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Firefighters honor 106 fallen heroes

A Staff Report

Thousands of fire service personnel from across the nation gathered at the 19th annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday, October 8, to pay tribute to the 104 firefighters who died in the line of duty last year. Two who died in previous years were also honored. Held on the grounds of the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, the annual service is the culmination of a weekend of special ceremonies and activities for families and coworkers of the fallen heroes.

The Memorial Weekend honored firefighters from 30 states and Washington, D.C., who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities. They included six Worcester, Massachusetts, firefighters who died in a warehouse fire, three Fort Worth, Texas, area firefighters killed fighting a church fire, and 18 volunteer and career firefighters who died in incidents related to wildland, grass, and brush fires.

Among the fallen firefighters mourned this year was a member of Emmitsburg's Vigilant Hose Company, Terry Lee Myers, who died of a heart attack February 15, 1999, while fighting a brush fire at Mount St. Mary's College. It was the first time in the company's 116-year history that a firefighter died in the line of duty. Myers was an active member of the company for 33 years. In addition to his tactical firefighting duties, he served on the Board of Directors and was active in the company's fund-raising events.

The memorial service concluded with the unveiling of a bronze plaque adding the names of the 1999 fallen firefighters. Since 1981, 2,077 firefighters have been honored at the national monument.

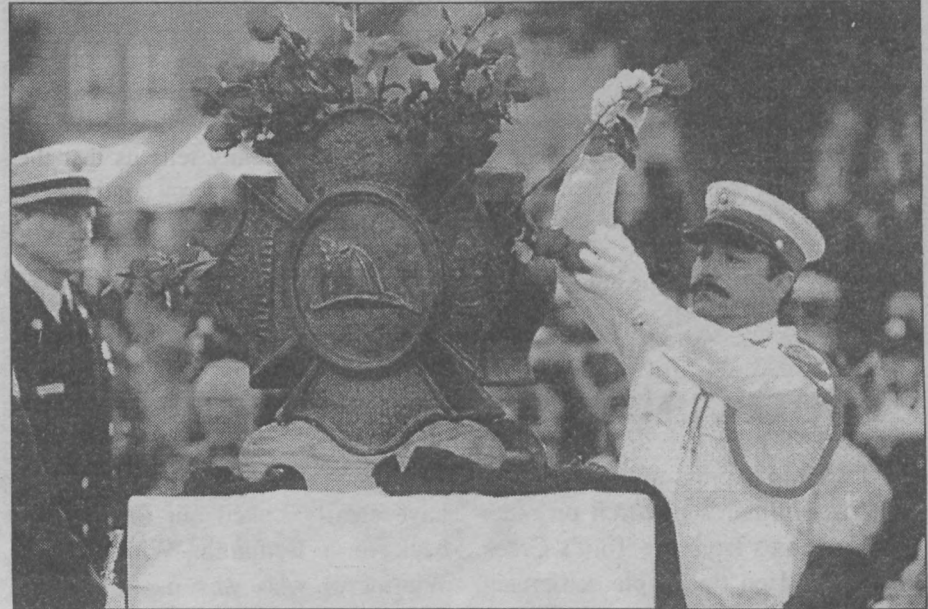


Photo by Lewis Grandstaff

A member of the honor guard removes from a bronze vase a single rose to be given to a relative of a fallen firefighter honored during the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service held at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg on October 8.

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**Trick or Treat from 6 - 7 p.m.
American Legion Halloween
Parade 7 p.m.
October 31**

Dance and car show a big hit at the Mount

A Staff Report

A dance and car show were held recently at Mount Saint Mary's College to raise funds for a "Tribute to a Friend" memorial scholarship. Monies from this event will be used to establish a scholarship earmarked for local students attending Mount Saint Mary's College.

According to Bob Rosensteel, Sr., six hundred sixty-five individual tickets were sold. Groups came from as far away as Baltimore. "People really participated in the contests we had and the dance floor was full all evening; some couples were dancing in the aisles," said Mr. Rosensteel. "People my age [post baby boomers] were enjoying themselves just like teenagers. It was a lot of fun," he said.

The project grew out of a

desire by Bob Rosensteel, Sr., of Rosensteel Studios, Inc. to commemorate fallen firemen from Emmitsburg. He said that this recent event is just the beginning of a continuing effort to establish a permanently endowed scholarship.

The starting capital for this project was derived from a commemorative photo produced by Rosensteel Studios in remembrance of Dave Copenhaver, Greg Hollinger and Tom Topper of Vigilant Hose Company. A limited edition of a new commemorative photo in remembrance of Terry Myers will be used to continue raising funds for the scholarship fund.

Jim Kittinger of Emmitsburg assisted in organizing the affair and Debbie Bowman of Sabillasville organized the car show. Seventy-three cars and trucks from the area were on display.

"There was everything from Model A's to racing sleds, and from pickup trucks to '50 and '60s classic sedans, said Rosensteel. Trophies were awarded in the major categories.

Major contributors to the events were the Emmitsburg Lions Club, the 4 x 4 Borderline Club, and the Vigilant Hose Company. Many local business owners contributed door prizes.

Holiday decorating plans set: volunteers wanted!

The date of Saturday, December 2, has been set for the making of the Christmas swags to decorate the pole lights in town for the holiday season.

Men and women, teens and youngsters are needed to cut off branches, twist and cut wire, tie on bows and carry supplies, as well as creating the swags.

This tradition of hanging live pine greens in the town for the Christmas season has been carried on for over twenty years by a dedicated group who grow older every year. We need new and young blood! Come out and be a part of this happy group. When you come, bring work gloves, clippers, and wire cutters to the town garage behind the Town Office at 9:00 a.m. on December 2. Plenty of parking is available at the Antique Mall parking lot. Hope to see you there because "Many hands make light work."

Letters to the Editor

The *Dispatch* encourages its readers to express their thoughts 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.

Thanks for supporting Mission of Mercy

I would like to thank the people of Frederick County and the surrounding area for the support they gave the Mission of Mercy's first annual gala event, which was held September 23. The black tie dinner/auction was "Sold Out" and far exceeded our original fund-raising goals. People from all over Maryland, including Frederick, donated auction items, purchased tickets to the dinner and participated in the silent auction.

The funds from this event will help the volunteers of Mission of Mercy

continue their efforts of "healing through Love" at our mobile clinic sites in Maryland including Frederick, Brunswick, Thurmont, Taneytown, Westminster, Reisterstown, and one in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. We are all fortunate to be able to serve those in need and the response we have received from this community tells us that the work of Mission of Mercy continues to be well received.

David Liddle, CEO
Mission of Mercy

Appreciation via local web site

I want to express my appreciation for Mr. Hillman's research on older family names from the Tom's Creek history and on the whole settlement of that broad region. For many years the Whitmores in Washington state would say only that they knew nothing of our past except that it went back to a place called Rocky Ridge--somewhere.

I recently went to a conference in Washington, D.C., and afterwards, I took an afternoon to visit two cemeteries in Rocky Ridge. This produced a wealth of tombstone names, which

were put to the search engines. We have clearly linked our family line back to a Benjamin Whitmer (or Whitmore) who was mentioned in [Hillman's] articles with 1700s settlement outreach. I am so delighted that we can now put a face on our presumed lost heritage, and that your resources have helped us to begin filling in the finer details.

Bruce Whitmore

(This letter came to the Dispatch through emmitsburg.net/dispatch)

Delegate Elliott urges Republican vote

After reviewing Vice-President Gore's speech accepting the presidential nomination of the Democratic Party, I have concluded that we have seen the emergence of a new Socialist Party in America. The Democratic Party has always embraced a liberal political philosophy, but the campaign agenda outlined by the Democratic standard bearer for the year 2000 is truly a Socialist manifesto. I have to believe that a great number of moderate Democrats and Independents should be alarmed after a careful analysis of the vision Mr. Gore has for the future of our nation.

Just a few years ago, President Clinton adopted the long established mantra of the Republican Party by

declaring that we have seen the last of big government. Vice-President Gore reinvented big government as he carefully outlined the issues in a populist "chicken in every pot" message with a price tag that has to be astronomical. It is obvious to me that Mr. Gore has decided to lead our nation in a liberal-socialist direction which is counter to anything that this country has ever witnessed. The acceptance speech is riddled with new and expanded existing programs that would attempt to take care of citizens from the cradle to the grave. This is big government of the first order!

In an attempt to bring fairness to the income tax system, the Republican
(See Elliott on page 9)

Town News...

Town water situation murky

Construction of the new water treatment plant on Crystal Fountain Road has been postponed pending the results of a law suit filed by Howard Robson, Inc., the low bidder on the project. HRI of Landisville, Pa., submitted a bid of \$1,279,934. The Johnston Construction Company of Dover, Pa., the second lowest bidder with a bid of \$1,296,581, was awarded the contract at an August 21 workshop.

A discussion at the workshop of HRI's reputation for costly construction change orders resulted in the

commissioners' voting 3-1 to award the construction contract to the Johnston Construction Co. whose bid was \$16,647 more than HRI. Commissioner Hoover cast the single nay vote because he felt he needed more information on each company before making a decision.

In response to the lawsuit, the town attorney, John Clapp, has pointed out that the Maryland standard is to select the "lowest responsible bidder." Mr. Clapp has filed a motion to dismiss the suit against the town.

Town Meeting

At the October 2 town meeting Susie Glass, one of the owners of the Ott House, told the commissioners she was speaking on behalf of the Emmitsburg restaurants in response to the enforced shutdown September 26 due to high turbidity in the town's water.

"It was a fiasco for us," she said. "We were made to throw away large quantities of food, no one could give us any answers as to when we could reopen, and we still had to pay our employees. It cost us a great deal of

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Fire company has open house



Photo by Raymond Buchheister, Jr.

Donald W. Adams, Jr. (also known as CHIEFO, the Fire Safety Clown) is a fire specialist with the Baltimore County Fire Department. He does approximately 400 demonstrations a year to promote community awareness and safety education and was here at the Emmitsburg Area Fire Prevention Open House at the invitation of the Vigilant Hose Company. **Chad Umbel (left)** and **Frank Davis, Chief of VHC** assist CHIEFO during his appearance.

In observance of Fire Prevention Week, the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company held its annual open house on Thursday, October 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the fire station at 25 West Main Street. Its purpose was to remind citizens of the importance of learning and practicing fire and injury prevention measures at home, work, school and during leisure activities.

Visitors were greeted by "Jeffery," the Toys-R-Us Giraffe Mascot and Sparky the Fire Dog. Fire engine and emergency vehicle rides were provided for kids of all ages. CHIEFO, the Fire Safety Clown, was on hand giving life safety messages during an entertaining show. To top off the evening, ice cream, popcorn, and punch were served by the VHC auxiliary.

Bosnian family 'making their way' in community

The Mrkanovic family from Bosnia, who joined the Emmitsburg community in mid-September, have made terrific progress in settling into a new life.

They have moved from temporary housing to a nearby home provided by the owner for their first year. The community's generosity has been continually amazing: countless hours of work were given by individuals to make the home ready; a washer and dryer was given by Mary Hoke's family; another group made sure there were curtains for the windows. It just goes on and on. Transportation needs have also been met, thanks to the donation of a car. Esmir's international driver's license was squared away and now everyday needs, groceries and such, can be managed by the Mrkanovics on their own.

The three girls, Irma, Inez, and Nada, are happy, hard-working students at Emmitsburg Elementary school and they are doing very well.

Chewing gum is a special favorite with these girls who also like to draw, love Disney characters, and sing along with electronic music. Nahida, their mother, is calm in the chaos. Her bread-making skills may have something to do with that. The whole family is being tutored in English twice a week and their mastery of the language is growing by leaps and bounds. Before long we'll know the rest of the story.

The biggest hurdle remaining is secure employment for Esmir. While this effort continues, he is picking up work locally in various temporary jobs that utilize landscaping, painting, and home improvement skills. As he is knowledgeable about power tool operations and takes direction quickly, optimism holds that a sufficient opportunity may come along soon. Human goodness and amazing grace have accomplished so much already that this goal can't be far away. Then, independence!

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money. Then we learned that the turbidity wasn't really that bad and that it probably wasn't necessary to shut us down." She said they would like some assurance that it won't happen again and hopes a system can be developed between the county and the state so that there is proof that something is wrong before making such decisions.

Mayor Carr said he felt the Frederick County Health Department responded too quickly. He said technically the town never released bad

water into the system and that the FCHD called the restaurants without asking the Town Office. Mayor Carr said he felt that if they had consulted with the town they probably would not have closed down the restaurants.

In other business: the council approved an agreement of intent to extend sewer and water lines to Pembroke and Brookfield sub-divisions, and to continue with a subsidized loan for the new water plant.

Opportunity for endowment funding discussed at EBPA meeting



At the October EBPA meeting, Betsy Day, executive director of the Community Foundation of Frederick County, described how to enhance the quality of life through philanthropic foundations. Attending the meeting were, from left, Mount St. Mary's students working with the Dispatch this semester, Kate Harmer, 02; Meg Leubecker, 02; and Vanessa Lerenzie, 01; Catherine Marsden; Betsy Day; and Bob Rosensteel, Sr. A Dispatch Photo

Crop Walk



A DISPATCH PHOTO

Sixty-one members from Emmitsburg's seven churches participated in the annual CROP WALK on Sunday, October 7, to raise money for world hunger relief projects of Church World Service. A record total of \$3,600 was collected, of which \$900 will go the Emmitsburg Food Bank. The two and one-half mile walk, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, was coordinated by Phyllis Kelly who expressed her appreciation to all the people of Emmitsburg who made contributions. In addition to the money collected by the walkers, donations were also collected in cans placed around town.

Waiting for "a sign"

BY RAYMOND R. BUCHHEISTER, JR.
Dispatch Writer

investigate all aspects of the events.

At press time there were no new developments in the events surrounding Gianna Talone-Sullivan and the alleged apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Many people continue to wait in anticipation of a miraculous event. Our Lady of Emmitsburg (the title of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her alleged appearances to Sullivan here in Emmitsburg) predicted in a message of July 13, 2000, "a sign" for this October. Many faithful who have followed the messages of Our Lady of Emmitsburg look for the sign to authenticate the apparitions. They hope it will alter the decision to reinstate the Thursday prayer services and give the Archdiocese of Baltimore reason to open a formal commission study to

On Sunday, October 22nd, in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church bulletin, the following statement appeared in a column entitled From The Pastor's Desk: "I wish to inform parishioners of St. Joseph's that I have received requests to re-instate the Thursday Night Marian Prayer Group Meetings. I wish to acknowledge their expressed concerns and I appreciate their input. However, the Archdiocese of Baltimore's statement of September 8, 2000, directing that the Thursday night prayer group meetings be discontinued at this time, will remain in effect. Let us continue to pray for one another."

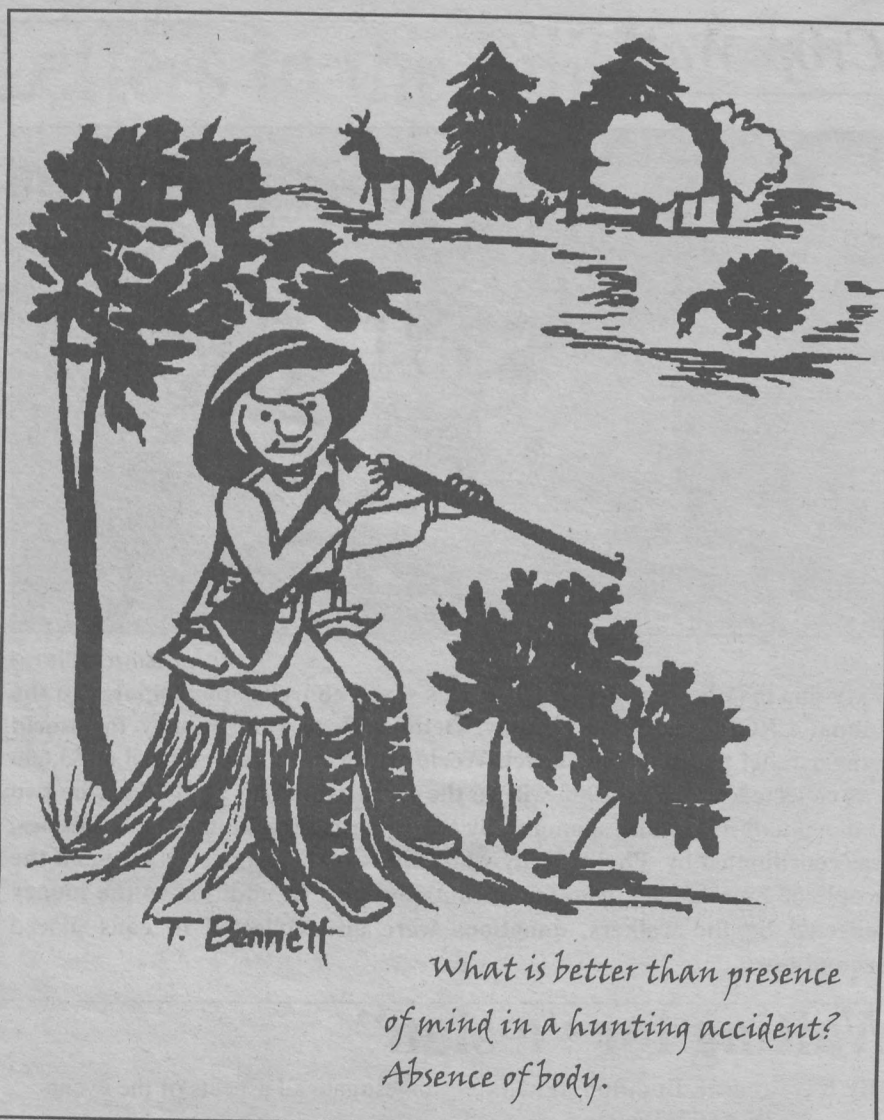
On the afternoon of October 13,

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Blood Donors Needed!

The American Red Cross is
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2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The (Retired) Ecologist's Corner

Gossamer Days in Indian Summer

BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Writer

I'm always surprised at how little I know when I look up a word I have been using all my life. We had a cold snap with frost the first week in October, followed by a week of balmy weather, and I remarked to someone that it was Indian summer; and later, for no apparent reason, I looked up the phrase. I had it right according to the first definition, but the second definition surprised me: Indian Summer is "the final years of a person's life, regarded as being serene, tranquil, reminiscent, etc." According to that, I have been living in Indian summer ever since I retired a couple of years ago.

The second week of October this year provided a day that fit both parts of the definition. It was warm and sunny, so I decided to clean out a flower bed—a non-urgent job that had been waiting a couple of years for me to get around to it. No timetable was involved, so it was serene. My wife was out shopping, so it was tranquil. And it turned out to be reminiscent too, in a way I could never have predicted.

It was a gossamer day: clear, with no wind, and warm. On a day like that, if you look through a sunlit space against a dark background such as trees, you will see scores of hair-thin strands of silk crisscrossing the area. And if you look closely, at the bottom of each strand will be a tiny spider. Newly hatched spiderlings instinctively climb to the highest available point—usually a blade of grass or a bush—and start spinning a strand of silk, which wafts away in the breeze. On gossamer days, the breeze consists of gentle currents of air rising as the sun heats the ground. These currents catch the silken strands and lift them upward, and when the pull of the silk thread exceeds the weight of the spider, away it goes. Traveling this way, by ballooning, is an uncertain way to get to a predetermined point, but that doesn't matter to a spider. It doesn't possess the quality of foresight, and doesn't need it; wherever it goes, there are sure to be insects for it to eat. Some of the hatchlings will go for miles before they alight; others will get their silken parachutes caught in the same bush they started from and stay in the same community where their mother lived. Some will get carried out over the ocean and perish; some will be eaten on

the wing by dragonflies or swallows. It sounds hazardous and uncertain, but life is like that. Over 37,000 species of spiders are known to science, and it has been estimated that an acre of meadowland contains over 2.25 millions of them; so it must work. Enough of them will land on someone's water-spout, or in similar benign places, to procreate the next generation.

I like spiders, so I sat by the flower bed and watched them for a while before getting on to the task at hand: separating and replanting irises. A good many weeds had to be pulled out in the process, so I went to get the wheelbarrow to put them in; and the combination of irises and wheelbarrow proved to be one of those odd connections that took my mind back to childhood. I was playing in the yard one evening in 1937 when my father pulled into the driveway in a brand-new Chevrolet. I was 4 years old, and didn't know a new car was in the offing, so the memory is as vivid as if it had happened yesterday. He had gone to town and picked it up after work, and on the way home he had encountered our neighbor, Tillie Van Gilder, and given her a ride. Never known for tact, Tillie made a remark about being the first one to ride in the new car, and that didn't sit well with my mother; she never liked either the car or Tillie much after that.

Several years later, when we had moved to another farm, a neighbor gave me a bushel basket of irises and I took them home and asked my mother where she would like them planted; she replied that she didn't like irises, because Tillie Van Gilder was always bragging about hers. I recalled that this was so; Tillie had beautiful iris beds all around her yard, and spent a lot of time on them. She was a sharp-featured woman, full of energy, and always bent forward as she walked; and she walked fast. She gave the impression she would have run if it had been lady-like. I often saw her pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with hoes, rakes, spades, and plant clippings as she bustled from one flower bed to the next. In spite of my mother's opinions, she was a good neighbor.

Images of Tillie and her wheelbarrow, mixed with the spiders, drifted through my mind the rest of the afternoon, as I took four hours to do a job that should have required one at most.

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Emmitsburg holds annual Life Chain event

By KRISTINE PORTER
DISPATCH WRITER

This past October 1, the Emmitsburg Pro-life Committee held its annual Life Chain. There were approximately 125 participants this year. The Life Chain event has occurred here since 1991 and in recent years has been coordinated by Marty Grenchek. When asked why he coordinates this event, he said, "Where else are you hearing what we're saying: that abortion is the destruction of innocent human life? We're not out here stand-

ing judgment on anyone. We're simply here as a peaceful and prayerful witness. We may be the only sign an individual ever has."

The idea of the Life Chain was that of Royce Dunn, a California businessman. The first Life Chain was held in San Diego, California, in 1987. The participants are asked to line the streets to form a large cross. They stand six to eight feet apart and hold signs that primarily read "Abortion Kills Children." The number of participants have totaled as many as 28,000 people in one city. Annually, the Life Chain begins at 2:30

p.m. and lasts for one hour. The Life Chains are held at the same time in several hundreds of cities across America. The participants are asked to stand only on the sidewalks, and to be careful not to block the passage of anyone. The signs have songs and hymns a person can sing to himself. It is a non-confrontational form of demonstration. The participants are instructed to stand

peacefully, quietly and prayerfully.

The participants have personal reasons why they come out to stand for one hour. In the words of Gina Pecher: "I believe that for me it is important to say, 'Hey, it's true what they say—a fetus is a real life. Just take a look at my son who was born at 24-26 weeks' ges-

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FFA jacket winners announced

This was the first year for the Blue & Gold Jacket Display at the Community Show where nearly 100 entries were exhibited. Former & current FFA members brought their FFA jackets to be displayed and judged. We thank all who entered their jackets to make the display such a success. The results are as follows:

CHAPTER JACKETS:

Oldest: 1- Ernest Staub, 2- R. J. Shorb, 3- Eric Glass

Newest: 1- Beth Shriner, 2- Melissa Sharrer, 3- Carrie Muller

Smallest: 1- Patti Hubbard, 1-

Bobby Myers, 1- Stacey Kahler (All same size)

Largest: 1- Melissa Sharrer, 2- Eric Troxell

Farthest Distance: 1- Charles McNair, 2- Patty Johnston, 3- Stacey Kahler

Closest Distance: 1- Stacey Ridge, 2- Beth Shriner, 3- Shawn Shriner

Jacket With Most Pins: 1- Eric Troxell, 2- Jessica Troxell, 3- Cathy Pappa

Most Jackets: 1- Bobby Myers

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New coffee shop opens at Zora Village

By ANNETTA RAPP
Dispatch Writer

"Have you had your coffee, today?" is the greeting on the answering machine at Hannah's Coffee Cottage and Gift Shop located in Zora Village at the intersections of Routes 140 and 116 in Pennsylvania.

The coffee menu features three flavors of the day which may include fall seasonal favorites, Pumpkin Spice, Cinnamon Apple, Cinnamon Rum; or other such treats as Snickerdoodle, Caramel Crème, Kahlua or Chocolate Suicide. Starbucks' House Blend is offered daily along with decaf, espresso, and cappuccino.

Teas are also available. Fresh homemade pastries, muffins, cakes and cookies are a delicious accompaniment to your coffee selection. A light lunch menu offers chicken or tuna salad sandwiches, ham & cheese croissants, and pork barbecue. Soups, salads, and quiche will be added soon.

The small, cozy dining room is tastefully decorated with antiques. Another room offers a quiet setting to sip coffee and read or relax. Additional seating is available on the porch in good weather.

An assortment of gifts, including

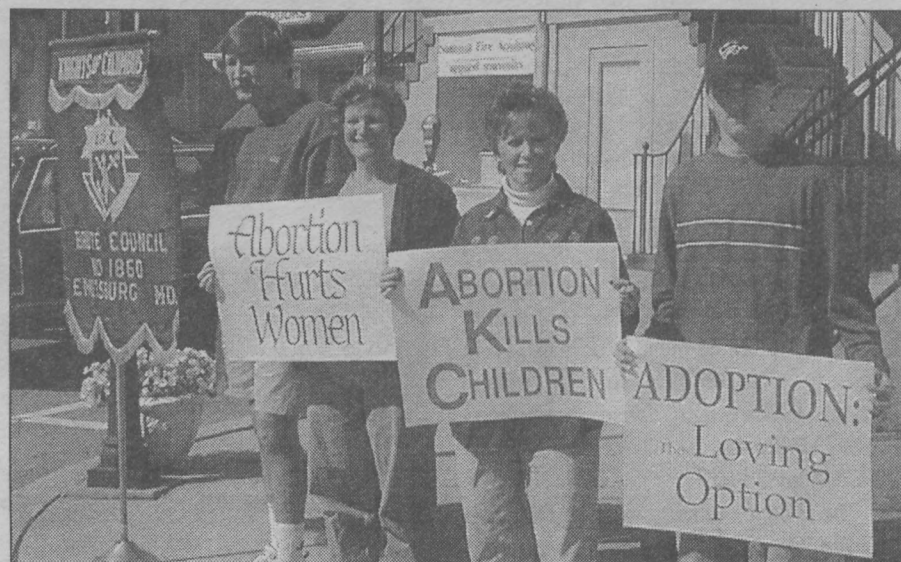


GLENDIA STOCKER

coffees, teas, cordials, candies, candles, bears and mugs are displayed. All the makings for a personalized gift basket. The Gift Shop will be expanded to the second floor in mid-November.

Owner and hostess, Glenda Stocker, lives in Cascade, Md., with husband, Scott, and two children: Hannah, age 6, (for whom the cottage is named) and Scott, age 10, who often helps in the shop after school.

Hours are: Mon.-Fri., 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..



A DISPATCH PHOTO

On Sunday, October 1, prayerful witnesses of all denominations gathered for the annual Emmitsburg Life Chain on the Town Square in Emmitsburg. With signs in hand, the demonstrators sought quietly to provide a peaceful, prayerful, and non-political statement that, as members of the local Christian Community, they believe that abortion is grievously wrong.



This holiday season give your friends and family an excellent gift and at the same time help families in our community.

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Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show held

The 44th Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show was held Sept. 8, 9, and 10 at Catoctin High School. Due to the buckling of the gym floor many departments were canceled due to lack of space. Exhibitors entered Fresh Fruits, Fresh Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Flowers, Baked Products, and FFA Jackets.

The Friday evening program opened with a flag ceremony in which 25 community civic organizations were represented. The Edwin C. Creager American Legion Post 168 of Thurmont presented the colors and John Thompson, Maryland State Grange Master, gave the invocation. Richard Lee and Patt Troxell, Rebecca Whitlow and Walter Yatta presented an outstanding musical program before a full house and several standing ovations were given by those attending. The Premier Exhibitor Award was presented to Roxanna Lambert in honor of the C. Rodman Myers family by Catoctin FFA Advisor, Robert Beavan. Richard Lee Troxell announced Carrie Muller as the 2000-2001 Catoctin FFA Ambassador.

The Baked Products Auction followed with the Grand Champion Cake, a coconut, baked by Maxine Troxell selling for \$825 to Eric Glass of Emmitsburg. The reserve champion cake, also made by Maxine Troxell, was purchased by Creative Colours Auto Body of Middletown for \$490. The champion pie, honey walnut, was baked by Ann Welty, and the reserve champion pie, peach, was baked by Brenda Muller. Gloria Green baked the Champion bread, sweetbuns, and the reserve champion fruit and nut bread was baked by

Sheep, and Swine Sale was judged by Andy Cashman of New Windsor. Robert Valentine, Livestock Chairman, was pleased with the prices the animals brought at the sale. Trout's Jubilee Foods purchased the Grand Champion Steer exhibited by Chad Hahn and the Grange Champion



The Grand Champion Coconut cake baked by Maxine Troxell was purchased by Audrey and Eric Glass. Carrie Muller, Catoctin FFA Ambassador 2000-2001, looks on. Photo: Rodman Myers.

Lamb exhibited by Kira Pilson. The Grand Champion hog was purchased by Wolfe Industrial and exhibited by Josh Ruby. Lambs averaged \$1.73 per pound, hogs \$1.31 per pound and steers, \$1.17 per pound. Many trophies and banners were presented to the winners by citizens and businesses.

A large crowd attended the annual Pet Show on Saturday with 145 entries. John Barber's dog won Grand Champion, and Christina Head's cat was selected as reserve champion. Judges were Dr. Sarah Link and Gail Powell of Thurmont. Thurmont Grange served 400 dinners at their annual Turkey and Ham Supper Saturday evening.

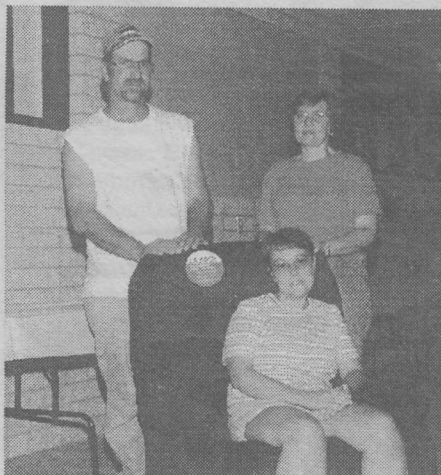
On Sunday the Dairy Show was held with Samantha Valentine winning Grand Champion with an Ayrshire cow. Judging the dairy show was Richard Kepler of Middletown and Kristy Fuss of Walkersville judged the goat show. Colt Black had the Grand Champion Goat. Winners in the 21st annual Catoctin Mountain Horseshoe Pitching Contest were First, Ronald Hahn and Bernie Hobbs; Second, Larry Kolb and Marshall Matthews and Third, Jim Miller and Dick Glass.

Winners in the 21st annual Log Sawing Contest were Men's Singles: first, Mark Valentine and second, Geoff Boals; Men's Teams: first, Mark Butler and Chad Hahn; second, Dennis Willard and Dave Coblentz; and third, Eric Troxell and D.J. Coshan. Men's and Women's Division Team Winners were first, Jessica Troxell and Mark Valentine. Children's Team Winners ages 10-13 were first, Brad Lambert and Shawn Favorite; second, Nathan Fritz and John Hart and third,

Darren Glass and Jack Fritz. In another Children's Team Division, ages 10 and under, winners were first, Scott Haines and Kelly Wright; second, Lucas and Sam Baseley, and third, Adam Ridge and Daniel Hobbs. In the 13 and 14 singles winner were first, Brad Seiss; second, Ben Leach and third James Young. Children's Singles under 13 winners were first, Jessica Lambert; second, Katie Lambert and third, Aaron Ridge. Sheep Shearing demonstrations were given on Sunday afternoon by Beverly and Sherman Piersall. The Sheriff's Posse Band played Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon in the auditorium. The Catoctin FFA Alumni served 250 Barbecue Chicken dinners on Sunday and also had their raffle with the following winners; first, Tim Miller, Lazy Boy Recliner; second, Robert Valentine, fifty dollars; third, Jean Myers, country ham; and fourth, James Bostian, Pampered Chef stoneware. The third annual book sale by the Thurmont Public Library was again very successful and there were many commercial exhibits by area businesses and organizations at the show. The Blue and Gold FFA Jacket Contest was new this year at the show with about 100 jackets being dis-

played. The Thurmont Lions Club held a Barnyard Bingo during the show. Individual winners were Sandy Burrier, Gabe Willkow, Yogi Rager, Randy Miller and Jane Sprague. Business winners were Rocko Meats and Thurmont American Legion. This event benefited the Thurmont Scouting Program which the Lions Club sponsors. Bonnie Renard was chairwoman of this event. The Maryland Ag in the Classroom Trailer was open to the public. Dana Gates Cesna, former Catoctin FFA Member and graduate, gave tours. The Ag Trailer went to Sabillasville Elementary School the week after the Community Show.

The Community Show committee appreciated the excellent cooperation with the Catoctin High School faculty and the supervisor of construction while several construction projects were underway during the show. While many departments were eliminated due to the gym floor, the committee appreciates the cooperation of residents who helped to make the show a success. President Rodman Myers stated the Community Show is an agricultural education event and is a total community effort. Many volunteers give many hours to make our show the Catoctin School District can be proud of. These efforts are appreciated by the show sponsors; Thurmont and Emmitsburg Granges, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin FFA Alumni, The Maryland State Grange and the Maryland Agricultural Fair Board. The 2001 Community Show dates are September 7, 8 and 9 at Catoctin High School.



Winners of the Lazy-Boy recliner, Tim Miller, of Cascade, and Trish Miller (seated.) Sue Keilholtz, chairperson looks on. Photo

Patricia Moxley.

Other department champions included; Fresh Fruit-Frances Black; Fresh Vegetables-Mike Fitzgerald; Canned Fruit-Jackie Troxell; Canned Vegetables-John Bradshaw; Baked Products-Maxine Troxell; Flowers-Karen Myers; Champion Hog-Josh Ruby; Champion Lamb-Kira Pilson and Champion Steer, Chad Hahn.

The 26th Catoctin FFA Alumni Beef,

Ecologist

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Later when it came time to sit on the porch with the evening's cigar, the day produced its biggest surprise. A couple of weeks earlier, in response to an ultimatum from my wife, I had cleaned out my office; and in the corner of a closet there was a shoe box of clippings I had brought home after my mother died. Just for something to do, I took the box out to the porch, lit my cigar, and started sifting through the yellowed pages torn from magazines and newspapers—recipes, poems, religious tracts, postcards, obituaries—and near the bottom I found a get-well card the Farm

Women's Club had sent my mother one time when she was sick. Everyone in the club had signed it... names I had not heard or thought of for 50 years or more. One in particular jumped off the page at me: Matilda Van Gilder.

I wonder if the "etc." in the definition of Indian Summer includes coincidences?

Erratum: Last month I wrote that Zino Davidoff's cigar store was in Zurich. This is incorrect; it was in Geneva. To all aficionados I may have offended, mea culpa.



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Women's Business Institute: changing Maryland's economy

By THE WBI STAFF

A business resource located right next door

Have you ever considered starting your own business? Would you like to learn how to make your existing business more profitable? Do you know someone who would like to learn more about operating her own business? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, there is an organization in this area that can help - the Women's Business Institute (WBI) located at 222 East Baltimore Street in Taneytown.

Currently in its 5th year of operation, WBI is a non-profit organization whose mission is to offer training, counseling and technical assistance to any woman who owns or wants to own a business, with special emphasis on economically and socially disadvantaged women. Funded through grants from the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Women's Business Ownership and Appalachian Regional Commission, as well as through private donations, the Women's Business Institute targets its services to women who may not meet their unique needs through more traditional forms of assistance. The organization's services, however, are available to all entrepreneurs, both women

and men.

The founder and CEO of the Women's Business Institute is Bea Checket. Checket began with a desire to create an institution dedicated to helping women succeed in business and conceived her idea, in part, from her experiences with SCORE (the Service Corps of Retired Executives). After running and then selling her own collection agency, Checket began volunteering with the group and ultimately became the national director of SCORE's Women's Business Ownership Program. She is the only woman ever to be elected to the SCORE national board. This experience inspired her to provide even greater assistance to women business owners. "My experiences with the Women's Business Ownership Program made me aware of the crucial need for these services in the community," Checket explains. "What we are really doing is contributing to the economic empowerment of women."

The Women's Business Institute was formed in 1996 on a strictly volunteer basis. Checket spoke at seminars and conducted events throughout the area while working on obtaining a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Checket enlisted the support of Rep. Roscoe G. Bartlett of Maryland's 6th district.

Pam Wilson (left), Program director for the Women's Business Institute (WBI), receives the Employee of the Quarter Award presented by Bea Checket-CEO of the Women's Business Institute at a recent staff meeting. This award was presented to honor Pam for her hard work and dedication in helping to organize the First annual Procurement Fair and all of the workshops recently conducted by WBI.



Congressman Bartlett spoke on her behalf with the Office of Women's Business Ownership and in support of her receiving the grant to fund WBI. In June of 1999, Checket received her grant from the SBA with the provision that WBI had to be operational by July 1, 1999. Checket turned to Faye Cannon - CEO & president of Farmer's & Mechanics National Bank for assistance. Ms. Cannon not only provided the existing office space in the Taneytown Farmer's & Mechanics location to Checket; but she also provided office furniture, computers, printers, a copier and other materials essential for day-to-day operations. This gave WBI the means to begin assisting local business owners and entrepreneurs on-site.

WBI provides individualized counseling to prospective and existing business owners. In the first full year of funded operation (ending in June of 2000), WBI trained or counseled over 1000 clients. The numbers for the first quarter of this year project growth well over and above these established numbers.

Among the workshops and services available from WBI are:

- How to Really Start Your Own Business: a one-day mini-workshop for entrepreneurs who are in the early stages of business start-up or who have been operating for a short period of time.

- Women's Business Roundtable: a

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Chain

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tation. Tiny, yes he was, but no matter how small—his tiny heart beat just like mine!!"

Another participant, Larry McKenna, states, "Over 245 women have been killed by so-called 'safe' and legal abortions in this nation since 1970." We have seen throughout history populations of people slaughtered, because they were deemed unvaluable for reasons of age, race, religion, or handicap.

"That is why we attend the Life Chain and other pro-life events. For the children. For the mothers. For our future. We must learn from history, or history will repeat itself. If we as a nation do not stop the slaughter, who will be next?"

I, too, have participated in the Life Chain since the first one in Frederick in 1991. From the time I was a child, I have valued the lives of the preborn babies. In 1969, in my neighborhood, several babies, including me, were born to women in their forties. When I was a child, my mother would say to me that in her opinion, "God gave all of these babies to the old women, because the young ones were aborting." Often, I wondered about the classmates I would

have had, and thanked God for giving me to my mom.

People say it's a woman's choice what she does with her body. Well, imagine if you were knocked unconscious in a house set for demolition. Since you are unconscious, you can't function with cognitive reasoning the way a "person" does. Outside the house is the owner who wants to demolish it. The owner is talking to people who say, "I know a 'person' isn't in there. Anyway, it's your house, you do what you want with it." You can't defend yourself, because you're knocked unconscious.

But an undeniable 'person' walks up and says, "I know there's a 'person' in there, and if you go through with the demolition you will kill him. He may need some medical attention, but he can still be a part of our society." As the unconscious 'person' inside that house, what would you want the owner to choose to do?

Those of us who stand in that chain do so because the 'person,' whose DNA is undeniably human, inside her mother's womb can not speak in her own defense. Just as you couldn't do in the house set for demolition.

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Neighbors

BY KATE WARTHEN
Dispatch Writer

Mrs. Anna Mort has returned from a two-week vacation in Nevada, where she visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Mort.

St. Joseph High School alumni celebrated their reunion at Mother Seton School.

Emmitsburg High School alumni celebrated their reunion recently.

Mary Theresa Miller and Faine Rodgers visited with Faine's sister in New Jersey.

After last week's surgery at York Hospital, Tish Enright is recovering at her home in Emmitt Gardens. Get well soon, Tish. We need you at the bridge table.

Col. and Mrs. Jim Meredith recently visited friends and relatives in Emmitsburg. While here they attended St. Joseph's High School reunion. Mrs. Meredith is the former Sharon Goetz.

Condolences to Hope Mahony, who recently lost her brother, who lived with his wife in Rockville, Maryland.

Mr. Dean Baumgardner, cousin of Ellen Warthen, has returned to his home in North Carolina after spending several weeks with Mark and Ellen.

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus is looking for new members. If you have some experience in singing, you are invited to join the choir. Practice is every Tuesday evening at the Provincial House. Sandy Soffe is the director.

Matthew Warthen and Bonnie Hines spent five days in California recently. While they were in San

Diego, they attended a Chargers football game.

Forty-five senior citizens enjoyed the bus trip to Cumberland, Md., and Romney, West Virginia. The trip included a three-hour train ride along the South Branch of the Potomac River. One had only to search the cliffs and trees to find where the American Bald eagles had their nests. We were privileged to see both nests and the eagles.

Natalie Williams has just returned from Detroit, where she visited her mother and her sister.

Leah Adelsberger has recently won a scholarship to continue to study cello. Leah takes instruction from her teacher in Walkersville, Md.

Emily Daugherty and Megan Adelsberger were among the Elower Dancers at the Colorfest this past weekend. Channel 10 was filming the dancing and it may be viewed on October 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hemler have just become the proud grandparents of a baby girl, the child of their daughter Sarah and her husband. Don and Rita Byard are the maternal great-grandparents.

Lisa Wyatt, Doris Warthen, Karen Adelsberger, Katie Warthen and Monica Elder had dinner at the Braddock Inn in Braddock Heights, Md., recently. Paul Warthen plays the piano at the Inn. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Warthen of Thurmont.

Pat Howes Bell spent a busy weekend in Manhattan, attending the Metropolitan Opera and a piano recital at Carnegie Hall and visiting friends including Bo Cadle's daughter Sian

St. Joe's Reunion



Photo courtesy Gene Rosensteel

During a recent reunion, members of the St. Joseph's High School Class of 1950 stopped by Crouse's on the Square—the only business in Emmitsburg still at the same location and with the same proprietorship as fifty years ago. Peggy and Gene both worked for Crouse's during their high school years. Shown in the front row (left to right): Marianne (Sanders) Brady, Peggy (Wachter) Hopkins, Fred Sprankle, Mrs. Walter Crouse, Bill Myers; second row: Romaine (Feezer) Koontz, Gene Rosensteel, Loretta (Boyle) Sprankle; third row: Jerry Sprankle, Ann (Timmerman) Besach, Dolores (Miller) Gillelan, Helen (Steinberger) Collins, George Greco; fourth row: (shaded by entrance) James Kelly. At the reunion, but missing from this picture were Patricia (Fitzgerald) Rocks and Mary Louise (Jordan) Vinck.

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2000, the Mercy Foundation, which produced a documentary film on the events entitled "Unbridled Mercy, the Return of Jesus as a Child," had a camera crew at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Anticipation ran high in hopes that a sign would occur on October 13, 2000, to authenticate the alleged apparitions here in Emmitsburg. The 13th was speculated since Our Lady of Emmitsburg referred to the events of Fatima. Followers knew "the miracle of the sun" witnessed by over 70,000 people occurred on October 13, 1917, to authenticate those apparitions to three children.

Both pilgrims and parishioners showed up at St. Joseph's Catholic Church for the Armata Bianca rosary procession. The Armata Bianca (White Army) is a worldwide movement of children 12 years old and under, consecrated to God the Father through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. "White" reflects the purity of the hearts of the children of every race. The children meet each week and they embrace the message of Fatima to pray and sacrifice. Our Lady of Fatima said many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray for them. According to Karen Major, Chairman of the St. Joseph's Armata Bianca, the Emmitsburg group meets every year on May 13 and October 13 for a rosary

procession to commemorate the message of Our Lady of Fatima. She says "the children have been doing the processions for several years now." The attendance of both children and parents together usually numbers around 100. This year, however, the crowd numbered approximately 600, most in anticipation of a miraculous event. Even though no sign occurred on the 13th, many continue to wait in hope for the apparitions of Our Lady of Emmitsburg to be authenticated

In speaking with Tom Fitzsimmons, the Sullivan's information director, he said the last public message of Our Lady of Emmitsburg was September 7th, the day before the archdiocese directive, and the Sullivans have made no further statement since the one of September 10th. Fitzsimmons did say the Sullivans were on a retreat in Assisi, Italy, from October 7th through October 14th. On their return to Rome for departure, they had an unscheduled private audience with the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II on October 13th. In conclusion Fitzsimmons said the Sullivans are confident the Blessed Virgin Mary will give a sign and reiterated their words, "Prayer and Faith, Watch and See".

Wivell completes basic training

Airman Anthony C. Wivell graduated from Basic Training September 1, 2000, at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is attending Tech School at Sheppard's Air Force Base, Texas, to become an Aerospace Ground Equipment Mechanic.

Wivell graduated from Fairfield High School in 1998. He is the son of Fred and Ginny Bowne, Fairfield, Pa.; grandson of Charles Hobbs, Jr, Ruth Wivell, and Don and Mary Bowne, all of Emmitsburg.



ANTHONY C. WIVELL

Up-County center receives funding

Thurmont Amvets Post 7 Ladies Auxiliary presented Up-County Family Center with monies for needy children. Funds in the amount of \$100 per quarter will be given to the center in September, December, March and June. The funds will be used to purchase items such as clothing, diapers, school supplies. Funds will be earmarked for the participants served by Carol Kinary, Home Interventionist.

Shown are Carol Kinary, Up-County Home Interventionist and Stacy Kelley, 2nd vice-president



St. Catherine's Employee of the Month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for September 2000 is Debbie Scott. Debbie has been employed as a GNA since June 1998. According to her co-workers, Debbie works very hard. She is reliable and is always willing to help her fellow staff members. Debbie is very dedicated to the residents and it shows by the way she goes the extra mile to please them. Debbie is very committed to her service at St. Catherine's. Debbie is very deserving of the honor of being named Employee of the Month. Congratulations, Debbie!



DEBBIE SCOTT

Homecoming Queen crowned at FHS

April Adams was crowned the Fairfield High School 2000 Homecoming Queen at the school's Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 14, at Fairfield High School. April has been a member of the field hockey team in grades 9 through 12, a cheerleader in her freshman year, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of various clubs at the school. April is currently working at The Palms Restaurant in Emmitsburg as a cook and a waitress. April is the daughter of Denny and Cindy Adams, of Fairfield, Pa., and granddaughter of Guy and Betty Ann Baker and Roger and Anna Adams, all of Emmitsburg.



APRIL ADAMS

50th Wedding Anniversary



David Sr. and Edith Wantz of Emmitsburg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 4: Sixty family members and friends attended the surprise celebration on September 30 at St. Joseph's parish hall. The party was given by their sons: David Jr. & wife Terry, Steve & wife Linda, and John & wife Joan, all of Emmitsburg. David and Edith have 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild, David IV.

Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory O. Pett, Rocky Ridge, a daughter, Sept. 28

Mr. & Mrs. Timothy (Patricia A. Hilton) Boyle, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Sept. 25

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph (Karen J. Knipple) Andrew, Jr., Rocky Ridge, a son, Oct. 1

Mr. & Ms. O.J. (Sarah Hemler) Shorb, Emmitsburg, a son, Sept. 21

Carisa Toms & John Davis, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Oct. 5

Tracey and Russell Matthews, Emmitsburg, a son, Oct. 12

Mr. & Mrs. Steven (Elizabeth H. Moser) Wantz, Emmitsburg, a son, Oct. 19

Melisa & John Fraley, Emmitsburg, a son, Oct. 20.

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Congress has passed estate tax reform and legislation to end the marriage penalty. President Clinton has vowed to veto both initiatives. The Republicans have proposed a tax cut by returning a part of the surplus which was not needed for the operation of government to all American taxpayers. Mr. Gore would limit the tax cut by excluding those taxpayers responsible for contributing the most to this robust economy. If the truth be known, the Vice-President cannot support a more generous tax cut because he supports the spending necessary for an explosion of government programs.

Vice-President Gore's vision for the future of America is very disturbing to me. I truly fear for our great

country if we make these massive moves toward a socialist society.

The coming Presidential election is extremely important! Only George W. Bush and the Republican Party offer a reasonably conservative compassionate agenda. It embraces all of the people, showing a special concern for the needs of the less affluent, including the elderly living on fixed incomes. We must move with the moderation advocated by the Republican Party and not the Socialist positions epitomized by the Gore campaign. Let us put an end to this "era of big government" once and for all! Vote Republican!

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Phelan honored with coaching chair, sculpture

Mount St. Mary's Basketball Coach Jim Phelan, the winningest active coach in NCAA Division I basketball, was recently honored with a sculpture created by nationally known artist Gary Casteel at a banquet held in Philadelphia. The banquet was held to celebrate Phelan's 45 years as head coach at the Mount, which has recently established the James Phelan Coaching Chair in honor of Phelan's life, work and devotion to the Mount. The chair will fund the salary of the head coach of Mount basketball in perpetuity.

At the event, Phelan and 15 other guests received the sculpture. The figure captures Phelan's winning grin and shows him holding the basketball for which he has become a living legend.

The legend began when Phelan left his metropolitan Philadelphia hometown in 1954 to become a coach at the small school in the Emmitsburg countryside. He didn't think he'd stay longer than a few years. But 70 wins in his first three years and a third-place finish in the national College Division tournament persuaded the coach to give the Mount a little more of his time. Forever etched in basketball history, Phelan counts among

his Mount accomplishments:

- *12 years in Division I competition
- *16 trips to the NCAA tournament
- *5 trips to the Division II Final Four
- *College Division National Championship in 1962
- *18 teams with over 20 regular-season wins
- *coached more than 1,200 games
- *second coach in college basketball history to spend 45 years at one school
- *twice national Coach of the Year (1962, 1981)
- *nominee Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

When his team was preparing for the NCAA Tournament in 1988, Phelan made it a point to spend off-time attending a middle school basketball game played by his grandson. The message he sent to the media was pure Phelan: "Forget the hype; I know the things that are important in life" – devotion to family, living a life grounded in the plain "old-fashioned" Catholic values.

Jim Phelan's name will forever be associated with Mount St. Mary's and both the Phelan chair and the sculpture ensure that. With this sculpture, Phelan is added to the list of great historical fig-

ures Casteel has been commissioned to sculpt, including General James Longstreet, Rocky Marciano and Thomas Edison. Casteel's work can also be found in the collections of President George Bush, the Pentagon and NBC's Katie Couric.

"Phelan is a winner!" said Casteel, working from his Four Winds Studio in Gettysburg. "When history is not inter-

preted visually – in other words, sculpturally – it tends to be forgotten by most and remembered by few." That is why he says a sculpture of the coach is so important.

Casteel said he was commissioned to do the 8-inch figure to present to Phelan at the banquet and to be used as a fund-raiser for a possible life-sized bronze to honor the coach.



Left photo courtesy Jim Tipton, right photo Mt. St. Mary's College

At left, Coach Jim Phelan, as sculpted by nationally known artist Gary Casteel. In right photo, Phelan receives the sculpture from Mount President George Houston at an awards banquet in Philadelphia.

Mount students aid local center

Matt Butkera (rear), Mandy McAteer, and Katie Hopkins help Up-County Family Center with some landscaping projects on September 22, 2000. These three Mount St. Mary's students were part of a group of 11 MSM College employees, students, and seminarians who volunteered for four hours at the center in Emmitsburg as part of the United Way of Frederick County's "Day of Caring." Mount St. Mary's participation in this event is sponsored by the Office of Campus Ministry and Community Service.



WBI

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two-hour networking event for potential and established entrepreneurs to meet and develop contacts with public and private sector resource partners. Current topics are presented at each roundtable. Topics include: Smart Women Finish Rich, Time Management, The Male Mind at Work and How to Build Positive Customer Relationships.

- Entrepreneur Workshop: a two-hour session for new and potential business owners who learn about business ownership by discovering the experiences of successful business owners.

- FastTrac — New Venture: a 9-session course for entrepreneurs in the early stages of a business to help evaluate and define their business concepts.

- FastTrac — Planning: an 11-session course for established entrepreneurs to help them improve their business operations.

Other workshops include Promoting Your Web Site, Doing Business with the Federal Government; The Internet as a Business Tool, and an International Trade Workshop. For more information contact WBI at 410-756-2334.

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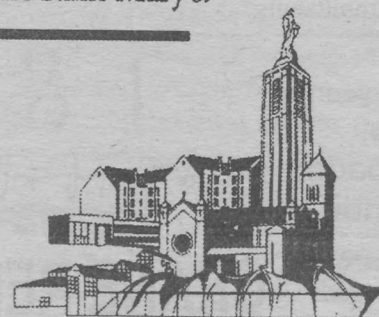
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Rocky Ridge

BY EMMA KEENEY
Dispatch Writer

Happy Birthday wishes for November to: Gloria Frushour, Vivian Martin, Donald Hahn, Amanda Beall, Curtis Greene, Glen Haines, Harold Late, Tena Marie Beall, Chazaline Stambaugh, Kathy Sixx, and Emma Keeney.

Belated birthday wishes for October to: Daniel Kaas and Blanche Saylor.

Correction. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Staub, Longs Mill Road, on the birth of a son Cordell on August 16. Congratulations to Cortney and Colby on having a special little brother.

Happy anniversary to Bea and Vernon Keilholtz and Michelle and David Martin.

The Party of Parties will be held at Mt. Tabor Church Activities building on Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be crafters and in-home party demonstrations, such as Longaberger baskets, Home Interior, Pampered Chef and many more. Come and enjoy the holiday shopping without the rush. The Mt. Tabor UCC will

have food for sale. This is indoors and is open to everyone. Plenty of parking places. Admission is free. For more information contact Melissa Keeney 301-447-3596.

On Saturday, November 18, a butchering will be held by the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company starting at 6 a.m. To place orders please call 301-271-2880 or 301-447-2488. The ladies will hold their famous breakfast.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Jones, Doris Filler, Pauline Valentine and Doug Wivell.

Reminder: BINGO is played every Saturday night at Rocky Ridge Fire Hall starting at 7 p.m. with early birds and then continuing with regular games. Come on out and enjoy yourself with the games and the good cooking of the Ladies Auxiliary.

News from the Church of the Brethren

November Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Ernest Snyder, Orville Smith, Doris Simpson and Jerry Moser.

Find more about Rocky Ridge at emmitsburg.net/dispatch

Mt. Tabor Church celebrates 125th anniversary

On September 17, 2000, Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge celebrated its 125th anniversary. The day of worship service, lunch, and an afternoon program was enjoyed by 144 people. Mt. Tabor is a joint parish of United Church of Christ and Lutheran.

During the morning worship service special messages were delivered by Rev. Ron McLean, UCC Associate Conference Minister, and Rev. Gerard Knocke, Bishop, Delaware-Maryland Lutheran Synod.

The joint choir, directed by Mrs. Linda Shields, sang "Sing a New Song to the Lord," accompanied by Mrs. Bonnie Sanders on the piano and Benjamin Sanders on the trumpet. The children's sermon, "Who Did Jesus Love Most?" was delivered by Rev. Ted Haas, our UCC minister. The message of the day, "Let Days Speak," was given by James Russell, our Lutheran Minister. A special prelude and postlude duet was performed by organist Linda Shields and pianist Bonnie Sanders.

The church was decorated with chrysanthemums given in memory and in honor of family members.

At the conclusion of the service a group picture was taken in front of the church.

Another special event was a history display in the activities building that

was organized by Mrs. Shirley Sharrer. Lots of old pictures, record books, quilts and other mementos and archives were available for everyone to enjoy.

The day continued at the Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co. activity building with a luncheon catered by The Mountain Gate Family Restaurant of Thurmont. A cake with then-and-now pictures of the church on it was given by the children of LeRoy and Novella Dinterman.

Kathy Sixx emceed the program and shared a reading on "Faith," the church history, written memories from other church members and the closing reading "Savor Life." The afternoon program included messages from former Lutheran Ministers Rev. Dixon Yates and Rev. Kenneth Longfield and Mrs. Charlotte Ross, wife of former UCC minister Rev. Vincent Ross. Billy Dinterman read several letters from former UCC ministers who could not be present. The choir sang "We Are Many Parts" and Jerry Free sang "He Touched Me" and "One Day At A Time." The day closed with a group sing-a-long and a prayer.

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Looking Ahead

Saturday, Nov. 4

Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Church Road (off' Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg) will be having a Turkey and Oyster Supper from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Adults \$9.00, Ages 5-10 \$4.50, Carryout \$9.50. Bake & Craft Table.

Sunday, Nov. 5

Basket Bingo sponsored by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. Door open at 12:30, games begin at 1:30. Tickets \$15 include 24 games. Two special's extra include October Fields w/ Lid Combo & the Christmas Hostess Basket. Two raffles extra include both wash day baskets and the large hamper. Lots of nice baskets. Call Pam at 717-642-6894 or Mary Lou at 301-624-6271 or the Ambulance company and reserve your tickets.

Thurs. Nov. 9 thru Sat. Nov 11

International Gift Festival from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, all at Fairfield Mennonite Church, 201 W. Main St., Fairfield.

Saturday, November 11

The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens Annual Fall Bazaar from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. This bazaar will be held in the Senior Citizens Center on South Seton Avenue. Lunch will be available as well as handicraft items, baked goods, flowers and plants, rummage and white elephant goodies. Also bingo. Come and enjoy the day with us.

Sunday, November 12

St. Joseph's Church All You Can Eat pancake, sausage & egg breakfast from 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon at the Parish Hall on North Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, home fries, fruit, juices, gravy, and beverage. The price is \$5 for adults; children ages 5-12 is \$3, and children under 5 are free.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

Old Fashioned Bingo at 7 p.m. sponsored by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 6658 to be held at the Emmitsburg ambulance building. Admission \$5 per person. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Friday, November 17

The Catocin High School Safe and Sane Committee is sponsoring a Basket Bingo at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds Activities Building. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and includes 25 games, all baskets are filled and have at least one accessory. There will also be raffles and special games. For tickets stop by Here's Clyde's or call Penny at 301-271-3481 or Loretta at 301-241-3689.

Saturday, November 18

Christmas Craft Bazaar will be held by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville, Md. From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Soups by the gallon and quarts to go, sandwiches, variety of pies includ-

ing homemade mince meat pies, desserts, and baked goods.

Sunday, November 19

A Good Old Country Breakfast sponsored by the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club 12380 Shoemaker Rd. Menu includes pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy, chipped bef gravy, pudding & hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, and hot apples. Also fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee. Adults \$5, children 8 to 12, \$3.50

Tuesday, Nov. 21

EBPA meeting at President Houston's home. Speaker will be Joe Leberherz of Frederick County Chamber of Commerce. Reservations requested.

Wednesday, November 29

The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens evening card party at the Senior Center, 300 South Seton Avenue at 6:30 p.m.. IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Pinochle and 500 will be played. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$2.00. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. For information call 301-447-6253 between 10 a.m. and 2:p.m.

Saturday, December 2

Christmas Supper and Bazaar will be held at Elias Lutheran Church starting at noon. Beef, turkey & ham will be served with apple fritters, mashed potatoes, filling, gravy, sauerkraut, corn, sweet potatoes, applesauce, and cake. Adults \$7.50, children \$3, carryouts \$8.50. Craft, White Elephant, and Bake tables.

Saturday, December 16

The Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Lions Club will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company building.

Christmas Country Fare

St. Joseph's Sodality is currently preparing for our 10th Annual Country Christmas Fare which will be held Friday & Saturday, December 1 and 2, 2000 from noon until 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall on North Seton Avenue in Emmitsburg, Md. The fee for both days is \$20.00; with tables & chairs provided for our vendors. There is ample parking and handicapped accessible (no steps!!)

To date, this is the list of the vendors we have for the Fare:

- 1.) Charlotte Haines - Quilting, embroidery, knitting, & cross-stitch.
- 2.) Lisa Kauffman - Painted jars, birdhouses, & woodcrafts.
- 3.) Karen Stultz - Needlepoint on canvas & crocheted items.
- 4.) Lou Sharon - Wood items & artist's prints.
- 5.) Diane Carty - Unique crafts, photo albums, recipe books, paper twist baskets, reed baskets, plastic canvas & crochet & wooden items.
- 6.) Beverly Kolb - Wooden crafts

& miscellaneous items.

7.) Rosalee Mulinix - Hand crocheted & embroidery items.

8.) Susan Bailey - Plastic canvas items (i.e. - ornaments, magnets, tissue box covers, & coasters); baby quilts, blankets, afghans, & pillows.

9.) Pauline Duple - Assorted crafts.

10.) Dorothy Smith - Pressed flower pictures & jewelry.

11.) Gene Myers - Homemade wooden crafts & new items.

12.) Karen Myers (The Wedding Bouquet) - Fresh wreaths, swags, & silk arrangements.

13.) Sandra Thoman - Flower arrangements, dips, snowmen & Christmas candles.

14.) Kay Lough - Can crafts.

15.) St. Joseph's Sodality - New items. The Sodality will also have numerous fresh made hot & cold sandwiches, homemade soups, and a variety of baked goods available both days.

For more information about the Craft Fare, call Pat at (301) 447-6343.

International Gift Festival set

For the 39th consecutive year, area residents have a chance to combine holiday shopping with concern for impoverished people in the Third World.

Since 1961, all proceeds of Fairfield Mennonite Church's International Gift Festival have been returned to the Third World artisans who create the treasures offered for sale.

"The International Gift Festival reminds us of those who are struggling around the world and gives us the opportunity to practice love and be part of the

solution," said Pastor Judith Guasch.

The festival is planned for Nov. 9-11, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, all at Fairfield Mennonite Church, 201 W. Main St., Fairfield.

A special pre-sale for seniors and persons with disabilities is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church is wheelchair accessible.

A wide array of creations will be

(Please see Festival on page 14)

Gettysburg Holistic Health Center set to open

BY LOLLY POVINALE

Dispatch Writer

On Sunday, November 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Gettysburg Holistic Health Center will host a Grand Opening at their new facility located at 2311 Fairfield Road, 3 miles west of Gettysburg on Rte 116. The building, which housed the Gettysburg International Ballet, has been renovated inside and out and is now the home of a variety of holistic health practitioners.

Throughout the day, seated massage will be offered, as well as demonstrations of other holistic modalities. Two Free half-hour yoga classes are scheduled at 11:30 and 1:30 p.m.. There will also be a labyrinth for walking and meditation. Special guest Michael B. Pasto, 3rd degree Reiki Master, from Northern Wings of Illumination in Hanover, will be available to do aura photography. There will be a charge for the aura photography.

Come meet the practitioners.....there will be an M.D. specializing in naturopathic & homeopathic therapies, massage therapists, Reiki practitioners, healing therapy, and yoga & tai-chi. Future plans include additional modalities to be incorporated, and the addition of a Bookstore/Cafe and several small shops, as the Center evolves in the community.

The Gettysburg Holistic Health Center is a gathering place for folks seeking relaxation, alternative/complementary health care, healing, networking, and just a place to hang out with a cup of tea or coffee, a good book, and a few friends. The 7-acre property of the center will be developed into beautiful, peaceful garden medleys creating an oasis for everyone who visits.....delighting in the aesthetics of the herb gardens, walking paths and labyrinth garden; leaving with a profound sense of peace, serenity, and tranquility.

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St. Anthony/OLMC News

BY ANN MARSHALL
Dispatch Writer

Beginning on All Souls Day, November 2, a novena of Masses(9) will be celebrated for deceased family and friends for whom we wish to pray as members of the community of saints. Please send the names you wish to include to the office or call 302-447-2367.

A Parish Discussion Series to enrich adult faith formation will meet twice in November at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The topic on Nov. 9, will be *Applying Christian Values in Our Daily Life*; and on Nov. 16, *Conscience in an Un-Christian Culture: Faith and Morals*. Register by calling the office, 301-447-2367.

Family Night at the ARCC at

Mount St. Mary's, Nov. 10, and Youth Night (7th to 12th graders) at the ARCC, Nov. 29, have been scheduled by the Religious Education Office. Both events are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p. m. Activities include basketball, wallyball, swimming. Friends are welcome. Admission is \$3.00/person. Chaperones are needed for Nov. 29.

Knott Scholarship Funds are available for four-year, full-tuition aca-

ademic scholarships to attend a parish school or Catholic high school. Information and an application may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to Knott Scholarship Funds, P.O. Box 9489, Silver Spring, MD 20916-9489. The form may also be downloaded from www.knottscholar.org, or phone (toll free) 1-877-603-9980.

Sale of Carnations for the benefit of the Catocin Pregnancy Center amounted to \$400 from the joint parishes. The center assists women with crisis pregnancies both before and after the birth of the child.

Congratulations to Bob and Betty Kaas, longtime members of St. Anthony Shrine, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 14.

Rev. Patrick M. Carrion from the Diocesan Office of Clergy Personnel, is collecting written information from the parishes to assist in selecting a new pastor who will take over when Fr. Leo Tittler steps down at the end of this year. Meetings have been held and more are scheduled. When a profile of the parishes has been prepared and a new pastor chosen, the profile will also be invaluable to him to help understand the parishes he will serve.

The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to join in **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, on Monday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at 7:00 p.m., OLMC Church. The Knights are collecting beverage pull tabs off cans for the benefit of Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. A collection box is in the Church.

The sausage and crab cake stand was the most successful Colorfest activity ever for OLMC and showed a profit of nearly \$7000.

Congratulations. St. Anthony Shrine Parish welcomes into the Catholic Faith Community Sarah Marie Stouter, daughter of Michael and Veronique Lieber Stouter, who was baptized Sunday, October 15.

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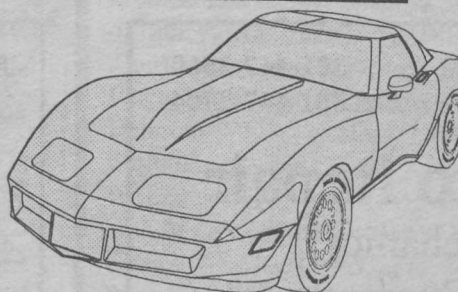
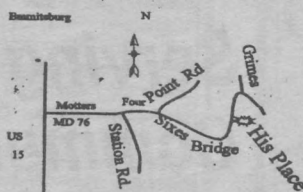
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To Teach or Not to Teach

BY RUTH RICHARDS
Dispatch Writer

Emerson wrote: "For everything you have missed you have gained something else; and for everything you gain, you lose something." I entered the world of working women in 1963 at age 46. At that time one of my daughters was a sophomore in college, the other a sophomore in high school. I had taught school before I married and had planned on "going back" some day. When, with no effort on my part, I was offered a job, I grabbed it. Fourteen years later I retired, not tired of teaching, just tired. In thinking about and weighing the gains and losses of those fourteen years I find that Emerson was indeed wise.

I was a high school English teacher and as I take a backward look I find three areas that gave purpose to my job and joy to my life. I loved being with my students in the classroom. I had a rapport with them that had begun to develop with the rearing of my own children. I offered these students English and my life experiences. They taught me about teenage life which was far and away different from my own teen years, and different too, from those of my own children. I developed a tolerance for these kids of the late 60's and 70's that I never would have had without this close classroom association. Everyone knows that this was a time of changes in thinking, grooming and behavior. Most adults, including some of my colleagues, were irrationally intolerant of the trends.

With my acceptance of these trends, the students had someone to talk with. They had pet names for me including "mom" and Aunt Ruth." Even now, after all these years I often get "fussed" over when I meet former students. I remember that when Elvis Presley died a former student wrote me to tell me how upset she was and asked me to tell her it wasn't so. When I announced my retirement another student said, "You can't retire; you were my English teacher." What an ego builder! I had a deep sense of my own worth. I was needed. This may have been my greatest

gain as a working woman..

Another area which I found stimulating was the exchange of ideas among the teachers of my department. We discussed books, stories, teaching methods, current trends and mutual problems. Sometimes we were intellectual and sometimes foolish. Overall I enjoyed a good feeling from being with these people. I was happy.

I would be lying if I were to deny the importance of the money aspect of this experience. We weren't poor, but an extra source of income was welcome. Our children needed to complete college. I had never spent very much money on myself, and we all liked nice things. So, the additional money was good. It's not hard to live up to one's income. But aside from these things, just the getting of the checks gave me a lift. "I earned this. I am contributing."

After looking at the plus points of teaching, I examined the losses. Teaching isn't all job. There are probably more highs and lows in the life of a public school teacher than in any other job. There are frustrations at every level. Teachers do not leave their jobs at the schoolhouse. Paper work, preparation and problems came home with me every day.

I talked about school to John. Talking was my therapy. I talked whether he wanted to hear or not. Sometimes he listened; sometimes he didn't. I knew then and I know now that this chatter upset him. He thought I was overworked (I was) and this worried him. I talked about people he didn't know and this bored him. I told him unpleasant things that happened at school and this disturbed him. But I selfishly talked on. Looking back I have my regrets and wish I could have been more stoic, and if not stoic at least more taciturn.

As a working woman I seemed to grow more and more aware of time, or the lack of it. I had to decide between personal activities and school activities. Most of the time I compromised, to the detriment of both. The years passed; our social life passed also. There was no way I could be a wife, a mother a teacher and a hostess. I gave up hostess-

ing. That was a loss to both me and to my husband. After a while if you don't entertain, you don't get entertained, and the routine of life begins to pall.

I also began to give up housekeeping. I had always meant to get help, but I never got around to it. Besides the outdoor things, my husband helped with the dishes, the washing, the shopping and any other job I asked of him. But I never have been any good at delegating work. I housekept in a slap-dash fashion on Saturdays and Sundays. I'm still sorting and throwing out things that accumulated over those fourteen years because I didn't have the time to think about them.

I don't know now whether the ledger was ever balanced. There were good times and bad times. I missed horribly my captive audience. Where else could I have 200 people a day to exchange ideas with? I know that my husband was more content, and that gave me peace. Our evenings were happier. I didn't talk as much. I didn't have as much to talk about. My frustrations were mainly of my own doing. I no longer could be irked by an administrator's small-mindedness nor by students' failure to do their work. No parent could be angry with some thing I did or did not do. I wasn't idle. I'm resourceful. I have many hobbies that I putter around at. I did more personal reading in six months than I did in those fourteen years of teaching. Still and all, I asked myself nearly every day: "Would I have worked if I had it to do over?"

I don't know.

Festival

available, including pottery, jewelry, baskets, musical instruments, toys, textiles, cards, bath and garden accents, and more. Highlights include a special selection of art-quality rugs hand-woven by Christians and Muslims working together in Pakistan.

"We're working with many new craftspeople, so there's a great deal of new merchandise this year," said festival co-chair Carolyn Nunamaker. "We're also creating new display areas."

Not a penny of the festival's proceeds goes to Fairfield Mennonite Church. All proceeds are returned to Ten Thousand Villages, a jobs-creation program of the Mennonite Central Committee that works to eliminate child labor and improve wages, sanitation, and working conditions for the poor and refugees in more than 30 Third World countries. Sales at churches and at Ten Thousand Village stores across the U.S. and Canada totaled \$17.5 million in 1999, providing the equivalent of 13,000 full-time jobs in impoverished nations.

Ten Thousand Villages has come a long way since it began - at tiny Fairfield Mennonite - with the first International Gift Festival in 1961. It netted \$500 in sales after Shutt established a connection with a Mennonite Central Committee worker who had been active in the Middle East. By 1999, annual proceeds from Fairfield's festival had grown to approximately \$70,000.

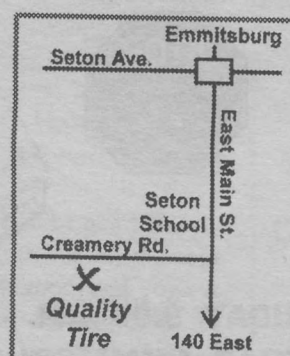
Co-chairs of this year's festival are Shutt, of Orrtanna; Nunamaker of Gettysburg; and Peg Smith of Arendtsville.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Mary Borst

Mrs. Mary "Mimi" Rial Borst, 87, formerly of Emmitsburg and Warrenton, Va., died at Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, Va., following a long illness.

She was the wife of G. Edward Borst, who died in June 1979. They were married July 13, 1935.

Born May 5, 1913, in Pittsburgh, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Dr. Bruce P and Marie Gloninger Rial.

She grew up in Europe, and attended Sacred Coeur in Florence, Italy; Mon Sejour in Aigle, Switzerland; and graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Emmitsburg. She attended the University of Lausanne.

She delighted in the time she spent in the Emmitsburg area with her grandmother, Mary Walsh Gloninger at "Valley View" and with her mother, at "Clairvaux," and with her husband at their home in Thurmont.

Mrs. Borst and her husband lived in Brussels, Belgium, until the outbreak of World War II. After the war, she accompanied her husband on assignments with the state department. She was fluent in three languages, loved travel, art, music and dance.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Warrenton.

She was a volunteer at Fauquier Hospital, Warrenton.

She is survived by three daughters, Elizabeth B. Fannon of Amisville, Va., Aileen B. Snyder of Rixeyville, Va., and Susan B. Fawcett, of Wolfesboro, N.H.; two sons, G.E. Borst of Warrenton, and Dr. Christopher A. Borst of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Rebecca R. McKenna of Chevy Chase,

and Ledlie R. Cunningham of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Rosemary B. Andrews; and one sister, Aileen R. Schwartz.

Mr. Douglas Wivell

Mr. Douglas Allen Wivell, 25 of King William Road, Aylett, Va., died Sunday, Oct. 15, in a kayak accident on the Rappahannock River in Tappahanock, Va.

Born June 26, 1975, in Gettysburg, Pa., he was a son of Bernard R. Wivell of Rocky Ridge, and the late Betty L. Pittinger Wivell.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg.

He was a 1993 graduate of Catocin High School. He also graduated in 1999 from Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

At the time of his death he was a teacher at Hamilton Holmes Middle School, King William, Va.

In addition to his father, he is survived by five sisters, Sherry Utz of Texas, Connie J. Peresada of Chantilly, Va., Cathy A. Papas of Sabillasville, Carolyn L. Wivell of New Market, and Sadre E. Paparo of New Oxford, Pa.; one brother, Steven E. Wivell of Thurmont; and a number of nieces.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Michael L. Wivell.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 19, at Trinity United Methodist Church, with his pastor the Rev. Julian Tavenner officiating, assisted by the Rev. James Fisher.

Interment in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 313 W. Main St. P.O. 481, Emmitsburg Md. 21727 or to the memorial scholarship in the name of Michael L. and Douglas A. Wivell c/o Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, 16 E. Main St., Thurmont, Md. 21788.

Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home.

Mr. Donald Topper

Mr. Donald Vincent Topper, 84, of DePaul St., Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

He was the husband of the late Kathryn Hull Topper.

Born April 5, 1916, in Fairfield, Pa., he was a son of the late William and Mary Walter Topper.

He was a machinist for Landis Machine Co., Waynesboro, Pa., and a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are a daughter, Shirley Scott of Waynesboro; two grandchildren, Karen Scott of Waynesboro and Vincent Scott and wife Kelly of Chambersburg, Pa.; and one great-grandson, Christopher Scott of Chambersburg.

Mr. Topper was preceded in death by four brothers, Ralph Topper, Guy Topper, Earl Topper and Clair Topper.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Oct. 26 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. James O. Kiernan, as celebrant.

Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Ronald Cool Sr.

Mr. Ronald Joseph Cool Sr., 54, of West Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, in Kino Community Hospital, Tucson, Ariz.

He was the husband of Barbara Ellen Tokar Cool.

Born June 25, 1946, in Frederick he was a son of Rita Genevieve Wetzel Cool and the late Allen David Cool.

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

He was a building supervisor for State Farm Insurance, Frederick.

He was past commander of American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121, Emmitsburg.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Angela M. Hansen and Jennifer L. Stultz, both of Emmitsburg; one son, Ronald J. Cool Jr. of Frederick; four grandchildren; six brothers and sisters, Linda A. Weishaar of Taneytown, Cecelia M. Dillman of Thurmont, Gary E. Cool, U.S. Air Force, Tucson, Ariz., Jerry M. Cool and Deborah L. Hurley, both of Emmitsburg, and Terry A. Cool of Westminster.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, Oct. 3, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. James Kiernan as celebrant.

Interment was in Emmitsburg

Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Mrs. Dora Wormley

Mrs. Dora Cecelia Topper Wormley, 85, of West Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

She was the wife of Robert Charles Wormley Sr., who died November 29, 1990.

Born June 16, 1915, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Charles B. and Bergetta A. Little Topper.

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

She was a member of Emmitsburg Senior Citizens and had retired from the kitchen at St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are six children, Robert C. Wormley, Jr. of Frederick, Mary Agnes Getz of Thurmont, Anna Virginia Hyde of Michigan, Joan Adelaide Houck of New Oxford, Pa., and James Leop Wormley and Joseph Clement Wormley, both of Emmitsburg; 17 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Margaret Benchhoff of Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.

She was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters, Iva Orndorff, Quinzie, Charles, George, James, Mary, Joseph, Russell, and Albert Topper; Caroline Hock, Laura Fritz, Effie Hemler, and Nellie Wetzel.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, October 14, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg with her pastor, the Rev. James O. Kiernan as celebrant.

Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

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The Rosensteel reunion was held this summer at the Emmitsburg Town Park. Those present were Genevieve Hess, Joan Matthews and Julie Larrea of Frederick, Md.; Mary and Frankie Snyder of Fairfield, Pa.; James Wivell, Bun Wivell of Rocky Ridge, Md.; Joe Wivell, Helen Reaver, Dave and Betty Wivell, Therese and Phil Topper, Roy Wivell, Jr., Gene and Sylvia Rosensteel; all of Emmitsburg

Other guests included Margie Fullam of Taneytown, Md.; Tom Wivell, Columbia, Md.; Henry Wivell, Paul and Mary Wivell of Spring Grove, Pa.; Pat and Bill Rodgers of Abbottstown, Pa.; Helen Hoke and son Mike, Peggy Cox, Patty Doyle, Adele Coursey, all of Baltimore, Md.

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CASS

Managing the Holiday Blues

BY BILL DERBYSHIRE
CASS Coordinator

The holiday season is time for relaxing with family and friends, a time to follow family traditions and a time to be thankful for what you have. Unfortunately, all too often families become overwhelmed and stressed during the holiday season.

Several reasons come to mind as to why the holidays can become the "holiday blues." For some families the holidays represent past memories of family gatherings when relationships were strained or when family members have been disrespectful and harmful. In some families parents work too hard to please relatives and friends by sacrificing their relaxing time in order to keep to the schedules of others. In some families the extra expense of purchasing gifts and food creates a financial stress. In many families the holidays bring up memories of those joyous times with family members who have since died, creating feelings of loneliness. It is unfortunate that at a time when families are supposed to relax and enjoy one another it can be so stressful that families forget the meaning of the holiday season.

Let me offer some suggestions on how to manage this stress. Be bold enough to change a holiday tradition if that tradition in the past has created too much stress. If other family members disagree, be clear with them as to why

you need to make the change and ask for their support. Don't over-schedule yourself and your family. Think quality of time, not quantity. Your children and spouse will enjoy the time being together. Moderate your use of alcohol. The holiday season can be a very emotional time and over-indulging in alcohol at this time is often a formula for family arguments and conflict.

Be realistic with yourself and loved ones about what you can afford to purchase. Start now to budget for gifts and if you know the budget will not allow you to purchase gifts that children are wanting, begin to talk with them now. Become creative with your gift giving, i.e. making a craft, writing a meaningful message or poem and framing it, spending special time with someone, cooking one's favorite food and freezing it or a card that lets the person know what you appreciate about them. These gifts truly have more meaning.

Try to integrate your past holiday joys with the present. I am sure the loved ones who are no longer living would want you to create joy with your loved ones who are with you now. Don't let your past replace the present. As some wise person has stated: "What we have today is a gift, that's why it is called the present."

Remember that the holiday season is a time to let loved ones and others know how much you care and appreciate them. It is not about how many gifts you give or receive.

JACKETS

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Best Condition for Age: 1- Eric Glass, 2- Ray Seiss 3- David Shriver (Hon. Mention - Bobby Myers)
Worst Condition: 1- Frank Free, 2- Eric Glass, 3- Dennis Mathias

STATE JACKETS:

Oldest: 1- Jeff Sharrer, 2- Bobby Myers, 3- Thomas Rice, Jr.
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Jacket With Most Pins: 1- Karen Myers, 2- Thomas Rice Jr., 3- Brian Glass

Person With Most Jackets: 1- Brian Glass, 1- Stacey Ridge, 2- Jessica

If you become stressed during the holiday season and you need someone to talk to, you can call the Frederick County Hotline 24 hours a day, at 301-662-2255. The listeners are specifically trained to assist you with the "holiday blues." Next month's article will focus on guidelines for child care and "latch key" children. From all of the folks who work out of the Catocin CASS office, please have a safe and relaxing holiday season.

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Worst Condition: 1- Bobby Myers

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Best Condition for Age: 1- Brenda Seiss, 2- Sharon Bennett, 3- Clara Wivell

Worst Condition: 1- Patty Johnston
2- Patty Kerns, 3- Stacey Ridge

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Newest: 1- Laura Keilholtz, 2- Jennifer Hobbs

Smallest: 1- Jennifer Hobbs, 2- Laura Keilholtz

Largest: 1- Laura Keilholtz, 2- Jennifer Hobbs

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Closest Distance: 1- Laura Keilholtz, 2- Jennifer Hobbs

Jacket With Most Pins: 1- Jennifer Hobbs, 2- Laura Keilholtz

Best Condition For Age: 1- Laura Keilholtz, 2- Jennifer Hobbs

OVERALL BEST OF SHOW:

Stacey Troxell Ridge was Maryland FFA president and attended the National FFA Convention when it was held in Kansas. On that occasion, the 3 millionth FFA jacket was sold, and the 50 state presidents were presented official jackets to commemorate this. Stacey's commemorative jacket is numbered 3,000,009 because Maryland was the 9th state to enter the Union!



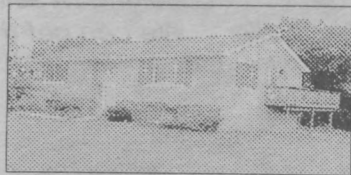
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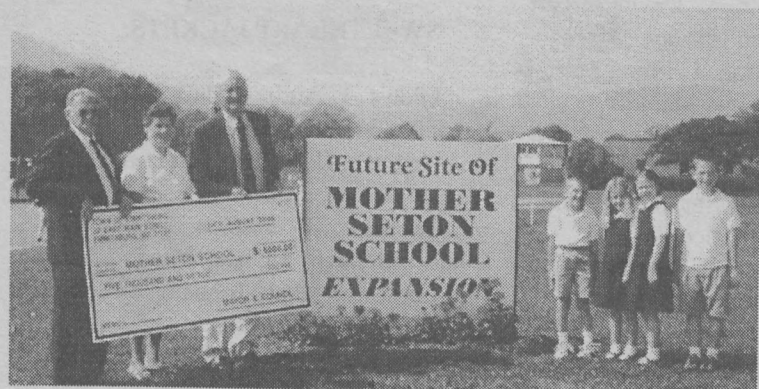
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Mother Seton School News

BY VAL MENTZER
Dispatch Writer



Many, many thanks to Mayor Carr and Mr. Pat Boyle and the Town of Emmitsburg! Mayor Carr and Mr. Boyle presented a \$5,000.00 check to Sister Mary Catherine Conway and students Bradley Kauffman, Megan Shea, Megan Dower, and Sean Reaver and for the Mother Seton School Expansion Campaign. Our Ground Breaking Ceremony was held on September 14, 2000, and building should begin later this Fall.

The Olympic Torch traveled from Sydney to Emmitsburg! Mother Seton School First Graders participated in an Olympic Games complete with opening ceremonies, medals, and good sportsmanship! Parent and MSS/IOC President Monica Dabbs along with parent volunteers Anne Reaver, Christine Nigida, Anne-Marie Miller, Sharon Daghigh, Alicia Dirk, Holly

Custodio, Deana Quinn, Anne Torgerson, Kelly Griffith and Lisa Barron, organized an Olympic competition complete with soccer, frisbee tosses, marsupial hops, and back stroke events. Teams such as the inter-

national favorites of the the Emu, Kangaroo, Koala, Platypus and Kookaburra competed for the medals - and Olympic-sized refreshments! Thank you parents for all of your help - and to the 1st graders for a friendly, competitive, fun afternoon!

"If I Could Talk To The Animals" ... it would be on St. Francis' Feast Day at Mother Seton School! This school-wide traditional blessing of the animals brought out the dogs, cats, and rabbits alike for Father Stephen Trzeciecki's special animal blessing. Parents and students brought their furry and feathered friends together for a special prayer service organized by Sister Regina Hlavac. What a great day for appreciating all of God's creatures!

Congratulations to our Johns Hopkins Gifted & Talented: The fol-

lowing students qualify to participate in the 2000 Talent Search for 7th & 8th Graders sponsored by the Institute for the Academic Advancement of youth of the Johns Hopkins University: Alison Binder, Kevin Bowman, Meghan Butler, Mary Beth Cieslak, Katherine Clements, Adam Delauter, Lauren Dorsch, Kyla Gaffney, Patrick Hathaway, Katlyn Howes, Robert Knox, Tyler Mentzer, Ashton Rippeon, Jennifer Schaubert, Robert Schwaner, and Sarah Warthen.

To qualify for this program, students must have scored in the 97th or higher percentile on a nationally recognized achievement test in mathematics or verbal skills.

"Feast Your Eyes" on the 2001 MSS Raffle Calendar! This year's calendar showcases favorite recipes of our MSS staff, with a lighthearted flair! Calendars are only \$10.00 and are a great gift for Christmas. Every day is a \$15.00 winner, each last day of the month is a \$50.00 winner, and Christmas and Easter are both \$500.00 winners! Please call (301) 447-3161 to get yours today!

Florida Citrus Sales -- The Catocin FFA is having a Florida Citrus Sale through Nov. 27, 2000. Help to support the work of the chapter by buying fruit. Citrus prices are as follows: Navel oranges, full box \$16.00, 1/2 box \$8.00; Juice oranges full box \$15.00, 1/2 box \$7.50; Pink Grapefruit, full box \$15.50, 1/2 box \$7.75; White Grapefruit, full box \$15.50, 1/2 box \$7.75 and Tangeloes full box \$16.00, 1/2 box \$8.00. Mixed cases of any 2 varieties are \$17.00. A mixed half case of 2 types of fruit is \$8.50 and a citrus trio is \$11.00. Fruit may be pickup the 12th of December from the Catocin High School agriculture area. Call 301-271-7406 to place your order.

EMMITSBURG ELEMENTARY P.T.A.

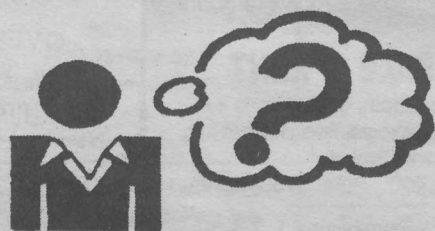
The Emmitsburg Elementary P.T.A. has had a very successful and busy school year so far! Our membership chairperson, Allyson Rohrbaugh is happy to report that we now have 91 members!

We started off our new school year with back to school night. Parents had the opportunity to meet new teachers and see old friends, all while enjoying a picnic dinner and the sounds of a D.J. in front of the school.

The school gym was the location of lots of fun on the morning of September 28, when over 190 students and their grandparents enjoyed our 2nd annual "Grandparents & Granola.." this is one breakfast that's always a big hit, and will surely continue to be in the future!

The P.T.A. would like to thank all of the local businesses that have contributed to our activities this year. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

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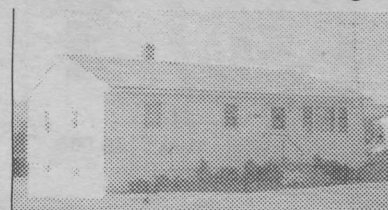
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Goat Tails

BY CHRISTINE MACCABEE
Dispatch Writer

Mending the Fence

Large goats, such as my Nubians, are notoriously hard on fences. So are cows, from what I hear. They love to lean their large bodies into them and rub hard as they walk along. My five-year-old fencing has deteriorated in many spots, particularly across the front of the pen, which is just up the hill from, and in full view of my kitchen window. This location is absolutely perfect for me as I can observe my goats while washing dishes and fixing dinner. However, it seems my goats have a uncanny way of knowing when I am looking and when I am not, for they always seem to mysteriously appear on the other side of the fence as if by magic.

Of course, I know all too well that magic and wizardry are not the means of their escapes. I also know all too well that I can no longer continue patching the fence in my peculiar fashion. So yesterday I broke down and bought two 50 ft. rolls of strong wire fencing. Before too long I hope some help will "magically" appear to assist me in the arduous task of tearing down

the old and putting up the new. I'm quite certain a little bribe of money will bring me the help I need in the form of a teenager. Meanwhile, I keep plugging up holes and repairing weak spots.

Over the past few months it has been a comedy of errors as well as an exercise in trying to outwit my witty threesome. The matriarch and dominant goat, clever Fawn, is always in the lead, and through every new hole the other two follow. No sooner do I patch the hole with a small piece of fencing than another hole appears. At this point the wires are so rusty they break easily with the least bit of pressure from their hooves and large bodies. A length of wooden fencing stretches across the front where the broken wire forms a long gaping hole. That, together with my other small patches tied on with hay bale twine, makes my fence look like some sort of abstract art form, a fence line patchwork quilt of twine, wood, and wire.

There is a saying that goes "good fences make for good neighbors." In my case, this is quite true as far as my goat neighbors and I are concerned. The last thing I want is for them to discover my azaleas on one side of the house, and my cold frame spinach and chard on the south side. As it is they

have already chewed the bark off my small but productive peach tree out back, and if the door to the shed which stores their grain is open, they will gorge themselves on it until their stomachs burst.

Many of you may be asking yourselves why this silly woman didn't put up new fencing long before this. I could answer that I was simply creating new material for a new Goat Tail, this one. I could also say that I am short on funds, which I am. Or, as a rationalization of my procrastination I could tell you that I enjoyed the challenge of trying to outwit my goats, even though frequently they outwitted me. Since the day I acquired my first two goats I have had a dynamic and fun relationship with them, and they have been the source of much inspiration and many tales to tell in the form of articles for this newspaper.* And so it is with fondness I remember my goat Fawn and her ever curious nature, nibbling at my hair and pulling my scarf off my head as I stooped to mend a hole last summer. Her warm sweet breath on my neck and her playful pulling and nudging, never hard enough to do any harm, indicate to me a surprisingly sweet and gentle nature in this basically wild creature. So I guess going up to mend

the fence is just another excuse I have to interact with my goats. I love that wonderful grounded feeling I get whenever I do the basic work of feeding, milking, shoveling their rich manure into buckets for my garden beds, or yes, mending fences.

Recently I spoke with a woman who is considering getting goats. "I hear that goats are pretty dumb," she said. "Actually," says I, "they are just the opposite. I deem them very intelligent, and even clever." People who say goats are dumb must be confusing them with cows! It isn't until you actually live with goats for a few years that you can actually understand them as they truly are, and even then they remain a mystery. One could carry this argument even further by citing the obvious analogy to all other relationships one might entertain, be they with other people, between nations, or with the natural world in general. With no space herein to expand upon this last multi-dimensional thought, I will leave you with a few simple thoughts...

"Don't stop trying to mend your fences." "If the fence can't be mended, get a new one." And "If a fence isn't needed, tear it down."

(* Copies of my entire collection of Goat Tails can be acquired by calling me at 301-271-2307 or on emmitsburg.net)

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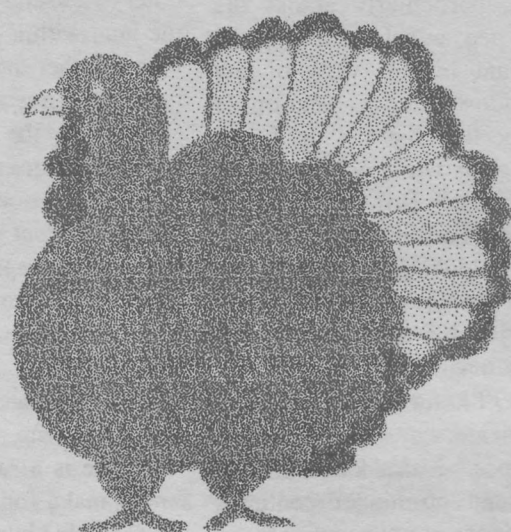
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BY LINDA STULTZ
Certified Fitness Trainer

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Have you thought about this year's biggest family gathering? The menu for this meal usually remains the same from year to year. How about making a few little changes to make the meal healthier? Of course, the turkey is the main attraction. Make sure you get a lean turkey that is low in fat. Most of the fat in poultry is in the skin. You need the skin while roasting for a juicy, tender bird, but before you slice it, remove the skin. That will take the temptation away from those folks who tend to tear off a piece when they slip into the kitchen to see how things are going.

Dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, warm bread and dessert are also part of the traditional meal. I'm not saying change these, just alter the way they are prepared. Use fat free milk and low fat butter in your mashed potatoes. Even better, try mashed sweet potatoes. Try whole grain bread for the dressing. Whole grains are much healthier than

processed white bread. Gravy is one of the most important parts of this meal. Let your broth set for a while till it forms a solid skim on top. Remove this and you will have broth with much less fat. The gravy still tastes the same, without the fat. The warm bread can be a variety of whole grain buns. This way, everybody gets their favorite kind. Add a big salad to this year's menu. People usually think of salad as a summertime dish with burgers and a cook-out. One half of your plate should be filled with veggies. Raw vegetables give you the most nutritional value. Supply a variety of vegetables to pick from. You will have at least one kind that the kids like.

Some people live for the Thanksgiving dessert table. That's OK. Give yourself a treat. Just look over everything carefully, and decide what you really want. Maybe even sample a few different kinds. Try cutting the slices in half. That way you can try a greater variety. Preparing a small plate of dessert for your guests to take home is also a thoughtful way to let them sample everything. They can take a little piece of Thanksgiving home to remember for the rest of the holiday weekend.

Check into some small changes in the recipe that will make a big difference in the fat and sugar content of the dessert. Tofu is a great way to add that creamy texture to your pies, cakes, and cookies, while lowering the fat. Applesauce in place of oil is another helpful, healthy hint. Finally, sugar is a big ingredient that packs on the pounds. Check out your grocery store's healthy cooking aisle for alternatives to sugar.

Finally, start a new Thanksgiving tradition. Take a walk after your meal. I know how everybody feels after eating a big meal. All the more reason to get moving. Take the whole family for a walk in the brisk fall air. See the beautiful sights of the brightly colored leaves. Share this time and walk off some of those extra calories you just consumed. If you can't get the whole family involved, pick a friend or family member with whom you would like to spend a little extra time. Share conversation, ideas, and just time with them.

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Local women attend summer camp program for underprivileged children

BY JENNA OTT

Recently, Sister Regina Hlavac and I traveled to Marguerite Naseau House in Fayetteville, North Carolina where for two weeks we were guests of Sister Susan, Sister Anne Joseph, Sister Frances and Sister Anne Claire. During our stay we were part of a summer camp program that involved underprivileged children with ages ranging from kindergarten through fifth grade.

The program included daily Bible stories, reading and phonics as well as various field trips. The field trips included a trip to one of the largest zoos in the United States at Asheville. This was a two hour drive followed by a picnic lunch where lots of ducks and geese were vying for our lunches. Some of the children expressed fear of these creatures as they had never seen them up close and personal! It was an exciting day for all.

On another day, we were headed to a huge man-made lake and another picnic. This began as an overcast day with the threat of rain. God smiled on us and the rain held off until we had finished our day of swimming and were under the pavilion eating an afternoon snack before heading back to Saint Anne's School.

One other day found us in a bowling alley. Some of the students had never bowled before but quickly joined in the fun of trying their best to roll that large ball directly at the pins. The teachers also tried out their skill at this game. Everyone seemed to enjoy this fun activity.

As if bowling, picnicking, swimming, reading, and listening to stories were not enough, we had to try our luck at miniature golf. This turned out to be great fun, not only for the students but the teachers as well. Even the owners seemed to enjoy watching the fun everyone was having. Also, while we were at this establishment and before we headed to the range, everyone had tokens to use inside to play games in the huge game room. What a joy to watch the expressions on the children's faces as they won a game and were awarded tickets they could cash in for small prizes. It was quite an experience for all.

Weekends were free to do as we pleased and we did. We enjoyed swimming in the large, warm waters of the pool on Fort Bragg army base. We shopped in the nearby shops and the ones not so nearby as we made our way up north to Asheville to the pottery shops which were quite plentiful and where the wares in each shop demon-

strated the talents of many artists. Needless to say, we came home to Maryland with some of these artist's wares in our shopping bags.

The trip to Marguerite Naseau House was a rewarding experience, one which we both decided we would like to repeat next year if our gracious hosts would welcome us again.



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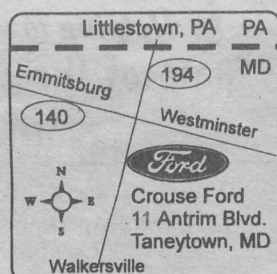
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Something to Eat

A Romantic Glow ...

BY JACK DEATHERAGE, JR.
Dispatch Writer

I've been told I haven't a hint of romance in me. In my defense, I overflow with romantic impulses! I've simply learned to suppress them. After all, I grew up with parents who seldom displayed romantic affection. I've relied on TV shows and books for my education.

TV's Dennis the Menace and The Three Stooges were not great childhood sources of romantic information. Books about Conan the Barbarian, read in my youth, were even less useful in the romance area, but fun to read. Conan would get half drunk, grab a wench and off to some dark corner he'd go. Not exactly what I thought to teach my son about romantic behavior.

In our house, getting father, mother, and son to the table to eat a meal is noteworthy! Usually we prepare our own dishes and eat them where we are most comfortable. Sharing a table and a meal is in itself almost romantic.

Jack got the idea to impress his mother by having a candlelight dinner. I myself had been considering such a dinner for twelve years, and gave him the go ahead. We prepared a meal we knew she'd eat. Heck, she'd be so impressed at her men's efforts to please her she'd eat most anything we fixed.

Jack set the plates and I put the food on the table. Wanda watched us with

that "slack jawed, starry-eyed" look that so often comes over women who marry rare, stunning examples of perfection in manhood—such as myself. Jack proudly lit the two tall candles and turned out the electric lights.

"NO! I CAN'T SEE! Turn the lights back on!"

We had forgotten that Wanda needs slightly more light than the sun provides in order to see. I'd also forgotten that she can't or won't eat in the dark. Which is good on an over-night camping trip. (I shudder at the thought of some of the things I've eaten because I couldn't see.) But bad sitting at your own table with an eager-to-please son suddenly crushed beyond any hope of ever having a normal relationship with women.

Lessons were learned even as the moment was lost. Jack had all the right ideas, but needed a female capable of seeing by candlelight. I undertook an internet journey to find candles in quantity, at a price I was willing to pay, so I could provide enough candlelight for Wanda to see her supper. (I figured a dozen tapers might do. Supplemented with 4 or 5 globed oil lamps and a couple of lawn torches.)

To my delight I found more than candles to set a mood. I found candles that make the entire evening!

No longer do I have to worry with preparing a meal. I can light candles smelling of fresh baked bread and mulled cider. They can be followed by blueberry pie- or black cherry- scented

candles and topped off with one called "Sex on the Beach." All I have to do is find a candle that smells like roast chicken with thyme and garlic and I can serve rice cakes and tap water for supper!

We'll save on groceries and the electric bill. The fragrances will satisfy our sense of smell (90% of taste is in the nose anyhow) while the candles

light our rooms and provide some extra heat. What a deal! I can even buy the candles at wholesale prices, retail them to friends, family and neighbors, then take the profits and pay for Jack's therapy.

Candlelight is great!
(Read more Jack on emmitsburg.net)

Quilters

To "Bee" or not to "Bee"

BY MARY ELLEN
CUMMINGS
Dispatch Writer

How do you quilt—by hand or machine? Most quilters today know that machine quilting shortens the length of time required to finish the project, unless you organize a Quilting Bee and meet with friends to hand quilt your work. It is surprising how fast the work gets done when several pairs of hands cooperate.

Some historians cite the demise of quilting bees around the end of the 18th century. During pioneering days quilting bees were a great way to socialize. However, with the Industrial Revolution, it was no longer necessary to make everything by hand and eventually automobiles broadened the social lives of people so that they didn't feel the need to have "bees" for fun.

My theory is that quilting bees never really ceased. They just evolved to what we now class as "Special Causes Quilting." A group at church makes a quilt for a retiring minister; the Red Cross quilts for disaster relief; a guild makes a quilt to raffle; friends make a quilt for someone who's moving away.

At some point in the classes ladies and gents get together to plan, assemble, and/or finish the quilt. It may not be called a Quilting Bee, but I can't think of a better name for it.

Which would you rather do—sit around a quilt frame with friends exchanging recipes, health tips and "old wives" tales; or use your machine in a room by yourself while your husband fusses that the sewing machine interferes with his football game?

(You can find more of Mary Ellen's views on quilting on emmitsburg.net/dispatch.)



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Civil Air Patrol seeking local members for new squadron

BY CLYDE E. GRIMES
Captain, Civil Air Patrol

I am a captain in the Civil Air Patrol. I come from the Emmitsburg area; my parents on both sides of my family lived in the Toms Creek area. I have been a member of the CAP for five years in the Mt. Airy Composite Squadron, Maryland Wing, CAP. I would like to explore the possibility of starting a squadron in the Emmitsburg area, to include the Thurmont and Taneytown areas.

CAP is a volunteer public service organization under the control of the U.S. Air Force (USAF). We have been given three missions to perform: aerospace education, a cadet program, and emergency services to the community, state, and U.S.

As the official auxiliary of the Air Force, we perform 85 percent of all search and rescue operations for the USAF as well as those requested by the state. The emergency services (ES) portion of the tasks covers air and ground search and rescue for downed aircraft and lost persons, assisting other ES organizations as requested. (Cadets form the major portion of our ground search teams.) Since January 2000 the Maryland Wing CAP have participated in over 65 operations including the plane crash in Urbana and a missing person search near Frederick. Other operations include Bay patrol on summer weekends, fish counts, and many public service activities.

The cadet program offers drill team competitions, model aircraft and rocketry programs, as well as a week-long summer camp program in the state of Maryland and at other locations around the U.S. There is also a yearly camp at which the USAF honor guard trains a state-wide cadet honor guard. The programs open to cadets and adults are too numerous to list here. *For cadets all hours other than regular meetings are counted as public service hours towards their graduation requirements.*

Of special interest: All cadets are entitled to 9 half-hour flights in a light aircraft (Cessna 172 or 182) at no

expense to the member. The state of Maryland CAP conducts a week-long glider academy at Frederick where cadets get two flights in a glider. Non-rated adults may train and qualify as air crew scanners and observers for the air portion of search and rescue.

The cadet program is open to young people regardless of race or sex, ages 12 (11 if they are in the sixth grade) to 18 years of age. Active members may stay cadets until age 21. Adult membership is open to any U.S. citizen aged 18 or older; there is no upper age limit. You *do not* have to be a pilot or aircraft owner to join. You do not even have to *want* to fly. CAP has lots of ground-based jobs for interested persons.

To start a squadron we need a minimum of five adults and 12 young people. Initially we would be considered a flight of the Mt. Airy Squadron, but would meet somewhere in the Emmitsburg area. Once the leadership, cadets, and adults have been trained, we would apply for a charter and become an independent squadron.

The cost of membership for cadets is \$36 for the first year and \$22 to renew each year thereafter. For adults it is \$42 per year. In addition each squadron usually has yearly or weekly dues. Uniforms for cadets are furnished by the Wing. Adult uniforms are furnished after the cadets have been outfitted; however we usually have enough for adults.

Membership in CAP entitles active members to purchase additional uniform items in the service clothing stores such as Ft. Meade, Ft. Detrick, and Andrews Air Force Base. Some Post Exchanges will allow CAP members to buy limited items there if the cadet is in uniform.

Watch for announcements in the form of posters and flyers and this paper of an exploratory meeting to be held in Emmitsburg. Come out and see a video on CAP and talk to current members and meet other interested individuals. You do not need to have any prior service or air experience to be a member, just an interest in working with young people or in volunteering and having fun doing it.

Classified ads

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