wal-Mart and their employees.

Tea party tradition



Dispatch Photo

Emmitsburg Branch Library hosted 25 children, their dolls (and stuffed animals, and space warriors and snakes) at its annual tea party, Saturday, December 11. Joan Fisher, librarian, said, "...this is charming. It's amazing how this tea party is gaining in popularity and becoming a tradition." Seated from left around the table are Kathryn (back to camera), Theresa, and Elizabeth Blickenstaff; Jordon, Marisa, and Hannah Boettinger, Patrick and William Miller. "Moms in-service" from left are Beth Boettinger, Wendy Shepard with 5-month old Mark, Sheila Dorsey, and Anne-Marie Miller with 3-week old Joseph at his first tea party.

## 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.

### People of Emmitsburg wonderful

It was near midnight on a very cold night when my son, his wife, and his sick daughter were headed for Gaithersburg, Md., on Route 15. Their car developed a serious problem that forced them to pull off Route 15 near McDonalds. McDonalds allowed them to use their phone to call me in Chambersburg. They also allowed them to come into the warm building and stay there, even after the restaurant closed, until I arrived from Chambersburg.

The next morning we met to get

the car in running condition. When we asked the ladies at the Exxon station where we could get our car repaired, they told us to go to Fitzgerald's Auto Service. What a blessing! Mr. Fitzgerald dropped his other work, quickly found the serious problem with the car, repaired it, and charged only twenty dollars. Soon we were on our way, so thankful that Emmitsburg has such wonderful people. Thank you so much.

**Earl Dibert**  
Chambersburg

### Thanks for the Memories

Recently my husband Pat and I attended the Emmitsburg High School alumni banquet. It is held annually and this year 260 former students were there.

Each time we come to the banquet, I am reminded how fortunate we were to grow up in a time, and a small town, where so many people touched our lives and had a positive influence on us. We not only had caring parents to answer to, but we realized that if we did anything wrong, we would be accountable for our misdeeds. We had the freedom to come and go, not like that of today's children, who are so organized for everything and have to be shielded from the dangers that are so prevalent now.

Our teachers, like Bill Baker, Eugene Woods, Mrs. Jones, Mrs.

Scott, Mrs. Hoke and many others were our friends and mentors as well as educators. We also had Dr. Cadle, who made as many house calls as he had office calls, Doc Stinson who made trips to the dentist as painless as possible, and Rev. Bowers and other clergy who were always there for us.

I would like to thank the past and present alumni officers who work so hard to keep the banquets going. I also need to thank Mary Catherine Shields for being the glue that keeps the "Class of '54" together: Thanks, Mary!!!

It is a warm feeling to share the good times and to renew old friendships.

**Ruth "Umbel" Clarke**  
New Cumberland, Pa.

### Higbee's historic eulogy remembered

I was so moved by the eloquent eulogy that the Rev. Margaret Dodds wrote for Mary Higbee Hoke and the reference she made to Mary Higbee Hoke's grandfather, E.E. Higbee, who was the State Superintendent of Schools for the State of Pennsylvania from April 1, 1881, to Dec 13, 1889.

I would like to share with your readers a small portion of a eulogy to Dr. E.E. Higbee made on December 24, 1889, by Mr. J.P. McCaskey, Principal of Lancaster High School. This is quoted verbatim from page 61 of the *Pennsylvania School Journal*:

*E. E. Higbee Memorial Edition of 1890.*

"I want to talk with you a little while today of a man whose presence was familiar to you all: a man who loved the Christmastide, the pervading atmosphere of whose life was the Christmas spirit that finds its highest enjoyment in helping others, and especially those who need help; a man who was himself beyond question, as I think, more widely beloved throughout the length and breadth of

(See HIGBEE on Page 20)

## Town News...

### December 6, 1999, Town meeting

David Martin, a past president of the Emmitsburg Library Board, presented to the Town Council 10 reasons why he thought the Emmitsburg Branch library patrons (taxpayers) would be better served by locating the library on the third floor of the Community Center. The Center is scheduled to be renovated in 2001. He proposed that the Town offices be placed on the second floor. Town officials had agreed in October to accept the county's offer to use the third floor for town offices.

Mr. Martin's major point was that the top floor room, which was originally built to be used as a gymnasium, was more desirable and appropriate for a library. Its openness would not require demolishing load bearing walls, and a single entrance into the room would provide better security. "It's taxpayer's money and it would be cheaper for the library to be on the top floor," Mr. Martin said.

After an extended discussion, Commissioner Boyle moved to confirm the council's prior vote to move the town offices to the third floor. The vote was 3 to 0. Commissioner Postelle abstained.

Commissioner Hoover moved that the town extend a vote of appreciation to Dave Martin for his effort on this issue.

Mr. Martin told the *Dispatch* that he felt he had been a facilitator, not an agitator, in lobbying for the library

on the third floor. He said that for over two years he had been providing background information to the county and town commissioners and now "I'm most concerned that we use the taxpayers' money in the best way."

In other business the commissioners:

- heard from the town manager David Haller that nearly everything is in place at the skateboard park, but no one has come to use it. Mr. Haller said the youth continue to skate on the street where they use the curbs rather than go to the skateboard park where there are no ramps. The commissioners authorized the town manager to spend \$2,000 for wood to build ramps.

It is estimated that between \$6,000-\$10,000 is needed for ramps. There must be adult supervision in order for it to be used.

Mayor Carr, on behalf of the town, expressed his appreciation to the group of citizens who made the Christmas swags for the lamp posts that line Main Street; and Mayor Carr announced that the money collected from meters in December from meters will go toward the Emmitsburg Youth Program: \$2,241 was collected in November.

#### Correction:

Last month's letter to the editor opposing a county-wide fire tax and urging the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company to remain all-volunteer was written by Steven King.

We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year.

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# Christmas decoration contest winners announced



WINNER, TRADITIONAL

The following are the winners of the eighth annual Emmitsburg Christmas Decoration contest:

Single Family Home (Incl. Townhomes) *Traditional*

1st-500 E. Main Street

2nd-110 DePaul Street

3rd- (tie): 700 West Main St. and 143 North Seton Ave.

*Contemporary*

1st-115 DePaul Street

2nd-207 East Main Street

3rd-(tie): 439 West Lincoln Avenue and 1 Reney Circle

All others (businesses, offices, multi-units, commercial, governmental)

1st-The Emmitt House

2nd-The Main Street Grill

3rd-The Ott House



WINNER, CONTEMPORARY

Honorable Mention: Jef and Bev Fitzgerald, Waynesboro Pike (The judges wanted a special mention of this home even though it is outside the corporate limits. A special thanks.)

Note: Last year's 1st-place winners were ineligible for an award this year, but will be judged again next year.

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) wishes

to thank all of the Emmitsburg citizens who helped decorate the town and their homes for the Christmas season. A special thanks to the judges who spent hours touring the town to find the winners. More and more homes and businesses are being decorated with live greens, red ribbons, and light each year. No other town can compare to Emmitsburg aglow in all its Christmas finery.

## Architects survey community center in preparation for design

On Dec. 15, five architects did a building walk-thru to become more familiar with the building and issues that will affect the design and construction in Phase II of the renovation of the Community Center. The walk-thru was guided by Dennis Cross, the county's project manager for the renovation project. Accompanying were town officials, local citizens, and members of the library board who are concerned about the location of the Emmitsburg Branch Library (some members are in favor of moving the library to the third floor).

When queried regarding the location of the library, Mr. Cross replied that he was acting under the guidance of the Frederick County Department of Management Services and that it was his understanding that the library would remain in its present location on the second floor. According to Cross the architects will be submitting designs and recommendations based on information gathered on the walk-thru and the RFP.

According to Cross the county protocol for public input is that the requests must come through the user agencies, the ones who will be shar-

ing the costs of the project. "In this case," said Cross, "requests for design changes to the library must come through Darryl Batson, director of the Frederick County Public Library, one of the users of the building."

"Not understanding that this building [community center] does not belong to Emmitsburg has muddied the water," said Emmitsburg Town Manager David Haller. "This building, like Winchester Hall in Frederick City, is a county building. Other than enforcing general compliances like zoning ordinances, the citizens of Frederick City have no say in what happens in Winchester Hall. The commissioners receive their requests from the building users, the people who are sharing the costs."

Dave Martin, an advocate for moving the library to the third floor of the community center building, participated in this walk-thru as an observer. He recently told the *Dispatch*, "I am really interested in what is being said because I am concerned how the tax-payers' money is to be spent. I still believe it would be less expensive to have the library on

the third floor because the expense of tearing down partition walls would be less than constructing arches in load-bearing walls," said Martin. "I believe the RFP offers some flexibility and it is not too late to change the plans and put the library on the third floor."

"If they can show me through valid measurable criteria that it would be the best use of taxpayers' money to keep the library where it is, I would be most happy to accept the decision. I'd be happy as a lark," Martin said.

According to Martin, "... five measurable criteria should be considered:

## Emmitsburg Grange seeks to grow

We are looking for a few community-minded people who are willing to join the Emmitsburg Grange.

The Grange is an organization that does many things in the community, such as donating to the fire company and ambulance service and providing input on many controversial things such as transportation recommendations and legislative issues.

comparative costs of cutting through load-bearing walls vs. removing partition walls; what is the load-bearing capacity of the area where I envision the library to be [the upper floor]; the smoothest flow of movement of the people in the building; exiting procedures in case of an emergency; and security plans for the building."

The design award will be announced in March 2000. The construction contract will be awarded in April 2001. Use and occupancy of the building is expected to take place in May 2002.

Many of our charter members have passed on and the regeneration of the Emmitsburg Grange is in place with the help of those who have been long-standing Grange members. We wish to issue this invitation to come to a meeting on January 15 at the Emmitsburg Library meeting room at the Emmitsburg Community Building at 7:00 p.m. A light refreshment will be served.

Who needs Y2K...



...when we can pretty well screw up things by ourselves.

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### X-TRA! X-TRA! Gala 2000

**Bulletin** - All committees are working hard toward providing a fun-filled evening of dining, dancing, and bidding on wonderful items collected for the *Dispatch* fundraiser to be held on March 25, at the Carriage House Inn. All proceeds go to the operating budget of the *Dispatch*.

Watch for the February issue which will contain an invitation and list of all auction items and donations.

Here are a few of the items that may entice you:

- Raymond Weil lady's wrist watch
- Handmade cedar chest
- Weeks vacation at Rehoboth Beach
- Pearl and diamond pin
- Gifts certificates for dinners at wonderful restaurants
- Golf
- Shriver's meats
- Seat beside "Dottie" at a MSM game,
- Curly Sue's gift certificate,
- Books and oodles more.

## 100 Years Ago "In this place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

*Jan 5, 1900*-There is plenty of ice for everybody. The ice being stored in this place is of the finest quality.

The firemen have purchased a new set of pool balls, and put a new cloth on their pool table.

The entertainment at Spangler's Opera House on Monday evening, under the auspices of the M.E. Mite Society, was quite successful. A large audience greeted the young performers.

New Year's Day in this place was the quietest in many years. The day was void of the usual explosion of fire crackers. Possibly the low temperatures of the atmosphere had something to do with the stillness of the day. After all, the shooting of fire cannon and the customary hilarity of New Year's Day amount to nothing.

#### Factory in Operation

The ladies' shirt waist and wrapper factory of Messrs. Walderman & Maxell, in this place, started operation last Friday. There are now about twenty young ladies operating sewing machines which number will be increased as fast as possible until fifty operators are taken on, being the full capacity of the factory. The girls who have been taken on are making rapid progress and from all accounts are well pleased with their new occupation.

#### Take a Share

There are still a number of people in this place who have not yet subscribed to the capital stock of the Emmitsburg Improvement Company, and it is hoped that all who have so far neglected to subscribe to the stock will come forward and take at least one or two shares within the next few days. No one interested in the welfare of our town can afford to be indifferent in regard to this matter. It is true that no direct returns will be received from the amount subscribed, but indirectly all will be benefitted. Any enterprise started here giving employment to a large number of people is of necessity a benefit to the whole commu-



In early December Dot Damuth brought this unusual rose poinsettia to the *Dispatch* office. The plant was grown by the students in the floriculture class at Catocin High School. Dot is a vocational student support assistant at the school. Thank you for brightening our office this holiday season.

#### A Bride Arrested

Three hours after she was wedded Mrs. Maude M. Martin was arrested last Thursday evening at her home in Hagerstown by Constable Ridenour on the charges of stealing from a former sweetheart, William R. Braguier, who said he was engaged to her, a silver watch, valued at \$10, and a gold chain, valued at \$5. She was taken before Justice J.C. Ward who held her for a hearing in her own recognizance until Friday, and then she went back to her husband.

*January 12, 1900*- More houses are needed in this place.

On last Friday night the smoke house belonging to Mr. William Sanders, near this place, was partly destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered in time to remove all the meat, excepting one piece.

Last Saturday was a lively day in town. The streets were filled with horses and vehicles from early morning until late in the evening. There was a shooting match in town in the afternoon and this helped to swell the crowd.

*January 19, 1900*-Quite a number of children in this place and the surrounding community have the measles.

The Mt. St. Mary's Benevolent Association will hold an Oyster Supper and Dance in St. Anthony's Hall, at Mt. St. Mary's on Jan 19 and 20. All are invited.

#### A Mid-winter Wedding

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at a Nuptial Mass in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in this place, on Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The contracting parties were Miss Maggie E. Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Florence, near Waynesboro, Pa., and Mr. James Lewis Topper, of near town. Rev. J.M. McNelis performed the ceremony. The bridesmaid was Miss Anna M. Topper, and the best man was Mr. William Topper, sister and brother of the groom. The bride was very becoming, attired in a suit of gray trimmed in white corded silk and white silk ruching, with hat and gloves to match. The bridesmaid wore brown, trimmed in brown satin ribbon.

It is said that the new hotel keeper is doing a good business. He is a good fellow. Keeps good "stuff" and a good house.

Mr. Henry Welty, who will move on his own property in the spring, has bought an incubator and brooder. He intends going into the chicken-raising business in the spring. Too many getting at it. There is no pay in it.

# Water issue: Emmitsburg urged to flouridate water

BY CHRIS SANFORD

Like all parents, I want what's best for my kids.

That's why, if given the chance, I would vote to flouridate the municipal water supply my family and I drink from. Our water is not flouridated. So, at the suggestion of our pediatrician, we give our kids fluoride supplements.

The people of Emmitsburg are fortunate to have the opportunity to decide to flouridate their water or not. They also have a chance to help decide public health policy for the whole state, which does have a real oral health problem.

There are a lot of people in Maryland who suffer from poor oral hygiene, according to the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, which published in its newsletter an opinion titled "Oral Health Status of the Underserved in Maryland: A Public Health Problem."

"Many orally underserved Maryland children and adults needlessly suffer from the pain, infection and pathology associated with oral diseases, despite the availability of effective preventive measures," writes Dr. Harry Goodman, director

of the Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene's Office of Oral Health.

"This constitutes a public health problem for these affected special population groups and for the oral public health care system in Maryland." Goodman goes on to say, "dental caries (cavities), in particular, can be easily prevented through the proper use of several scientifically-based fluoride regimens. He cites a 1996 study of 3500 schoolchildren that found that Maryland children have significantly more dental cavities than the national average. Additional findings included:

- 60 percent of Maryland schoolchildren have had dental decay as compared with 45 percent in the United States;

- 55 percent of children in Maryland have untreated tooth decay compared with 21 percent nationwide.

Goodman says it was recently determined that cavities are an infectious bacterial disease capable of easy transmission from person to person. "Oral diseases are not self-limiting and increase in severity with time. As a result, medical, nutritional, psychological, educational, social, aesthetic and speech difficulties can originate

from preventable oral disease and injury."

Fluoride has been added to water systems since the 1940s. Still, today only 60 percent of the 55,000 public water supply systems across the country are flouridated. And though the president wants to make it 75 percent, flouridation remains a contentious issue across much of the country.

This, despite the fact that communities with optimal levels of fluoride in their public water supplies regularly experience a significant reduction in the amount of dental cavities as compared to cities without adequate fluoride levels. All sorts of scientific and medical reasons are made in opposition. Some say it causes cancer, and others say the government should not be tampering with the water supply, except to make it safe to drink.

Still others think of the controversy as a return to what the *Philadelphia Enquirer* has called a "Cold War bogeyman," a step back to the 1950s, when critics contended that flouridation was a Communist plot to turn Americans into mindless zombies.

I think it's safe to say that is not an issue anymore. I prefer to take the

word of the U.S. Public Health Service, which says, "optimal flouridation of drinking water does not pose a detectable cancer risk to humans," and "the benefits are great and easy to detect."

Besides, I'm more concerned about the levels of other more menacing minerals like arsenic, bacteria from agricultural runoff, and byproducts like nitrates finding their way into the water supply.

Just about every major public health organization has recognized flouridation as an inexpensive, efficient way to strengthen the teeth of the general public. The American Dental Association calls it the single most effective means of preventing cavities.

There is more at stake than just one small water system. Emmitsburg has a chance to not only provide for the future oral health of its children, it also has a chance to lead all of Maryland as it tackles a serious public health problem in the fight against tooth decay.

*Chris Sanford is managing editor of Cleaning & Maintenance Management magazine, and former news editor of Water Technology magazine, both published by National Trade Publications, Latham, NY.*

## BOOK CORNER

New non-fiction books available at the Emmitsburg Branch Library

Cheryl Fall *Quilting for Dummies* (including 15 complete projects)

Tom Brokaw *The Greatest Generation Speaks—Letters and Reflections*

Carol Taylor *Herbal Wreaths* (using herbs, wildflowers & common plants)

*Frommer's Jamaica & Barbados*—with the best beaches, dining and nightlife

Denise Linn *Altars—Bringing Sacred Shrines Into Your Everyday Life*

David Bain *Empire Express—Building the First Transcontinental Railroad*

Christina Marsh *Anchor Complete Embroidery Course* (guide to free-style embroidery)

Linda Campbell Franklin *300 Years of Kitchen Collectibles* (price listings, pictures of over 5,000 items + old recipes)

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to German Shepherd Dogs*

Errol Lincoln Uys *Riding the Rails—Teenagers on the Move During the Great Depression*

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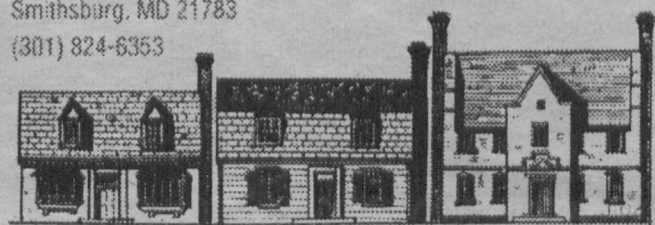
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## 'Boot Scooters' bring holiday cheer to St. Catherine's

Members of the Senior Citizen Center in Westminster, Maryland, brought holiday cheer to the residents of St. Catherine's Nursing Center in early December. Known as the Young At Heart Boot Scooters, the seniors, some wearing bells on their shoes, performed the polka, jitterbug, boogie woogie, and several line dances during the after-

noon program. Even Santa joined in the fun after greeting each resident with a warm handshake and a "Merry Christmas."

Members of the dance group, under the direction of Bill and Marie Elswich, visit area nursing homes on a regular basis. Mary Van Buren is the Activity Director for St. Catherine's.



## Elwood and Vera Eiker celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Elwood and Vera Eiker recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple were married at the Baust Church of Christ, Taneytown, Md., on the evening of Friday, October 15, 1949, by the Reverend Reifsnider.

Their children honored their parents with a surprise dinner party at the Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant in Orrtanna, Pa. Never before had the entire family been together under one roof at the same time. This was truly a grand event for all.

Elwood and Vera have 11 children: Nevin Eiker and wife Jody, of Emmitsburg; Wanda and husband Joe Winegardner of Thompson, Georgia; Kenny Eiker and wife Lana,



**ELWOOD AND VERA EIKER**

Emmitsburg; Clifford Eiker and wife Charlene, Thurmont; Beatrice Eiker and husband David Waybright, Gettysburg; Marvin Eiker and wife Terri, Thurmont; Nina and husband Dennis Younis, Emmitsburg; John Eiker and wife Tammy, Emmitsburg; Laura Eiker, Emmitsburg; Cathy Eiker and husband B.J. Troxell, Emmitsburg, and Morris Eiker and wife Juanita of Fairfield.

The couple also have 11 grandchildren: Andy Eiker, Kenneth Eiker, Jr., Pam Eiker, Kevin Eiker, Karen Eiker, Amy Stultz, John Eiker, Jr., Steven Norris, Logan Younis, Keith Rippeon, and Devon



Vera and Elwood in 1949

## Eikers' children and grandchildren write open letter of appreciation and devotion

Mom and Dad,

You were always there for us no matter what. You raised us to be wise, to use good judgment, to strive and not fail.

You taught us honesty and goodness.

You've shown us how to share with and care about others.

You've taught us how to work hard and take pride in our endeavors.

You have enriched our lives by giving us so much love over the years.

We have you to thank for making us all who and what we are today.

For all your hard work, faith, and encouragement, we are grateful and very proud to be your family.

With love,

Your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

## St. Catherine's Employee of the Month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for November 1999 is Doria Wolfe:

Doria has been employed as a GNA since September of 1997. She started out as a hospitality aide and went through the GNA course.

Doria was chosen because her work shows quality of service by putting pride in the way the residents are cared for.

Congratulations, Doria.



**Doria Wolfe, Employee of the Month, November**

### Correction:

Janice James was St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month in October. We regret having inserted the wrong photo.



Janice James



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## Cool-Homes captures Waynesboro's past in miniature replicas

BY SARAH WASSNER  
Dispatch Correspondent

When Barbara Cool started to notice the rapid process of development that her hometown of Waynesboro was enduring, she grew worried. Gone were the days of the marbleized theatre, vast acres of undisturbed land, the old high school and many of the antique farmhouses. As older buildings were being razed and lots paved over, Cool felt as though Waynesboro's past—and the past of all those who remember the town as it used to be—was being torn down as well. So Cool, a mother of five with an interest in art and history, took action. Her concern for the preservation of the past has turned into a lucrative start-up business as she and husband Sam Cool offer miniature 3-D replicas of homes and buildings through their company Cool-Homes.

It all began in 1996 as Waynesboro was preparing for its upcoming bicentennial. As a show-piece for the event, the Cools decided to replicate the historic features of the town. Through the use of photographs and memories, Barbara and Sam miniaturized Waynesboro, creating 3-D models of the old theater, high school, and other recognizable buildings and homes. This display generated interest in the community and as a result, Cool-Homes was born.

"Homes are being taken down, and our work creates a permanent record of these physical structures. Once we do this, people will have a physical memory of their how their

community looked in the past," said Barbara.

Following up on the original project, Barbara and Sam took their act on the road—literally. Barbara set out on foot and traveled door to door in Waynesboro informing residents about Cool-Homes. The couple also delved into advertising and marketing and eventually posted a website ([www.cool-homes.com](http://www.cool-homes.com)) in hopes of drawing more customers. They did this all while maintaining their farm in Smithsburg, Maryland.

"Cool-Homes has proved to be a necessity for us as it produces an alternative income. We are trying to keep this farm going, as it has been in the family for 100 years," said Sam.

Not only do the Cools offer replicas of historical structures; they recreate modern homes as well. This can be in the miniature, 6-inch by 5-inch, model or a birdhouse size. The couple work from photographs of any home or building and may also personally visit the structure to get a better sense of detail.

"Many people are interested in miniature versions of their home or neighborhood for decoration purposes or for HO Train Sets," commented Barbara.

The couple emphasize detail in their work, paying attention to the ground around the house, the shrubbery, and even such fine points as stained-glass windows.

"It is a complete custom to the structure. You can't get this anywhere else," said Barbara.

As the "artist," Barbara creates artfully scaled models of the site in

which she then transfers to a blueprint. All blueprints are filed in case another order for the same structure comes in. The print is then given to Sam, who cuts pieces down to exact size and shape in his woodshop. After this is done, Barbara paints and Sam glues. When asked about this process, Sam laughed and responded, "This is the first time I am working for Barbara in 38 years [of marriage]."

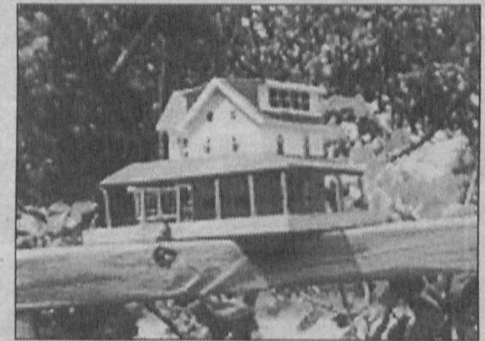
The business partnership has proved to be successful thus far and Cool-Homes is constantly increasing in interest from prospective clients.

"Now that we are world-wide [on the Internet] we are hoping to gain more notice. Right now we are offering our service in a 25-30 mile range [from Smithsburg], but eventually we are hoping to go farther," said Sam.

Currently, the couple are seeking interest from the Emmitsburg community, as they would like to duplicate the historic Square.

"We have already taken pictures of Emmitsburg; we just need to know if enough people would be willing to purchase the model once created," said Barbara.

In a time of transition and major development within our rural towns, Cool-Homes looks to preserve the image of the past. Because of the



A Cool-Home replica displayed on a fence post.

Cools' dedication to local history and detail, it appears that this company will thrive. It is through the craftiness and handiwork of this hardworking couple that memories are brought to life and our past is kept close to our hearts and literally in the palms of our hands.

*Sarah Wassner is a student at Mount Saint Mary's College. She served as an intern with the Dispatch during the fall semester and will continue her association with the Dispatch during the spring semester.*

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### Christmas spirit at the Carriage House



Singers from Saint Joseph's Church entertain with a selection of Christmas music during the 11th Annual Evening of Christmas Spirit held at the Carriage House Inn December 6. A Dispatch Photo

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# Big turnout for Lions community Christmas party

A throng of kids (and parents) were dazzled with plenty of Christmas magic provided by award-winning Maggie the Clown inside the Ambulance Building on Sat., Dec. 18. They then rushed outside in time to corner Santa in his stop-over cottage where they were able to make sure he got their messages first hand. Earlier in the morning the girls of Scout Troop 1088 had helped the children to make decorations.

All of the Christmas excitement was fueled by hot dogs and hot chocolate supplied by the Lions Club.

According to Dave Martin, Lions president, this is a cooperative Christmas celebration sponsored by

the Lions, the Ambulance Company, the VFW, and American Legion. It is a tradition that has been a part of Emmitsburg's Christmas activities for about 70 years. "This year's party was really successful," said Lion Bill Rapp, "We had twice the number of kids we had last year."

This long-running tradition was kept alive in the 70s by individuals after the club became inactive. Bob Gauss, Jack Humerick, Charlie and Doris Stouter, and the late Norman Flax kept the tradition alive, soliciting support from local merchants during the time when there was no official club.



Maggie the Clown entertains part of the large crowd that attended the Lions Club 1999 Christmas party  
A Dispatch Photo

## Lions News

### Outgoing officers honored for service



New Lions president Dave Martin presents a plaque to outgoing president John Sanders for his service during the past year.

Photo courtesy Bill Rapp

New secretary Jim Wivell presents a plaque to outgoing secretary Herb Gingell for seven years' service to the Lions Club.

Photo courtesy Bill Rapp



Incoming Lions treasurer Jim Hahn presents a plaque to outgoing treasurer Gene Rosensteel for five years' service to the Lions Club.

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Maggie the Clown paints young faces at the Lions Club Christmas party

Dispatch Photo

## Girl Scouts teach crafts at Lions Club Christmas party

BY SHIRLEY GREENE

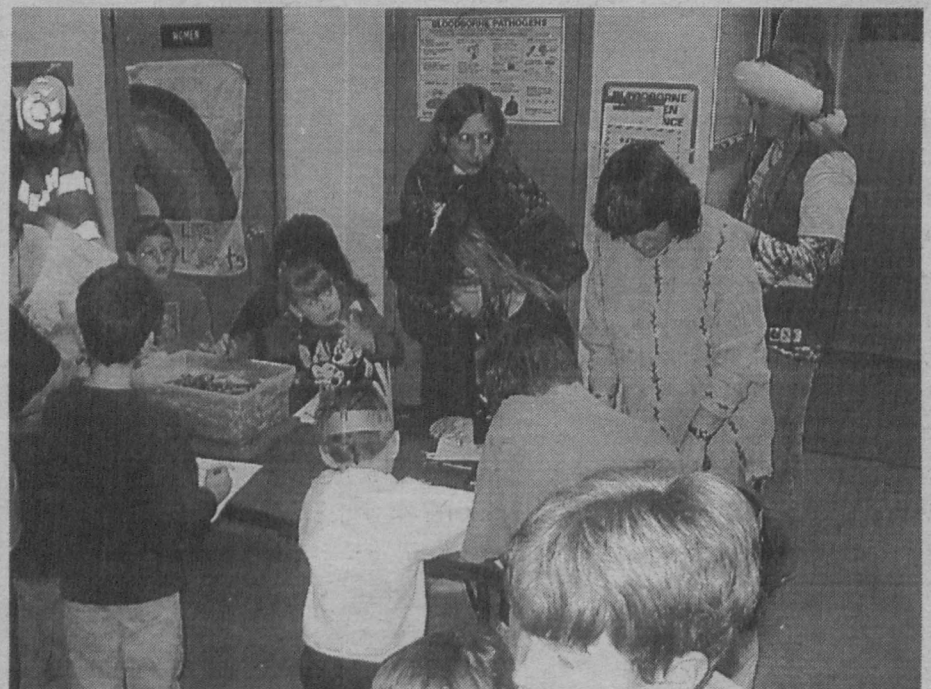
North Pole? No! Santa's Elves? No! It's actually the Cadette/Senior Girl Scout troop teaching Christmas crafts at the annual Lion's Club Christmas party. We were extremely short-handed, so it was very hectic.

We had three new crafts along with the classic tin punch ornaments. That seems to be a favorite with the kids, probably because they're not normally allowed to use a hammer at home. We made poinsettias from paper towel rolls, reindeer antlers from hand tracings, and a Christmas elf. The children could insert their pictures so that it looked as if they were the elves. They could also write a letter to Santa, if they wanted. We only did the crafts for an hour, but I

think we could have gone on a lot longer. We had to clean up so the clown could do her performance.

The kids enjoyed doing the crafts and the parents appreciated our work. I overheard many comments about how they liked bringing their children. They said they couldn't believe how the Girl Scouts come up with new crafts each year, how well the Girl Scouts work with the children, and other positive comments. We really appreciated the turnout, which was much larger than last year's. We were very busy the entire time we were there, but we had a lot of fun and hope we'll be asked back next year.

All who are interested in volunteering or have ideas please contact Becky Corun at 301-898-1771.



Cuttin', pastin' and hammerin' at elves (Girl Scout) workshop during the 1999 Lions Club Christmas party.  
A Dispatch Photo



## Neighbors

BY KATE WARTHEN

On December 10, the book club of the Emmitsburg Public Library met at the home of Pat Howes Bell. In October the club met at Ruth Richards' home. [The usual time and place is the second Friday of each month, 1:00 p.m. at the library meeting room. All are welcome!]

Richard Sanders and his wife Kay, from California, visited recently in Emmitsburg with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Adelsberger of West Main St.

Mark Warthen and his wife Ellen and their two daughters have purchased the former Ruth Shuff property at 409 West Main St.

Seth Owen Adelsberger has received an award at the Blue Elephant Art Gallery in Frederick, Md. Seth has won the right to exhibit his own collection sometime in July, 2000. Seth was one of the five top entries in their current exhibit. Seth is a sophomore at Towson State University and is the son of Edward and Karen Adelsberger of East Main St.

Richard Jones, son of Alma Jones and the late Arvin P. Jones, recently spent two weeks with a famous trapper in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. Raymond Baker recently attended the christening of her first great-grandchild, Alyssa K. Thomas. Alyssa is the daughter of Erin Bender and Edward Thomas of Glen Burnie.

Mrs. Shelly Carr Chevalier has recently returned from a business trip to Ireland. While there, Shelly had a chance to do some sightseeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Boyle recently spent some time in Europe. While there they visited with Maryon Wasililsky and William Melvin. Maryon is a former resident of Emmitsburg.

Mr. Michael Cuseo has recently returned from California. He attended a sports event of his granddaughter Trinia.

Mrs. Sharon Goetz Meredith and family visited her family and friends in Emmitsburg recently. Sharon and family reside in Richmond, Virginia.

Mary Agnes Walter recently visited her family in Richmond, Virginia.

A birthday party in celebration of the 22nd birthday of Marianne Martin was held at the Carriage House recently. Many family and friends were in attendance. Marianne is the daughter of David and Barbara Martin of Welty Road in Emmitsburg.

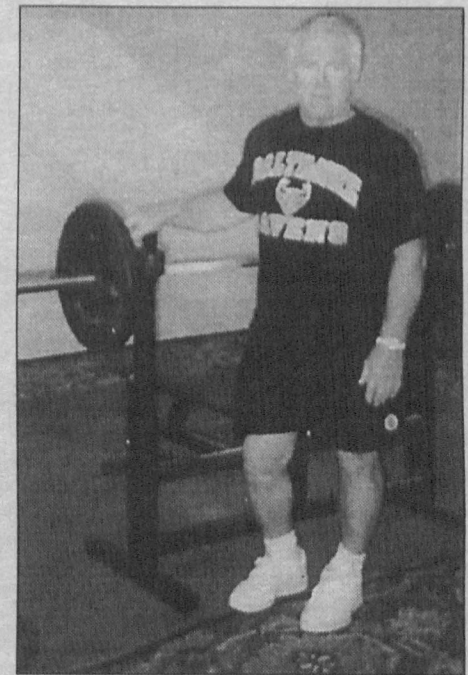
## Donald Joy wins gold medal at Senior Olympics

BY DOLORES HENKE

Donald Joy of Westminster (formerly of Emmitsburg) won three gold medals at the Maryland Senior Olympics, competing in the 65-69 age group. He placed first in the shot put, discus and was a member of the 65-69 softball team.

The Senior Olympics were held at Towson University in October. Joy also won a silver medal in the basketball shooting contest and ribbons in the softball throw, standing broad jump and race walking. As a member of the Maryland Bay Sox Softball team that placed fourth in the National Senior Olympics at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., against 33 other winners representing the entire country, Joy batted .666 in the six games.

His last competition was the Masters Division of the National Powerlifting Championships and Bench Press Challenge at the York Barbell Company in York, Pa., on November 21, 1999. In the bench press competition, Don completed



DONALD JOY

lifts of 300 lbs., 315 lbs., 335 lbs., and 340 lbs. earning the "Best Lifter Award" in the Masters category.

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## Friends of Library hold computer workshop at FEMA

BY KATE WARTHEN

The Friends of the Frederick County Libraries held an instructional workshop at the Federal Emergency Management Facility in Emmitsburg.

The workshop was open to all members of the Friends. Eleven members were in attendance.

David Martin, of the Friends of Frederick County, organized the group in Emmitsburg. The group originated at the Senior Citizens in Emmitsburg. The object of the training was to give the group an introduction to the computer, how to get on the internet and in general learn things they had not had access to previously.

The small fee included a membership to the Friends of the

Library. The group enjoyed the morning and afternoon session with a break for doughnuts in the p.m. Participants brought their lunch or purchased it at the Academy cafeteria. Dave Martin and Debbie Stottlemeyer were the instructors.

Those in attendance were Loretta Adelsberger, Faine Rodgers, Mary Teresa Miller, Linda Umbel, Eunice Neighbors, Shirley Stonesifer, Joel Warthen, Kate Warthen, Ermel Reed and Beverly J. Reed, and Frances Ridenour. The group enjoyed the session and left with the hope of becoming more advanced. A few decided to send back their Christmas gifts in exchange for a computer!

The next session will be announced soon.

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# Diary offers first-hand look at life in POW camp

BY DAN KAAS

World War II veteran

*Daniel Kaas was born and raised in Motter's Station and has lived the last 40 years on Main Street in Emmitsburg. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Kaas, Sr.*

*He was drafted into the army on September 2, 1941, when he was 23 years old. He served as a cook in the 42nd Rainbow Division Infantry, Company L, 232nd Regiment.*

*Following basic training at Camp Wheeler near Macon, Georgia, Private Kaas spent 10 months in Newfoundland. He returned to the States in early 1943, was promoted to sergeant (skipping the rank of corporal), and sent to Camp Gruber in Oklahoma to prepare for overseas duty. Sergeant Kaas was shipped to France in the fall of 1944, landing in Marseilles where they had to walk across sunken ships to get to the shore. They were on the front line Christmas day of 1944. Sergeant Kaas took hot food to the troops every day.*

*His diary begins with his capture by the Germans on January 5, 1945.*

*The Dispatch is grateful to Mr. Kaas for sharing his diary with us.*

Friday, January 5, 1945:

Gamlshine, Alsace-Lorraine. Captured around 12 o'clock, taken across Rhine River to Tripsnett, Germany, strafed by our own P-47 planes and artillery fire; tough traveling. We were carrying one wounded boy on a blanket which I carried all through my traveling in Germany. I now have it at home. After we crossed the Rhine, we had to carry two dead Germans. They weren't nice to look at. The troops that captured us took my knives and most everything I had. After we crossed the Rhine we took the wounded to a field hospital and left

them, and we stayed in an old school house the first night. The second night they put us in a dungeon under the school house. We were sleeping on top of one another. Some of the men were questioned there. We were all searched again. We had no food all day on the 5<sup>th</sup>, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> they gave us a sixth of a loaf of bread and water.

Jan. 7, 1945: Sunday at 0600 we started out on our march to our first camp which was to be near Baden, Germany — about 16 miles. The snow was falling and it was bad walking. In Baden we got hot coffee and a small cake of cheese.

Jan. 8, 1945, 0800: Hot coffee and bread, noon meal soup, the first hot meal in 4 days. Russian-style soup. Tasted darn good. After we ate we started to march to Gernsbach which was 16 miles. We arrived there at about 2000. Slept in R.R. station; had to sit up as there wasn't enough room for all of us to lie down.

Jan. 9, 1945, 0800: Got on train and rode till midnight, getting off at Ludwigsburg, cold as could be. We walked for two hours looking for the camp, which was to be Stalag VA. Slept in a big stable. Jim McCoy and I slept in one bed trying to keep warm. I had my blanket and he had his overcoat and I didn't have any overcoat. It was very cold.

Jan. 10, 1945: They gave us three blankets apiece. We had coffee and bread to eat.

Jan. 11, 1945: We had watery soup for two meals and one loaf of bread for 6 men which had to last all day. We also signed our Red Cross cards to send home. That is what worried me and most of the other boys and that was to let our mothers know we were well. The weather was cold as the devil. No heat in the stable. Were searched again but they didn't take anything but our money.

Jan. 12, 1945: Friday, hot coffee for breakfast and our first sugar, one

teaspoon or a little more per man per day, but we still lived. Am living in hopes of getting our Red Cross boxes today. The guards treated us well so far. In bad need of a shave. You should see me — a whole eight days and no shave or wash. The men's morale is good, dreaming and talking about home and good things to eat, and how I will eat if I get back somewheres, and can get the eats. Jim and I are still together but have a bed apiece now. They are boards with wire nailed on. Most of them are stacked two high. Got word our R.C. boxes are here; the men are jumping up and down. Can't blame them if they are as hungry as I am. SOUP for dinner and it was sure darn good, nothing like the fried chicken Mother makes, but it was something to eat, thank God. All I have to do is wait for supper. Soup for supper and it was good, but more water than at dinner. No R.C. boxes yet. I guess the Jerries want to keep them, the lying devils. McCoy and I had to double up again in one bed. Crowded, but warm. More men came in.

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Jan. 13, 1945: Coffee for breakfast. No sugar or jam. We were to have jam every morning but haven't seen any yet. Dinner soup, the best we had yet. They took one of our blankets which leaves us two and in this cold weather. They are very thin blankets but I still have my G.I. blankets. Supper, soup.

Jan. 14, 1945: Had Mass in our room. Hot coffee and jam for breakfast, the first jam we had. Still no R.C. boxes. Ishee and I slept together last night. McCoy was shipped out. Dinner, sauerkraut and I never did like the darn stuff. I hope they don't serve that kind of meal too often. Supper, one bite of meat (or 2 ozs.) and some kind of soup (mouth wash).

Monday Jan. 15, 1945: Got up at 6:45, had bread, sugar and a 1/2 tablespoon of jam, and a little of what they call coffee. We only had about half the amount of jam we had yesterday or about a half spoonful. Dinner, soup made out of turnips. Got our R.C. boxes today. Four men to a box. We had stew, cheese, and cocoa for a drink. We got cigarettes, 5 pks. Prunes and sugar. It sure tasted good. Good old

American food. We are going to have cocoa and corned beef for supper and their soup.

Tuesday Jan. 16, 1945: Breakfast, their bread, coffee and R.C. butter, jam, and sardines. That Red Cross box is sure nice, but almost gone. Am trying to heat some water with a paper fire, so that I can shave for the first time in 12 days. Am going to use a knife. Well one of the fellows shaved me. We started to use the knife but it was not sharp enough. Found a boy with a razor but it was still some operation. Hurt like hell, but feels good to have the whiskers off. Washed in ice cold water. That takes the sleep out of your eyes and I'm not kidding. Dinner, soup, sardines, butter, bread and snow cream flavored with cocoa.

Wed. Jan 17, 1945: Breakfast, bread, butter and coffee. Dinner, potatoes boiled with the jackets on. They were really good. Sauerkraut, soup which was a lot better than what we had on Sunday. Supper, a little bite of cheese. Ishee and I are still sleeping together. We are supposed to move tomorrow. It is still six men to a loaf of bread each day.

Jan. 18, 1945: Coffee and bread for breakfast. Dinner, soup the best we had yet.

Jan. 19, 1945: We got on the train and rode for 5 days. We got off the train Jan. 24. Sure was glad to get off. We went to Hammelburg which was around 150 to 200 miles, all in 5 days too, so you can guess how the trains operated. They had 40 of us in one of their small box cars and we didn't have much room. They haul 40 men or 8 horses in them. We had some straw on the floor; that was a big help, because it was awful cold. They gave us a little bread and cheese for the whole trip. It lasted 3 days, and we had no water the entire trip. We ate snow when we could get off the train which wasn't very often. We arrived at Stalag XIII C near Hammelburg at dinner time and they gave us hot tea and barley soup. It was really good to us as it was awful cold and snowing outside. We had to walk from Hammelburg after we got off the train to the camp which was about 4 miles. A lot of us had frozen feet; mine aren't too bad, I hope. The guards treat us pretty good here and the eats seem to be better. The place is crowded. Feldhaus and I have to sleep together in one bed. Ishee was shipped to another camp.

Jan. 24 to 28, 1945: Just lying around killing time and hoping for the war to end. Too weak to work much. Wrote my first letter home the 27 of

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## Diary

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Jan. The first I have written for almost a month. Hope to get a R.C. box soon.

Jan. 29, 1945: Tea, bread and jam for breakfast. Dinner, barley soup—it was good even if they did only pull the meat through it. I wouldn't want to feed it to anything but pigs now, but at the time it was darn good. I also got an overcoat, French-army style, and a pair of wooden shoes. That was all right, as I could then take my rubber shoe packs off. My feet weren't doing so good in them all the time, I also got a pair of underwear, but they were all rags so I never did wear them, they gave me 2 rags to use as socks; that is what the Jerry guards wrap their feet in.

There isn't much to do, read the Bible and say my Rosary, and wait for them to call us out to work. I should be a good wood cutter by the time I get out of this joint. I help to cut the wood and then steal it so we can keep a little warm. If a good bunch of boys went out we could sneak in enough wood to keep our home fire burning for two days. We had a big stove; they were big hearted. Some of the boys were afraid they would get caught bringing in wood, but they were the first ones at the stove when the fire was made. That is the way some Americans act even in a place like that. One of them even stole other fellows' Red Cross stuff. He was a pretty low guy, whoever done it. That little food was all we had to keep us going and every one had the same. They caught one guy & after the boys worked him over he wasn't too pretty to look at. They shaved his head. It sure did shine. Supper, three small potatoes, & a spoon of jam and bread. We still get one loaf of bread for every 6 men.

Jan. 30, 1945: Breakfast, tea, get our bread at 10:30. Dinner at 12, supper at 6, except when air raids are going on, which is often. Then they give it to us when the raids are over.

It is warmer outside today; hope the sun comes out today. We only got jam for supper—one spoonful. It doesn't fill up very much.

Jan. 31, 1945: The weather is a little warmer. Nothing new, the menu is the same every day almost. I shaved and patched my socks. God, how much longer have we got to spend in this place? So this ends one of the longest months in my life, one I shall never forget.

Feb. 1-6: Have been sick. Had a bad cold and the GI's. Was on work detail carrying clothing from one building to another. I am so weak I can hardly walk. The food is getting worse. Was issued 9 ½ cigarettes. Cut our bread to seven per loaf. I guess they mean to

starve us. We are so weak & the morale is getting low; we don't care much what happens.

Feb. 9, 1945: Received a Canadian Red Cross box. One box to three men. It sure is a big help. It has meat, milk, raisins, prunes, salmon, sardines, and jam. Ten big crackers, Spam, corned beef and cheese. Am feeling better. Have written two cards and two letters home so far. One card to Mother and one to Anna Margaret Saylor. I wish Spring would soon come.

Feb 14-17, 1945: Valentine's Day, what a way to spend it. Sure is a beautiful day. Air raid is now on. I helped to close two graves of our boys, thanking God I wasn't one of them yet. Their names I cannot recall. I hope their folks

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are notified, but I hope they never learn the hell their boys went through. They made us dig another grave so they could bury another boy that had died. Sure was hard work on the eats they give us. I didn't know I was so weak. I could hardly lift the shovel, let alone shovel that mud. Barley soup for dinner, just a few ozs. Seven men to a loaf of bread.

Feb. 18-23, 1945: Hungry as the devil. Can't get enough to eat. Still cutting wood, and doing odd jobs. Wrote a card to Mother and Marts. The weather is nice. Feldhaus and I have to bunk together as more men came in. We also had to give up a blanket. I still have my G.I. blanket. It was sure a big help to me so far.

Feb. 24, 1945: Got another Red Cross box. Two men to each box. It is sure good. We still get a little soup that is fairly good. They didn't open our cans in our Red Cross boxes, so we didn't have to hurry and eat everything in one or two days. The reason they open the cans is so that we can't keep the food and then try to escape. They aren't as dumb as they look.

Feb. 25, 1945: Sunday, went to Mass and Communion. Had an air raid. They are wearing their siren out, blowing it.

Feb. 26 to Mar. 6, 1945: Was on a work detail. Cold & damp outside. Still

enjoying the Red Cross box. That is better than a turkey dinner right now. Morale is 100% better. The Germans seem to be treating us better. I guess they think they will soon be in our place. From what we hear, it won't be too long.

March 7, 1945: Received another Red Cross box. Four men to a box. Supposed to get another one Monday.

March 8, 1945: Sunday morning and we are to have an inspection by a German general at 9 o'clock. It is almost that time now. The weather is cold & damp. Starting tomorrow we get 8 men to a loaf of bread. Things are getting tough all over. I hope we are eating G.I. chow by Easter Sunday. I have a bet of a steak dinner that we will be. I hope to get to Mass & Communion again this Sunday. I did the last three Sundays.

Monday, March 13-22, 1945: Went on strike. They took us to Hammelburg to unload railroad cars and we refused to work. They talked of shooting us, but I guess they decided they better not as our boys were getting close. We have heard the artillery fire for several days now. They marched us back to camp & that is the last we heard about working. We received a Red Cross box. They opened everything up so that we had to eat it. I guess we made them mad by not working. Eight men to a loaf of bread 3 days this week and seven to a loaf the other 4. We were paid this afternoon five marks and 60 pfennigs. Nice spring day. We ate two good messes of spuds that we got for cigarettes, and had cocoa & raw cabbage that we stole.

March 23-26, 1945. Received a British Red Cross box. Four men to a box. It is pretty good, but not as good as ours.

March 27, 1945: We are sweating Patton out. They say he is 12 miles from here. I hope it is true. They cut our ration of bread to 10 men to a loaf. I was offered 10 dollars for ten cigarettes, but kept them to trade for chow, which we

have always been short of. I gave 20 cigarettes for 24 potatoes. Feldhaus and I pool our food together and we make out all right. Keep those wheels rolling, Patton.

March 28, 1945: Things are kind of mixed up around here today. Jerry has his machine guns set up in the fox holes they made us dig. They said tanks were right over the hill. We could hear their guns. About noon the Jerries took off. The camp was ours, but not for long.

March 29: American tanks came into camp. But the Krauts were driving them! They had captured or killed all of the spearhead that drove into camp. We talked to some of our boys and they said the main force was only between 40 and sixty miles away. We thought sure the Yanks would get us there, but the new bunch of Jerries that took over the camp decided to march us out. Here Feldhaus & I were split up. I went out the day before he did. We walked to Hammelburg. The boys sure did a good job with the tanks while it lasted. We got to Hammelburg after dark & they put us on 40 & 8's again and we rode to Nurnburg. The trip wasn't too bad. We had good guards. Nurnburg was a beautiful place. Looked like our air force took all their planes and loaded them with bombs & dropped them on Nurnburg. We went to a big camp at Nurnburg, the first two nights we slept outside; then it started to rain, so we moved into the tents. How we got in I don't know but we did. It was cold, too.

Wed. April 4, 1945: We marched out of Nurnburg, where to we didn't know. I don't think the Krauts knew for sure. At 12 noon we started, there were between 20 & 30 thousand of us, Americans & British & some Serbs. We were only a short distant from camp when two P-47's strafed and dropped a few bombs on a train near us. Two of our boys were

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A sloth of Boyd's Bears greets shoppers looking for "just the right one" as they enter A Country Gift Shop, recently relocated from Fayetteville, Pa., to its present location in the developing Zora Marketplace. Penny Bumbaugh, owner, manager, and crafter, relocated her business to Zora in August and is featuring items such as Boyd's Bears, Toland Flags, Pat Richter items, and Secondary Longaberger baskets. All of these are tucked into a Civil War era toll house. The shop's inventory includes crafted items of her own making: Tole paintings, rag dolls, basket liners. Penny studied Tole painting at the

Little Blue Tole House in Waynesboro. Tole painting is her preferred activity. "...wood, plates, glass, old cupboard doors, I paint anything I can get my hands on," said Penny. She has been a crafter for five years and works with customers to make items to order.

"I am so glad I moved here," said Penny. "My other shop was on Route 30 in Fayetteville and it was saturated with shops of all kinds. I am very pleased with the support of new local customers. Previous customers come in from South Central Pennsylvania and from as far away as West Virginia and North Carolina."

Penny plans to be adding to her

inventory in February and will be participating in a Craft Show to be held April 8 and 9. "We are always looking for new vendors," she said.

"Come to A Country Gift Shop for all your bear kisses and craft wishes."

A Country Gift Shop is located at 2D Ranch Trail, Zora, Pa. For information call 717-642-6116. The Hours are S-M-W 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Th-Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Closed Tuesdays.

Zora Market Place includes these shops and businesses: Jester's Hope Chest, Jester's Computer Service, Country Quilter, and Peaceful Paths.



Boyd's Bears on display at A Country Gift Shop in Zora

## Building Healthy Families

A monthly column provided by the Emmitsburg Coalition for a Better Community (ECBC)

### Mental Injury to Children

What is a mental injury? Basically, it is any environmental assault or inherent biological defect that negatively affects a child's ability to reasonably think and behave. The source of "insult" varies but may be man-made or found in nature. Unlike other physical injuries, however, these are often misunderstood and worsened by harsh reactions and a hasty diagnosis.

Among exterior causes to be evaluated are lead and pesticide toxicities; low-level carbon monoxide poisoning; parasites; and worms. Moreover, numerous medical conditions, often overlooked in cursory physical exams, can result in behavioral problems that conform to the cluster criteria for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), sometimes with features of serious mental illness. A few examples are seizures, diabetes, hyperthyroidism, and even such genetic disorders as sickle-cell anemia.

How should parents respond if their child is poorly attentive; impulsive; socially impaired, restless, throwing tantrums, having difficulty sleeping, and so forth, particularly in the absence of a psychological explanation(s), over a sustained period of time?

\*Seek and secure a doctor who will follow through with a comprehensive examination even if you

have to step outside your medical plan. Ensure that your child receives all possible considerations and obtain a second opinion if warranted. Early and appropriate intervention can prevent long-term, even reversible damage.

\*Gather and organize health records. Detail physical anomalies and any developmental delays. Note family history on genetic disorders;

\*Record your child's daily and nightly routine. Are there patterns or certain persistent "symptoms"? (Check with other caregivers.)

Parents often fear the typical brain injuries that result from a "knock on the head." Infrequently do any of us realize all possible mental injuries. Yet proactively opening our minds to that reality will save many children's minds from shutting down.

For additional information concerning Mental Injury to children please contact Pat Hershwitz at 301-834-4105 or Hope Mahony at 301-447-6522.

This article was submitted by NAMI/Frederick County.

Next month's article will concern Child Neglect and its consequences.

### Correction

The shopkeeper of Country Quilter in Zora Market Place is Kim Shinnel.

## Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Kenny and Rebecka Ridenour, Rocky Ridge, a son, Nov. 25

Leah and Dave Mort, Carroll Valley, Pa., a son, Nov. 29

Terri and Samuel Smith, Rocky Ridge, a daughter, Dec. 1

Charlene and Richard Rippeon, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Dec. 2

Jennifer and Shelton Mooney, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Dec. 17

Michelle Harbaugh and James Richards, Rocky Ridge, a son, Dec. 27

Gayle and Tony Eiker, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Dec. 30

## Plamondon to sponsor Mason-Dixon Farm and Stable Tour 2000

Peter and Laurie Plamondon have announced that the Plamondon Companies, headquartered in Frederick, will be the official corporate sponsor of the Mason-Dixon Farm and Stable Tour 2000. This year's tour will take place Sunday, September 17.

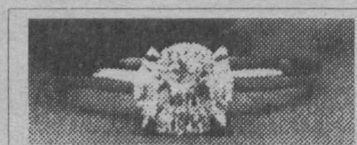
Plamondon, who is vice-chair of the board of trustees at Mount St. Mary's College, said, "The tour is a great promotion vehicle for northern Frederick County and we are extremely pleased to become associated with it."



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## Obituaries

### Miss Leeanna Franklin

Miss Leeanna Franklin, 82, of 8518 Orndorff Road, Thurmont, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa. Born July 9, 1917, in Thurmont, she was a daughter of the late John Nathaniel and Margaret Elizabeth Fox Franklin.

She was a lifelong member of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church and served as an elder and clerk of the session. She was treasurer of the

Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery board, charter member of the Emmitsburg Community Chorus and a member of Alpha Iota Business Sorority.

She retired from Ferrell Gas Co., Taneytown.

She is survived by two sisters, Sarah Elizabeth Franklin Larsen Colorado, and Margaret Virginia Franklin of Thurmont; two nieces, Virginia Elise McGrew of Colorado, and Linda Ann Franklin Schwartz of Australia; two nephews, Carl A. Larsen Jr. of California, Charles Wilson Franklin Jr. of Thurmont;

and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 3 at the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church with her pastor the Rev. R. Benjamin Jones officiating. Interment was in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church, 415 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

### Mrs. Joyce White

Mrs. Joyce E. White, 49, 2175 Mount Hope Road, Fairfield, Pa., died Friday morning, Dec. 31, at her home.

She was the wife of Washington W. White IV.

Born Dec. 2, 1950, in Frederick, she was a daughter of Charles and Grace Rice Keeney of Frederick.

Mrs. White was a member of Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church, Gettysburg, Pa.

She had been employed by

(See OBITUARY on page 14)

## House

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real," says Michelle. "We can do what we want, and not ask a landlord's permission. My kids can go outside anytime they want and I can go out and look up or down the street to see them. There's a whole new feeling I get when I come home from work and cross the bridge into Emmitsburg. I look for my house, not an apartment!"

Michelle and Kevin (who ask that their surname not be published) built their home through the Mutual Self-Help Program sponsored by Interfaith Housing of Western Md. Along with members of four other households, they strapped on work belts and assisted in the construction of five single family homes. They learned how to frame and roof a

house, hang cabinets and tar a foundation. They learned construction phrases, how to use power and hand tools, and spent 40 hours training for this endeavor at another self-help site before they began their own homes. They worked through the hot summer months and sacrificed weekend gatherings, movies, bowling, and ball games to accomplish their dream - of owning a home of their own. In addition to their full time jobs, they contributed at least 30 additional hours each week toward the construction of their home and those of their future neighbors.

Interfaith Housing has sponsored three such programs - one in Brunswick, one in Taneytown, and

one in Emmitsburg. More than fifty homes have now been built under Interfaith's self-help program sponsorship. The program targets low and moderate income working households who may, for various reasons, not be able to afford a home on the private market. Interfaith works with various lenders including Rural Development/USDA, to assist borrowers in obtaining an affordable mortgage on a home built with their own labor as equity. "It's probably the best program...for people like us," says Michelle, who, with her husband Kevin, has struggled for years to find affordable housing. With four children to care for on an income far below the median income in Frederick County, owning a home

was something that seemed far beyond their reach. Then they were told about the "sweat equity" program sponsored by Interfaith Housing. Even though there had been some tough times in the past, some credit problems, with persistence and diligence and lots of self discipline, they cleared all credit issues to the lenders' satisfaction and proceeded toward settlement on a building lot in Emmitsburg. They attended all training meetings offered by Interfaith, worked hard, sweated and strained as they observed their home take shape - with their own labor as down payment.

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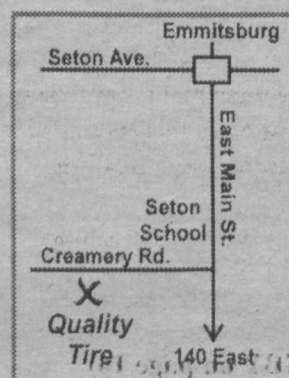
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## MOUNT ST. MARY'S THROWS A PARTY FOR A HORSE

Probably for the first time in the 191-year history of the school, a party was thrown at Mount St. Mary's College for a horse.

Of course, it's not just any horse. It's Monsignor K., a durable 12-year-old Thoroughbred racehorse who was named by Billy Bayne, a Mount alumnus, after Monsignor Robert Kline, a former Mount president, department chair, and teacher of an estimated 15,000 Mount students during his lifetime.

The horse was retired and given to the school's riding club in October.

To celebrate both the life of Monsignor Kline and Monsignor K., the Mount Riding Club members hosted a reception on Saturday, Dec. 11, to introduce Monsignor K. to the Mount college community.

Starting at 12:30 p.m., a party will be held at Breezy Hill Farm, where the college students ride and board their horses, and many of the people who have been associated with the horse will be on hand, including Mount alumni Billy Bayne and Ray Pugliese, members of the Kline family, and Jim Phelan, the

Mount's legendary men's basketball coach who was a great friend of Monsignor Kline and shared the Monsignor's love of horse racing.

Then at 2:00 p.m., Monsignor K. will be loaded on a van and driven two miles to campus where he will be officially welcomed by school chaplain, Father Jerry Francik. The ceremony will be held in front of the statue of Father John DuBois, who founded Mount St. Mary's in 1808.

"Monsignor Kline was one of the most influential people in my life," Bayne said. As for his equine name-sake, Monsignor K., the magic of Monsignor Kline, who died last summer at the age of 80 and is buried on the mountain overlooking the campus, must have rubbed off.

During a racing career that spanned an amazing 10 years, Monsignor K. ran 186 times, won 30 races, placed second 36 times, and had 37 thirds—finishing "in the money" an astounding 103 times. His earnings stand at \$145,406. He won races in Pennsylvania (at Penn National and Philadelphia Park), Delaware (Delaware Park), New Jersey (Atlantic City) and West

Virginia (Charles Town).

To put the horse's record in perspective, Peggy Hendershot, director of communications for the National Thoroughbred Racing Association, said the "average" racehorse competes for only 2 to 4 years and makes 30 lifetime starts. About two-thirds of Thoroughbreds from a given foal crop eventually win one race.

"What's most impressive about this horse is his aggregate record," Hendershot said. "He was very consistent, what you'd call a professional runner.

But the Monsignor K. story doesn't end there. In mid-October, Bruno Bellucci, one of the leading trainers at Penn National Race Course in Grantville, Pa., and owner of Monsignor K., telephoned Ross Peddicord, a college administrator and an advisor to the Mount St. Mary's Intercollegiate Riding Team and Club, and offered to give the club the horse.

On a windy Sunday in late October, Peddicord, along with Joe Topper, owner of Breezy, and Clarice Dionot, Mount team captain, headed

for Penn National.

Dionot said Peddicord had explained that the horse might be "ugly and broken down" after his long racing life.

"Well, when we got there, we were in shock," said Dionot. "Out comes this beautiful black horse, and when we got him home and took off the shipping bandages, his legs were clean and cold. They had taken absolutely wonderful care of him."

Now retired from his first job as a racehorse, Monsignor K. is getting ready for a second career in the show hunter ring. It could take up to a year of retraining before Monsignor K. will actually go to his first show or foxhunt.

"Oftentimes, I look at Monsignor K. standing in his field, and see him staring off at the mountain towards campus," Peddicord said. "Unquestionably, he has that 'look of eagles' attributed to all good racehorses. It sounds sentimental, but I know Monsignor Kline is looking down from that mountain, and he's got to be all smiles."

## Women's rugby at the Mount

BY SARAH WASSNER

The rough, tough, and tackling game of rugby has never been pretty—until now. What was always a tradition for Mount Saint Mary's men is finally being offered to their female counterparts. Through the auspices of a new club team, women are getting their own chance to grapple, tumble, and toss one another in this purely raw sport. Forget make-up: these ladies will cake themselves with mud. They are going from rouge to rugby as they bring a new beauty and elegance to this most intense and hard-hitting game.

Although the idea of women's rugby at the Mount has been previously tossed around, it took until this year for the actual formulation of a team. Don Briggs, who heads the men's squad, as well as Denise Ditch and junior Thea Maddox were instrumental in gaining the interest and eventually recruiting several women players. 15 girls are needed to play and as of now, at least 25 girls are on the roster. Maddox cites Briggs as an excellent leader for this start-up

club. She commented: "Briggs is a wonderful and dedicated coach. I give him a lot of credit for helping us and making us feel welcome. He is wonderful with us and is just as excited as us to get women's rugby in Frederick County started."

Official practice for the team began just before Thanksgiving and since then they have been meeting two times a week to play. Briggs, as well as student Mike Galante, has been teaching the women the game's fundamentals, which are basically the same as the men's.

"We have two forty-minute halves with a five-minute half time. We play the same as the men's team, only females have a more graceful way of playing," said Maddox. "The men's rugby team have also made us feel very welcome and have shared their field, equipment and expertise with us. They have also come to our practices," she added.

The true women's rugby season will begin in the spring semester. They have a schedule chock-full of competition against (See RUGBY on page 16)

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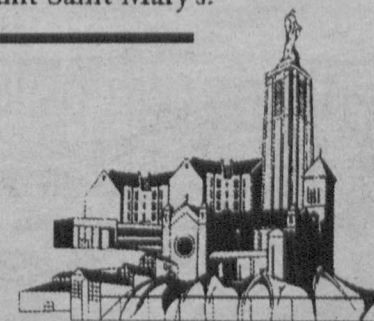
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Noland Co., Frederick for 20 years and, at the time of her death, was an employee of Mansi Co., Frederick

Surviving in addition to her husband and parents are two children, Carrie L. Cornell and Shane P. Cornell, both of Frederick; three stepchildren Utaw White and Georgia White, both of Fairfield, and

Mackenzie White of Emmitsburg; three sisters, Charlene Keeney, Susan Guynn, and Carol Keeney, all of Frederick; and three brothers, Michael Keene and Richard Keeney, both of Frederick, and David Keeney of Thurmont.

Memorial services were held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Lower

Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church, 1865 Knoxlyn Road, Gettysburg, with the Rev. Dale E. Williams officiating. The family received friends at the church immediately following the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## House

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"The mortgage is the only negative thing - you gotta pay the bank back . . . but . . . all the hard work has finally paid off." The kids love having their own rooms, their own

back yard to play in and friends next door. This is an investment . . ." in our lifestyle, in our family. . . . It's a wonderful feeling!"

Interfaith plans additional self-

help opportunities in Taneytown and Hancock next year. To learn more, contact Gail Wilson at 410 775-7114 or Interfaith's main office at 301-662-4225.

## RUGBY

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such schools as Penn State, Salisbury, St. Mary's and George Mason. The team may compete against some high school teams as well. After what will be months of training and preparation, the team feel as though they will be ready for action once the season begins.

"The girls are really excited and we hope we will be very competitive in the spring," said Maddox.

Along with Maddox, other Mount students

slated to don the traditional rugger gear included Lashawna Kinsey, Jackie Schultz, Colleen Ryan, Erin Bruce, Katie Golding, Alison Greaney, Jen Funk, Kelley Miller, Meghan Goolsby, Theresa Pane, Meghan Walsh, Meg Hogan, Jill Disabati and Kim Wiese, among others.

The women are hoping to have the same appeal that the men have always had at the Mount and in Emmitsburg, and they are seeking just as large a fan base. Urges Maddox, "Please

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# “Goat Tails” are back!

BY CHRISTINE MACCABEE

*Has it really been two years since I wrote my last “Goat Tail” for the Dispatch? Why I ever stopped I’ll never know, for the tales kept coming and now I’ve a backlog of tales to tell. Starting this month I will continue to share with you the various experiences and thoughts evoked by my Nubians, and I hope you enjoy them. Let me first begin by telling you how and why I accidentally fell into the role of goat tender.*

## Raising Goats: My Genetic Destiny?

When my family and I first moved to upper Frederick County ten years ago, it was my full intention to have large gardens and to raise chickens for eggs and manure. Well, a large garden I have, but chickens I don’t. My chicken-killing dog, Angel, took care of my birds twice for me. Little did I know when I acquired her from my Uncle Bart’s farm near Westminster that while there she’d acquired a taste for chicken. But that’s a story for my “Dog Tail” series, which has nothing to do with goats.

In truth, goats were the furthest thing from my mind until one fateful spring day in 1994 when my daughter Marie and I visited the recently birthed Nubian kids at Dave Peters’s place on Friend’s Creek Rd. As some of you may know, cute, frisky goat kids are deceptively adorable. If you are not “goat-wise,” and if the kids have not been handled much by loving human hands, it is best to avoid the temptation to acquire them as pets. Softy that I am, and totally obli-

ous to the difficulties ahead, I permitted Marie to buy two females with money she had saved up. These would be *her* goats, and *she* would take care of them, right? Wrong. From the moment we got home and Fleetfoot escaped and went bounding up the mountain like a terrified little wild creature, and I went bounding up after her through wild berry thorns and multiflora rose, we knew it was not going to be easy. (For complete details of that first day’s adventures see “Getting Your Goat.” Call me at 301-271-2307 if you are interested in reading any of my first eleven tales.)

Now, 5 years and 3 birthings later, my three females (Fleetfoot, Fawn, and Blueberry) and one gorgeous young male (Hershey Wizard or Talkative) are all doing very well. My girls are all drying out after many years of successful milkings, but this spring I hope to breed Fawn again as I miss the wonderful taste of fresh, creamy, unpasteurized goat “nectar,” commonly known as milk.

I have formed a close relationship with my goats and have learned much about the raising of these fascinating hooved creatures which are related to deer and at heart just as wild. Sometimes I wonder if it really was an accident that led me to buy those cute little kids from Dave, or was it in a very real way, my destiny, driven by an innate genetic urge? No doubt it was a healthy combination of the two, as it so often is in most of what we do in our lives. Allow me to explain.

I’d been raising my goats for about one year when one day my mother showed me a picture of my great grandmother Wilhelmina Raber with her goat. Little did I know that she raised goats in South

A “goat girl” from southwestern Germany tends her goats in this 1926 picture.



Baltimore in the late 1800’s, selling their milk to neighbors. Since her, no one else in my family has raised goats until now. It is quite likely that after me no one will try it again for at least a few generations, especially if they read my “Goat Tail” mishaps. However, even more mind-blowing is a fact I just acquired from a 1926 *National Geographic* magazine. Under a lovely picture of a German girl and her goats, it was stated that in western and southwestern Germany (where all my relatives on both sides come from) there were “more than 4 million goats according to a 1926 census, a figure considerably in excess of the number of horses.” Necessarily the question then arises, was I genetically destined to raise goats?

Certainly raising goats is a cultural phenomenon as well as a source of food and income for goat herders here in Frederick County. Many of my friends and acquaintances who raise goats have been doing it for much longer than I, and indeed have many more skills and inherited intuitions. Novice that I am, I can only hope that my writings can bring people a few moments of pleasure and perhaps even a chuckle or two. There is no doubt in my mind that my love of writing is genetically inherited. As for my love of goats... who knows??

Till next month, don’t let little problems of life “get your goat.”

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killed. We took cover in woods. Stayed in barns first night, had marched 24 kilometers.

April 5, 1945: Large raids on Nurnburg. Made American flag & P.O.W. signs out of our clothing so our bombers could see it. Our P-47's were out again. They kept track of us on our whole march. At Newmarket, Jerry gave us a little soup & bread. Camped in woods in rain 2<sup>nd</sup> night, "rough." Went through Belingreis, at Berchine we received a Red Cross box and Jerry bread. They were bringing Red Cross boxes to us on trucks. We stayed at Pauloshofen, third and fourth nights, had some soup. We marched to Pondorf, two-hour stop. Hot water. That was April 8<sup>th</sup>. We then went to Sandersdorf, then to Mindelstetten, slept in a church yard that night. Had bread and some spuds we stole. We went to Forchheim, then to Newstadt on the Danube River. The Jerries were all excited because the Americans were getting closer and we didn't march very fast. After we crossed the bridge at Newstadt they blew it up. Our bombers were out every day. Wave after wave of them. We went to Muhlhausen then to Leigenburg where we got another Red Cross box, two men to a box. We slept in a barn the 5<sup>th</sup> night. We walked to Jrlach then to Schweinbach which was 117 kilometers from Nurnburg, then to Pfeffenhausen. At Holtshausen we stayed in barns & got another Red Cross box. Three of us had buddied up—Sgt. Roles, Helmick, & myself. I carried about a half bushel of potatoes and they carried the blankets & Red Cross boxes. We all had a load, but we made out very well. We were eating like kings. Potatoes 3 times a day, what a diet, but I gained weight and got a lot of my strength back.

Friday, April 13, 1945: Heard of Pres. Roosevelt's death, couldn't believe it was true, but Jerry said it was true.

April 10-11-12-13: Big raids all over Germany. We walked to Obermunchen, then to Gammelsdorf where we stayed in barns Friday night 13-14-15. Jerry didn't know where to take us.

Monday, April 16, 1945: We headed for Mooseburg we arrived at noon. Big raids on Regensburg & Landshut, we stayed in tents at Mooseburg. We were thick as flies in there. At night you couldn't walk around without stepping on someone. We didn't have any work to do here. Just laid around hoping & praying Patton would catch up to

us. We got one Red Cross box for every six men. It wasn't much, but it was better than what Jerry was feeding us.

April 29, 1945: The Americans were coming. The Jerries, most of them, had taken off. An American Officer was in charge. I went to an outdoor Mass & two P-47's came low & buzzed the Camp. Jerry opened up with machine guns, but didn't hit

them. Then we heard tanks & small arms fire & we knew Patton was coming. It wasn't long until a tank was in our back yard, the best looking piece of machinery I ever saw. At 25 minutes to one Old Glory was flying over Mooseburg. We stayed there until May 8, when they took us to Landshut and there we got on C-47's & headed for France. Landed in the

good old U.S.A. May 29, 1945; was home June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1945 for 65 days. From home I went to Fla. for 12 days then back to Aberdeen until Oct. 24 when I went to Ft. Meade for my discharge which I got Oct. 27, 1945. Four years, 1 month and 25 days. A long time.

*Transcribed by Bev Fitzgerald from Dan's handwritten diary.*

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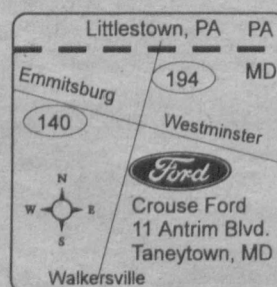
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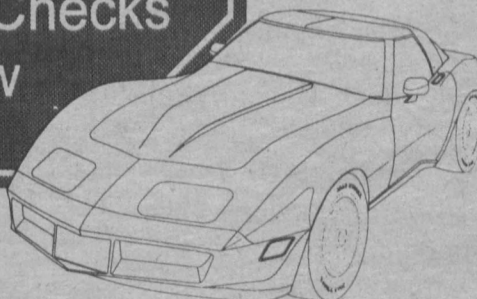
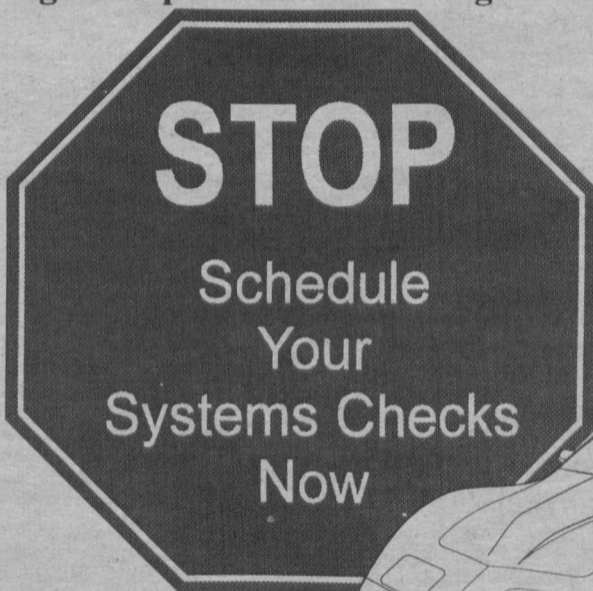
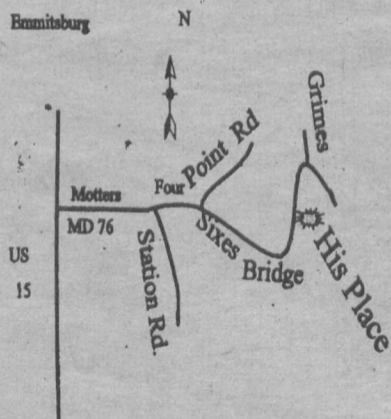
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### Looking Ahead

#### Monday, January 10

*Genealogy Is More Than Charts* presented by author Lorna Duane Smith at the Emmitsburg Branch Library Mon. 7 p.m. She will show ways to discover and record your personal history. Registration required.

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## Mother Seton School News

### Uncle Ralph's Christmas cookie fund-raiser really rolling in the dough

BY VAL MENTZER  
Dispatch Correspondent

Just in time for the busy Christmas cookie baking season comes this fund-raiser from Uncle Ralph's Cookies to the rescue! Mother Seton School families participated in this fundraiser for the MSS Home/School Association. Our school families sold 692 dozen cook-

ies for a profit of \$1730! Thanks to chairperson Brenda Binder and all who helped make this event possible.

Our Home/School Association also sponsored a Joe Corbi's pizza sale. Thanks, chairperson Pat Kaczorowski, for all of your hard work to help our students at Mother Seton School.

Fourth graders enjoy fellowship at the St. Catherine's Nursing Center

during this holiday season. The students visited the residents for several weeks during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. They enjoyed dressing up and playing games with balls, hula hoops, and basketball nets. This is part of the Community

Outreach Program at Mother Seton School. Each classroom participates in a specific outreach program to help give service to our local communities. Wait for future updates of other classroom outreach events.



Buying Uncle Ralph's cookies are (l) Adam Binder, Chase Liposhak, Maria Meyers and Emily Meyers  
Photo courtesy Val Mentzer



Mother Seton School students visit at St. Catherine's

Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

## QUILTERS

### Events of 20th century seem like patchwork

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS  
Dispatch Correspondent

As I write, the old year is winding down—the old century giving way to the new.

I refuse to fret about all the dire predictions about Y2K. History relates the ups and downs of civilizations before now and will relate our place in the time line to other generations.

This entire chain of events is much like a quilt—you start with a big pile of "stuff."

Then you cut and shape and mold the pieces into one large spread with a myriad of patterns. However, "it" still needs more work. It is still just a bunch of pieces—just like the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The final steps are 1) doing the stitches to hold the pieces together, and 2) binding it all around. Now you have a quilt.

Today, the 20<sup>th</sup> century is just a bunch of pieces, but in the final days of 1999, the pieces are being stitched together, and in 2000 A.D. they will be bound by historians and forecasters. Finally the quilt of our 20<sup>th</sup> century civilization will be ready for viewing and reviewing.

What was your quilt like? Was it a "Flower Garden" or a "Crown of Thorns"?

Was it a "Dutchman's Puzzle" or a "Monkey Wrench"? Perhaps your place in the century quilt was a "Sampler" of many patterns.

Mt. Tabor Quilters decided to have our annual Christmas party on January 9, 2000. We are taking a block from the last century and carrying it into the new.

We all hope the holidays were kind to you and that the new year holds prizes and surprises to keep you healthy and happy.

## Higbee

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the broad Commonwealth than any other man in Pennsylvania."

This eulogy along with countless others to Dr. Higbee was part of a 600-page memorial edition of the *Pennsylvania School Journal* published to honor Dr. Higbee and his work in laying the foundation of public education for the State of Pennsylvania. Having just graduated from the University of Vermont at age 20, Dr. Higbee came to Emmitsburg in 1850 to teach in a private "select" school of children of Joshua Motter. He fell in love with Emmitsburg and he later fell in love with and married one of his students, one of the Motter girls.

He became a professor of theology and a minister after having a religious awakening while in Emmitsburg.

He went on to become president of Mercersburg Academy and then the forerunner of Franklin and Marshall College, and finally was appointed state superintendent of schools of Pennsylvania.

School children all over the state of Pennsylvania contributed nickels to help fund the memorial marker for his grave (which he had designed) and he was buried at his request in his beloved Emmitsburg on the spot where he had gone hunting as a 20-year-old in 1850. You can see his grave site today in Mountain View

Cemetery, marked by a huge piece of granite and a cross lying on it.

Reading the memorial edition eulogies I noticed many parallels with the eulogy in the *Dispatch* for E. E. Higbee's granddaughter, Mary Higbee Hoke. Both graduated from college at a young age, married their students, promoted religious tolerance, loved teaching, loved Emmitsburg, possessed rigorous intellects, were fluent in many languages, were great mathematicians, and were loved and respected by their students and all who knew them.

And so at the beginning of the twenty-first century we can see how Emmitsburg's teachers have "affected eternity." Mother Seton and her school, started in 1810, must have influenced the young E. E. Higbee in 1850, and he, in turn, influenced his students and the students of Pennsylvania and his children's children (Mary Higbee Hoke) and all of the Emmitsburg and Catocin High School students that Mary Hoke taught.

And so an educational link forged in the 1800s by a young Vermont Yankee who came south continues unbroken into the 21st century. We can never know where Mother Seton's, Elnathan Elisha Higbee's, or Mary Higbee Hoke's influences will stop

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## Council seeks volunteers, donations, and ideas

The Catoctin Recreation Council (CRC) wants to develop new recreational activities, not already available, for the teens and youth of the Catoctin area. Some ideas that are being considered are a Pokemon Trading night, a Talent Show, an Ice Skating night, a Hoops contest and more.

Volunteer opportunities include a Treasurer, a Public Relations Chairperson, a Fundraising Chairperson, a Community Outreach Chairperson, and many more. Student representatives are also needed from Catoctin High, Thurmont Middle, Emmitsburg Elem., Lewistown Elem., Sabillasville Elem.,

Thurmont Elem. and Mother Seton School.

A special recruiting meeting will be held 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 25th, 2000, at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Regular meetings will be held at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month starting Feb 1st. at Thurmont Middle School

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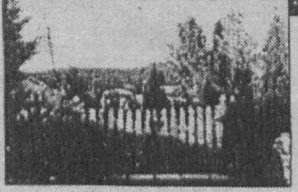
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## Something to Eat

### Eating French: Local gourmet aims for a home-grown taste of Provence

BY JACK DEATHERAGE JR.

Sister Melea, my third grade teacher at Holy Spirit in Columbus, Ohio, attempted to teach me French. Since I was having enough trouble with English, French became a torment and the people who spoke such a mindless tongue became my sworn enemies. Sister Melea was the first woman I had met that I inadequately describe as "sweet." Had she been any less than "sweet" I would have refused to go to school. French was a devil tongue unfit for Mankind.

Thirty-some years later I'm tearing through the library's audio books.

Most of the tapes I've listened to at least once--half the collection I've probably heard 4 or 5 times. So I was desperate for something new and picked up *Encore Provence* by Peter Mayle. Not something I would normally look at even once.

How prejudices can change! I still think the French language was created by devils, but I can ignore that as long as someone translates for me.

Mayle's book describes a people I could fall in with in a heart beat.

From their living habits to their dining habits they are my kin! That I may have some of their blood pumping through my veins is no longer a matter of disgrace, but an explanation of some of my attitudes and unspoken thoughts. I know where "home" is now.

Mayle writes of bread, wine and olive oil. He tells of cheeses offered on platters in quantity and variety to stun a mind already reeling from a meal that lasted hours. He convinced me to try foods not just French, but Provence French. To the Internet I rushed.

REALITY CHECK!

A bottle of olive oil (16.9 oz) cost

\$48.00! A few pounds of cheese shipped from Provence, France, ran in excess of \$140.00! If I could afford those prices I could visit the region myself.

After recovering from real sticker shock (foods that expensive make car prices a joke) I decided that maybe I had been right in my prejudices about the French. Now I could add "insanely greedy" to their list of faults.

Then I recalled Bernard Clayton's book on the breads of France. While I didn't care for most of the recipes, the few I tried were excellent. And *Thompson & Morgan, The Seed Catalogue 2000* (800-274-7333 or [www.thompson-morgan.com](http://www.thompson-morgan.com)) arrived while I was still pondering Mayle's book. And what are the British tempting me with this year? "Super Marmande," a favorite tomato in Provence, France!

If I can't have wine, oil and

cheese from Provence, I'll have French-style bread, made at home! Thick slices of a Provence tomato, grown at home. Local bacon and maybe a drizzle of the best Italian olive oil I can find in a local market. Stack them all together and stuff my face as I reread *Encore Provence*.

Of course I have to get the tomato seeds and grow a decent crop (which hasn't happened for several years now). I'm hoping the Provence tomato can stand our Maryland drought. Mayle left me with the impression that Provence summers are as dry as our own have been of late. Maybe I can get a tomato to do more than rot in my garden with the "Super Marmande" seed.

If all else fails, I'll make bread!

## Health and Fitness

### New year a good time for a new start, even without the resolutions

BY LINDA STULTZ

You made it through the holidays. Maybe not as well as you wanted to, but you made it. It's a new year and usually a good time to make a fresh, new start. If you don't usually keep your New Year's Resolutions, then don't make one. Make up your mind to improve your health and energy level. Don't be too hard on yourself, but at the same time, don't be too vague either. Commit to a program you can stick to. After you get started and feel the benefits of your program, you will look forward to it. Get a partner if you feel you need a little extra motivation. Be patient! It takes time and work. The "Quick Fix" never lasts.

MODERATION is the key. Moderation in food portions. Moderation in exercise. Don't punish yourself if you slip a few times, or even a lot of times. Get right back to it and soon you will slip less and less. Eating a balanced food program each day satisfies your body's needs and soon the cravings will stop. You will wonder why you ever wanted the

whole bag of chips when some days you don't even think about them now.

WATER is another important component in a well balanced, healthy food program. I know some people don't like water (I can't even imagine that) but if you take a small glass every hour, your body will use it wisely. After a while, you will find yourself wanting water and keep it nearby all day. Drinking water is also a great way to eat less.

EXERCISE is the third part of a healthy future. The holidays can bring added stress. Exercise relieves that stress and builds your body back up. Exercise also helps build strong bones to help prevent osteoporosis, improves mobility and flexibility and builds lean muscles to burn more calories.

"DON'T GIVE UP" is a great motto to follow for so many things in life, especially improving your health. These are just a few tips to get you jump-started for 2000. Look for more next month.

## Pet Health

### Antifreeze poisoning: a danger to pets

BY BECKY CLARKE R.V.T.

Well, winter is here, and along with the preparations for it comes the hazard of poisoning our pets. Veterinary practices see this type of toxicosis quite frequently this time of year, as people are filling the radiators with antifreeze and invariably a small amount spills.

Because Ethylene Glycol (antifreeze) is so tasteful to animals, they consume it very quickly. Unfortunately, it takes a very small amount to kill your pet. Ethylene glycol causes severe damage to the kidneys in a very short time. The toxic dose is as little as one teaspoon for an adult cat.

Some of the signs of antifreeze poisoning are vomiting, depression, seizures, and subsequent coma. These signs will develop very quickly. The best thing to remember if you know your pet has ingested antifreeze, is to make it vomit

immediately by pouring peroxide in its mouth. Then, call your veterinarian immediately. If you are not sure the pet has ingested antifreeze, but you notice the above symptoms progressing quickly, call your veterinarian immediately. It is a strong possibility that they have antifreeze poisoning, but at this point inducing vomiting will not help.

Most veterinarians will have a blood test available that will help determine if your pet has ingested antifreeze. The veterinarian will look for other outward symptoms of poisoning, as well as initiate IV fluid therapy and treatment.

Unfortunately most antifreeze poisonings end in death. Obviously, the best thing to do is to prevent the animal from any possibility of access to Ethylene Glycol. Clean up thoroughly after filling your radiator, and if you have a leak—keep the animal away from the vehicle altogether!

So, as we prepare for winter, keep in mind the danger of antifreeze poisoning. Most of all, act quickly if you suspect your pet is ill. It may not be just the flu!

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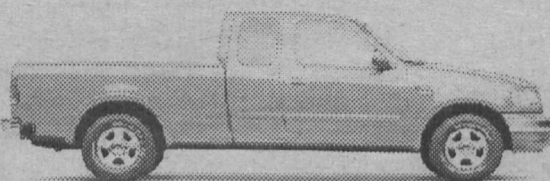
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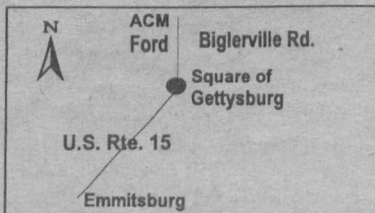


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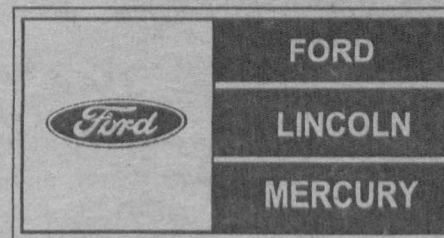
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