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Mount a boon to local economy

BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Writer

An economic impact study commissioned by the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA) has estimated that Mount St. Mary's College generated \$128 million in new net income for the Maryland economy in the 1999 fiscal year.

Using statistical methods designed by the U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, the study found that the two largest components of the total were out-of-state visitors and institutional non-construction expenditures, each of

which accounted for \$59 million. Off-campus spending by students and by retirees living in the state each amounted to \$4 million. The remaining \$2 million was generated by construction on campus.

The college drew nearly 170,000 visitors to the Emmitsburg area in 1999. Over 135,000 visited the Grotto; an additional 25,550 attended conferences at the college during the summer, weekends and holidays. Over 10,000 visits were made by students applying to the college and by parents, relatives and friends attending graduation, parents' weekend activities, or informally dropping in to see students. Some 600

alumni attended homecoming and reunion festivities. The study estimates these visitors spent over \$29 million directly, and their presence in the area accounted for an additional \$30 million in jobs and services in the local economy.

Institutional non-construction expenditures include salaries paid to employees, and goods and services purchased locally. With a work force of 434 and a payroll of \$14 million, the Mount is one of the largest employers in northern Frederick County. These salaries, together with other expenses,

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Mission of Mercy awarded \$50K grant

The Maryland Healthcare Foundation has awarded Mission of Mercy \$50,000.00 to expand its outreach programs to rural people in Frederick and Carroll counties. "We believe this grant will enable us to reach people we are not reaching in rural areas with information about our free medical and dental programs," said David Liddle, CEO of Mission of Mercy. "We will be working in partnership with the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick to make health care available to people in rural areas who cannot afford medical care."

Rev. Brian Scott, Executive Director of the Religious Coalition said, "The Religious Coalition has been serving Frederick County residents with emergency needs for over 20 years. One of the major reasons clients come to us is the high cost of health care and an inability to access primary medical care, especially in Frederick. Our Coalition consists of 84 churches and 7 food banks, most of which are located in rural Frederick County. We see this grant and partnership with Mission of Mercy as a means to increase the availability of pri-

mary healthcare to rural residents, and also to assist Mission of Mercy in recruiting volunteer physicians, dentists and nurses.

New materials will be created in English and Spanish and distributed to these areas in order to reach workers and new immigrants. A public service advertising campaign will also be used to reach people in need in rural areas. "We have seen a steady increase in people seeking medical care from rural areas," said Reverend Scott, "and we know there are still more people we need to reach."

As a result of the expected increase in patients, the Maryland Healthcare Grant will enable Mission of Mercy to recruit more volunteer medical professionals to meet the needs of these patients. Part of the outreach will include materials directed to physicians, dentists, nurses and other healthcare professionals. "Our patient load in Frederick has doubled in the last two years," Mr. Liddle said,

(MERCY story continued and Mission of Mercy Schedule listed on Page 10)

Election day for Emmitsburg commissioners set

Election Day for Emmitsburg will be Tuesday, April 17, 2001. Ballots can be cast at the Town Office, 22 East Main Street, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Candidates must file written application for

candidacy with the Town Clerk no later than 7 business days prior to the date of the election. A write-in candidate must file a certificate of candidacy with the Town Clerk. Write-in certificate shall not be filed after noon (12:00 p.m.) on the fourth day preceding the election.

All candidates will be posted on the Town bulletin board. There will be two 3-year term commissioner openings on the Town Council for this April 17, 2001, election.

Mark Your Calendar

The Lions Club Annual Health Fair will be held Sat., March 31. See story on Page 19.

Adopt a Tree Well



Members of the Silver Fancy Garden Club Susie Heck (l) and Pat Fisher prepare a tree well.

Show off your love for flowers and gardening to the whole town. The Silver Fancy Garden Club is sponsoring an "Adopt a Tree Well" contest. This will run from May 17 to Sept. 3, 2001. To sign up for a tree well call the Town office at 301-447-2313. Churches, girl scouts, business, individuals, those who live out of town—all are welcome to participate in the contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to the gardeners of the three most beautiful and well-maintained plots. The awards will be announced at the September meeting of the Silver Fancy Garden Club. A photo of the wells and gardeners will appear in the *Dispatch* and other papers. The tree wells will be admired throughout the summer and make Emmitsburg's Main Street a glorious garden.

Letters to the Editor

The *Dispatch* encourages its readers to express their thought about issues that appear in this paper or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the *Dispatch*. They should be brief and must be signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number to be used for verification. Deadline for letters is the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Remembers Hays family

When I came to the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church in 1981, five brothers and a sister in the generation of my father-in-law, Sam Hays, were all still living. In order from the eldest they were Jim, Margaret, Bill, John, Sam, and Harry. With the death of Harry a few days ago, the generation has come to an end.

They were a remarkable family. Their father saw to it that all six of them had a college education and half of them had a graduate education as well. For nearly a century they have

found occupations and professions, reared their families, and through the years have gathered in reunions to celebrate their heritage and share again and again the stories of their growing up.

They were a part of the town and the town never stopped being a part of them. That now comes to an end; our memories, appreciation, and gratitude continue.

R. Benjamin Jones
Minister, Emmitsburg
Presbyterian Church

Student ambassador seeks tuition aid

My name is Courtney Tasker and I am a ninth grade student from Catoctin High School in Thurmont, Maryland. I was recently interviewed and accepted to participate as a member of the Maryland People to People Student Ambassador Program to Australia this summer. This 20-day program of exchange consists of meetings with government officials, interaction with other students, educational activities, and home visits with host families.

President Dwight Eisenhower initiated People to People in 1956. He believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, eventually so would countries. Other programs such as Sister Cities, Project HOPE, and Pen Pals were founded at the same time People to People and have become independent programs since then.

Student Ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated before their acceptance and we are expected to share our experiences with school and civic clubs when we return. As a Student Ambassador with People to People I can earn high school and college credit because of the many educational elements in my program.

The tuition for the program is \$5,000, which includes meals, transportation, accommodations, and educational activities.

I would like to become a student ambassador because I'm eager and enthusiastic to learn about the culture, history, and lives of the people in Australia. I would also like to make new friends and represent my country.



COURTNEY TASKER

I am willing to give a speech and share my journal, photographs and experiences upon my return if requested.

I am currently seeking financial sponsors to help me with my goal. My program tuition is due by April 2001. Checks may be made payable to People to People and forwarded to me at 36 Robindale Drive, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. My student Ambassador ID number is 567445. Your donation will enable me to share this wonderful program.

I thank you in advance for your gracious consideration and support.

Courtney Tasker
Emmitsburg, MD

Editor's note: Courtney has agreed to share with the readers of the Dispatch her experience with the People to People program. Look for her Postcard from Australia in August.

Town News...

Moratorium on towers begins, Water/Sewer ordinance revised

A STAFF REPORT

Moratorium on building towers

The Emmitsburg Town Council, at their February 4 meeting, voted in favor of a nine-month moratorium on the building of communication towers within the town limits. The council felt a need to become more familiar with matters of microwave towers in order to draft an effective ordinance. To date two requests have been made to install towers within town limits.

Water/Sewer Ordinance revised

The commissioners voted 4-0 to amend the water and sewer ordinance to require that out-of-town users of the sewer system must use *both* water and sewer services. Sewer use is billed by the amount of water used and those who do not use town water (but have their own well) are billed a flat rate of 6,000 gallons of water per quarter. The town has no way of knowing the actual number of gallons used in that situation. They could be costing the town money or paying for more than they use. In the future, parties wishing to use just one or the other will be required to pay for both.

Water discount given to schools

The council considered changes to the water and sewer allocation chart and voted 3 - 1 to grant a 70% discount to schools being serviced by the local system. Town Manager Dave Haller said this action follows similar action taken by the county.

The Town uses a fixture chart to calculate how many sewer and water taps are needed for commercial-buildings. Prior to this code amendment, fixture charges to the schools were based on fixture count. A count of 15 would equal one sewer and water tap each. The revised code allows schools to have a fixture count of 60 to equal one sewer and water tap each. Example, a school with a fixture count of 172 would cost about \$72,798. The revision to the code will reduce the charge to about \$18,198.

"I hope this will be seen as a support and courtesy extended to our schools," said Mayor Carr. According to Haller this change to the allocation chart would create a more favorable circumstance for any school to be built in the future on a site within the town

limits rather than on county land.

Commissioner Hoover cast the negative vote, citing that in his view this action extends a discount to private schools and will burden the town taxpayers as resident tax dollars would subsidize out-of-town or out-of-state residents who attend the school.

"I feel that this offer should only go to public schools," Hoover told the *Dispatch*. "Private schools are bringing students in from other counties and states. It is unfair to our residents to have the Town subsidize a private school with taxpayers dollars."

"In the example giving at the meeting the 172 fixture count is the estimated fixture count needed for Mother Seton School's renovation project. Mother Seton School pays no taxes to the Town, and now we just reduce their cost by \$54,000. Back in the fall the Town also gave a \$5,000 donation to Mother Seton School.

"I believe Mother Seton School is a great school. But, I also believe the school should be treated like the private endeavor that it is. Of the 400-450 student population at Mother Seton School very few of them are from the corporate limits of Emmitsburg."

Contributions to youths

In other actions the council donated \$100 in support of Courtney Tasker a 9th grade student at Catoctin High School who lives in Emmitsburg, who will participate in the People to People Program in Australia this summer.

The council voted to contribute \$500 to the new Emmitsburg Endowment Fund to be administered by the Community Foundation of Frederick County. As the fund matures, 80% of the dividends will go to scholarships for Emmitsburg high school students and 20% will be directed toward youth services and activities in Emmitsburg. The town joins several other private donors in raising the \$5,000 minimum to open the Fund which was organized by the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association.

No more penny/nickle parking

Commissioner Boyle announced that all of the town's parking meters are now 10- and 25-cent meters. There will be no more penny or nickel parking.

Meet Your Town Officials

INTERVIEW WITH COMMISSIONER JIM HOOVER

The Dispatch has begun this new column so that the residents of Emmitsburg have an opportunity to become more familiar with their town officials. We begin with Jim Hoover, who has served as a commissioner since August 1998.

Dispatch: Where did you grow up?

Hoover: I was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1964. My three older brothers and younger sister and I grew up in the city in my grandmother's house where we lived with our mother and grandmother. I graduated from Southern High School in 1982.

Dispatch: What did you do after graduating from high school?

Hoover: I began working at Belt's warehouse in Howard County. After I obtained my commercial driver's license I worked for Kane Transfer loading semi-trailers on freight trains in the CSX railroad yard in Baltimore. In 1989 I began working for the state at the new Seagirt Marine Terminal in Dundalk Maryland. In 1990 I transferred to the State Railroad Administration to take a job in the Freight Division inspecting the "short line" tracks owned by the state from Walkersville to Taneytown, Westminster to Cedarhurst, and other tracks on the Eastern Shore. In 1991 the State Railroad Administration was merged with the Mass Transit Administration and I was transferred to the Operating Division of MARC Train Service which is located at BWI airport. I am now the supervisor of train operations. My job is to assign the cars and locomotives to trains and to supervise employees who monitor the performance of each train. I am also responsible for coordinating alternate transportation during emergencies.

Dispatch: Tell us about your family.

Hoover: I married Diana Goins in September 1983. She lived in Brooklyn Park in Anne Arundel County. Diana graduated from the LPN program at the Hanover School of Nursing in July 2000, and is now employed at Mountain Manor Treatment Center. We have three children: Amanda is 15 and a student at Catocin High School; Brian, 13, is a 7th grader at Thurmont Middle and Elizabeth, 11, is in the 6th grade there. All three are active in 4H and participate in civic activities. Brain recently spruced up the bulletin board beside the Town Office and Amanda helped me decorate the Town Float in the 4th of July Parade. The whole family enjoys working in the food tent for the Lions Club on Community Day.

Dispatch: What are some of your

hobbies?

Hoover: We like to camp as a family. Now we do more tent camping in the area so Diana can join us during the day, but then she heads home in the evening for a shower and a good night's sleep. We also like bowling and going to the movies. I am a member of the Lions Club and on the advisory board of CASS. Oh yes, it seems I do a lot of shopping with my oldest daughter, too.

Dispatch: Why did you move to Emmitsburg?

Hoover: We wanted to get out of the city because of our children. We wanted a better place for them to grow-up, Diana has family in Thurmont so we often visited the area and liked what we saw. Her uncles, Jesse and James Ketterman, once owned the apartment building (old hotel) on the square in Emmitsburg. We moved into a house in Silo Hill in July 1995. Its location is very convenient for my commute to work every day - straight down Route 140 to BWI. We like the small size and friendliness of the town, too.

Dispatch: Why did you want to be a commissioner?

Hoover: I wanted to get involved in small town government. I hoped to be able to make reasonable changes and to express my opinions. I first ran for the seat in 1998 but lost to Pat Boyle and Dave Haller.

When Dave was appointed Town Manager I was appointed to fill his seat since I had the next highest vote count in the election. I ran again in 1999 and won a three-year term. As a commissioner I am the liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

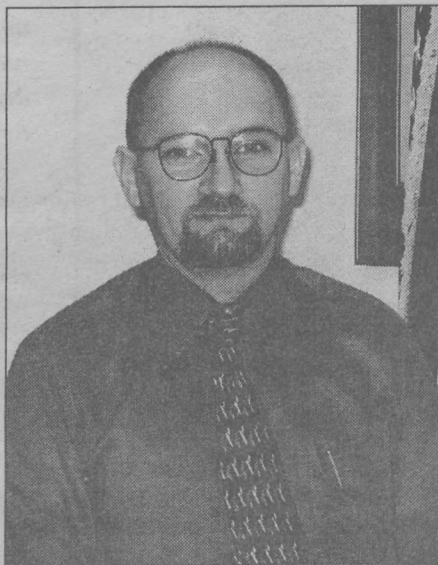
Dispatch: Do you see any problems for Emmitsburg?

Hoover: Not really. Things are going well, We're getting development in town: Seton Center on Creamery Road which will have offices and a fitness center; a housing development is planned for the west end of town, and the new motel on the east end; and the new water plant is under construction. This is positive progress.

Dispatch: What would you like to see come to Emmitsburg?

Social science affirms that a woman's place in society marks the level of civilization.

-Elizabeth Cady Stanton



COMMISSIONER JIM HOOVER

Hoover: We need a place where families can go for a sit-down breakfast in town and we need to have some larger homes built within the corporate limits of the town. We are losing families who have to go outside of Emmitsburg to find homes to accommodate growing families. I don't see the possibility of a bypass in the near future. I do feel the renovation of the community center and moving the town offices there will be a big plus for the community.

F & M Bank ATM to relocate

The Farmers & Mechanics Bank ATM located on the parking lot of Mount Saint Mary's College has been removed as the result of the current renovations on the campus of Mount Saint Mary's College. A new ATM to serve students and staff has been placed inside the Student Union Building on the campus.

Farmers & Mechanics Bank will be actively looking for a new location to house the free-standing ATM within the Emmitsburg community. During this transition period, Farmers & Mechanics Bank still has ATMs available inside the Ott House (cash withdrawals only) and at Roy Rogers in Thurmont (full service).

Farmers & Mechanics Bank appreciates the community's understanding while this transition is made.

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Oh, Paddy Dean
an' did you hear the
news that's goin'
round...An optimist is
a man who has never
had much experience.

Commentary

In April we vote!

"What for?"

Ask not "What for?" but rather "For what?"

A great deal of recent hullabaloo over voting tends to obscure some very fundamental ideas about government. One primary concern is why we have elections and vote in the first place. Through elections and voting we have a chance to select and manage our preferred form of government.

We must be concerned with the maintenance of political stability and its processes. Negotiating, bargaining, and compromise among the various government and interest groups in the town offer a gradual way to grapple with impending growth. Especially on the local level do we like to manage changes that will affect the quality of life and keep it on a comfortable level.

If this is what we want, the question then becomes: Who? As of this date no candidates have come forward to seek the two commissioner seats that will be available in April. Not a running start.

The "who?" will be revealed in due time. But, during this time citizens and interest groups have an opportunity to forge and communicate their concerns and issues that will affect the management of the town over the next year. If

issues are openly stated they can provide a groundwork for making choices and casting of votes.

The *Dispatch* is going "interactive." We encourage citizens and groups to submit their concerns and issues as they see them, to the local paper. We will publish these concerns, as well as give copies to potential office holders so they may prepare their positions.

There are several ways to get your concerns to us:

- Drop your ideas by the *Dispatch* office at 130 S. Seton Ave. from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Through the Emmitsburg website www.emmitsburg.net/. Go to the Emmitsburg *Dispatch* page. The link to submit a story is on this page in the left hand column. When you click on this link an automatically addressed e-mail form will open. Enter the word "Comment" in the subject box. Type your comment in the body. Click "Send."
- Send a similar e-mail to bojean@erols.com, with the word "Comment" in the subject box.
- Drop a note via "snail-mail" to the *Dispatch*, P.O. Box 358, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Truth Be Told...

"Truth Be Told..." is a new column in this paper that aims to share readers' recollections of living in and around our village--anecdotes, notable deeds, stories that we can all read to recall and enjoy the lighter moments of growing up in Emmitsburg. We encourage you to search your memory for stories that we can include in this new column.

Traffic stop BY BO CADLE

My recollection: age 10-ish

Seldom did we lock the doors on our house on West Main Street. My father was a country doctor with an open-door policy—more like a revolving door it was. Friends, neighbors, playmates, the ill and not so ill passed through the portals. Something interesting always seemed to happen.

One day Trooper Moon stopped by for a cup of coffee during lunch.

Officer Moon was the town trooper and he lived next door. He was in my eyes an imposing lawman—tall, strong, wearing jodhpurs with high leather boots and riding a motorcycle.

"Moon," my father observed,

"you look perplexed. What goes?"

Using his hands like a fighter pilot reliving a dog-fight, Moon said, "Doc, I'm going out the mountain road and catch up with a car that is weaving from one side of the road to the other. The driver is obviously drunk. I hit my siren and light and the car pulls over to the side."

"Book in hand, I look in the front seat of the car and there's no driver. Three men are sitting in the back seat, each with a bottle of beer in his hand and beer on the floor.

"Where's the driver of this car?" I demand. They all lean forward and look in the front seat.

"One fella looks at me and asks, 'What?! Ain't he here?'"

"All I could do was to make them walk home. They did, taking their beer with them."

Get your stories for our new "Truth Be Told" column to us by dropping by the office any morning between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.(if you missed us just stick it in the door.)

You could mail it to the *Dispatch* at P.O. Box 358, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, send it by e-mail to bojean@erols.com, dispatch@emmitsburg.net/, or fax it to us at 301-447-2290.

Reiteration!

Last month we invited readers to drop by the *Dispatch* office for some coffee or tea and goodies to share with us news and views of our community. At the risk of repeating ourselves, or better still, in the words of Yoga Berra, "It's Deja Vu all over again," or perhaps, quoting Dr. Frasier Crane of the NBC TV program *Frasier* — "Hello, Emmitsburg, we're listening."

We want to stress the importance to our paper of local news coming from local sources. We encourage you to drop by the *Dispatch* office to chat—swap stories, bring in your latest news and get to know each other.

The "Listening Post" is open Tuesdays manned by Ruth Richards and Fridays manned by Marion Levandowski. They will be there from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Do drop in.

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Ambulance Company holds 12th annual awards banquet

A STAFF REPORT

Emmitsburg Ambulance Company held its 12th Annual Awards Banquet to recognize and honor the achievement of its members.

The Ambulance Company is most visible when it is active and the most visible activity is the movement of the emergency vehicles on local streets and roads. For the year 2000 Ambulance #268 handled 378 calls for a total of 12,397 miles; Special Unit #26 handled 52 calls for a total of 1938 miles; and Ambulance #269 handled 576 call for 19,008 miles.

Station House #26 which houses the three emergency vehicles and the 62 members handled 1,006 emergency calls for a total of 7,293 volunteer response hours.

"I feel very good about our volunteers members," said Chief Ann Messner. "We have 10 more new mem-

bers who are presently receiving training and good solid older members who are continuing their training. There seems to be a renewal commitment to the community." Volunteers to Co. 26 come from the Emmitsburg community as well as from around the region; Woodsboro, Thurmont, and from across the line from Pennsylvania. "Most express a desire to work with an all-volunteer company," said Messner.

According to chief Messner the company response time has improved over the past 3 years from below average to above average while handling over a thousand calls.

The Top 10 Responders for 2000 were: 1) Tom Humerick, 607; 2) John Compton, 593; 3) Loretta Sprankle, 545; 4) Joanne Sloan, 429; 5) Eric Stackhouse, 417; 6) Steven King, 460; 7.) Eric Sloan, 382; 8) Bob Dinterman, 343; 9) Karyn Myers, 264; and 10) Jamie Eyler.



Administrative officers for Emmitsburg Ambulance Company 26 for the new year are (seated) Lowman Keeney, president; Dennis Ott Sr., vice president. Standing from the left are Brian Koenig, secretary; Robert Matava, assistant secretary; Tom Humerick, Sr., treasurer; and Dennis Ott Jr., assistant treasurer.

Mount

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account for nearly \$25 million. The remaining \$34 million in this category is accounted for by an estimated 1256 "spin-off jobs" in businesses, governmental and non-profit organizations which would not exist in the area if the college were not here.

Off-campus spending by students was estimated at \$2.1 million. This figure does not include spending by part-time students who live in the area; it is based on the 1424 full-time students at the college, who would not be here if the college did not exist.

Seventy-three retirees from the Mount lived in Maryland in fiscal 1999. Using figures for average spending per household, the study estimates these retirees contribute \$1.8 million to the state's economy.

The Bureau of Economic Analysis estimates that each dollar spent on construction generates an additional \$1.10 in spin-off income. By this measure, the \$1.1 million spent for construction at the Mount in fiscal '99 generated an additional \$1.2 million elsewhere in the state's economy.

President George Houston began working on long-range planning immediately when he came to The Mount in 1995. His vision, expressed in The Mount Plan: 2001 - 2005, sees the college continuing "to be an engine of economic vitality in the region." A strong curriculum that is attracting increasing numbers of students and plans for a \$16.5 million renovation and expansion of the Student Center over the next two years give promise that the college's economic impact on

the community will be even greater in the future.

In addition to its direct economic impact, the MICUA report noted that the Mount "also provides many important ingredients for a healthy economy— trained workers, new businesses and cultural and social vitality." Specifically mentioned were the college's contribution to educating potential workers by its major programs in Business, Computer Science, Teacher Education at both the Bachelor's and Master's levels, and the MBA program. New programs in continuing education such as the weekend college and the Accelerated Degree program for adults were also cited. Tutoring and enrichment programs are offered to the community by the faculty, staff and students; entrepreneurial training, consulting, student interns and various other forms of assistance are available to businesses and the state and local governments. Students, faculty and staff are involved in myriad volunteer activities that range from serving on boards to hands-on assistance in local schools and the community at large. The library's resources, cultural and entertainment programs at the Knott ARCC and Auditorium, and the Mount Community Club provide opportunities to enrich the daily lives of the public.

More specific information about the Mount's programs can be obtained by contacting the college's Director of Public Relations or the Office of Special Events, or by visiting its website at www.msmary.edu.



In left photo, new directors for Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. 26 for the new year are, seated, from left, Loretta Sprankle and Jamie Eyler; standing from left are Jonathan Troxell, Robert Dinterman, and Robert Maddox. Not present is Carl Angleberger. In right photo, line officers for the new year for Co. 26 are Ann Marie Messner, chief; and Steven King, first assistant chief. Not present is Pat Sullivan, Jr., second assistant chief.

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St. Joseph College alumnae help local charity

BY BETTY MCFANN
Dispatch Writer

It is said "a picture speaks a thousand words" so it must follow that a picture of a \$1,000 must speak volumes! Melanie Turner, Director of the Catoctin Pregnancy Center in Emmitsburg, proudly displays a check for \$1,000 donated to the Center by the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association.

Even though St. Joseph College has been closed for over 25 years, its Alumnae Association has been thriving. Over the last two years they have increased their membership over 50% and now have 1,250 active members. Part of the mission of the Association is to do philanthropic works, and they provide scholarships to the Mother Seton School and contribute to the Seton Center. With an increasing membership they have been able to expand their works and have increased their scholarships to Mother Seton School, pledged to the expansion program of the school, established a memorial to Monsignor Robert Kline (a past chaplain of the college) at the school, increased their donation to the Seton Center and are making a memorial contribution to the school in the name of the Association. This year they also expanded their giving to include the Catoctin Pregnancy Center.

The Catoctin Pregnancy Center is



Melanie Turner, Director of the Catoctin Pregnancy Center, proudly displays a check for \$1,000 donated by the St. Joseph College Alumnae Association.

in the "job" of saving families. They provide free pregnancy tests, counseling and emotional support, material assistance such as maternity and infant clothes, car seats, cribs, etc., emergency housing, referrals for medical, financial, legal and general resources, and a 24-hour telephone crisis hotline. The center's goal is to assist women in a crisis pregnancy to choose life for their child in an atmosphere of privacy and love. All their efforts are directed towards providing services necessary to produce healthy babies and happy parents. They also extend their help to women who have had an abortion in the past and are not at peace with themselves. Their help

is limited not only to the time of pregnancy but for all families who are faced with difficult decisions and circumstances.

The center is run strictly by volunteers and relies totally on contributions. Director Melanie has experi-

enced many times when trust in God has been their only hope of keeping their doors open. Recently, the struggle has become more intense and the members of the Alumnae Association are thankful that they are in a position to lend a "helping hand."

Local athlete inducted into Frederick YMCA Quinn Sports Hall of Fame

Tammy Joy, the daughter of Dorothy and Jerry Joy, along with five other well known county sports figures, was recently inducted into the Frederick County YMCA Alvin G. Quinn Sports Hall of Fame at the Francis Scott Key Post 11 American Legion Home in Frederick. Tammy was one of the top women basketball players to come out of the county. In her four years at Catoctin, Tammy's average went from 10.3 points in her freshman year to 30.6 her senior year. She is the all time leading scorer for both boys and girls in the county having scored 2313 points in her 4 years at Catoctin High School and as a senior set the record for most points scored in a state championship game (49). She played college basketball at Long Beach State, CA, where she was a member of two NCAA Final Four teams. She later coached basketball at Thomas Johnson, Frederick, for one year in 1995. She was also an assistant coach in the county and is now a activity therapist at Good Shepherd Center Residential Treatment Facility.

Present at the induction ceremony were Jerry and Dorothy Joy, Lori and Lauryn Hoff, Joe Topper, Denise and Leanne Manning, Barry and Jean Joy, Dolores Henke of Emmitsburg, Perry



TAMMY JOY

and Wesley Joy of Westminster, Patrick and Tara Joy of Libertytown, Gloria Bauerline of Bonneauville, Lorrie Schenning of Bel Air, Deborah Abraham Spalding, Angie Valentine and Buzz Barker of Thurmont.

Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Nicole Lynn Karacoulakis, Emmitsburg, on the arrival of a son, Jan. 30

Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Toms, Emmitsburg, a son, Feb. 16

Catoctin High School FCCLA



Members of the Catoctin High School's Family, Community, Career, Leaders of America (FCCLA) met with residents of St. Catherine's Nursing Home for a Valentine bash. There was a lively exchange among residents and students as they created Valentine cards and decorations.

According to Janet Warren, Family and Consumer Science teacher at CHS, the group focuses on community programs for children and the elderly. "The group meet monthly to plan and prepare service projects," said Ms. Warren. "It is a good opportunity for them to practice leadership skills."




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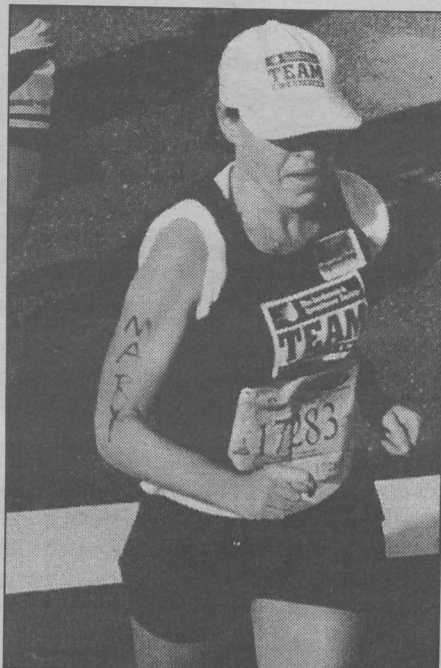
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Area woman runs marathons to raise money for charity

BY MARION LEE
Dispatch Writer

Mary Van Buren, the Social Director at St. Catherine's Nursing Home, displays an inexhaustible abundance of cheerfulness and warmth to all who meet her. A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Mary's interest in geriatrics came about because she saw a real need to show older people that they can still develop new interests. For the past six years, Emmitsburg and the surrounding area are fortunate indeed to have someone with as much enthusiasm as Mary caring for their family members.

Mary is a tall, slender, vivacious young woman with boundless energy. Part of her vitality flows, I am sure, from a remarkable self-discipline. In addition to hard work, Mary is currently in training for her second marathon! A lover of outdoors and nature, running came quite naturally to Mary. "My husband is a long distance runner," Mary told me, "but for me, it was just a hobby until I discovered I could do 12 miles." One day, Mary read an article about the Leukemia Society and how they offered opportunities to run a marathon for the purpose of raising money. Although she had her own personal goals, the idea of being able to



MARY VAN BUREN

help someone in the process strongly appealed to Mary. And thus began a rigorous training program that enabled her to run in the annual Marine Marathon in Washington, D.C., last year. With a full-time job, Mary had to run at least seven miles a day early in the morning, in all weather conditions. In mid-week, she took one day off to relax the muscles, then resumed longer runs over the weekends. The training

demanding 40 to 50 miles a week, every week. It was physically grueling and required replacing good running shoes every 400 miles. One month before the Marine Marathon, Mary developed shin splints but, fortunately, therapy resolved the problem and she was back in good shape in time for the event.

The Marine Marathon had 16,000 runners. Mary still can't get over the numbers of people who cheered her on during the race. Each runner was told to write his/her name on their arm so people could identify them. On one side, Mary wrote her name and on the other she put down "Uncle Jimmy," in honor of her uncle who had recently passed away. Suddenly, everyone was shouting, "Go Uncle Jimmy!" Mary got such a kick out of it but, more than that, it pumped up the adrenaline enabling her to finish the standard 26.2 miles to the end. People who run in charitable marathons are often competing to qualify for big races, like the Boston marathon. For Mary, this may be something to consider down the road, but at the moment, she is back in training for a second marathon which will take place on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, in Virginia Beach, Va.

This charitable event is being sponsored by the Four Diamonds Fund, a

pediatric cancer fund for children who are treated at the Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pa. Compared to last year, it will be smaller in numbers—only 600 runners—but the stakes are very high. All donations aid families and children who are struggling emotionally and financially with this dreaded disease. Mary sends letters all over the country asking people to join her in this cause. The money helps to cover the costs of such things as pain management, specialty nursing care, social workers, cancer nutritionists and psychological counseling services that would otherwise be unavailable. The Hershey Medical Center treats children from all over the world. Mary doesn't hesitate to say that they are the real heroes. Running is easy compared to the ordeal they must each face.

If you would like to help in her efforts for these children, please send your check, made payable to: Four Diamonds Fund.

And mail to: Mary Van Buren
27 Autumn Drive
Gettysburg, Pa 17325

Mary realizes that not everyone is able to contribute financially but they can pray for these children and that would mean so much.

Noah's Ark lands in Fairfield

Has the lizard eaten its last cricket? Do the goldfish have Ich? Out of finch or parakeet food and don't want to drive to Frederick, Hanover or Gettysburg to get some? Perhaps Noah's Ark in Fairfield, Pennsylvania can save the day.

Noah's Ark opened last August, across the parking lot from Sunny Ray's grocery store, on the main drag in Fairfield. Since opening the doors, Barbara (owner/manager) has continued to expand the store's offerings. While unable to display a "super store" variety she has succeeded in stuffing the place with more than a few "jewels." Of course Noah's Ark has basic pet supplies, and roads to Fairfield are more pleasant drives than US 15 to anywhere.

Puppies, cats, guinea pigs, rats, mice, hamsters and ferrets are often available. Parrots, parakeets, cockatiels and several types of finches and love birds preen and cavort at Noah's Ark. Goldfish, swordtails, "cory" catfish,

barbs, and tetras grace the fish aisle. (New tanks have been added, more fish are on their way.) The Herp Room is being expanded and currently has various snakes, lizards and frogs, with more to arrive.

Of course food for all these creatures is at hand. So are books and magazines explaining the needs and care of the various animals. Cages, heat lamps, toys, medications and advice can also be found.

Sometimes arrangements can be made at Noah's Ark for pets that need a new home. The Ark can be an alternative to animal shelters. But unlike the shelters it is a pet shop and survives by making a profit. Call to see if the Ark can take a pet that needs a new home.

Noah's Ark is open Monday through Saturday, 10 until 8; Sunday, noon until 6. Calling ahead doesn't hurt since Barbara may be out looking for something new for the store. 717-642-6030 is toll free from the Emmitsburg exchange.

St. Catherine's Employee of the Month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for January 2001 is Debi Buffington. Debi, currently our Medical Records Manager, has been employed at St. Catherine's since October of 1994. According to her co-workers, Debi is a wonderful mentor. She is very empathetic to the needs of the residents and the staff, and is always ready to lend a helping hand wherever she is needed. Debi's ongoing education keeps her on the cutting edge of new developments in Medical Records, which is a plus in nursing home facilities. Debi is very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Debi!



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Catoctin High School

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Mental health services offered at Catoctin High School

Mental health services are now offered at Catoctin High School. Through the collaboration of Catholic Charities of Frederick County, Catoctin High School and Catoctin CASS (Community Agency School Services) a mental health counselor, Mary Liz Austin, employed by Catholic Charities, is now providing services to Catoctin High School students and their families.

Mary Liz Austin, LCPC, is a mental health counselor and former teacher.

Bill Derbyshire, Catoctin CASS coordinator, developed the partnership in conjunction with Dr. Ray Rother, executive director of Catholic Charities of Frederick County and Marty Tarr, principal of Catoctin

High School.

The Catoctin High School guidance staff, Sue Weaver, Phil Caruso, and Kurt Howser provide referrals to the program as well as consultation to Mary Liz as she works with the Catoctin area families

To make a referral to Catholic Charities of Frederick County at Catoctin High School please call Ann Kelly @ 240-629-3316, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Catholic Charities is a fee-for-service mental health provider which accepts medical assistance and some private insurance.



Those collaborating in providing mental health services at Catoctin High School are (seated from left) Kurt Howser, guidance counselor, Mary Liz Austin, mental health counselor from Catholic Charities and Phil Caruso, guidance counselor. Standing from left are Sue Weaver, school support and guidance counselor, Dr. Ray Rother, executive director of Catholic Charities of Frederick County, Marty Tarr, school principal, and Bill Derbyshire, Catoctin CASS coordinator.

Photo courtesy CASS

Flowers for You to add 'Gifts' at new location this month

BY ANNETTA RAPP
Dispatch Writer

On March 31st, "Flowers for You" will become "Flowers and Gifts for You" and will move across the street to 203 South Seton Ave (parking available behind the building). The larger location will provide more space for the business and an area to expand the gift section. Also planned are a "Wedding Room," where brides-to-be may choose their wedding flowers and accessories, and a "Christmas Room," where seasonal trimmings will be on exhibit throughout the year. Monday to Friday hours will be extended to 5:30.

This is the second big happening of 2001 for owners Mary Ann Gill and Jeanne Nolte. They were 2 of only 135



JEANNE NOLTE AND MARY ANN GILL assembling displays from the massive amount of flowers (40,000 roses alone) contributed by growers across the country. At night, they returned to the Omni Shoreham Hotel where all stayed courtesy of the Society of the American Florists. The highlight of the experience for Mary Ann and Jeanne was overseeing the staging of the Wednesday dinner and Saturday Inaugural Ball held at Union Station.

Mary Ann, who lives in

Waynesboro, and Jeanne, who lives in Thurmont, opened the shop 17 years ago on the Square in Emmitsburg; and have been at the Carriage House for the past 15 years. Mary Ann started at Creagers Florist in Thurmont and also spent five years working in the business in Chicago and Minneapolis. Jeanne was raised in Bethesda and has a degree in education. When she moved to Emmitsburg and met Mary Ann, the two decided to open a florist shop and have been partners and best friends ever since.

Employees include Cathy Tenace, Kathy Smith, Ingrid Lucier and Sonny Ott who makes the deliveries to nearby areas. Family members pitch in to help at busy times, i.e., Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Christmas.

Mary Ann and Jeanne are grateful to the town and community of Emmitsburg for their support and patronage throughout the years. The shop's phone number will remain 301-447-6655.

Emmitsburg Police Report - January 2001

BY DFC MARK CULLEMBER
DFC MIKE RATLIFF

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Chef John

Cooking on one burner

A STAFF REPORT

Take a chef out of the kitchen and put him in the library and what do you get? —an enjoyable learning experience plus a treat of tasting some really good food.

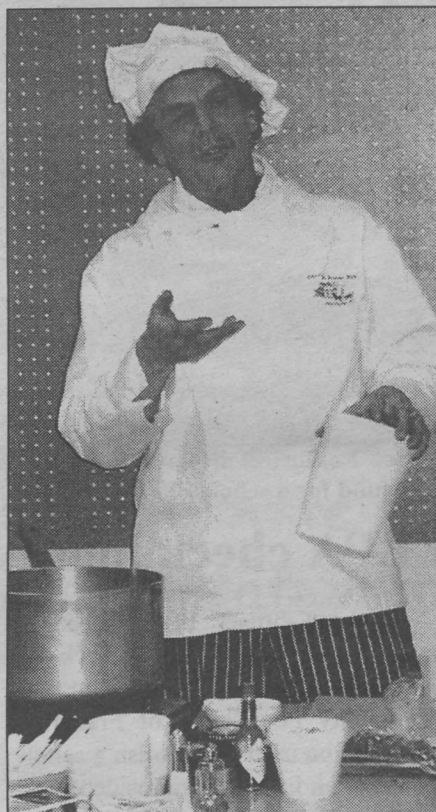
John Hovde, chef at the Carriage House Inn, recently spoke to a group of 30 people at the library meeting room. He shared with them some of his thoughts and skills and joy of preparing comfort foods—uncomplicated, easy to prepare, tasty: meat loaf, casseroles, stews, chili, etc.

While chatting and fielding questions, John casually sliced, chopped, mixed, stirred, seasoned, and tasted. The experience of watching John prepare the dish of the evening, white chili, was not unlike watching grandmother preparing a dish—casual, but with a sense of certainty that everything will turn out all right. Measurements were “about.....”. Cooking instructions: “Watch your heat and check the consistency to see if it’s what you want.”

John’s white chili guide:

Sauté one onion, chopped peppers (about ½), chopped garlic (depends on your taste) and add to onions. Add chopped chicken, and white beans (undrained), the beans and chicken were added in a one cup to one cup ratio. Add chicken stock. The seasonings were 2 tsp. cumin, oregano, tabasco sauce and cayenne pepper to taste and preferences. Garnish with grated cheese and green onions. “Food tastes better if it looks good.”

There was a sense of “we can learn some tricks of the trade here” as his actions and hints reflected the theme of his presentation—comfort. John presented an almost effortless demonstration of food preparation that culminated in a great-tasting white chili, country corn bread, and salad. Chef John was assisted by junior-chef Sarah,



CHEF JOHN HOVDE

his daughter, who had prepared the corn bread in advance at home. It perfectly complemented her father’s fare.

Sarah’s Country Corn Bread

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.

Ingredients:

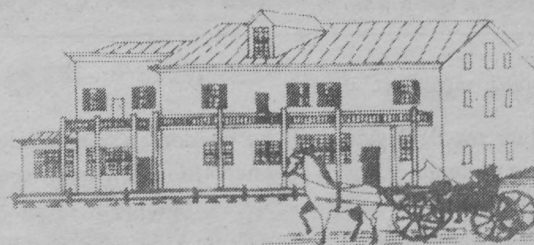
- 1 2/3 cups corn meal
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 3/4 cups melted butter
- 2 eggs beaten

Combine cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in large bowl, mixing well. Combine remaining ingredients, mixing well; add to dry mixture and stir with wooden spoon until just moistened. Pour into well-greased 9-inch square pan. Bake at 425

To be a good cook you have to have a love of the good, a love of hard work, and a love of creating. Some people like to paint pictures, or do gardening, or build a boat in the basement. Other people get a tremendous pleasure out of the kitchen, because cooking is just as creative and imaginative an activity as drawing, or wood carving, or music.

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Local students named to dean’s list

Aimee Martin of Emmitsburg has been named to the dean’s list for the fall semester at Mount St. Mary’s College, Emmitsburg. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Martin. She maintained a 3.4 grade point average.

Jennifer Wivell of Emmitsburg, has recently been named to the fall dean’s list at Frostburg State University. She received the distinction of a 4.0 grade point average. Ms. Wivell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wivell of Emmitsburg.

Mercy

(Continued from Page 1)

"and more volunteer medical staff will be needed to adequately care for the expected increase in patients. We will also need to increase our specialty referral network to provide service beyond the scope of the mobile clinic."

Mission of Mercy is a nonprofit organization that operates a mobile medical clinic at six sites in Maryland and one in Pennsylvania. Three of those sites are in Frederick County, including Frederick, Thurmont and Brunswick and one site in Carroll County (Westminster). Anyone interested in volunteering for this project can call Mission of Mercy at 301-447-3939.

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Thurmont

Clinic Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church
Parish Hall, 103 North Church Street
Appointment: 301- 694-3733
Clinic Hours: Thurs., March 8, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Thurs., March 22, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Gettysburg

Clinic Location: Gettysburg College -Musselman Stadium, West
Lincoln Avenue
Appointment: 717-337-6469
Clinic Hours: Thurs., March 1, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thurs., March 15, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thurs., March 29, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Development impinges on region

The Marriott corporation is planning to build a time-sharing resort near the Blue Ridge Mountains. Marriott has entered into an agreement to lease from the Cumberland Management Group the Grove property located in the northern end of the Harbaugh Valley (near Sabillasville) in Liberty Township, Adams County, Pa.

The Grove property, which is to be the first phase, will include 40 one-bedroom condos and 43 hotel rooms. A golf course is planned, to be located near Gettysburg at 116 and Blackhorse Rd. Marriott will provide buses to shuttle the golfers from and to the Grove property.

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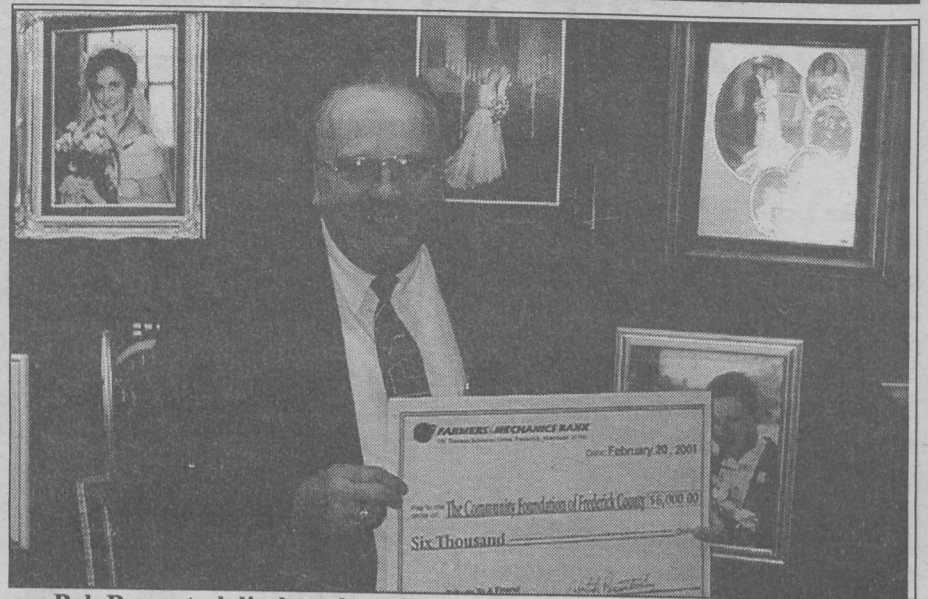
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Bob Rosensteel displays the "big check" used in opening the new endowment fund for a scholarship.
A Dispatch Photo

EBPA check boosts scholarship fund

At the February EBPA meeting, Bob Rosensteel presented a check for \$6,000 to representatives from the Community Foundation of Frederick County to be used to establish a scholarship for an Emmitsburg resident.

The scholarship honors the memory of five deceased members of the Vigilant Hose Company: Dave Copenhagen, Greg Hollinger, Tom and Sharon Topper, and Terry Myers.

The check represents the proceeds from a car show and dance held September 30 that was coordinated by Mr. Rosensteel, also a member of the fire company. In presenting the check, he thanked his co-chairman Jim Kittinger, Debbie Bowman, who coordinated the car show, as well as co-

sponsors of the event, members of the Emmitsburg Lions Club, 4X4 Borderline Club, Mount St. Mary's College, and the Vigilant Hose Company.

"Our goal is to raise another \$5,000 prior to the next dance through private donations from businesses, organizations and clubs in Emmitsburg," said Rosensteel. This year's event will be held at Mount Saint Mary's College on Saturday, October 6, and will feature a free car show from noon to 6:00 p.m. The dance will be held from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. The dance tickets are \$12.

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Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company honors members at banquet

A STAFF REPORT

At its annual recognition banquet the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company honored members who contributed to the operation of the company. The company also installed new officers. The company, Frederick County's smallest yet most self-sufficient, was treated to a giant feast provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. Approximately 170 members, guests, and visiting firemen enjoyed the feast and camaraderie.

"The amount of community support here is mind-boggling," said Lt. Greg Woods of the Union Colony Fire and Rescue Authority of Greeley, Colorado. Lon Squyres, of Jacinto, Texas, was... "astounded by the number of non-fire people who came out to support the company." Woods and Squyres were students at the National Fire Academy

This year the company responded to 166 calls: house fires, brush fires, barn fires, aviation fires, special units calls as well as assists and fill-in for other departments.

The top ten responders for the year 2000 were Ronnie Eyler, 104 calls; Rob Eyler, 101 calls; Tom Myerly, 86 calls; Bonnie Hurley, 85 calls; Matt Moser, 77 calls; Donnie Kaas, Jr., 70 calls; Andrew Mathias, 66 calls; Wilton Smith III, 63 calls; David Stonesifer, 59 calls; Penny Eyler, 58 calls.

Line officers' responses: Alan Hurley, 1st Asst. Chief, 93 calls; Larry Humerick, Jr., Fire Lieutenant, 89 calls; Steve Whetzel, Chief, 71 calls; Dennis Mathias, 2nd Assistant Chief, 53 calls; and Paulette Mathias, EMS Lieutenant, 43 calls.

Helen Ogle was named the honor member of the year. Helen joined the auxiliary in 1977 and the fire company in 1984. Through these years she has always been ready and willing to serve in any way she could. She has chaired and served on the Butchering Dinner committee, she has served at countless banquets, breakfasts, dinners, and receptions. She has worked on the bingo food stand since bingo began in 1987. She has recorded thousands of meat orders for the butcherings and baked thousands of pie crusts for bingo and the annual carnival.

David Stonesifer was awarded the very first Robert Albaugh Young Outstanding Volunteer Award. The Albaugh family created the award in memory of their father and grandfather. It is given to the young person who (1) is an active member of the company, (2) displays interest in apparatus, equip-

ment and facilities maintenance, (3) has responded to a minimum of 50% of the alarms, (4) has assisted on half of the fund-raising activities, and (5) has attended at least four parades during the year. The plaque bearing Robert Albaugh's picture will hang on the wall in the activities building.

Other important presentations were the following:

- Betty Ann Mumma, president of the ladies

auxiliary, presented a check for \$12,000 to Bob Mumma, president.

- Dennis Mathias was recognized for 26 years of service as an assistant chief.

- Richard Yinger, past president of the Maryland State Fireman Associate presented a token of appreciation to auxiliary president Betty Mumma.



The Robert Albaugh Young Outstanding Volunteer Award was presented to David Stonesifer, center. Presenting the award were Linda Northrup, kneeling, Bonnie Hurley, left, David, and Kevin Albaugh.



Joe Ferguson, vice president Rocky Ridge Fire Company, presents the Honor Member award to Helen Ogle.



In photo at left: New administrative officers for the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company are, seated from left, Robert Mumma, president; Joseph Ferguson, vice president; Paulette Mathias, secretary; and Bernard Wivell, treasurer. In the middle row are Tom Myerly, assistant treasurer; Bonnie Hurley, assistant secretary; and directors Donnie Kaas, Jr., Helen Burrier, Paul Burrier, and Charles Riggs. In the back row are Steve Whetzel, chief; Alan Hurley, first assistant chief; Wilton Smith III, second assistant chief; Luke Humerick, lieutenant; Dennis Mathias, lieu-



In bottom photo: Rocky Ridge Volunteer Company's top 10 responders are, seated from left, Tom Myerly, Bonnie Hurley, Matt Moser, and Donnie Kaas, Jr. In the back row are Andy Mathias, Wilton Smith III, David Stonesifer, and Penny Eyler. Missing from the picture are Rob Eyler and Ronnie Eyler.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE BOOTH SALE

Girl Scout cookies will be delivered during the first week in March. Didn't order any? Not to fret. The Cadette/Senior Girl Scout Troop 1088 of Emmitsburg will be having a cookie booth sale at the Emmitsburg Post Office on Saturday, March 10, 2001, from 9 - 12 noon. They will have all seven varieties available for purchase that day. Varieties are Thin Mint, Caramel Delight, Lemon Pastry Creme, Animal Treasure, Upside-Down Frosted Oatmeal, Peanutbutter Patties, and Peanutbutter Sandwich. Cookies are still \$3.00 per box and all proceeds will benefit Girls Scouting.

Rocky Ridge News

BY EMMA KEENEY

Dispatch Writer

March Birthdays

Happy birthday to Vernon and Bea Keilholtz, Eugene Stambaugh, Wayne Stambaugh, Kathy Wolfe, Annabelle Mackley, Jim Flohr, Joseph Brown, Faye Wolfe, Linda Northrup, Jeff Sharrer, Heather Stambaugh, Ricky Eugene Bell, Kristie Frushour, Richard Flohr, Rebecca Shields, Crystal Shriner, Louie Powell, Edna Anders, Ruth Ann Masemore, Treva Fishpaw.

March Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to Pastor and Mrs. James Russell, Michael and Emma Lou Harris, Carrollton and Annabelle Houck.

Arrival

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Francis (Butch) Sumner on the birth of their second son on February 8. Taylor Alexander Sumner will be called Alex. Congratulations to Tyler on having a little brother.

Passings

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Richard Haines, Oneida Eyler, Idabelle Lescalleet, and the Rev. Dixon Yates. Rev. Yates was the former pastor of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Keysville, and Union Bridge.

Fire Company News

BY LINDA NORTHRUP

THURMONT BUSY PREPARING FOR HUGE 250TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE

Residents of Thurmont are busy gearing up for a number of special events scheduled throughout the year 2001 in connection with the 250th Anniversary of the community which was settled in 1751.

One of the major events will be the Anniversary Parade, set for Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 26, 2001, at 2:00 p.m.

Invitations have been mailed to band and drum corps within a 60-mile radius of Thurmont and the organizing

Annual Banquet

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company held their annual banquet on Thursday, January 25, 2001, with a large attendance. The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Ladies Auxiliary donated \$12,000 to the fire company. Several awards were presented, including Top Ten Responders to emergency calls. An award representing appreciation for all the years of service was presented to Paulette and Dennis Mathias. Helen Ogle was named Honor Member. David Stonesifer received the Robert Albaugh "Young Volunteer of the Year" Award.

Basket Bingo is set for May 6. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Doors open at noon; games begin at 1:30 p.m. For tickets call Bonnie Hurley at 301-271-9170 or Nancy Summers 301-271-4409.

Weekly Bingo is held every Saturday night. Games start at 7 p.m.

Annual Carnival: August 13-18.

Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren

BY PATSY FREE

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committee reports that area businesses and civic and community organizations are being encouraged to enter floats in the parade. A parade entry form is now available at the Thurmont Town Office, 10 Frederick Road, Thurmont. Over \$5,000 in cash prizes will be awarded.

A number of well-known celebrities have been invited to participate in Thurmont's 250th parade and

(See PARADE on page 23))

Women entrepreneurs 'naturals' at Network Marketing

BY JEANNE ANGLEBERGER

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Waking under the Hunger Moon

BY BILL MEREDITH

*The fox knows many things;
The hedgehog knows one big thing.
.....Aristotle, or someone like that*

February 2 came on schedule this year, and the local news media pushed aside their headline stories about earthquakes, senate debates, and the faltering economy to inform us that Punxutawney Phil had come out of his burrow on Gobbler's Knob to see his shadow and go back to bed for another six weeks. Groundhogs have never been known for either ambition or intellect—as Pogo once said, “They’s jes’ lazy rascals”—but Phil knew what he was doing. February is no time to be running around outdoors if you can avoid it.

For anyone who has to be out in the environment, it is February, not April, that is the cruelest month. To some Indian tribes and to our colonial forefathers in New England, the full moon in February was known as the Hunger Moon; it indicated the time of greatest hardship. Winter was still in full swing, food stored the previous fall was either getting wormy or running out entirely, and hunting and fishing were harder and less productive. If you made it through the Hunger Moon in those days, things soon started looking better; spring wasn't too far off, and your chances of survival for another year improved. Like the proverbial hedgehog, groundhogs know this one big thing: stay indoors until the Hunger Moon is past, and then some.

It may seem odd to be using groundhogs as a standard of good sense, but not all animals are that smart. Skunks in particular come to mind—or to nose, if you want to be literal. I smelled my first skunk of the year on Jan. 31, which is about average for the time when they re-enter the landscape. They go underground in late fall in a hollow log or, preferably, an abandoned groundhog burrow if they can find one; they plug the entrance with grass, leaves and dirt, and go into a deep sleep. The females seem to have the good sense to sleep late, but males begin to stir around the first of February. It doesn't make much sense in terms of human logic; there is little to eat then except garbage and carrion, the weather is miserable, predators are hungry, and prospects for finding their heart's desire are slim. But where love is concerned, human logic means little even to people, and absolutely nothing to skunks. Their biological clocks have

“ ... the full moon in February was known as the Hunger Moon; it indicated the time of greatest hardship. Winter was still in full swing, food stored the previous fall was either getting wormy or running out entirely, and hunting and fishing were harder ... ”

been running, and hormones have started to flow; so they leave the warm bedroom for the cold, cruel world outside under the Hunger Moon. Male skunks don't wake up in a very good mood even under the best of circumstances, and now they're cold and hungry as well as oversexed; and to make it all worse, the only skunk they're likely to run into is another male in the same frame of mind. So they let off steam—loaded with butyl mercaptan—at the least provocation. This probably doesn't affect the outcome of battles between males; it discourages some predators, although one of their main enemies, the great horned owl, doesn't seem to mind it. And it doesn't deter automobiles at all; for the next several weeks, skunks will be among the commonest of roadkills.

As a child I was taught skunks were to be counted among the enemy. My mother was sure all of them were rabid. Grandma, with not much more factual evidence on her side, believed their sole mission in life was to kill her chickens. Several times each year our dog would come in reeking, eyes watering, sick at his stomach, and wearing a look that said, “Yeah, I should know better by now.” My Uncle Fay, who lived just up the road from us, was in some ways worse than the dog; he waged a skunk vendetta for years. He was an inventive man and liked to do things with style; he usually won, but the victories were pyrrhic, or at least smelly. One spring a possum began hanging around his yard just when the baby chicks were starting to wander about. He didn't want to shoot it so close to the house, with kids and livestock hanging around; so he built an elaborate deadfall consisting of a large rock propped up by a small stick, to which he tied some meat as bait. That night a skunk found it before the possum did, and the next day he had the task of removing a hundred-pound rock from a carcass that was about half an inch thick and a lot wider than it used to be, and steeped in a most un-

possum like redolence. Another time, he found a skunk hiding under Grandma's chicken house and ran for his gun; he killed it, but not before it fired back, and no one could stand to collect the eggs for a week.

In my dotage now, I rather like skunks—at an appropriate distance, of course. I find them interesting for several reasons. We used to call them “polecats,” a name that was brought across the Atlantic by our colonial ancestors; it is correctly applied to an equally smelly relative, the European weasel. They belong to the weasel family, which zoologists call Mustelidae. As the name suggests, all weasels have scent glands; skunks have simply perfected them to a greater degree than the rest of the family. Weasels as a group are, pound-for-pound, the most ferocious carnivores on the planet; fortunately, most of them are small, but the big ones, like the wolverine, are so vicious that they are left alone even by wolves and bears. Skunks, by comparison, are peace-loving fellows; for survival, they have traded the family's usual physical violence for a chemical defense. This enables them to waddle placidly through life rather than tearing about like Tex Avery's Tasmanian Devil. They have evolved a color pattern, the white stripe, which makes them readily visible; and throughout their history, when meeting a larger animal, their reaction has been to raise

their tail and wave it to attract attention. Most of their enemies are sufficiently warned, after one meeting, to leave them alone. Unfortunately, automobiles never seem to learn this lesson.

There are occasional cases of rabies, but most skunks are free from it, and most people don't get close enough to them to have to worry about it. Grandma's beliefs to the contrary, documented cases of chickencide are rare; if they find a dead chicken they will gnaw on it, and they might kill young chicks if the opportunity arose. But their preferred diet consists of insects, berries, and mice. They will eat the young of ground-nesting birds if they happen to stumble upon them, but they do far less damage to bird populations than house cats. Mostly they prefer to go about their own business, a trait to be admired in a world so complicated as this.

The Hunger Moon waxed full on Feb. 6 this year, and there was still snow on the ground from before Christmas; but as it waned into the third quarter a week later, the temperature reached 60 for the first time this year and I saw a flock of about 40 robins in the field next to mine. So if you see a skunk, wish him well and tell him to take heart; if he can avoid owls and cars just a little longer, spring will come and the females will awaken. Where there's love, there is hope for yet another year.



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Obituaries

Harry W. Hays

Harry W. Hays, 91, a toxicologist who retired from the Department of Agriculture in 1980, died Feb. 6 at George Washington University Hospital after a heart attack.

Dr. Hays, who lived in Washington, was born in Emmitsburg, Md., and graduated from Franklin & Marshall College. He received a doctorate in biology at Princeton.

He was a research pharmacologist with Ciba Pharmaceutical Co. in Summit, N.J., and a professor of pharmacology at Wayne State University in Detroit before moving to Washington in 1957 to become director of the advisory center on toxicology at the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council. In 1966, he joined the U. S. Department of Agriculture as director of the pesticides regulation division.

When that division was assigned to the Environmental Protection Agency, Dr. Hays was assigned to the national program staff for food, safety and health. He was a founding editor of the *Journal of Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology*, a founder of the Society of Toxicology and an adviser on toxicology for the *International Dictionary of Medicine and Biology*.

After retiring from the Agriculture Department he did toxicology consulting for five years.

His first wife, Elsa L. Hays, died in 1988.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Hays of Washington; and a son by his first wife, Gregory Hays of Hagerstown.

Mr. Lawrence Ott

Mr Lawrence Stephen Ott, 52, of George Street, Taneytown, died Monday, Feb. 19, at his residence.

He was the husband of Peggy Stambaugh Ott, his wife of 24 years.

Born April 9, 1948, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late William and Clara Mae Cool Ott Sr.

Mr. Ott was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg; the Sons of the American Legion Post 120, Taneytown; and Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge 2226, Littlestown, Pa.

At the time of his death he was employed as a machine operator at Evapco Inc., Taneytown.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four children, Cheryl Beall of Gettysburg, Pa., Donald Wachtel, John Wachtel and S. Michael Ott, all of Taneytown; seven grandchildren; one brother, William Ott Jr. of Thurmont; and one sister, Frances Ann Strausburg

of Waynesville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Philip Carroll Ott Sr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. James O' Kiernan, as the celebrant.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Carroll County Hospice, 95 Carroll St., Westminster.

Mrs. Edith Paskorus

Mrs. Edith Marie Stouter Paskorus, 84, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Saturday, Feb. 10, at Heartfields Assisted Living Facility, Frederick.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Joseph Merle Haley Jr. in 1971, and Joseph L. Paskorus in 1982.

Born Feb. 1, 1917, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Felix and Mary Hardman Stouter.

Mrs. Paskorus was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, and Ladies of Bruté Council 1860, Emmitsburg. She was a former librarian at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Paskorus was raised on her parents' farm across the mountain from Mount St. Mary's College, and was one of eight children. She dropped out of high school after the death of her father and went to work in local factories to help support her family. She earned her general equivalency diploma in 1962.

Surviving are five children, John G. Haley of East New Market, Gerald M. Haley of Towson, Rebecca M. Stover and Susan M. Corbin, both of Frederick and Josephine M. Adams of Emmitsburg; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six sisters, Anna Haley of Easton, Ethel Greenholtz of Denver, Colo., Ruth Wisotzkey and Kristen Welty, both of Gettysburg, Pa., Margaret Valentine of Thurmont, and Hilda Hanlin of Punta Gorda, Fla.; and one brother, Charles F. Stouter of Emmitsburg.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 14 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with

Mrs. Paskorus' pastor, the Rev. James O' Kiernan, as the celebrant.

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

Sr. Mary Ann Lewis, D.C.

A Mass of Christian burial for Sister Mary Ann Lewis, D.C., was offered February 6 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. Sister Mary Ann, who was 95, died of congestive heart failure on February 2, at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg where she had been a resident since 1986.

Sister Mary Ann was born in Baltimore and entered the Daughters of Charity in 1925. Her first duty as a Daughter of Charity was as an elementary teacher at St. Mary's School in Troy, N.Y. Sister spent the next fourteen years (1932-1946) as a group worker at St. Vincent Manor in Buffalo, followed by a year at St. John's Home in Utica.

In 1947 Sister Mary Ann returned to the education apostolate. She taught at St. John's High School, Albany; St. Joseph School, Petersburg, Va.; St. Joseph High School, Emmitsburg; St. Agatha's, Canastota, N.Y.; Elizabeth Seton High School, Bladensburg Md. Following her assignment as a member of the support staff at St. Mary's School, Rome, Ga., in 1972, Sister was assigned to St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore as sacristan, her last active duty. In 1986, Sister, officially retired, moved to Villa St. Michael.

Sister Mary Ann is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Frank Reiter, of Ellicott City, Md.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of Charity Support Fund for the Elderly and Infirm Sisters, 333 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Mr. Joseph Glacken

Mr. Joseph William "Jack" Glacken, 70, of Irishtown Road, Emmitsburg, died Thursday, Feb. 22, at Gettysburg (Pa.) Hospital.

He was the husband of Dolly D.

Flory Glacken.

Born Aug. 2, 1930, in Fairfield, Pa., he was a son of the late Joseph and Fonzie B. Fitz Glacken.

Mr. Glacken worked in the maintenance department at St. Joseph's Provincial House and Seton Center, both in Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife are seven children, Joe Glacken, Kenny Glacken, Frank Glacken, Joan Glacken and Bradley Flory, all of Emmitsburg, and Jean Rexroth and Elizabeth Reaver, both of Biglerville, Pa.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Glacken of Gettysburg, and Eddie Glacken of Birdeboro, Pa.; four sisters, Frances Krietz of Fairfield, Pa., Shirley Rexroth of Biglerville, Ida Jane Rohrer of Hanover, Pa., and Petie Kline of Emmitsburg; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26, in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg, with Deacon Charles E. Barnhart officiating.

Arrangements by the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

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Local Civil Air Patrol squadron off and running

BY CLYDE E. GRIMES,
CAPT. C A P

Emmitsburg Squadron Commander

Since my last article I am pleased to report that the Emmitsburg Squadron, (you notice that I am calling it the Emmitsburg Squadron now, not the Emmitsburg flight of Mt. Airy Squadron), is OFF AND RUNNING. At the time of this writing we have eight young people who have committed their time to the Civil Air Patrol.

Our first three members were Kyle Potts of Emmitsburg, and Benjamin and Anthony Steinhour of Gettysburg. They were soon followed by Andrew Nucelli, Brian Howard, Chris Petrie, Mark Lingg, and Justin Swain. Some young women have expressed an interest in joining and we hope more will check us out. We need 4 more cadets and two more adults and then we can apply for a charter and we will officially be the Emmitsburg Squadron. Actually we need all the young people

and adults we can get; the bigger the squadron the more we can do and the more fun we have. Come see us, the door to our meeting is always open.

Since our first exploratory meeting in November of 2000, the Maryland Wing has participated in 2 major and a number of minor search operations. The first was a combined Air and Ground search for an aircraft that had left College Park Airport for a destination in western Virginia and never arrived. This search was based at Manassas, Virginia, and involved crews from Maryland and Virginia. In all, over 2000 man hours were expended in this search which included ground crew time. The search lasted 10 days due to bad weather. The second occurred in January 2001, for a plane that had left Hagerstown Airport for Grafton, W.Va. and never arrived. The search included Md., Va., and W.Va. squadrons, 26 aircraft and 12 ground teams. The aircraft was found Saturday, January 20, by a ground team from Grafton, W.Va.. The plane was covered with 4 inches of snow, making it virtually impossible to spot from the air. [Being able to serve in this way] is one of the reasons that I am in CAP. The other reason I get so much joy out of CAP is watching young people develop into responsible, self-respect-

ing people.

To dispel any one's doubts, we are not a authoritarian organization. We use the Air Force rank structure and teach the young people to respect authority and to strive for a position of leadership both within and outside of CAP, but we are not an "in-your-face" type of authority. We do not allow hazing and physical punishment such as pushups for breaches of discipline. There are other ways to make young people aware that they have made mistakes and what is expected of them to correct that mistake in the future than yelling at them or ridiculing them in public. One of the things that we teach our cadets and adults is that loud does not equate to leading.

Come by and see us, watch the young people strut their stuff, and talk to us and them. You do not have to want to fly or have prior military experience to join CAP, just a desire to want to help your community and its young people become better citizens. Look for CAP in future parades, i.e. the Fourth of July, Thurmont's 250th anniversary, and any other public affair to which we are invited. We'll be the young people and adults proudly wearing the Air Force Blue. For more information you may call me at (301) 829-0179 or (301) 829-2303. See you soon.

Up-County Family Center: Building Healthy Families

Up-County is a non-profit organization serving the northern rural Frederick County area. The intent of Up-County Family Center is to provide and promote, through mutual respect, opportunities that strengthen and build healthy and positive family functioning for all.

You're always welcome at Up-County because FAMILY matters! We are committed to all families in the parenting process. Programs are offered for families preparing for the birth of a child and for children under the age of four.

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St. Anthony/OLMC News

BY ANN MARSHALL
Dispatch Writer

The Pastoral Council meets on the third Thursday of each month. Note change of day. The March meeting will be Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m., at OLMC Parish Center.

Budget requests from committees for the next fiscal year should be submitted by that meeting.

The Annual American Bishops'

Overseas Collection, taken up in February, amounted to \$1,144.

Hospitals Need Blood Our next blood drive will be at OLMC on Monday, April 23, from 2 - 8 p.m. The January blood drive collected 34 units which will help 102 patients. If you can't donate blood yourself, please support this urgent need with your prayers.

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, March 5, at OLMC

Parish Center. The Knights continue to collect beverage pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. There is a collection box in the rear of each church. Each tab provides 2 seconds of dialysis for a patient.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will hereafter be held at each parish on alternate Saturdays from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.. In March, for example, it will be at St. Anthony

Shrine on the 10th and 24th; at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on the 3rd, 17th and 31st.

Applications for tuition assistance for parents of children entering or attending Catholic elementary school are due no later than April 15. Call the parish office for an application and further information, 301-447-2367. St. Anthony's also offers one year financial scholarships to Catholic high schools, colleges, and technical trade schools. Award amounts depend upon the number of approved applications and degree of need. The parish office can provide further information.

Three-in-One Catholic Youth Group is the name chosen for the new organization which includes young people (ages 12-17) from three parishes: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, St. Anthony Shrine, and St. Joseph's, Emmitsburg. The next meeting is March 3, 7-9 p.m., at OLMC. Fr. Dan Nusbaum from MSM College faculty invites participants to "Stump the Priest." He promises that those present may ask him ANYTHING -- which, young people, leaves it wide open for everything you ever wanted to know.

Adults are urged to help the youth ministry grow. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Joanne Woodward 301-416-0025 or Yvette Leith 301-271-4099. Or e-mail jwoodward@ssi.mid.atl.com.

A St. Patrick's Day Dance is planned by Three-in-One for Saturday, March 17, 7-10 p.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Emmitsburg. Youth aged 12-17 are invited. Admission is \$3.00 per person and chaperones will be provided. Music by DeeJay. For more information, please call 301-416-0025 or 301-271-2821.

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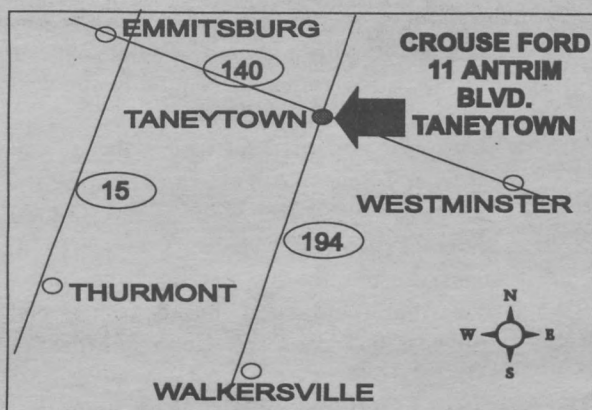
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Emmitsburg Churches

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124 West Main Street
Emmitsburg, Md. 21727
Sunday service: 10 a.m.
Pastor Rev. Margaret L. Dodds, 301-447-2270

Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

St. Joseph's Parish dates its beginning to 1786. Rev. John Dubois, the future bishop of New York, was the first resident Pastor. The Parish has been administered by the Vincentian Community since 1852. The present church was completed in 1842.

100 N. Seton Avenue
Emmitsburg, Md. 21727
Weekly services: Monday - 7:30 p.m. (with the Miraculous Medal Novena); Tuesday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Evening - 4:30 p.m.; Sundays - 8:00, 10:15, 11:45 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend James O' Kiernan, C.M. 301-447-2326

St. Anthony Shrine

St. Anthony's roots intertwine with the old St. Mary's on the Hill and date back to the 1700s. Our present church, St. Anthony Shrine, opened its doors on October 26, 1897.

16150 St. Anthony Road
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Mass schedule; Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend James W. Mannon, 301-447-2367

Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity United Methodist Church was founded in 1833. The present sanctuary was built in 1807. Trinity has been a religious presence in Emmitsburg for 168 years.

313 West Main Street
Emmitsburg, MD 21727
Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Julian A. Tavenner

(Area churches are invited to include their information in this column.)



THE TANEYTOWN ROD AND GUN CLUB installed new officers for 2001. From left are Godfrey Miller, president; Charles Miller, Jr., director; Bernard Flanagan, director; R. Ronald Haines, vice president; Daniel Fitzgerald, director; Tim Rock, director; Wayne Baker, treasurer. Frederick County Sheriff James Hagy installed the officers. Not shown is Gerald Keeney.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

DATE	LOCATION	MESSAGE
March 4	St. Joseph's Catholic	Rev. Bill Warehime
March 11	Tom's Creek United Methodist	Tom's Creek Methodist Rev. Margaret Dodds
March 18	Trinity United Methodist	Incarnation U.C.C. Rev. Jim O'Kiernan
March 25	St. Anthony Shrine	St. Joseph's Catholic Rev. David Knodel
April 1	Elias Lutheran Church	Elias Lutheran Rev. Julian Tavenner
Apr. 8, Palm Sunday	St Joseph's Provincial House Basilica	Trinity Methodist Rev. Jim Hannon
Apr. 15, Easter (6:30 AM)	Grotto of Lourdes Chapel	St. Anthony Shrine Rev. Ben Jones Presbyterian

* All Sunday Lenten Services begin at 7:30 p.m. with light refreshments after the service. The Easter Sunday Service at the Grotto Chapel begins at 6:30 a.m.

* St. Joseph's Catholic Church invites all to attend its regular Stations of the Cross Service at 7:00 p.m. on April 13, Good Friday.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, March 4

A World Day of Prayer service will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Incarnation United Church of Christ, 220 West Main Street, Emmitsburg. All churches welcome.

Sunday, March 4

Mother Seton School will have a Spaghetti dinner as part of its annual open house. The dinner will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The All You Can Eat menu includes spaghetti with tomato sauce, your choice of meatballs, hot and mild Italian sausages, a generous salad bar, garlic bread, beverages and desserts. \$6 for adults and children 10 and over. \$3 children under 10. Children under 2 eat free. Everyone is welcome. Carry Outs will be available. Proceeds benefit educational improvements. For more information contact Mother Seton School 301-447-3161 or Mary Patil at 301-607-6126.

Thursday, March 8

Thurmont Mom's Club. Meet the second Thursday of every month with other stay-at-home moms for support, playgroups, and interesting activities. 10:00 a.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road (Rt. 77), Thurmont. For details call 301-271-3337.

Sunday, March 11

St. Joseph's Church is sponsoring an "All you can eat" pancake, sausage & egg breakfast from 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon at the parish hall on North Seton Ave. in Emmitsburg. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, home fries, fruit, juice, gravy, and beverage. The price is \$5 for adults; children ages 5-12 \$3; and children under 5 years of age are free.

Sunday, March 18

A Good Old Country Breakfast will be held at the Taneytown Rod and Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd., Sunday, March 18, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. If the snow emergency plan is in effect it will be held on March 25. The menu includes pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding and hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples. Three will also be fruit cocktail, orange juice and coffee. Adults \$5, children 8 to 12 \$3.50. For information call Godfrey Miller at 410-751-1685.

Tuesday, March 20

The next meeting of the EBPA will be held on Tuesday, March 20th, when the speaker will be Kris Hughes, our new County Director of Planning. The meeting will be held at the upper level of the Carriage House at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are requested but not required. [Call 301-447-3110] Future meetings will include the following speakers: April 17th: Franklin N. McNeil, Jr., Baltimore Branch, Federal Reserve Bank - Community Affairs; May 22nd - TBA; June 19th - Secretary Sarah Taylor-Rogers, Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Saturday, March 24

Oyster and pit beef feed - all you can eat from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., sponsored by the Taneytown Rod and Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Road. Menu: oysters fried, steamed, stewed, raw; pit beef, hot dogs, sauerkraut, cold slaw, baked beans, and drinks. \$20 Tickets call Godfrey Miller at 410-751-1685

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Hanover family escapes injury as blaze claims home

The new home of Dr. Robert Henke, the son of Dolores Henke of Emmitsburg, recently burned to the ground. All family members and all pets, except two parrots, escaped unhurt.

Dr. Henke, who lives in Hanover, Pennsylvania, said he came home from his office for lunch and was just getting ready to leave when he saw some sooty

dust coming out of the home's vents. He went outside with the dogs and saw the garage in flames. It didn't take long for the blaze to spread across the roof.

When the firefighters arrived they could hear the fire rolling above them as they walked through the house after being summoned to fight the fire about 1:00 p.m. They remained at the scene until 6:48 p.m.

According to Fire Marshal Brad Schriver, the fire started in the circuit

wiring for the garage door opener, burned through the wall to form a large hole, got oxygen from the outside and then traveled through the rest of the home. The fire followed the duct work through the house which explained why it spread so quickly. Hanover Fire Commissioner James Roth said the home was a total loss.

Henke, his wife Judy, her daughter Courtney Myers and 10-month old grandson lived at the house. Henke's children, Alexander and Adrienne,

were with their mother at the time of the fire. The family had moved into the four-bedroom home three months ago.

In addition to the home and belongings, a limited edition 1992 Richard Petty Grand Prix Pontiac which had belonged to Henke's father was destroyed.

The family is staying with friends until they can refurbish their former home which they had not sold. They will reside there until their home is rebuilt.



Dr. Robert Henke surveys the damage done to his home by an electrical fire. Photo courtesy Dolores Henke

Lions Health Fair to be held March 31

The 18th annual Emmitsburg Lions Club Health Fair will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2001, from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Mother Seton Elementary School in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

The health fair features several important screening services, many of which are recommended to be done on an annual basis. The Gettysburg Hospital is offering a multiphasic blood screening (MBS) which focuses on early detection. The program consists of a series of blood tests which are used to monitor the functioning of the major body organs including the high density lipoprotein (HDL) test, valuable in predicting the risk of coronary heart disease; and a complete blood count (CBC), used in the diagnosis of infection and anemia. Other tests include glucose; cholesterol and triglycerides; uric acid; and electrolytes, including potassium, which can determine dehydration.

A fast of 10-12 hours is required before a blood sample can be taken. The program is being offered to health fair

participants for \$27.

In addition to the MBS, the Hospital is offering four optional blood tests. The prostate specific antigen (PSA) blood test is recommended for men over the age of 50 as a preventative measure against prostate cancer. The cost of the PSA blood test is \$15. The second is the sensitive thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) blood test. This test is used in the early detection of thyroid disease. The cost of the TSH blood test is \$10. Other optional blood tests include the Vitamin B12 deficiency test at \$10 and the glycohemoglobin (HbA1c) test available for diabetics only for an additional \$15.

In continuing with their tradition of a comprehensive health screening, the Lions Club will also offer the following free screenings: blood pressures, vision, glaucoma, hearing, height and weight measurement, oxygen saturation, foot exam, oral cancer screening, spinal evaluation, massage therapy, and general health and health care information.

For more information on the 18th annual Emmitsburg Lions Health Fair, contact Joe Ritz at 301-447-2939 (evenings) or email jritz@frederick-md.com.

Looking Ahead

Saturday, March 31

Turkey and Oyster Supper sponsored by Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Emmitsburg and Taneytown) will held a from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Adults \$10. Ages 5 - 10 \$4.50. Carryouts \$10.50. Bake and Craft

Table available.

Saturday, April 7

Spring craft bazaar from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville, MD. Soups by the quart and gallon to go. Sandwiches, variety of pies, desserts and baked goods table.

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Emmitsburg Elementary School News

Term 2 Perfect attendance

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Kindergarten: Stephanie Andrew, Taylor Clarke, Shelby Maly, Shelbey Miller, Katelynn Parsley, ParkerRohrbaugh, Evelyn Smith, Bryan Troxell, Rachel Wilt.

First Grade: Andrew Boller, Jordan Jason, Amelia Poole, Garrett Rohrbaugh.

Second Grade: Travis Cool, Trei Jackson, Carrie Little, Katherine Metz, Heather Pozzouli, Amanda Wachter.

Third Grade: Zachary Amato, Jessica Boller, Jessica Clarke, Kolby Maly, Sidney McClendon, Terry McNair Jr., Nicole Medve, Kathleen Sweeney.

Fourth Grade: Justin Buchholz, Hannah Claytor, Ashley Delphey, Daniel Hobbs, Shawn Little, Ian Ridenour, Kourtney Roman, Katie Wachter, Bradley Wilt.

Fifth Grade:

Amber Bentz, Crystal Hardy, Sean Mayer, Earl Metz Jr., Matthew Ohler Jr., Joshua Roman, Matthew Wolfe.

Good Workers Term 2

First Grade:

Mrs. Bostian's class: Stephanie

Jenkins, Amelia Poole, Eric Stone, Jed Wachter.

Mrs. Miller's class: Sarah Glacken, Kristen Kesselring, Darren Milter, Irma Mrkanovic, Elizabeth Shriver, Travis Skipper, Korey Smith, Travis Wagerman.

Ms. Corl's class: Andrew Bollar, Katie Davis, Lori Douglass, Trevor Eckenrode, Nicholas Elias, Brandon Fogle, Garrett Rohrbaugh, Brittany Smith, David Wantz IV., James Woodby.

Second Grade

Mrs. Baumgardner's class: Daniel Baer, Cody Baugher, Nicole Hollinger, Carrie Little, Zeth Smith, Brandon Stouter, Juliann Youngblood, Amanda Wachter.

Ms. Wilfong's class: Tyler Bodnar, Courtney Bomberger, Milton Frech III., Chelsea Gelwicks, Nicholas Heaton, Luke Howard, Brandon Kahler, Kayla Lenhart, Katherine Metz, Ryan Pittinger, Jessica Potts, Heather Pozzouli, Alicia Rhodes, Shal-egh Saylor, Tiffany Sloane, Kayla Springer, Trey Watts, Joseph Wolfe.

Eagle Club Term 2

Third Grade

Mrs. Adams & Mrs. Minoglio's classes: Dylan Baadte, Jessica Boller, Carrie Gelwicks, Jessica Little, Kolby

Maly, Nicole Medve, Kaitlin Stouter.

Fourth Grade

Mrs Hoffman's class: Chris Bodnar, Ashley Delphey, Myra Derbyshire, Colleen Heaton, Mariah Hill, Rachel Hoover, Kourtney Roman, Chelsea Tasker.

Mrs. Reed's class: Matthew Bradshaw, Erin Courts, Jarrett Jenkins, Jordan Martin, Amber Poole.

Ms. Sorbello's class: Justin Buchholz, Amanda Delphey, Victoria Farmer-Long, Johathan Kubala, Shawn Little, Robert Myers IV, Jessica Reckley, Miriah Stone, Tonya Tester,

Kyle Vaughn.

Fifth Grade

Mr. Satterlee's class: Ashley Coleman, Becca Fink, Crystal Hardy, Amanda Miller, Tasha Ray, Joshua Roman, Jury Rubeling-Kain, Kyle Sanders, Justin Shank, Ryan Wilt, Matthew Wolfe.

Mrs. Progar's class: Darrell Doyle, Zachariah Ickes, Joshua Stinnett, Kassandra Topper, Amber Weikert.

Healthy Families-

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ents who are unable to come to the Center by conducting visits in the home. Trained professionals will assess families, strengths and needs, making referrals to community agencies as needed. The goal is to promote family health, child development and wellness.

Up-County provides free transportation to the Center for families. TRANSIT provides transportation to the Center for families in the Walkersville and surrounding area.

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Community Room

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Girls' Softball

March 17 from 1 - 3 p.m.
Rain date: March 20 from 5- 7 p.m.

Minor League Baseball

March 21 from 5 - 7 p.m.
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Major League Baseball

March 17 from 1-3 p.m.

Rain Date: March 19 from 5 - 7 p.m.

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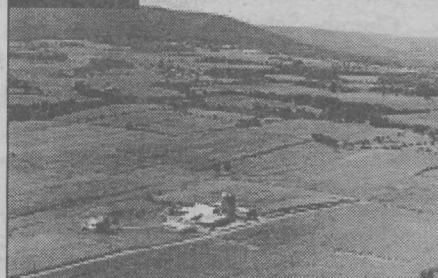
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Library news and upcoming events

BY SUE CARDELLA
Children's Librarian

The February events at the Emmitsburg Branch Library were a great success. At least thirty people came to see John Hovde prepare winter comfort foods and enjoy the results of his labors. The white chili, corn bread with dried tomatoes, and green salad with citrus fruit were a real treat. Two performances of the puppet show, *Puss in Boots*, were well received by about sixty adults and children. Grace Wintermyer assisted in the performance, and the library owes great thanks to Grace and her mother for their kindness and generosity with rehearsals, props, and patience.

March programs include Irish music and a guest storyteller, Joanne Hay, in addition to the regular programs. One of the regular programs is weekly story times at 7:00 Wednesday evenings and 10:30 Thursday mornings. Once a month,

on the third Tuesday, we have Babies with Books, a program for babies to two-year-olds, which introduces babies to language, rhythm, music, and concepts. New babies receive a free book. On Wednesday afternoons the library sponsors the Chess Club. Bill Gobel comes in to teach and play chess with anyone ten years old or older, regardless of his or her skill level. So, come on in to learn or improve your game.

The music program will be an evening of traditional Irish music, and will feature the music, song, and dance of Debra Colvin-Brower and friends. Your whole family will enjoy this free concert, which will be held at Mount St. Mary's College in the ARCC Reception Room on March 19 at 7:00. The snow date is March 26. Registration is appreciated and further details are available at the Emmitsburg (301-447-2682) or Thurmont Branch Libraries (301-271-7721).

Joanne Hay, our guest storyteller, will enchant listeners with a potpourri of stories and songs. Three of the stories will be her rendition of Irish folktales. Bring your child or a child you know to this program which promises to be spellbinding. The program will be Wednesday night, March 21 at 7:00. Registration is suggested, and you may do so by calling the Emmitsburg Branch at the above number.

Even with our end of February snowstorm, we know that winter will not endure. Spring weather will prevail sometime in the coming month or so. Many of us begin to think of gardening and outdoor projects at this time of the year. Our library has a wonderful selection of books about gardening, landscape design and several new books about home improvement. Remember, that by visiting our library you not only have access to the books in our branch, but the entire Frederick County Public Library, as well. In addition to the books, we have several great databases, some which are specifically directed at students' needs. They are a great

resource for reports, papers, and projects, as many students have already found.

We hope to see you soon. For additional information about the library or the programs, give us a call at 301-447-2682.

Senior Citizens News

BY KATE WARTHEN
Dispatch Writer

The Senior Center is alive and well. Strength training is going well, even though our regular trainer is off for awhile. She just became a grandmother for the first time and is spending some time with her daughter and new grandchild. Con-gratulations, Kathy.

Strength training is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m., though not on meeting day which is the third Tuesday. If you are not in a regular exercise plan, you should plan to join us. We have a lot of fun.

The next meeting is March 20th. There will be a blind bingo on that day. Evening card parties will begin on April 25th.

There is a bus trip planned for May 2nd to Allenberry Play House. More Smoke on the Mountain is the production.

There is a bowling group that meets every Monday. Meet at the Center at 12:30 p.m., if you would like to bowl. The group travels to Taneytown. Regular bowlers get a discount.

There is to be a yard and bake sale on May 5th.

For further information call Linda Umbel at the Senior Center. Call 301-447-6253

Stop Smoking for Life!

Free smoking cessation classes start March 5, 2001, sponsored by the Frederick County Health Department's Tobacco Use Prevention Program. This 8-session-4 week course is held Mondays and Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., and runs from March 5-March 29. Classes will be held at the Board of Education, 7630 Hayward Rd., Frederick. Space is limited, registration required. Call Sarah Tedesco at 301-631-3282.

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Mother Seton School News

BY VAL MENTZER
Dispatch Writer

Sister Regina Hlavac, D.C., has won the FOCE Teacher Recognition Award for 2001.

Sister Regina returned to Mother Seton School for a 3rd time in 1996. Sister is our school religion/liturgy coordinator and religion teacher for the middle school students, grades 6, 7, and 8.

Sister is not just a teacher of religion. As a genuine, compassionate, caring and loving person, she is what she teaches. Her gift to relate to the middle school students with respect and understanding is invaluable and most appreciated. She makes Christianity come alive for them, involving them in prayer and service. In this world of noise Sister Regina leads her students to value and gives them opportunities to experience quiet



Sister Regina as Turkey Trot DJ!
Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

reflection and prayer as part of their daily lives. Sister is a "sports fan" and has a great sense of humor, which goes a long way with this age group.

Sister Regina contributes to the mission of the total school community by sharing her gift of music and helping teachers and students to take turns leading our school community in enthusiastic prayerful liturgical celebrations.

The most precious gift that Sister Regina brings to the Mother Seton School community is her genuine love of and commitment to the Lord. There is no doubt that Sister was called to serve the Lord, and she serves Him well!

As a teacher, she tries to find that one thing that is unique to each student - that one thing that will motivate the individual child. She sees the potential in every child and not just the challenges or road blocks. The students respect Sister Regina because she respects them. She sees the Lord in them and encourages them to see Him, too. She's no pushover, though. Although she is understanding and fair,

she does challenge the students to be their very best. She tries to see the world through their eyes and experiences. Their interests become her interests. Why just stand in the corner and watch the "Turkey Trot" when you can be the DJ and enjoy the experience with the students? Sister Regina celebrates children!

Sister teaches the students to live and feel the presence of the Lord. She encourages them to be reflective and quiet. She leads by example. To see sister pray and celebrate the Lord inspires all to get to know Him a little better.

She is insightful and selfless. No matter what may be occurring in her own life, she makes the lives of those around her a priority.

So mixing this compassionate, selfless, prayerful soul with a large dose of humor creates a magnificent teacher and role model for our students at Mother Seton School.

Dr. George Morningstar Memorial Scholarship

The Emmitsburg Lions Club announces the Dr. George Morningstar Memorial Scholarship for a class 2001 high school student residing in the Emmitsburg Lions Club service district. This district includes the Emmitsburg Elementary School district and the 21727 zip code.

This one time scholarship award of \$500 for college or other post high school education will be based upon the merits of an essay of application produced on a computer and a cover letter signed and submitted by the applicant. This essay of application should contain such information as career goals, high school activities, non-school activities, and any other information deemed relevant by the applicant.

A cover letter accompanying the essay will contain information that identifies the applicant so that the judges will not know the name of the applicant writing the essay. If necessary the scholarship chairman will render

the scholarship chairman will render the essays anonymous and submit them to the judges.

Alternatively the applicant may, in computer and sent by US Mail, notify the scholarship chairman that the essay of application will be e-mailed along with any other text information (no graphics) deemed relevant by the applicant.

The signed cover letter and the essay of application or the signed cover letter of notification to e-mail and the e-mailed essay of application must be received no later than midnight Saturday May 19th, 2001.

Mail or e-mail all cover letters and essays of application to:

Chairman Emmitsburg Lions Club Scholarship Committee, Post Office Box 1182, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727.

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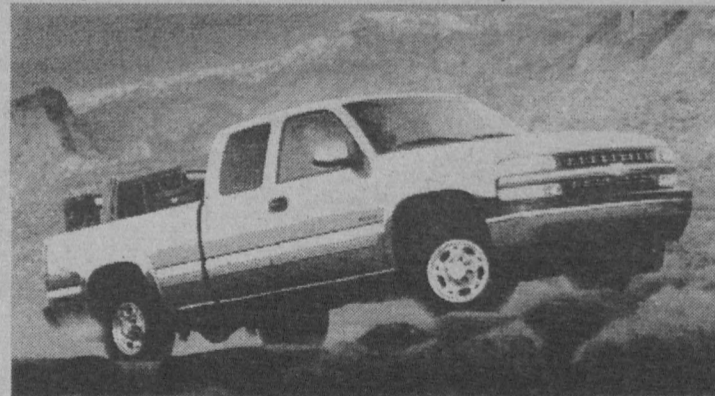
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Fairy Tale

A Golden Heart

BY MARIYA BAYKOVA

A long time ago, in a small village, there lived a poor family. The mother and father worked all day, but still had barely enough food to feed their children.

While the parents were away, the children invented games to spend time. Often their games went wild and they broke something. The blame, as always, was put on the youngest and innocent child, Peter.

One day the children broke a mirror, the only costly possession the family had. When the parents came home, all the children except Peter denied being guilty. He knew that if he would say that he was innocent, all the children would be punished. So he decided to take the blame and the consequences which he knew would follow.

The thing that Peter didn't know was that a fairy happened to look through the window when the mirror broke, and saw all that happened later. She was amazed to see the innocent take all the blame. So she decided to give Peter a trial to find out if he had a golden heart.

That evening when Peter was sent outside for wood, the fairy stopped him and, giving him a small bag, said,

"Take this. These are magic pine cones. If one is put into the fireplace, it will burn for the entire winter, supplying warmth for the whole house. But remember, use them only for your family." After saying this, she disappeared.

Joyfully, Peter ran home. He told his parents of the magic pine cones, but they didn't believe him. Thinking this was just an excuse not to go to the woods, they threw Peter and the pine cones outside, locking the door behind him.

Having nothing else to do, Peter picked up the pine cones and went to ask for shelter from one of the villagers. After he asked at four houses, finally an old widow let him in, fed him, and put him to bed.

That night Peter awoke to the moaning of the widow, she was shivering from cold. Looking at the pine cones, Peter sadly remembered the fairy's words. But suddenly his face lit up. He took one pine cone and placed it on the dying coals. Instantly a warm fire sprang up and Peter happily went back to sleep.

The next day, leaving the kind widow wondering why her fire burned without eating wood, Peter headed farther into the village. When night came, friendly people took Peter in, and he repaid them with another pine cone. And so Peter continued on his journey

through the country until finally he had no magic pine cones left.

On that day the fairy again met him. "Why have you disobeyed me?" she solemnly asked.

"I haven't," Peter bravely replied. "My countrymen are my brothers and sisters and I used the magic pine cones to help them—just as you told me."

At that the fairy smiled. "You are indeed a very wise child with a golden heart. Ask for any gift and I will give it to you."

"I don't need anything, but the people—so many of them are cold in their hearts. I wonder if there is any way to help them."

"Yes, a kind word can warm frozen

hearts," the fairy answered. "But you already have that gift. All you need to do is listen to your heart. Now go, Peter. Listen to your heart and help your people."

Peter turned towards the village, then heard the fairy's voice again. He glanced back, but she had vanished and only her voice still whispered with the wind: "Listen to your heart and remember that a kind word warms more than a blazing fire."

Mariya moved to this region from Utah. She is homeschooled by her mother Tatyana Sokolova and is in the 11th grade. She frequents the Emmitsburg Library and likes to write fairy tales.

Parade

these will be announced when confirmation is received. Fire and rescue companies within the immediate Thurmont area will participate, saving the appearance of more distant companies' trucks for the town's annual firemen's parade in July.

The parade will form at the east end of Thurmont and participants will be given their division number and position in the lineup. Participants are urged to report to Summit Avenue and Blue Ridge Avenue one hour prior to parade departure time.

The parade will enter East Main

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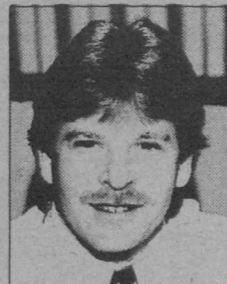
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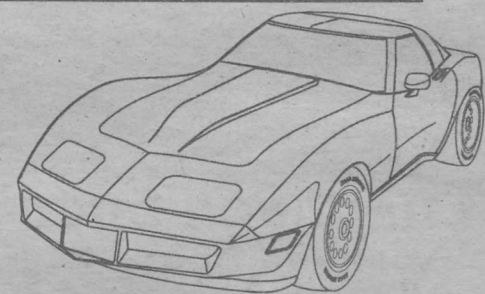
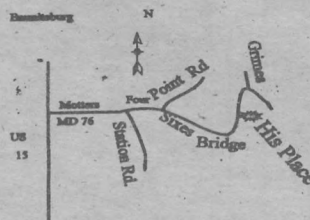
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