

## Hotel Job Hotline



The Hess Hotel Group of Edgewood, Maryland, has projected the opening date of the new Sleep Inn hotel in Emmitsburg to be June, 2001. According to Monica Worrels: "We have hired our new manager, Thelma Amrhine, and will be hiring supervisory staff in April and line employees in May." Application forms are available in the Emmitsburg Town Office. It is also possible to contact the company at its local number, 301-447-0044 which incorporates a Job Hotline.

## Three candidates vie for town seats

Voters will have an opportunity to choose from among three candidates to fill two seats for town commissioner Election Day, Tuesday, April 17, 2001. Seeking office, as of March 31, are Pat Boyle, Cliff Sweeney, and David Vaughn. 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 still have an opportunity to file by 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 certificates shall not be filed after noon (12:00 p.m.) on the fourth day preceding the election.

All candidates' names will be posted on the Town bulletin board as they appear on the certificate.

## CASS seeks volunteers with carpentry and masonry skills to complete Christmas in April home project

Please donate your time for a day or less in order to help out an Emmitsburg family whose home has qualified for repair through the Christmas in April program. Those with carpenter skills and at least one mason are needed to complete the project. All building materials will be provided. Your expertise and your willingness to donate your time are all that is needed.

The Rotary Club of Frederick is sponsoring this project with the assistance of technology staff from Frederick Middle School. Several vol-

unteers from the Rotary Club will work for the day. The volunteers will also benefit from a church or civic group to provide lunch for approximately 20 to 25 volunteers. Take this opportunity to help out a needy family in Emmitsburg!

The day for repairing the house is April 28th, a Saturday. To volunteer or for more information including a description of the work plan, please call Bill Derbyshire, Catocin CASS Coordinator, at 301-447-3611 or Mike Stovall at 301-694-1065.

## Ground broken for new water treatment plant

BY KRISTINE PORTER  
*Dispatch Writer*

A new water treatment plant is slated to be built this year. Recently, I interviewed Mayor Carr on the issue. He told me ground has been broken, and the initial grading is completed. If all goes as planned, then the footers will be dug next week. The completion is tentatively set for September 2001.

The location of the new water plant will be adjacent to the present day structure on Crystal Fountain Road. But it will be three times larger. Because of the increased size, its capacity will double. This new capacity will make more taps available for the future building of homes and businesses. Currently, two new housing developments have been approved for the area west on Route 140.

The water will continue to come from Rainbow Lake and existing water wells. Because it is primarily surface water, additional chemicals must be administered. The new water treatment plant will be modern and computerized with quality safeguards. These safeguards will maintain the water better and more easily. For this reason, the maintenance will be less expensive. This will not affect the number of

employees though. The town fully intends on keeping the five present employees. And Mayor Carr doesn't anticipate the need to hire additional employees. Quality control is always an ongoing process.

As for the issues of lead pipes and the fluorine additive, the Mayor assured me there are no lead pipes in the Emmitsburg water system. There are laws with lead-containing mandates to insure testing for lead. Water treatment plants are required to follow these mandates, so Emmitsburg complies. The town does intend to keep upgrading the water delivery system each year. The fluorine issue is a difficult one. The new water treatment plant will have the capability to add fluorine, but there are no plans to do so. There is a small risk of an allergic reaction that in its worst case scenario can be life threatening. This reaction is rare. But in the Mayor's opinion, "If one child can be harmed by the additive, then the risk is too high." The option of fluorine treatments is available at your dentist's office.

So what is this all going to cost? The sewer system was upgraded in 1987. The town found help for the

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## Orioles mascot to be at local season opener

Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League is in the final stages of preparing for the 2001 little league baseball and softball season. Opening day for baseball is set for April 21, and to help kick off the season the Baltimore Orioles Mascot will be there from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m..

The League would like to express its appreciation to Mayor Carr, Town Manager David Haller, and the Emmitsburg Town Commissioners for their generosity and assistance in obtaining new appliances for the concession stand. The League is looking forward to what promises to be a fun and exciting season.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Troop 1088 says 'Thank you'

Throughout our many years as Girl Scouts, we have had many positive experiences and have made many close friends. We feel that Girl Scouts has been a blessing to us. The help that we have administered, and the connections we've made would not be possible through any other organization. The wonderful people in the community should be thanked for their support. They have supported a great thing in many young girls' lives.

Girl Scouts is like a fun learning experience all the time. Each of the interesting projects we do teaches us some kind of basic skill, which we will be able to use in daily life as we grow. Another learning experience that is held every year is Thinking Day which is a day when we all get together and learn about different countries throughout the world. Camping trips teach us survival and orientation skills. (That way if we get lost in the Burkittsville woods we will be able to find our way

back to the car.)

As a troop, we get great gratification from helping the people who support us, so every year we do many service projects. This year they have included a winter coat drive, toiletries drive, teaching crafts at the Lion's Club Christmas party, helping at the New Midway Fire Hall dinners, face painting at Emmitsburg Elementary, and participating in a food drive at Thinking Day.

Overall these things help us learn important things like leadership, entrepreneurship and help us develop our personal values and self potential. We find positive role models to look up to and especially in the careers we wish to enter. Career exploration is a very big part of our learning process.

**Girls in troop 1088.  
Cadette - Kathy and Seniors -  
Lindsey and Erin.**

### David Vaughn to run for commissioner



I am David Allen Vaughn and a candidate for one of the town commissioner seats. I was born in Gettysburg, Pa., in 1960. I have lived in Emmitsburg all my life. First with my parents, Ike and Barbara Vaughn, and now with my wife Lori. I have two sons, David Jr. and Kyle.

I am a truck driver with Dairy Maid Dairy in Frederick, Md., and have worked part-time this past spring and summer with the Emmitsburg Maintenance Department.

For the past 15 years I have been an active member of the Vigilant Hose Company where I have served in increased roles of responsibility, including Fire Lieutenant, Captain, and 2nd Assistant Chief. I currently serve on the fire company's Board of Directors.

I am also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Loyal Order of Moose. Last year I coached the Pony Football team for the Catholic Youth Association.

Living in Emmitsburg all my life, I have watched the town change in many ways. I wish to contribute to helping Emmitsburg continue to prosper and grow, while maintaining the small-town charm that makes it so special.

If I receive the honor of being elected to the position of town commissioner, I will focus my efforts on insuring:

- More activities for the kids to do in town;
- More police protection at the time they are needed;
- Improving the maintenance of streets and alleys;
- Addressing the many issues facing our town's water supply to insure it can support future town growth;
- Carry out necessary upgrades on waste water plant; and
- Insure an adequate water supply to people outside our town limits.

I ask for your support and vote on April 17. If elected I will do the best I can. I'll be a team player and work to make Emmitsburg the very best it can be.

Thank you and don't forget to vote.

**David Allen Vaughn  
Emmitsburg**

## Town News...

### Pricetag for community center renovation increases 43 percent

At the March 5 town meeting, the commissioners were advised of a 43% cost increase on the renovation of the Community Center. Town Manager David Haller said that the increase resulted from a more detailed study of the building which uncovered issues not addressed in the first study.

Approximately \$1.4 million will be needed to correct foundation problems, stormwater management, and roof repairs raising the total projected cost to \$4.2 million. The increase will add \$70,000 to the town's projected cost of \$200,000.

The commissioners voted 4-0 to accept the changes proposed by the county for renovating the building.

Construction on the project is expected to begin in May 2002 and the building occupied by July 2003.

#### Water news

Well #5, supplying water to the town, has recently passed the 12-hour-pump-down test. The well recovered sufficiently to provide 29 gallons of water per minute. In order to meet Maryland Department of the Environment standards, the well must undergo a 72-hour-pump-down. The recovery level is targeted at 20 gallons per minute which means, if met, the town will be able to offer 110 new water taps.

Water issues are also the focus of a meeting between the developers of the Pembroke housing development and the town attorney. Currently the building plan calls for 70 lots. Issues to be discussed are the assurance of adequate water pressure and volume for the site and guarantees regarding the installation of the water infrastructure.

#### Delinquent accounts to lose services

The town manager reported that 126 residents had not paid their sewer, trash, and water bills as of March 1. Bills were issued January 3rd and were considered late on February 15. The commissioners authorized the staff to send out cut-off notices if not paid by March 9.

In other business the commissioners:

\* voted to extend the present trash collection contract at an increase of 4.8% over last year's cost. The present vendor was commended for his performance in carrying out the job.

\*voted to cooperate with the Little League in a joint venture of bringing the Little League concession stand into compliance with the Department of Health regulations. They authorized \$1,000 for purchase of new equipment for the stand. The concession stand is a major source of operating income for the Little League.

### Show Time!

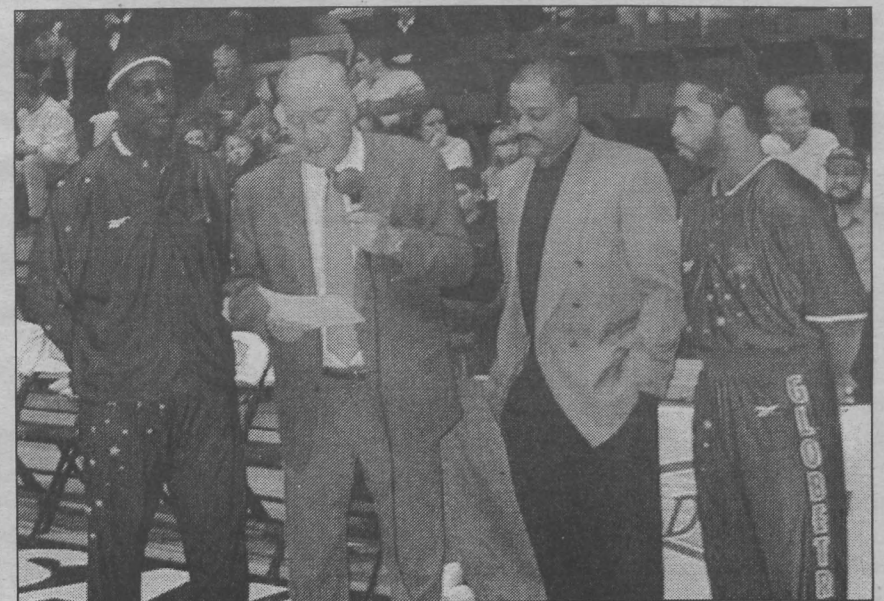


Photo by Shaun Streeter

Mayor Carr proclaims March 8 as Harlem Globetrotters Day in Emmitsburg in the pre-game ceremony held at MSM College. "Show Biz" Jackson, left, Coach Milton Barnes and Curly "Boo" Johnson listens as Mayor Carr proclaims the town's appreciation for the Globetrotters' seventy-five years of providing exciting basketball and entertainment.

## Meet Your Town Officials

The second in a series of interviews with town officials.

### Patrick B. Boyle

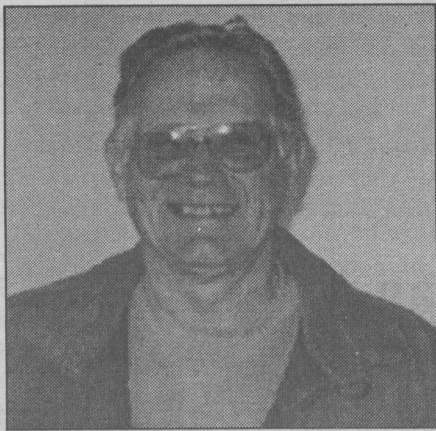
Patrick B. Boyle was elected a commissioner in 1998 and serves as president of the council. He is a candidate for re-election to the council in April.

**Dispatch:** Where did you grow up?

**Boyle:** I was born in Doc Cadle's office on West Main Street in 1933. Doc Cadle's wife, who often assisted him in the office, would remind me over the years that she was the "first one to smack my little butt." My parents were Bernard and Mary E. Boyle. I have two sisters, Anna Marie Koontz and Loretta Sprankle, and one brother, Leo, all of Emmitsburg. My older brother, Bernard H. Jr. is deceased. I attended St. Euphemia's school for eight years and graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1951. One of my favorite memories of growing up in Emmitsburg is going to the movie theater (on West Main Street) with 25 cents in my pocket, enough to get into the movie and a nickel for popcorn. I also have lots of memories of the bowling alley—used to go up every Sunday from noon until 8 o'clock. I was in a bowling league and carried a 182 average.

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

**Boyle:** Because of the Korean War, I was drafted into the army after high school. When I finished basic training I was stationed in Detroit, Michigan,



PATRICK B. BOYLE

where I worked with the early warning radar system. I was discharged in October 1955. Then I came back to Emmitsburg and went into the family business. My father owned the B.H. Boyle and Sons, Inc. grocery store which was located on East Main Street in the building which is now the Main Street Deli. I managed the store, doing all the buying. At the same time I attended Mount Saint Mary's College, majoring in history and education. I was licensed to teach but never did. While in college I participated on the cross-country track team, indoor and outdoor track, and soccer. I graduated in 1960. When our family closed the store in 1983, I went into the insurance business selling life insurance until I retired.

**Dispatch:** Tell us about your family.

**Boyle:** I married Nancy LeGore in

August 1958. She's my "silent partner" who keeps me straight. We have four children: Susan Seabaugh of Fairfield, Pa.; Angela Buszinski of Slippery Rock, Pa., Christopher, of Frederick, and Timothy, who lives in Emmitsburg. We have six grandchildren and I babysit for three of them (one of them born last September) in the afternoon three times a week. When the weather is good we play ball and go for walks and I even give bottles and change diapers. I don't mind that.

**Dispatch:** What are some of your hobbies?

**Boyle:** I enjoy going to auctions looking for things to collect. I am a member of St. Joseph's Church and the Vigilant Hose Company, and for 27 years I coached and managed Babe Ruth baseball teams.

**Dispatch:** Why did you want to be a commissioner?

**Boyle:** Actually two friends, the late Dave Copenhagen and Tom Topper, talked me into running for the commissioner seat. They thought I was qualified to do it, and because I was retired would have the time to give to it. They said they would help me, but sadly, both died within months of each other. I've learned a lot since then.

**Dispatch:** Do you see any problems for Emmitsburg?

**Boyle:** Not really. We have a good working group of commissioners. We don't always agree, but after discussion we find a way to go. The town has to

grow to increase our tax base. If we don't, we'll have to raise taxes that our people couldn't afford. But with the new motel and office park, our tax base will increase. Also, we can expect to see in the next 10 years at least 100 new homes built in Emmitsburg. For those people who worry about the old part of the town changing, that will never happen. The zoning ordinances won't let it.

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

**Boyle:** Our town is good. We have great restaurants, but I would like to see the movie theater and bowling alley come back.

**Dispatch:** Why do you want to be re-elected?

**Boyle:** As the liaison to the Streets Commission I want to see programs that have been started, finished. The commission plans to extend the sidewalks on West Main Street out to Rutters Store and the sidewalks on North Seton Avenue out to the North Gate subdivision. They also plan to extend the sidewalk on the north side of East Main Street out to the bridge and to change the entrance at DePaul Street and North Seton Avenue for better sight. These programs just don't get finished in one or two years. We have to get money appropriated in the state budget and that takes several years. The town will put up \$10,000 for the projects, but that is already in the budget.

### Cliff Sweeney

Cliff Sweeney was elected a commissioner in 1996 and has served one 3-year term and one 2-year term. He is a candidate for re-election to the council in April.

**Dispatch:** Where did you grow up?

**Sweeney:** I was born in Emmitsburg and lived here with my parents Cliff and Nancy Smith Sweeney and my sister, Tina, who is now married to James Keins of Thurmont. My grandparents are Herbert Click and the late Edith Click. I attended the Old Emmitsburg Elementary School until third grade. Then the new elementary school was completed and I finished third through sixth grades there. My family moved to Thurmont, where I attended middle school and graduated from Catocin High School in 1983. At age 15 I returned to Emmitsburg to live with my grandparents to help take care of my grandmother and worked at Mt. St. Mary's while attending school.

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

**Sweeney:** I worked with my father in construction. And for the past 15 years, have been employed by W. F.



CLIFF SWEENEY

Wilson & Sons in Ellicott City, Md. I oversee a crew installing water and sewer systems for new construction sites, mostly in Howard County.

**Dispatch:** Tell us about your family.

**Sweeney:** I married Elizabeth Ott, daughter of Leatrice and Tom Ott, in 1985. Liz is a caretaker of cancer-research animals at Fort Detrick. We have two children: Amanda, 14, is a freshman at Catocin High School and a member of the track team. Chad, 11, attends Thurmont Middle School and plays clarinet in the band. Our family

lives on North Seton Ave.

**Dispatch:** What about hobbies?

**Sweeney:** I enjoy cooking. At the Mount, I worked in all areas of the kitchen and learned about preparing meals. My favorite dish is roast turkey, with "Clifford's special stuffing and gravy." Liz and I take turns preparing family dinners—whoever gets home first is the cook. I am a member of the Emmitsburg Community Chorus and the St. Joseph's Sunrise Singers, and have been active in the Emmitsburg Little League for the past ten years.

**Dispatch:** Why did you want to be a commissioner?

**Sweeney:** I wanted to improve the conditions of the parks in Emmitsburg. Before being elected, I did not participate in the voting system; but after being elected, I became aware of the importance of the vote that each one of us has in voicing his/her opinion. That one vote does count.

**Dispatch:** Do you see any problems for Emmitsburg?

**Sweeney:** No, if everything goes along as planned, the Emmitsburg Community should grow and prosper.

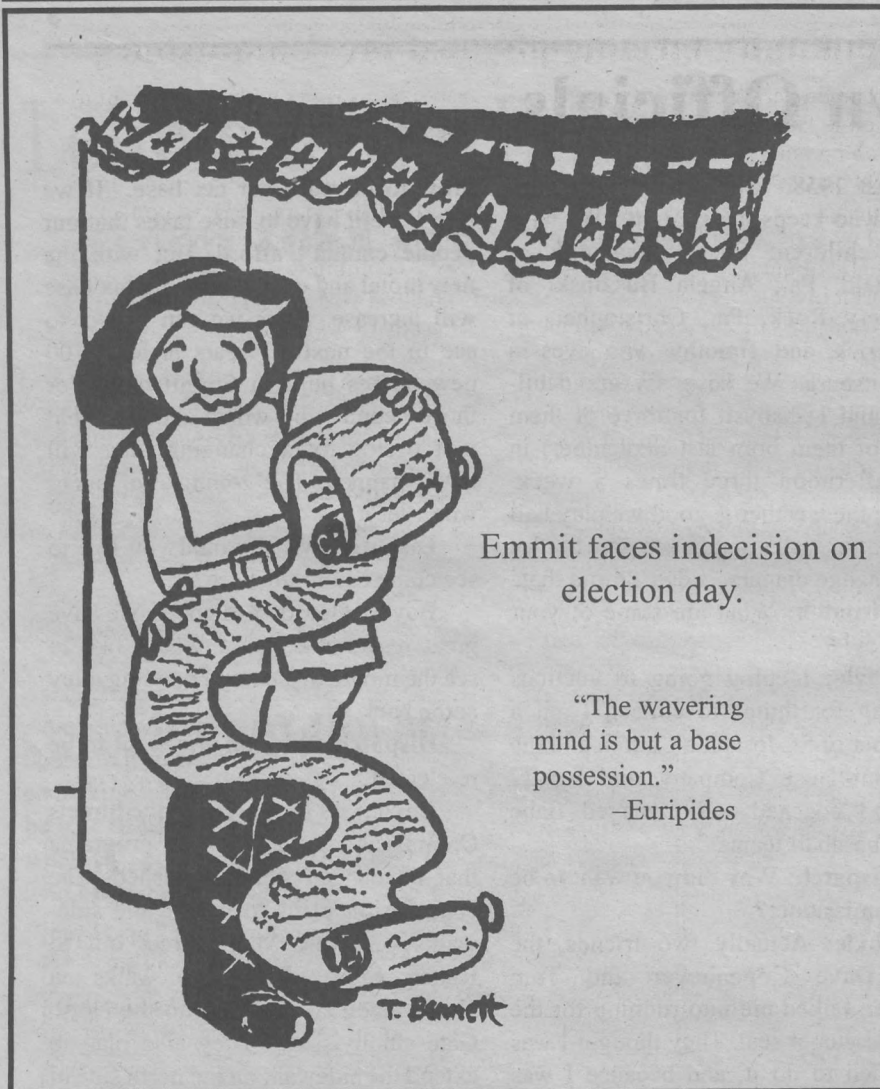
The new motel is scheduled to open in June and several businesses will occupy office space at Seton Square. For the first time, Emmitsburg will host the state-wide 13-14 year-old Junior Girls' fast-pitch softball tournament from July 21-27th. Our team was the winner of this division last year.

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

**Sweeney:** Schools. A middle and high school in a campus setting would build a stronger community among children, parents, and the community.

**Dispatch:** Why do you want to be re-elected?

**Sweeney:** I want to see Phase 1 and 2 of the Parks Plan completed. Phase 1 saw the renovation of the fields in Memorial Park. Bathrooms and electricity still need to be installed. In Phase 2 at the Community Park a men's softball field is to be completed and ready for use in July; future plans call for a multi-use field (field hockey, football, lacrosse, rugby, soccer). I would also like to be involved in the relocation of the town office to the renovated Community Building.



Emmitt faces indecision on election day.

"The wavering mind is but a base possession."

—Euripides

T. Bennett

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### St. Joseph's High School

Class of 1951

50th Reunion Mass  
at the Grotto Chapel

May 19, 4:00 p.m.

All former students and friends are welcome

## Golfing community discussed at EPBA

The site of a new golfing community, to be built off U.S.15 and Old Emmitsburg Road along nearby Bullfrog Road, straddling the Mason-Dixon Line and spilling over into Maryland, is slowly coming into being.

Jim Gugel, Frederick County regional planner, discussed what is known about the present stage of development of the Holloway Corporation's project with members of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association at their March meeting.

Using a map, Mr. Gugel showed the layout of the golf community which will have an estimated 1,400 homes of different sizes and two golf courses. The community will also include a commercial center, hotel, and convention center.

According to Mr. Gugel, several holes of the planned golf courses (about 200 acres) will be located in Maryland but should not conflict with the zoning

## Truth Be Told

"Truth Be Told" is a Dispatch column that shares 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.

### Nancy the Ghost

BY CHERYL ASHBAUGH-WHITE

Cheryl now lives at 322 North Spring Drive, Woodworth, Louisiana 71485 (318) 448-1429.

My grandma used to tell us kids: "If you are bad and don't listen, Nancy will come and get you!"

Thus begins the story of Nancy, the ghost in the house of George and Helen Ashbaugh. Since none of the Ashbaughs' grandchildren were angels, we wouldn't go upstairs at night without an adult. As we got into our teens, we would go with each other instead of our parents or Grandma. On many occasions my cousin, Carole Weidner, and I held hands going up those long, dark, narrow, squeaky steps at night to bed.

Nancy had been a young woman who lived in the house during the Civil War. When the Blue Bellies, as the Yankees were called, came through town she hid in the attic. They thought she was aiding the South and killed her in the attic and left her body there. The Ashbaughs' house was sold a few years ago, so I don't know if Nancy remains

with the new occupants, but she did while the Ashbaughs owned the house. Almost everyone in the family has had an experience with Nancy. I have, for one.

The time was around 1965. My grandma's house was a three-story house (if you included the attic) and there is no way someone could get up to the back bedroom window without a tall ladder. Even then, I don't know if a tall ladder would do it. It was midday and I was going upstairs to get something. Even in midday none of us kids liked going upstairs by ourselves, but I did that one time. I walked into the bedroom, which was at the top of the stairs, and the closet door was open. I thought that was funny, as I hadn't opened it when I left and no one had been upstairs. I crept closer to the closet and there I saw the toes of a pair of shoes sticking out from under the long dresses that were hanging in the closet. Needless to say, I was scared to death. I ran downstairs and got my cousin, Carole. We went back upstairs and the shoes were gone, closet door shut, and the bedroom window open. We looked out the window and saw nothing.

The only explanation Grandma gave? "It was Nancy." Sometimes at night as I would lie in bed I would hear what sounded like someone walking in the attic. My grandma wore a hearing aid and would take it off at night. She wouldn't be able to hear anything, but she would say she could feel a vibration from the attic: "It was Nancy."

Visit [emmitsburg.net/history](http://emmitsburg.net/history) for more interesting stories about Emmitsburg.



At the EBPA meeting Mr. Lorne Peters of SNL Food Group, and manager of the local Jubilee grocery store, presented a check for \$1000 to the Emmitsburg Endowment Fund managed by the Community Foundation of Frederick County to be used for scholarships and youth activities in the Emmitsburg area. Visit the EBPA online at [emmitsburg.net/ebpa](http://emmitsburg.net/ebpa)

## Water

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approximately 40-year-old water treatment plant through Community Development and Building Grants. As a result of the Water Purification Acts, these grants became available through the federal government and the Maryland Department of the Environment. They are specifically designed to assist small towns. The total outcome cost will probably be \$1,400,000. This is taking into consideration unplanned expenses.

The town reviewed the bids from four engineering firms. They chose the second lowest bid. For this reason, the company with the lowest bid sued the town. The town's attorney, John Clapp

from Frederick, was a wonderful advocate. The judge dismissed the case based on the decision that the town chose the lowest responsible bid. For this reason, the plaintiff's basis for their case was null and void. So Hurter Engineering was selected as lead company with Johnson Construction of Pennsylvania as builder.

In Mayor Carr's own words: "Water is the most important thing we deal with. It has always been a high priority since I've been here. It is a basic effort that every town should accept."

Visit the Emmitsburg municipal offices on [emmitsburg.net](http://emmitsburg.net)

## Residents may face tax increase for fire and emergency services

A STAFF REPORT

On April 10, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing in Winchester Hall at 7 p.m. to discuss the establishment by ordinance the consolidation of 13 existing tax districts into two special taxing districts for fire and rescue services. This tax will supplement the growing cost of providing emergency services.

According to the office of Frederick County Fire/Rescue Services the County's rapid growth places a strain on emergency services. Funding for additional station, personnel and equipment needs to come from either the taxpayer or the user. The proposed program is designed to ease the burden on the property owner/taxpayer.

"The Emmitsburg District is not a fire and rescue tax district," said Chief Ann Messner of Emmitsburg Ambulance Company 26. "We are an all-volunteer company and the adoption of this program would mean an increase in the tax burden for people in this district." According to

Chief Messner, "Our company also has first call responsibility in near-by areas of Pennsylvania. This proposed program would mean that local tax money would be subsidizing people in Pennsylvania."

The tax proposal incorporates a tax increase from 40% of a property's assessed value to 100% of the property's assessed value. This change was mandated by the Maryland General Assembly.

In the Emmitsburg District, classified as suburban, under the new plan advertised rates vary between five and 10 cents on each \$100 of a property's value. A homeowner with \$100,000 worth of property would pay between \$50 and \$100 of fire and rescue taxes to the county. Most likely the rate will be established at the lower amount.

It is hoped that the new system will eliminate problems that arise when fire tax districts are evaluated separately for future tax increases.

A public hearing on the consolidation proposal will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the first floor hearing room in Winchester Hall.

## Community meeting planned for Emmitsburg

The Frederick County Office of Economic Development will hold its next community meeting May 23, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Town Office in Emmitsburg as part of its Economic Development SWOT/Vision Initiative. [SWOT= Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats.]

Residents of Emmitsburg will have the opportunity to learn more about the Economic Development SWOT/Vision Initiative. Surveys will be on hand for residents to fill out that will ask questions relating to the future of the County.

At each community meeting, residents have the opportunity to participate and express their views on the course of Frederick County's economic development future—looking toward the year 2020 and beyond. The Frederick organi-

zation is working with a consultant to conduct a Community-Wide SWOT/Vision Analysis. This analysis will provide a strategic plan and direction for the Economic Development future of Frederick County.

According to Mr. James Gangawere, Marketing/ Research Specialist for the Frederick County Office of Economic Development, "This initiative is extremely important to the future of Frederick County, and will determine who we are as a community, the opportunities we desire for our future and the creation of a road map to accomplish this economic development vision."

For more information visit this website: [www.discoverfrederick.com](http://www.discoverfrederick.com)

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### Spaghetti Dinner a success

Our thanks and deep appreciation to all who helped with our spaghetti dinner on Jan. 20. It was a great success despite the nasty weather. Thank you to all the volunteer helpers who arranged and waited on tables, prepared food, served as ticket-takers, kitchen workers, and clean-up crew.

Thank you to these merchants who generously supplied the ingredients for the dinner: Carriage House Inn, Cozy Restaurant, Jubilee Stores in Emmitsburg and Thurmont, Mountain Gate Restaurant, McDonald's Restaurant in Emmitsburg, the Ott House, Main Street Grill, and the Shamrock Restaurant.

We appreciate the generosity of patrons who contributed monetary gifts to the center. Of course, the dinner and the center would not be successful without the cooperation of the volunteers and the community.

Thank you all for your support and encouragement during our annual fundraiser.

Melanie Topper, Director, Catoctin Pregnancy Center.

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## Scholarships available for county residents

Students: heads up!

Did you know that the Community Foundation of Frederick County, Inc. can provide you with scholarship information for the 2001-2002 Academic Year?

Forty-eight scholarships are available for full-time students who are Frederick County residents, unless otherwise noted, and are determined by the Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee and Board of Trustees.

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To learn more about available scholarships contact the Community Foundation of Frederick County, Inc. 312 East Church Street, Frederick, Md 21701 or call 301-695-7660 and ask for scholarship information.

## Five generations



Bob Eiker of Emmitsburg holds his great-great-grandson Kyle Schultz as Ann Eiker Ray, Larry Ray and his daughter Angie Ray Schultz look on.

Photo courtesy Ann Ray

## Winter night

Finally, the blanket of white muffles mischievous weather and brings furious dignity to fields and hills. With the giant moon as chaperon to dancing clouds, the shadows fool the eye so one would think an Hungarian village is just over the hill. Oh, that winter snows

could muffle these hills from the manmade din down below for just a bit longer...For sure though, we'd find a way, as the mind wonders,

to flash the light of progress on the crystal dream and shovel our way to the 4x4 to load up on groceries.

— Leonora Bernheisel  
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## St. Catherine's Employee of the Month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for February 2001 is Kathy Baudassi. Kathy has been employed at St. Catherine's since August of 1999. According to her co-workers Kathy is always friendly & cheerful, and is very committed to the residents and their needs. Kathy's attitude is wonderful & she always makes the best of a bad situation. Kathy is a great leader. Kathy is very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Kathy.



## Emmitsburg Elementary School PTA

During the March 13th PTA meeting, the general membership approved purchasing "mat movers" for the custodians, a \$50 donation to the Vigilant Hose Company and an additional \$650 for "Bay Theme Day" which is a cultural arts program for the students.

Sergeant Dave Benjamin and Lieutenant Randy Freyz from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office provided the program for the evening. They discussed how important it is to teach your child gun safety. Also a question and answer session followed.

The last fund-raising event for the PTA will be Lisa's Favorites, which will start on 3/26 and be delivered on May 8th. The Hospitality Committee continues to send birthday, get-well, and congratulations cards to teachers and staff.

The Committee also organized dinner for the parent/teacher conferences for the teachers and staff.

PTA currently has over 120 members. The nominating committee has been working very hard to recruit officers for 2001-2002 school year. The general membership will vote for the new officers on 4/27. Please plan to attend this VERY important meeting.

PTA volunteers Anita Shank and Tonya Sanders are planning the Talent Show. The show will be held on 4/27. PTA is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Spring Fling on 5/18 in the evening for all students and their families.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE NEXT PTA MEETING ON 4/5 AT 6:15. Childcare is provided.

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The Women's Health Clinic will be

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The Clinic will operate at the Up-County Family Center on 10/24 and the November/December dates will be announced. For more information or to make an appointment call 301-694-1739 or call the Catocin-CASS office at 301-447-3611.



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# 'Computer Mommy' runs successful business from home

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER  
Dispatch Writer

Wendy Shepherd is a young woman in her thirties, married, mother of three children. She considers her full-time occupation to be homemaker and home schooler. Wendy is also a "Computer Mommy." From her home in Emmitsburg she has her own little business, successfully running several web sites. One of her latest sites, actually called Computer Mommy at <http://www.computermommy.com>, went online this past December 2000 because Wendy said, "I want to share information with other moms about how they can use the Internet. I created the site as a resource: it includes information on how to make a web page, how moms can make money at home, articles and interviews, and a place for moms to sell products."

In 1995 Wendy and her husband Michael moved to Emmitsburg, where Michael's parents live. In addition to choosing to live close to family, they decided that Wendy would be a stay-at-home mom. In a large percentage of families both parents work in order to provide the needs and wants of the family, but the Shepherds demonstrate how a family can have a full-time mother and still make a little extra money on the side too. Like most average Americans, Wendy and Michael look forward to owning their own home and they are currently saving for this dream.

Wendy became interested in the computer when she and her husband were introduced to it by her father-in-law. They viewed the computer as useful in that they could use it to do their budget, play games, play music, and learn something new. It wasn't a necessity but they considered it more an entertainment saying, "It seemed more interesting than watching television." When they purchased their first computer they had two little ones. Like most mothers with children Wendy's day is pretty full so this became her entertainment during the children's naptime or at night when they were in bed. She found the computer fascinating and started playing with the previously installed programs. Eventually the Shepherds

decided to get on the Internet and Wendy said, "I felt overwhelmed at first as there was suddenly a flood of information right at my fingertips! I began to read about different people and their families, I found other moms to talk to, and it seemed I learned everything under the sun."

After a while Wendy noticed that regular people, not just big businesses, were making web sites. At that time her Internet provider was America Online (AOL) and she realized that there was a way to make a web page on AOL for free. Both Wendy and Michael took on the venture of making a web page together, filling each other in on what they learned. When they saw something on someone else's web site that they liked they wanted to see how it was done so they could adopt similar ideas for their own site. They realized the code wasn't hard to learn, Wendy said: "Easier than another country's foreign language." She said one trick is to use the view command at the top of the Internet browser to do a view source to see the code and commented it's a good foundational tool for learning.

Wendy launched into the Internet in February 1999 with her first major site "TipzTime". TipzTime (derived from Tips Time) at <http://www.tipztime.com> was created because the household and garden tips she was posting on her personal web page became very popular. She created the site to be a useful resource comprised of just these good tips and reading material. Eventually she added craft ideas and chore charts as well. Wendy, continuing to learn, realized she could incorporate money-making features in her site through an affiliate marketer such as "LinkShare," in which she could be paid by merchants when someone would "click through" her site to theirs. If someone would buy something she would be paid a percentage of sale, or "pay per lead" if someone signs up for something, like a catalog. Web sites have to go through an approval process in order for reputable companies to advertise there. Because of the quality of her sites she is an approved advertiser for L.L. Bean. Wendy also feels the company L.L. Bean is one of quality and worth pro-

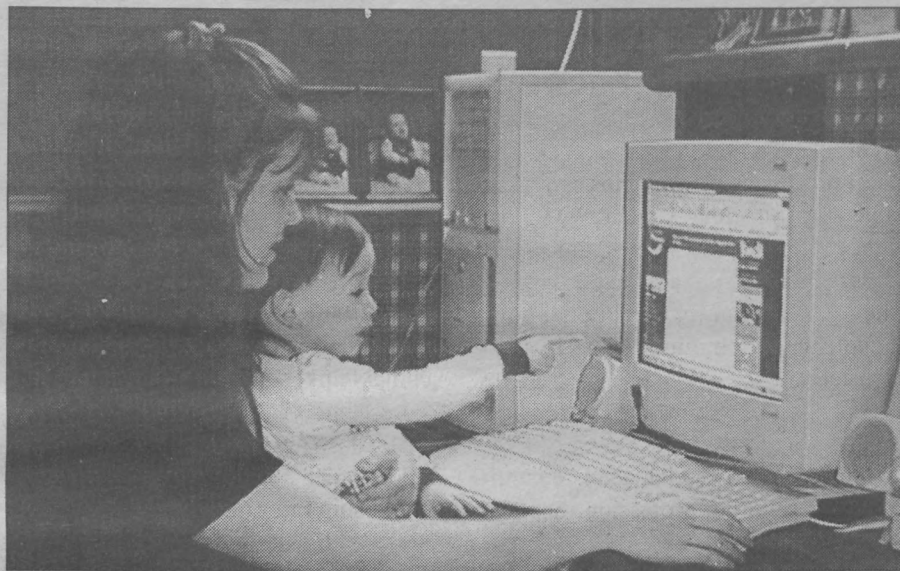


Photo by Raymond Buchheister

Wendy Shepherd, full-time homemaker and home schooler, runs a successful computer business from home. She has also created a web site to help other mothers use the Internet to make extra income from home.

moting so it fosters a working environment. TipzTime has become a success story for Wendy; getting on average about 25,000 visitors weekly. If you compare her web site's visitors to the

foot traffic of the local grocery store the Jubilee, which is visited most in Emmitsburg, her site gets double or

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## From the Desk of Bonita Portier, D.O.

### Low blood sugar: a medical emergency

Recently our notes on the Diabetic Diary were published. Since that time, some of my clients presented me with what they thought were unusual problems. Indeed, they were medical emergencies.

Many afflicted with diabetes know that it is important to carry a snack with them, or have a snack close at hand when symptoms of low blood sugar attack. The problem is that when a person with diabetes has a low blood sugar attack the very low blood sugar causes that same person to suffer confusion and not remember what to do. The snack could be as close as a purse or a pocket and not be used on time.

Low blood sugar might present as simply as contrariness. Low blood sugar could look like walking or driving under the influence of alcohol. An affected person could complain of sweating, hot flashes, heart palpita-

tions, or chest pain. There could be paralysis of one side of the body, sleepiness, lethargy or even loss of consciousness and coma. Low blood sugar could feel the same as high blood sugar.

These low blood sugar states may be brought on by delaying a meal, exercising, losing weight without adjusting the sugar-lowering regimen, or other forms of extra stress to the body, or by accidentally taking a repeat dose of diabetic medicine.

If you are friend or family of a diabetic, it is important for you to understand that the affected person may not be able to tell you where their glucose monitoring machine is, how to use the testing kit or where their snack is located. Like doing a check for camping, when you are out with a person who is suffering from diabetes, go through this list.

There is a very important rescue kit called a Glucagon Emergency Kit. This includes an injectable medicine of glucagon which makes the liver dump sugar into the blood stream and within

five minutes can relieve low blood sugar. The directions are in the kit, but going through the motions ahead of time is a good idea. Practice is good.

Whether you are the one suffering from the diabetes, or a companion, it is important at the first signs of discomfort to take a blood sugar reading. It is important to have a glucose monitor machine that is easy to use and easy to

keep handy. If related supplies are low, then stop and get the lancets and chem-strips before they run out.

Living with diabetes requires a great deal of attentiveness, planning, and action. But a healthier life makes it more than worth the trouble. Live long and prosper.

Read other articles by Dr. Portier on [emmitsburg.net/dispatch](http://emmitsburg.net/dispatch).

## Library Events

BY SUE CARDELLA  
Children's Librarian

April 1-7 is National Library Week and, in celebration, our library has some wonderful community events planned for you and your family. On Monday, April 2nd at 7 p.m., come by to see the adventures of a curious cat in our penny theater rendition of "Comet's Nine Lives." Penny theater is puppetry in miniature and dates back to the Renaissance. This is sure to be fun for adults as well as children. Registration is suggested.

On Thursday, April 5th we will have an adult tea which will feature the artwork of Rose Keepers. It is hosted by Friends of the Emmitsburg Branch Library and is the fourth annual tea. Please join us for tea, confections, conversation, and artwork. The tea hours are 2-4 pm and registration is suggested.

In addition to the special events we will continue with our 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 Goble 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.

As the end of the school year draws near, many students are faced with final projects. The library has plenty of resources to help with those assignments. In addition to books, we have encyclopedias (some which may be checked out), and library databases which are specifically designed for students. And, of course, the library has a staff of dedicated and supportive librarians to assist you in your search.

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

### Benefit for Emmitsburg Elementary Band and Orchestra Programs April 4

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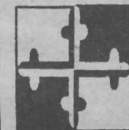
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## Mommy

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triple the visitors.

TipzTime has become an image link on the front page of the community site Emmitsburg.net. According to Mike Hillman, the creator of the site which celebrates its one-year anniversary this April: "Emmitsburg.net and TipzTime operate in a collaborative manner. Unlike other sites that can be linked to from Emmitsburg.net, TipzTime is the only for-profit web site that has its image on the site, and it's the only for-profit site that, when clicked on, opens in the same window." As in all collaborative efforts, both sides benefit. Wendy provides content material for Emmitsburg.net by way of this link to her site, and TipzTime utilizes articles from Emmitsburg.net, providing exposure for the authors to her site visitors. Because of these articles it provides exposure to Emmitsburg and draws people over to Emmitsburg.net from her site providing "traffic." Hillman said, "On average, Wendy sends Emmitsburg.net 200 of its 1000 visitors daily."

Of their collaboration, Wendy recalls, "I wanted to support the people who write articles in Emmitsburg and bring traffic to the Emmitsburg site. I live in Emmitsburg, and I love this quaint town. I wanted to contribute some recognition to the people of the community."

Wendy, wanting to share her success by launching her site Computer Mommy said, "Anyone can do what I'm doing. You don't have to go to school for it." Wendy has two years of community college, none of which consisted of any computer training. In an encouraging tone Wendy said, "There are a mass amount of free reliable resources online that you can learn from. Also, there are many moms and dads that work out of their homes on their computers. We all network to promote and learn from each other." Wendy also provides services for those who don't want to develop a web site themselves but just want to run one. She creates web sites doing everything from writing the hypertext

markup language (html code) to making buttons, banners, logos, and illustrations. She also does marketing and advertising as well as running newsletters. Wendy says she prefers, however, to do her favorite thing—creating graphics. According to Hillman, "All the graphics on Emmitsburg.net are the handiwork of Wendy."

Wendy's accomplishments haven't been without trial. Like most individuals who spend any amount of time on a computer Wendy has experienced setbacks with computer down time. Recently she was in the process of creating a web site called "Computer Children" when she experienced a computer crash and lost her entire design. Losing ambition to continue she diverted her attention to a site she just launched February 2001 called "Chart Jungle." Chart Jungle at <http://www.chartjungle.com> is a site she created for home schoolers, teachers, and parents and contains charts. It will eventually incorporate articles, web sites, and information of related material. She intends to reconstruct her site Computer Children which will feature information about children's software and related children's sites on the Internet. The site will look similar to Computer Mommy and she hopes to have it available this summer.

Wendy continues her routine now with three boys: Erick age 7, Timothy age 5, and Mark 21 months. She has chosen to home school because she wants to spend as much time as possible with her children while they are growing up. She wants to provide them with some Biblical teaching and use a school curriculum that she feels works for each child. She says she wants to know exactly what each child is learning and with one-on-one teaching the children progress past grade level. Each child learns at his own pace and she wants to have the flexibility to change to something that may work better for him.

The other advantage of the computer to the home schooler is access to the vast amount of resources on the Internet

including free lesson plans. At this time, Wendy home schools two of her three boys, working on her computer during quiet/nap time and after they go to bed. Since she has access to the computer all the time she can check her electronic mail (e-mail) throughout the day for anything that may be important to her web sites. The money she's made has paid for her computer and helped to purchase her school curriculum and

extra school supplies for home schooling. She says, "The plus side is that I can make my own hours at what I do. The Internet runs twenty-four hours a day and if the boys are sick I can tend to them and not worry about having to work. There have been times that I haven't updated the web site for two weeks because of family circumstances. Family is the most important thing, so family comes first."

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# CLASS OF '66 : 35 YEARS AGO

RUTH O. RICHARDS  
Dispatch Writer

Thirty-five years ago this month, on April 22nd, Broadway came to Emmitsburg, bringing with it Rogers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*. Who would have thought or even dreamed that Emmitsburg High School could produce a Broadway show, one so well-known and so popular?

Who had this dream? Bob Holmes, a junior high school core teacher, believed that it could be done and he directed it. Gary Smith, the band teacher at Emmitsburg and Frederick High Schools, directed the band, which was made up of students from Frederick High School. Anne Deatherage directed the singing and Susan Sander was the art director.

The cast included nearly all of the members of the senior class and the children were all from the Emmitsburg Elementary School.

A senior class play was traditionally a light-hearted comedy-romance, directed by Mrs. Jones. No one ever believed that a Broadway success could be produced in Emmitsburg. Moreover, *The Sound of Music* succeeded—succeeded over and above all expectations.

You all know the story—The setting is Austria, 1938. Captain Georg Von Trapp needs a governess for his

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Linda Keilholtz Umbel

motherless children. After the children reject several governesses, the Captain applies to a nearby convent. Maria—a young novice—is sent to him, and the story proceeds from there.

Maria is adored by the children, plays with them, goes boating with them, and teaches them her favorite songs. Eventually the Nazis come to the mountain village, and the Captain, wanting to protect his children from the Nazis, decides they must go to America.

The story develops around the beautiful songs, songs from which most of us can sing a refrain or two. Favorites are the theme song, "The Sound of Music," "Do-Re-Mi," "My Favorite Things." The play ends with "Edelweiss" as Maria and the children are spirited away from their Alpine village to begin their new life in America.

The Emmitsburg school production was acclaimed by the whole community. Everyone loved it. Everyone got into the spirit of it. I remember that when the play arrived at the spot where Maria felt she should leave the Von Trapp

family because she had fallen in love with the Captain, as she walked off the stage carrying her suitcase, someone behind me whimpered, "Oh ——— oh ——— she's a leaving!" I felt as if I ought to turn around and tell her that Maria would be back.

The musical played two nights in Emmitsburg. The auditorium was filled to over-flowing both nights. Both nights cameras were flashing as the parents of the cast tried to get their own children as they appeared in every scene. One father was lying on his stomach in the middle of the aisle to get his best shot.

A few weeks after the second Emmitsburg performance the whole play was taken to Frederick—cast, props—everything, to a performance at the North Frederick Elementary School. Did all of Frederick attend? The Board of Education did. Some Frederick residents did, but the greatest number in the audience were the parents and friends from Emmitsburg. They just couldn't get enough of it. It was Emmitsburg at its finest.

Not long ago Linda Keilholtz Umbel said to me, "*The Sound of Music* was the best thing that ever happened to Emmitsburg." I believe she was right.

Read other remembrances by Ruth Richards on [emmitsburg.net/dispatch](http://emmitsburg.net/dispatch).

## CHS to hold 20-year reunion

The Catocin High School Class of 1981 will be hosting their 20-year High School Reunion Weekend, June 15 and 16, 2001. Highlights include Friday at the Ott House, Old-Timers Olympics (location TBA), and Saturday evening's Dinner/Dance at Ski Liberty's Resort & Conference Center. The class will be sponsoring a Golf Tournament at the Glade Valley Golf Course on Friday, May 18, 2001. Further information is available at the class web site: <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~mwilliard/>.

Classmates are encouraged to use the web site to update their biographies and register for the reunion events. We are unable to locate the following classmates: Mary Bollinger, John Buhrman, Mark Brennan, Pam Bushman-Pees, Bill Carey, Mark Clayton, Tracey Dick, Michelle Eyster-Shaffer, Anna Fisher, Lisa Fogle-Harley, Julie Gelwick-Portner, Kenny Hahn, Charlene Holt, Shon Katzenberger, Robert Marshall, Laura Perry, Charles Poole, William Portner, Phil Seipler, Ronald Shelton, Ed Smith, Brenda Tyler-Bentz Semler, Lorne Sprague, Jeff Stevens, Arlene Waggoner-Kuykendall, Chris Wolf.


If you are a 1981 classmate and have not received the above information via postcard, or could help us locate one of our missing classmates, please visit the web site: <http://www.home.earthlink.net/~mwilliard/> or contact Mark Williard at (301)898-5012 [mwilliard@earthlink.net](mailto:mwilliard@earthlink.net) or Kim Benjamin at (301)271-3477 [klben5@hotmail.com](mailto:klben5@hotmail.com).

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CAPTAIN GEORG VON TRAPP	Ralph Ohler
FRANZ	Larry Piper
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LIESL	Colleen Hewitt
FRIEDRICK	Rudy Chatlos
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KURT	John Martin
WILHELM	William Carr
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OBOE	Roger Nicodemus
CLARINETS	Jame Heuting Linda McKnight
SAXOPHONES	Richard Thomas Nancy Nicodemus Glen Dorsey Hesbia Foster
BASS	Pete Klein
ORGAN	Beverly Davis
PIANO	Kenny Fischer
TRUMPETS	Mike Boyer Larry Geiser Phil Brohawn Ariene Waltz
HORNS	John Haines Calvin Wacker
TROMBONES	James Burke Eugena Hausler Allan Maples David Stottlemeyer Scott Bell
DRUMS	Richard Rudy
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# Business a 'labor of love' for entrepreneur

BY PAM WILSON  
Women's Business Institute

For Barbara Wratten, of Walkersville, owner of deSigns, business is a labor of love; a love that she discovered through a part-time job in school. Wratten, who makes signs for businesses and groups throughout the region, got her start over 21 years ago. She had always wanted to be involved with printing but thought initially that her career would lead her into advertising. Hoping to gain some vocational knowledge while continuing her education, Wratten started an after-school job at a printing company. It was here that she first learned about sign work and was captivated the moment she began. From that point forward, Wratten followed her dream by working for various sign companies and molding her education to fit her career.



BARBARA WRATTEN

Equipped with a broad skill set and background gained from her work experience, Barbara decided to set out on her own in September 1995 and has been working for herself ever since.

Even though she had a solid client base and industry connections when she started, the leap to self-employment was a challenging one. Barbara cites her sister as her biggest resource. "I got a lot of support and advice from [her]. She was already in business and had been through many of the things that I would experience. She helped me to know what was coming and what I had to be aware of."

After 5+ year of successful operation, Wratten has learned quite a lot about the business world and admits that there are still challenges to working for herself. For the successful entrepreneur, however, these challenges are the best part about being in business. "The discipline, the long hours, the deadlines, these are all risks of being in business. I love being challenged by these things - they make me want to continue." Like many business owners,

Wratten says that paperwork was her least favorite part of the job starting out and remains the most laborious for her. Wratten's advice for those who are thinking about starting a business? Plan. "I lacked planning when I started and have had to catch up and rethink my goals and objectives. If you start out with a good plan, you are already ahead."

Though Wratten has had some bumps on her road to success, her ability to do what she loves best and her growing client base are indications that all signs are pointing up for this local businesswoman. To contact Barbara Wratten at deSigns, call 301-845-016 or e-mail BAWdeSIGNS@aol.com.

For more information on how you can start your own business, contact the Women's Business Institute at 410-756-2334 or visit our Web site at <http://members.aol.com/bcheckit>.

## Faith finds niche in rough and tumble world of Mount rugby

BY JENNIFER WILLIAMS  
Courtesy of The Mountain Echo

Christopher Montanti, 19, Mount St. Mary's freshman rugby player, prays quietly in adoration in the Mount chapel on Fridays, enjoying his time alone with God. But Saturdays find "Monti," as he has been affectionately dubbed by teammates, on the rugby field, engaged in fierce battle against the competition.

Ironically, faith and service have become as integral to Mount St. Mary's rugby game as the hard hits and brutal falls endured by players in the unrelenting rough and tumble sport.

A seasoned rugby player himself, 57-year-old coach Don Briggs has taken great pains in his three and a half years at the Mount to make the sport about more than just winning and losing.

"I don't want it to be an ordinary sports progression of, 'See you at \_\_\_\_\_?' and that's it," said Mr. Briggs, a St. Joseph, Emmitsburg, parishioner who attends daily Mass. "I don't want them to be just average young persons coming out of college."

For their part, the players have responded enthusiastically. For four years, a group of students has attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The entire team has canvassed the campus in search of pennies for the poor and since the fall of 1997 has collected more than \$3,550.

Team members also serve as mentors to elementary school children,

playing with them and helping them to study.

On Fridays the team has adoration in the chapel from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and players, even those who aren't Catholic, attend Mass on Saturdays before the game. Former chaplain Father Gerard C. Francik (currently associate vocation director for the archdiocese) and current chaplain, Father Raymond L. Harris, have also been supportive, praying with the team.

"I think it's great," said Derek Zornow, 20-year-old junior business major and parishioner of St. John the Evangelist, Hydes. "It helps make us the well-rounded people our coach wants us to be." Last fall the team won the Potomac Rugby Union Championship (Men's Division II).

This spring the Mount rugby players will be in the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Union Championships and are in a position to go to nationals. Rugby, the predecessor of American football, is a fast-paced, constant game played in two 40-minute halves with no time-outs.

The fifteen players on each side, who are not wearing protective gear, attempt to score a try (what is known in football as a touchdown), by physically touching the ball to the ground in their opponent's in-goal.

But even while they are tackling and falling on the field, players are sensitive when it comes to service and their faith. "I think it shows that our team is more than 'meatheads,'" said Pete Akerboom, 18-year-old freshman and Holy Trinity, Glen Burnie, parish-

ioner. "It shows we have a spiritual background and want to help people along with bringing our skills to the field." "I think it reflects upon the kind of guys that play on the team," said 20-year-old Jake Backover, a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi, Brunswick, and St. Mary, Petersville.

"We're all caring guys, and I think other people see it, and it inspires them to do the same thing." For this, the players give much credit to their coach. "He really keeps our team together," Mr. Backover said. "He set up all this extracurricular stuff, and he teaches us a lot more than just rugby."

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## Emmitsburg Police Report - February 2001

By DFC. Mark Cullember  
and DFC. Mike Ratliff

### Traffic Duties

Accidents investigated .. 4  
Miscellaneous traffic duties 9

### Criminal Investigations

Commercial Alarm ..... 3  
911 Call.. ..... 2  
Animal Complaint ..... 1  
Assist Fire Department .. 2  
Assist other Police Dept. . 1  
Assault ..... 2  
Attempt to Locate ..... 1  
Burglary ..... 2

Burglary/Commercial ... 1  
Destruction of Property .. 4  
Disorderly Conduct ..... 5  
Dispute ..... 1  
Domestic ..... 1  
Domestic Escort ..... 1  
Fight ..... 1  
Fraud ..... 2  
Harassment ..... 1  
Juvenile Complaint ..... 3  
Noise Complaint ..... 2  
Request Officer ..... 4  
Serious Injury ..... 1  
Subject Stopped ..... 1  
Summons Service ..... 2  
Suspicious Person ..... 2

Suspicious Vehicle ..... 2  
Talks Card ..... 5  
Warrant Service ..... 1  
Welfare Check ..... 1

### Administrative Duties

Citations Issued ..... 9  
Warnings Issued ..... 3  
Traffic Arrest ..... 1  
DWI Arrest ..... 0  
Adult Criminal ..... 1  
Juvenile Arrest ..... 0

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# Mount breaks ground for student center

On Monday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m., the McGowan Student Center, a major renovation and addition to the Cogan Student Union Building, took the first step from blueprints to reality when Mount community members, friends and Trustees gathered to shovel the first dirt. His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore and Mount Board member blessed the site.

Named in honor of the late William G. McGowan, founder of MCI, the McGowan Center will combine a 43,500-square-foot renovation of the existing Cogan Student Union Building with a 36,500-square-foot addition, creating a vibrant, attractive building that will ultimately become the hub of student life on the Mount St. Mary's campus.

The McGowan Center will provide students with a gathering place that includes student activities offices, a

graphics computer lab, centralized student services (such as the relocated Wellness and Career Centers) and expanded dining options that better fit the way students work and live.

The Center's renovation will begin in the spring, with occupancy of some parts of the new building as early as the fall 2001 semester. Construction will be ongoing with an expected completion date of spring 2002.

The existing Cogan Student Union Building will be renamed Cogan Hall, to honor the memory of Fr. John "Spike" Cogan, former Mount priest and faculty member, for his generosity and dedication, and to preserve the Cogan family name as an integral part of Mount history.

The McGowan Center is one of the crowning achievements of Connections: The Campaign for the Mount, an ambitious, multidimensional campaign that

surpassed its \$30 million goal in December 1999. The campaign officially closes in June, and fund-raising efforts are now being focused on raising additional dollars for the McGowan Center. If you would like to support the

Mount in this important initiative, please call 301-447-5772.

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## Up-County intern shares experience of center's Child Development room

BY KATIE HOPKINS  
Mount St. Mary's College

My name is Katie Hopkins and I am a senior psychology major at Mount Saint Mary's College. This semester I am an intern at Up-County Family Center in Emmitsburg, Maryland, I am working as an assistant in the Child Development room. I have been with the center for about five weeks now and within these weeks I have had many opportunities for learning. I have been able to become well acquainted with some of the children through playing one-on-one with them, I have also helped the children with a few craft activities. In addition, I have had the opportunity to meet some women and their children from Safe Harbor through making several visits there helping with the weekly parent-child

activities.

Not only have I learned a great deal about the children at Up-County, but I feel as if I have come to know the staff also. The staff are extremely friendly and willing to help you whenever you may be in need. Thus far, I am having an enjoyable working experience with everyone here. In the future, I look forward to having plenty more days of being able to work with the children as well as the staff here through various activities. The experiences I have had so far this semester have been great, especially since they have provided me with an opportunity to get out of the classroom and explore the field of social work, which is the area I plan to be working in once I graduate this coming May.

Visit *emmitsburg.net* to learn more about Up-County Family Center.

## Hospital Institutes New Policies For Access to Patient Census

In response to a growing concern for patient confidentiality and privacy, as well as recent legislative action, officials at Gettysburg Hospital recently announced a change in policy regarding clergy access to patient census.

Effective April 2, 2001, the hospital will institute a new process for allowing clergy to access information about patients. According to Reverend Barbara Derrickson, pastoral care manager for Gettysburg Hospital, a new Congregational Health Center, designed specifically for clergy, parish nurses, and lay visitors, will allow the clergy computer access only to those patients who have designated themselves as members of a certain congregation and consented to the release of this information to their clergy. Consequently, the patient census will no longer be available at the hospital's information desk.

"The Congregational Health Center provides a private and comfortable environment for the clergy when visiting the Hospital," says Derrickson.

"Each member of the clergy who ministers at Gettysburg Hospital will receive a computer password which allows them access to the members of their particular congregation," she adds.

Derrickson points to two recent trends in healthcare which have prompted the Hospital to review its policy and procedures regarding patient confidentiality.

"The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, or JCAHO, which is the primary accreditor of health care orga-

nizations, began giving more attention to the pastoral care of patients and consequently began identifying areas they felt were in violation of patient rights," states Derrickson.

"JCAHO determined that it was a violation of the confidence of a patient to give information to anyone, including clergy, about his or her hospitalization without the express consent of the patient," she says, "Shortly thereafter, hospitals began receiving negative citations for making the patient census available to clergy."

The second, and most pressing issue, surfaced when the "Privacy" section of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was released by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in December of 2000.

"In short," says Derrickson, "The 'Privacy' section states that making the patient census available to community clergy is a violation of federal law."

The new system offers several benefits for clergy, including timeliness of information and access to patients admitted through the emergency room and those having outpatient surgery.

"The only change that patients will see is that they will be asked at registration to give consent for their information to be released to the clergy responsible for their stated congregation," says Derrickson.

"We value the community's ministry to our patients. We will continue to do whatever we can to facilitate that ministry within the laws set out for patient privacy," she adds.

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## The (Retired) Ecologist's Corner

BY BILL MEREDITH  
Dispatch Writer

*For, lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone;*

*The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come,*

*And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.....The Song of Songs*

March began with a warm, sunny day, and as I walked to the post office I reflected that it was coming in like a lamb. The next day the Weather Channel informed us that we were in for the biggest blizzard of the winter, and it appeared that we were facing a devious lion instead of a lamb; but most of the storm missed us.

A week later, "snow and wintry conditions" were predicted for March 8, but when I went out to get the paper around 7:00 a.m. the sun was shining. The ground was still frozen and the remains of snow from the Blizzard That Wasn't still covered a good bit of the yard; but the temperature was already in the mid-30's and headed for 50. A male cardinal was perched on the highest branch of the maple tree, singing a genuine territorial song, and a few floors below his wife was listening with new interest. A month ago, it still would have been dark at that hour, and the cardinal's vocabulary would have been limited to aggressive chirps as he chased his wife away from the feeder. Lamb or lion, spring was definitely on the way.

In the face of all this, I decided March is not really devious. Schizophrenic would be a better description; it seems pre-designed for madness. It's part winter and part spring; it has an equinox, but wears it in the middle of the month instead of the beginning, where logically it should be. It comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, or vice versa, and never seems sure which it's doing at any particular time. It has a Kalendria, a Nones, and an Ides; some other months have these too, but seem to handle them more sanely. It has sun, rain, snow, sleet, thunder and hail, all accompanied by wind. It has mad hares and mad basketball tournaments. It has a long and checkered history, having endured gods, emperors, saints and the Internal Revenue Service. The only suggestion of sanity is that it also has spring training for baseball.

In ancient Rome the year began with the vernal equinox, the time when the sun stands directly over the equator. Of course no one knew that in those days; they didn't even know



Crocuses came out on schedule.

there was an equator. But they did know that the day and night were equal in length on that date, and the weather was notably more clement afterwards, so it made sense to start the new year then. The first month of the year was named March in honor of Mars, the Roman god of war, which seems a bit odd to me; I would have thought they'd name it after the god-in-chief.

Certain days in March (and in a few other months) were marked for distinction by special names: the first day was called *Kalendria*, obviously the source of our English word *calendar*. The 7th was Nones, which sounds more like the Latin for 9; I've no idea why it was singled out, but there's no modern derivative so I guess it isn't worth pursuing. The 15th was Ides, which Shakespeare made famous by warning Julius Caesar to beware of it. Incidentally, April did not have either an Ides or a god-parent; its name simply means "second month."

The old Roman calendar was based on 28-day lunar months. Unfortunately, one solar year cannot be divided evenly into lunar months, so they had to keep adjusting the calendar to keep summer events from moving into winter, and vice versa. This annoyed Julius Caesar, so a few years before his fatal encounter with the Ides he created the Julian calendar, from which we get our present arrangement of 30- and 31-day months. Caesar inserted two new months before March, bringing it to its present position in the year. The foreboding quality of the Ides of March carried on into our own era; taxpayers of my age will recall that the IRS originally set March 15 as the deadline for filing tax returns. It was just a few decades ago that the government took mercy on procrastinators and moved it to April.

March seems to be a suitable

month in which to honor St. Patrick. As far as I know, he personally was sane enough, but the day named in his honor seems to bring out madness. Someone—was it Will Rogers?—said that on March 17, everybody who is anybody is a McSomebody. People who are perfectly normal the rest of the year succumb to the urge to wear green hats and clothes, paint their faces and dye their hair green, put green food coloring in their beer, and weep green tears whenever someone sings "Danny Boy."

I usually draw the line at a green necktie and jacket, but at least I can claim some legitimacy; my great-great grandfather, Peter Brown, was born on a ship en route from Ireland to the U.S. in the 1840's. My grandfather honored his heritage by always planting his potatoes on St. Patrick's Day (except when it fell on Sunday), and in his memory, I always plant at least one potato on that day. Last year's reward for this bit of madness was a crop of eleven potatoes, as I recall.

The only hares we have in this country are the jackrabbits of the southwest and the snowshoe hares of the north; our cottontail rabbits belong to a different branch of the family. In England, where true hares do exist, the expression, "Mad as a March hare," was coined to describe their behavior this time of year. The increasing day length around the time of the equinox stimulates the hormonal systems of hares, as well as most other animals, to

start reproductive activity. Of course it makes biological sense to have the young born as early in the spring as possible; but the way hares go about it defied the logic of country folk who observed them. The secretive habits they have observed the rest of the year are abandoned. The hazard of being exposed to predators is ignored, as both sexes chase each other relentlessly and noisily. Males engage in spectacular fights in which they hop about on their hind legs like miniature kangaroos, boxing with their forepaws and occasionally delivering potentially lethal kicks. Modern ethologists know these actions establish territories and individual dominance, as well as stimulating the last stages of reproductive maturity; but to observers who saw them centuries ago, insanity seemed the only explanation.

After a severe winter, March was welcome this year in spite of its vagaries. Faith and patience were rewarded; once again, the flowers came forth from the earth. Crocuses came out on schedule, and tulips and daffodils are awake and getting ready. House finches, cardinals and Carolina wrens are singing; grackles are trying to. We don't have turtle doves around here, but mourning doves are an adequate substitute; their voices are heard in our land. Spring is here—the best time of the year. Don't miss it.

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## Obituaries

### Mr. Charles Eckenrode

Mr. Charles Joseph Eckenrode, 87, of Athens, Ga., died Sunday, March 4.

He was the husband of Jessie Shipley Eckenrode.

Born near Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Charles and Mary Eckenrode.

He graduated from Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, and later received a master's degree from the University of Maryland.

A lifelong educator, his teaching career began at Emmitsburg High School in 1935, followed by a move to principal at the National Training School for Boys in Washington.

He spent three years with the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II. When he returned to civilian life, he worked as supervisor of education in various institutions with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Department of Justice, followed by a position at the University of Georgia, Athens, in the Sociology Department.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Charles J. Eckenrode of Keeline, Wyo.; one daughter, Virginia K. Eckenrode of Falmouth, Mass.; one brother, Paul Eckenrode; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held March 17 at the UGA Catholic Center, Athens, with the Rev. Jack McDowell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Catholic Center of UGA, 1344 S. Lumpkin St., Athens, Ga. 30604; the Salvation Army, 484 Hawthorne Ave., Athens, Ga. 30606; the American Heart Association, 1353 Jennings Mill Road, Suite A, Bogart, Ga. 30622; or the charity of your choice.

### Mrs. Marian Eyler

Mrs. Marian Stonesifer Eyler, 83, of West Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Sunday, March 11, at Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Walkersville.

She was the wife of Dilly Reno Eyler, who died Dec. 8, 1974.

Born April 14, 1917, in Emmitsburg, where she was a life-long resident, she was a daughter of the late Mahlon and Anna Fuss Stonesifer.

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

Surviving are seven children, Dolores M. Wivell and husband James of Thurmont, Margaret H. Ott and husband John, Dorothy M. Damuth and husband Arthur, Reno M. Eyler, and H. Eugene Eyler and wife Frani, all of Emmitsburg, Shirley J. Smith and hus-

band Richard of Gettysburg, Pa., and Nancy D. Eyler and husband Jack of Biglerville, Pa.; 13 grandchildren, Richard Wivell, Rodney Wivell, John Ott Jr., Steven Ott, Wanda Koontz, Kim Wivell, Stacy Martin, Randy Smith, Tina Fair, Robert Manahan Jr., Denise Ausherman, Kevin Manahan, and Marisa Eyler; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was survived by one brother, Roy Stonesifer, of Chicago, Ill.

Funeral services were held March 14 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. David Knodel and the Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment will be in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 465, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727-0465.

### Margaret L. Meadows

Mrs. Margaret Louise Meadows, 76, of Middleburg Road, Keymar, died Sunday, March 4, at her home. She was the wife of the late Edward Leroy Meadows, who died Oct. 10, 1986.

Born May 18, 1924, in Adamstown, she was the daughter of the late Morris Abramam, Sr. and Maggie Estella Ebertt Zentz.

She was a graduate of Emmitsburg High School, Class of 1942.

Mrs. Meadows and her husband had a dairy farm in the Emmitsburg area from 1943 until retiring in 1970. She was a member of Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

She held membership in the Eastern Star the Frederick County Farm Bureau, and the Emmitsburg Grange.

Mrs. Meadows was also employed by the Frederick County Public School System as a cafeteria worker.

She enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Meadows is survived by three daughters, Joyce Bruchey and husband George, Wanda Valentine and husband Dale, and Lois Trout and husband Dean, all of Keymar; one son, Edward Leroy Meadows, Jr. and wife Theresa of Kemersville, N.C.; seven grandchildren, Robin Sharitz, Jeff Bruchey, Kelly Rowe, Terri Beard, Tonya Bates, Rebecca Starkey, and Jennifer Nelson; seven great-grandchildren, and one brother, Morris Zentz, Jr. of Union Bridge.

She will also be remembered by a good friend, Charles Irvin.

Mrs. Meadows was predeceased by a grandson, Murray Valentine, and two sisters, Virginia Delphey and Ruth Bowers.

Rev. Robert E. Steinke, chaplain at Frederick Memorial Hospital officiated at the funeral on March 7. Interment in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

### Mrs. Helen Sinnott

Mrs. Helen Louise Sinnott, 76, of Rocky Ridge, died Tuesday, March 6, at her home.

She was the wife of John E. Sinnott Jr., her husband of 47 years.

Born Dec. 30, 1924, in Rockdale, near Baltimore, she was a daughter of the late Andrew Clinton and Ada Mae Mills Kirk.

Mrs. Sinnott was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, Mid-Atlantic Plymouth Club, Antique Automobile Club of America, and Francis Scott Key Car Club.

She enjoyed going to antique and classic car events with her husband and, in her younger years, she was an avid bingo player and loved to listen to country and blue grass music.

She enjoyed spending time with her two dogs, Teddy and Fluffy.

Surviving in addition to her husband are four children, Rodney D. Sinnott and wife Annette of Hanover, Pa., Linda D. Snyder and John E. Sinnott III, both of Hagerstown, and Robin Marie Morris and husband Jack of Emmitsburg; six grandchildren, John, Kristy Bridget, Chad, Brandon and Danielle; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Jeannie Leonard and husband George of Marriottsville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Sinnott was preceded in death by one brother, Shelton Kirk and one sister, Ruth A. Nelson.

### Mr. David Topper


Mr. David J. Topper, 73, of 60 Hickory Bridge Road, Orrtanna, Pa., died Thursday, March 8, at his home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise McCleaf Topper, in 1983.

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Born Oct. 24, 1927, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Jacob J. and Helen Myers Topper.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fairfield.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during World War II.

He had been employed for 25 years by Gettysburg Shoe Co. and by GAF Corp., Fairfield, for 13 years prior to retiring in 1991.

He was a member of the Fairfield AMVETS, Gettysburg Moose, Blue Ridge Sportsman's Association, Waynesboro Eagles, and Waynesboro American Legion.

He is survived by two daughters, Renna M. Harlow of Snowhill, N.C., and Robin Bowling of Orrtanna; two stepchildren, Teresa Fowler of Fairfield, and David Hadlock of Gettysburg; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews; five sisters, Rebecca Topper and Betty Kaas, both of Emmitsburg, Geraldine Sites of Fairfield, Annie Little of Thurmont, and Lucille Jackson of Virginia; and two brothers, John Topper of Emmitsburg, and Tim Topper of Gaithersburg.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Russell Topper, Paul Topper, Ted Topper, Bill Topper and Joseph Topper; one sister, Josephine Krietz; and one stepson, Barry Hadlock.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated, March 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Messaro as the celebrant.

Interment was in Fairfield Union Cemetery.

(See more OBITUARIES  
on page 22)

### A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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## Rocky Ridge News

BY EMMA KEENEY  
Dispatch Writer

April Birthdays: Happy birthday wishes to Loretta Glass, Bonnie Eyler, Carrolton Houck, Michelle Dinterman, Lori Angleberger, Kerin Albaugh, Doris Sharrer, Shirley Greene, Betty Moser, Mary Louise Peomroy, Marlene Danaher, Russell Ohler and Jeremy Shields.

April anniversary wishes to Franklin and Marie Stambaugh who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 7. Also our best wishes to Harold and Lois Late, April 24, James and Loretta Glass, and Kenneth and Gloria Frushour.

### Mt. Tabor Church News

Sunday, April 8 at 9:30 U.C.C Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 Sunday School.

Thursday, April 12, Seder Meal at the activity building. Please sign board in church if you are planning to attend

## Quilters

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS  
Dispatch Writer

Quilts and quilting have been threads woven into and around my life since childhood. When I was eight years old, I started my own "first" quilt. It was finished 30 years later. My paternal grandmother and an aunt were quilt-makers. My maternal great-grandmother made quilts until she died at age 96. Several family friends were involved with quilts—attending the Ladies Aid at church.

Since my teens, I have collected pictures and patterns of quilts, and although they were scarce in the '30s I started collecting quilt books and magazines. My first book was printed in 1936. Today, we can find many patterns, leaflets and books on the fabric art of quilt making. Books costing from \$15 to \$30 are even available with

or call Rosie at 301-271-2649.

Friday, April 13, 7:30 p.m. Good Friday services.

Easter sunrise service 6:00 a.m. Youth group will present the program April 15, 9:30 a.m. Lutheran Easter service;

10:30 Easter program by the Sunday School.

### Church of the Brethren News By Patsy Free

Happy Birthday to Catherine Stover, 1/5; April Smith 4/19, Lynn Ott, 4/13; Pam Kilcoyne, 4/18; Nancy Glass, 4/7; Terrence Free, 4/2; Dorothy Baker, 4/21; Erma Black, 4/3; Carreanne Eyler, 4/29; Adrian Ott, 4/29, and Steve Wolfe, 4/1.

Happy anniversary to Leon and Catherine Stover, April 7; and Orville and Erma Black, April 16.

Easter sunrise services will be held April 15, at 6:00 a.m. There will be

instructions for making only one quilt. In 1936 I bought my first quilt fabric for 10¢ a yard.

However, it was not until moving from West Virginia to Maryland that I became aware of Amish quilts. Each year I learn more about the vast business of Amish quilts in Pennsylvania and other states. What has become known as "Amish" are not really the type of quilt used by the Amish people themselves. They are colorful and beautiful quilts made for the "English" trade by Amish and Mennonite women.

Often, quilting is thought to be an American craft, having evolved from the crude covers made by pioneer women as their families moved westward. Not so! Many civilizations have made what we call quilts. They were made of many fabrics and in many

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### Fire Company By Linda Northrup

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Bingo is held every Saturday night

## Daring to sing

BY JEANETTE THOMAS  
Dispatch Writer

Those of you who read my first article are aware of my challenge with manic-depression illness. Those of you who read my last article found that I am getting more daring in my old age after hiding for so long.

Well, I decided to get really daring this week and join the Lutheran Choir in Rocky Ridge.

For those of you who don't know, Mt. Tabor Church is a Union church. From its beginning it has been one church building share by two congregations. The Lutherans and the United Church of Christ alternate Sundays in the little edifice up on a knoll, overlooking the joint cemetery and the old fire pond.

Both congregations are fiercely loyal to their roots, but it sort of seems like a lot of people just come every Sunday anyway. They all do share events, chipping in to help each other in fund-raising and community activities.

In the old days of the coal stove, I

thru April, games start at 7 p.m.

Sportsman Night will be held May 19, 2001. For information call Alan Hurley at 301-271-3370.

The Annual Fireman's Carnival is scheduled for August 13 through August 18. Make your plans to attend.

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am told there was some heated discussion over separate piles of coal, and to whom they belonged.

But my experience in attending both churches, is that the congregations mix more freely while still retaining name to their own congregation.

And the two have separate choirs.

I don't know a lot about the UCC Choir except that I'm told it is sort of a family affair. But so is the Lutheran choir which I did join. Mrs. Sixx, her three daughters and one granddaughter outnumber the three others of us who sing. We wear royal blue robes with white trim and we have two parts so far—alto and soprano.

We don't do too badly for a small troupe, and it is our year to do Easter, so you, too, might experience the beauty of Lutheran worship this year if you attend on the holiday, if at no other time.

Or you might really get daring as me, and sign up for what can be fun, supportive, and deeply spiritual all in one. What do you say?



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# St. Anthony/OLMVC News

BY ANN MARSHALL  
Dispatch Writer

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and should be returned with your sacrificial gift by Palm Sunday, April 8.

**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 April, for example, it will be at St. Anthony Shrine on the 7th and 21st; at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on the 14th and 28th.

**Palm Sunday Masses** will be at the usual times. Each Mass will include the blessing of palms and procession. Also, Fr. Jim Hannon, will conduct the Palm Sunday evening service which is part of the Lenten series arranged by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. The ecumenical service will be held in the chapel at St. Joseph's Provincial House at 7:30 p.m., on April 8.

**Holy Week Schedule:**  
Holy Thursday, April 12, 7:30 p.m. Liturgy at St. Anthony Shrine  
Good Friday, April 13, Stations of the Cross at 2:30 p.m. at OLMC  
Liturgy at 7:30 p.m. at OLMC  
Holy Saturday, April 14, 8:00 p.m. Vigil at St. Anthony Shrine  
**(Note: No 4 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass)**

Easter Sunday, April 15, usual Sunday Mass times. The Masses at OLMC will be in the Parish Center.

**The Easter Sunday Sunrise Service** will be held at the Grotto Chapel at Mount Saint Mary's at 6:30 a.m. Rev. Ben Jones will lead the celebration.

**Father Leo is now Assisting the Priests** at St. John's Parish, Frederick, MD 21701. He reports that acupuncture treatments have somewhat strengthened his optic nerve, thank the good Lord. **Pictures Taken at the Farewell Reception** for Father Leo can be viewed at the parish office. Stop by and take a look. Order reprints if you wish.

**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

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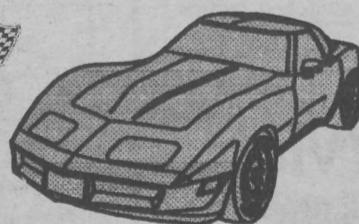
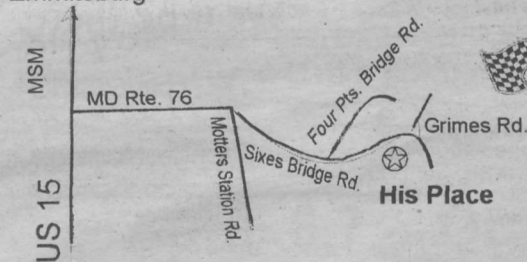


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# Spiders: The Original Web Masters

MIKE HILLMAN  
Dispatch Writer

"Keep an eye out for flies. The spiders haven't eaten in a few days and I'm sure they're getting hungry...." said my wife over her shoulder as she attempted to drop an unlucky fly into a waiting web.

"I missed again!" The tone of her voice barely masked her growing frustrations. After weeks of hand feeding our indoor spider colony you'd think we would have our techniques down pat, but more often than not, the flies would drop through the web and onto the ground.

Reaching down, she gently picked up the fly and repositioned herself to get a better drop on the web. This time the fly stuck, and the waiting spider lost no time in securing its long-awaited feast. "Good. Now I need a small fly for the spider next to the night light . . ."

If anyone other than I had been witness to my wife's actions, the response would surely have been one of repulsion. But having participated in many "feedings" myself, her actions were rather . . . routine.

For the better part of the last twelve years, my wife and I have been engaged in what seems a never-ending battle to keep flying insects out of our house. Having both grown up in antiseptic suburban home environments, where a single fly was enough to mobilize squadrons of bug-killing sprays, we were sadly unprepared for life in an old farmhouse. Given that we have horses, we expected some flies, but add a few local dairy farms, and you've got a recipe for the perfect fly-breeding environment.

Having stood for well over one hundred years, our house long ago became one with the land, shifting and sagging to meet the demands of its hand-dug foundation. With each gentle shift, a new crack opened to the outside environment. While unnoticeable to us, these cracks were interstate highways to our pesky

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flying friends. To make matters even worse, forty years ago, in an attempt to bring some sense of levelness to the house, new floors and walls were overlaid upon the old. The resulting gaps between the old and the new, serve as safe refuge for every flying bug known to man during the winter and incubators for their descendants in the spring.

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For nearly a week we did daily battle, yet no end seemed in sight. With the house taking on a distinct smell of pine-scented insecticide, we switched tactics

and began to focus on blocking entry points. Armed with screening material, our ready duct tape, and a dozen or two tubes of caulk, screens were fixed and holes were plugged.

In spite of all our efforts, we found ourselves losing to an enemy with more than one hundred years of natural selection on its side. The first bugs to take up residence between the walls, bred descendants, who bred descendants, all only knowing the walls. The cracks and the crevices were soon genetically mapped. As a result, we would no sooner block one entry point, than they would divert to the next on their genetically imprinted list.

Slowly but surely, the pleasantries of country life were replaced by an insect-enforced isolation. Our long nightly readings, which we both avidly loved, were soon reduced to mere minutes in hopes of minimizing the night's chorus of buzzing and biting pests. Instead of waking up to the sweet sound of chirping birds, we awoke to the clattering of an air conditioner, whose cold air was our only sure weapon against our flying foes.

Having finally come to the conclusion that the weapons of man were insufficient, we decided to enlist the natural predators of flying insects on our side: birds, bats, wasps, and spiders. We

already had a fairly large songbird population, thanks to the many feeders Audrey maintains, but we were lacking barn swallows. So when a pair set up nest in our barn's breezeway, we blocked it off lest we disturb them and scare them away. Next we put up a bat box, and before long it was happily occupied.

In order to address the principal fly-breeding source, our barn's manure pile, we utilize a tiny wasp no bigger than a flea that preys on the larvae of the flies. Between the three predators, we made a significant dent in the fly population. But we need one more ally if we hoped to deliver a knock-out blow, and the spiders were it.

In the effort to eradicate all insects in and around the house, only the spiders that had taken up residence next to the barbecue grill on the back porch had escaped our wrath. It was the perfect spider haven. The bright porch light ensured a steady supply of insects from early spring to late fall. The heat and the smoke from the grill continued to lure potential victims long after the outside light had been doused for the night.

Soon, we became active participants in the nightly feeding frenzy. Insects I

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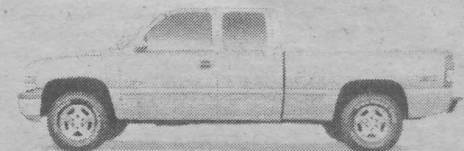
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## Spider

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had grown to hate, invincible while in flight, fell easy prey as they were drawn into the porch light. As we waited for our food to cook, we would pick off the biggest, and toss them into the webs of our new found friends.

Every toss was rewarded with a textbook demonstration of classic "spidering." The bug would no sooner hit the web than the spider would scurry to it and inject its venom. Backing away, the spider would wait as the venom took effect. Once sure that its web was safe from any further attempts of escape, the spider would return and finish off its prey.

It didn't take us long to realize that the spiders were far more efficient at catching flying insects than we, and as such, they would make an excellent addition in our ongoing war. In hopes of increasing their numbers we began to leave the porch light on all through the night. It worked. As their numbers began to grow rapidly, the insect population in and around the house became noticeably reduced.

As winter began to set in, we bade farewell to our swallows and bats, and found ourselves fretting for the spiders, many of whom now bore first names, who we felt sure would meet their ends in the long winter to come. While never formally invited into the house, we didn't discourage them as, one by one, they made their way into our home. At first they were welcome play toys for our two indoor cats, but in time, even an inch

long behemoth wandering across a floor only rated a passing glance and quick sidestep, as each continued on its own way.

We gave little attention to the welfare of the spiders at first, for there were still plenty of flies inside for them to catch. But as the depth of winter set in, the easy meals they had enjoyed for so long came to an end. Every morning the spiders would tend to their webs and every evening they would wait patiently for a meal that would never come. Days turned into weeks and weeks threaten to become months and just when we thought they could hold out no longer, a warm day, much like the one we experienced our first year, drew flies from winter slumbers.

Warm enough to move, but too cold to fly, the flies congregated on the windows and quickly became prizes. Moving quickly from window to web, we fed each spider according to its size. The spiders, clearly hungry, wasted no time in securing the long-awaited feast.

Pleased with our success, and now assured of our spider colony's survival, fly hunting soon became a daily ritual. Once unwelcome companions, flies were now sought out as prized possessions. Even on the coldest of winter days, some were sure to be found crawling the face of a southern window in a desperate attempt to seek what warmth they could from the weak winter sun rays.

As a house settles onto its foundations, we've settled on ours. Where a spi-

der once drew disgust, it now only draws a smile. We can once again read safely late into the night. And where in the past, fuzzy letters signaled the evening's near end, now, more than likely, it's probably a baby spider on its evening walk-around.

Armed with an allied army of swallows, bats, wasps and our homegrown battalion of tamed and ready spiders, our

hopes are running high that after ten years of fighting, this will be the year our battle with flies will finally be won.

If we are indeed lucky, and have won, it will not be a human web master who'll deserve the credit, but our spiders, nature's true web masters.

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## Quilters

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styles, usually in areas where fabrics were woven. The Japanese, for example, made exquisite embroidered and quilted silk garments for centuries.

Recently I read about quilters in Lesotho in southern Africa. Lesotho, about the size of Maryland, as late as 1991 was one of the poorest countries in the world. It was a British colony until 1964 when Lesotho gained independence. When the colonials left, the expatriates moved in—people from many countries around the world.

An American woman taught the "expats" to quilt. Her husband made sturdy frames for the group. Since 1984 over 150 women "expats" and Lesothos have been involved with the group. Lesotho residents are among the few in Africa having access to fabric and quilting supplies in stores in Maseru. Lesotho also produces a tradi-

tional African fabric called se-shoe-shoe in business since 1890. Although this is not readily adaptable to quilt-making, some of the quilters have begun using the fabric for quilts. Whether it's having a frame-making party in someone's back yard, cutting fabric into small pieces or sitting around a frame quilting, these internationals have learned a valuable lesson. Quiltmaking is a therapeutic activity with the advantage of creating something useful and/or beautiful, long-lasting and perhaps rewarding monetarily. Best of all, it teaches harmony and understanding.

To paraphrase the slogan of the Sixties: let's make quilts, not war.

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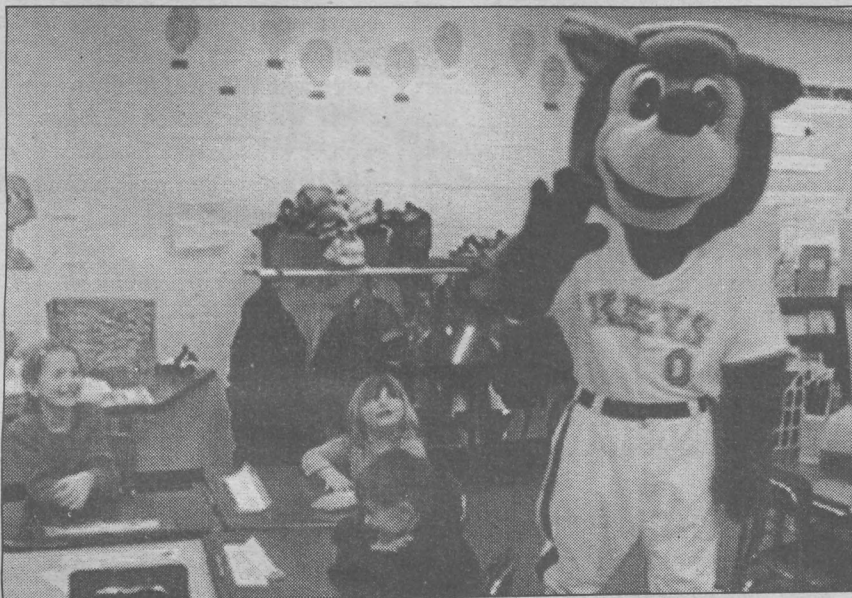
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## Catoctin FFA News

BY BETH SHRINER  
Catoctin FFA Reporter

The Catoctin FFA chapter celebrated National FFA Week February 18-24. Chapter members attended church, had breakfast at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, and went ice skating. The chapter put a promotional display in a window at the Thurmont town library. Students served the high school staff donuts and milk on Tuesday and on Wednesday the Greenhand and Chapter FFA Degrees were presented at a special ceremony in the evening. Due to bad weather the laser storm activity was postponed to March 9th and bowling has yet to be rescheduled. The chapter placed two displays in the Ag Week at the Mall celebration. One promoted FFA and the other the animal science class. Three members made and gave away ribbon roses for an hour at the

mall Tuesday evening.

The chapter held their annual butchering at the high school on Friday March 2, 2001. The chapter butchered thirteen hogs this year. There were 25 students and 35 community volunteers who helped. The top five sales people were: 1st, Jessica Valentine; 2nd, Brad Lambert; 3rd, John Forrest; 4th, Beth Shriner; and 5th, Steve Little. The group raised about \$3000.00 to go towards chapter and Alumni activities.

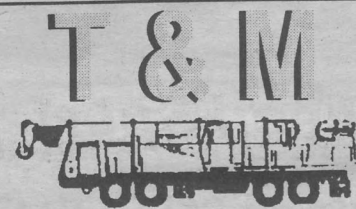
The Catoctin FFA chapter and the Catoctin FFA Alumni wish to thank the many community members for their support during the butchering. It took a lot of cooperative effort on the part of each member and we wish to thank everyone for their help in making this such a successful fund-raiser. We would

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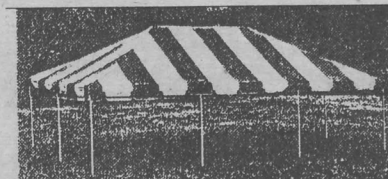
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BY VAL MENTZER  
Dispatch Writer

Irish Eyes Were Smiling when a giant leprechaun paid a visit to the MSS second graders! The leprechaun (who bore a striking resemblance to Dean Fitzgerald) talked to the students about Ireland ... a little bit o' history, geography and folklore. They even learned about Irish potatoes, Irish peat moss, and Irish wool sweaters! This leprechaun even answered second grader Jacqueline Dorsey's question about the potato famine! What a very educational and fun visit!

The students were invited to enter an Irish art contest by drawing anything Irish. The Shamrock Restaurant will supply the art supplies and display the winning drawings during their St. Patrick's Celebration 2001!

More Irish fun was presented to the school by the Prendergast School of Irish Dance of Gaithersburg. Our kindergarten through fifth grades watched Brigid Blakemore, Fiona Blakemore, Michaela Brennan and Erin D'Loughy perform hornpipes, jigs, reels and set pieces. This group of dancers is led by Margaret Prendergast Moebus along with parent volunteers Karyn Brennan and Deirdre Blake and can be seen performing at various cultural festivals and civic events as well as schools and libraries.

The MSS Student Council Presents The "Luck Of The Irish" Outreach Project. Each of our staff members donated items for a drawing for our students. Students pay \$.25 per chance to win the items, and the donations are given to benefit the needy in India and El Salvador. Items range from stuffed animals to videos to games to sporting goods to food items and gift certificates!

Congratulations to Alison Binder for placing 1st in the Frederick District and 2nd in the State

of Maryland in the VFW's Youth Essay Contest. The theme for this year was "What Does It Mean To Be Patriotic?"

### Signs of spring

Here are two poems from our 2nd Graders that will surely get us ready for spring!

#### The Princess of March by Jacqueline Dorsey

I saw some March princesses in the woods,  
They all wore coats with some small hoods.  
Soon they found their very own goal,  
Their goal was to catch a magical troll.  
They caught him under a tree,  
Each princess danced with glee.  
The Princesses who were all dressed in yellow,  
Soon got their wish and each of them found  
a nice princely fellow.

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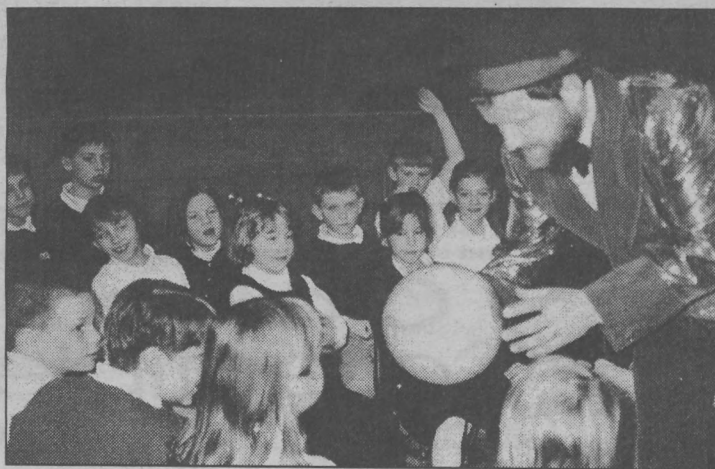
#### Soccer by Jessica McElwain

Now I'm up for soccer practice - I can't wait!  
But I have to pay attention or I'll be late!  
The field is long and wide,  
So you can't go run and hide.  
You can't get a goal,  
If you hit the goal's pole!  
Kick the ball,  
Before you fall!  
You need to have a team,  
Or you will feel alone it seems.  
Soccer is lots of fun,  
But now I'm glad my practice is done!

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Development Office, Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg MD 21727 or call us at (301) 447-3165 or e-mail to [development@mothersetonschool.org](mailto:development@mothersetonschool.org)

## Obituaries

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Mary Elizabeth Myers

Mary Elizabeth Myers, 105, formerly of Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont, died Tuesday, March 27, at Homewood at Cruiland Farms Frederick.

Known as one of Thurmont's "Hello Girls," Mrs. Myers and her two sisters were telephone operators in the town from 1916 to 1949. By 1920, all three of the teen-aged sisters were telephone operators.

The town's phone system went to direct dialing in 1949 and the need for operators diminished.

When Mrs. Myers ended her career as a phone operator she worked at Frederick Memorial Hospital, retiring in 1959.

She was preceded in death by two

husbands, Luther Buhrman in 1951, and James. C. Myers.

Born Dec. 15, 1895, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Edward M. and Frances L. Humbert Hobbs.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, 16150 St. Anthony Road, Emmitsburg, with Mrs. Myers' nephew, Monsignor James V. Hobbs, of the Basilica in Baltimore, as the celebrant. Interment will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Cemetery, Thurmont.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 16150 St. Anthony Road, Emmitsburg Md. 21727.

## Area Churches

**Incarnation United Church of Christ**  
Founded in 1758 as a German Reformed Congregation. In 1860's the church moved into town. The current brick building was rebuilt after a fire in 1950. The current congregation is now UCC.

124 West Main Street  
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Pastor Rev. Margaret L. Dodds  
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**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  
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's Shrine, opened its doors on October 26, 1897.

16150 St. Anthony Road  
Mass schedule; Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend James W. Mannon  
**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  
Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Julian A. Tavenner  
**Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church**

Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church has been a part of the Emmitsburg Community since before the American Revolution. The original meeting house stood about a mile north of Emmitsburg along the Gettysburg Rd. The grave of Samuel Emmit, founder of Emmitsburg, is located in the old cemetery.

415 West Main Street  
Service 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Reverend R. Benjamin Jones

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

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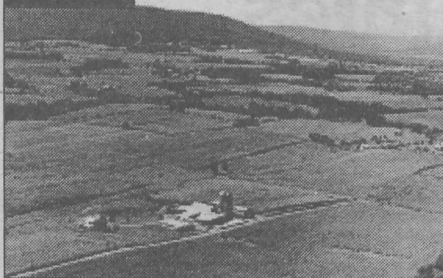
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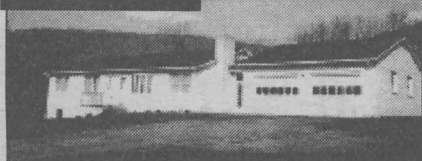
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## Looking Ahead

**Thursday, April 5**

**Fourth Annual Emmitsburg Branch Library Adult Tea**, hosted by the Friends of the Emmitsburg Branch Library, will be held from 2 until 4 p.m. in the library's meeting room. The tea will feature the art of Rose Keepers. Registration suggested. Call 301-447-2682.

**Friday, April 6**

**Buffet Style Fish Fry**, sponsored by St. Joseph's Holy Name, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hall, DePaul Street, Emmitsburg. All-you-can-eat buffet: fried or baked whiting or catfish, salmon cakes, coleslaw, potato wedges, green beans, roll, drink and dessert. Cost: \$8.00 per person. Children 6-9 \$3.00. Under 5 free. Carry outs will be available.

**Friday, April 6**

**Basket Bingo** sponsored by Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue, Blue Ridge Summit PA.. Twenty regular games. Three Specials. Lots of new and retired baskets. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door. For more information contact Sonia at 717-794-5216. Food Available.

**Sunday, April 8**

**Basket Bingo** to benefit Fairfield Football will be held at the Fairfield Fire Hall. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Games begin at 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$12 per ticket. Twenty games, 6 cards per game. Specials include Laundry & Protector and Whistle Stop Comb. Raffles include Hamper and Hope Chest. For more information and tickets call Pam Bolin at 717-642-6894, Kim Potts at 717-642-5054, or Mary Lou Little at 301-447-2073.

**Thursday, April 12**

**Thurmont Mom's Club**. Meets 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, Md. For details call 301-271-3337.

**Sunday April 15th**

**A good old country breakfast** at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club 12380 Shoemaker Rd. from 7 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If snow emergency plan is in effect it will be held on April 23rd 2001. Menu is pancakes, buck wheat cakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding & hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples, fruit cocktail, orange juice, and coffee. Adults \$5.00: chil-

dren 8 to 12 \$3.50. For information call Godfrey Miller at 410-751-1685.

**Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**The monthly EBPA meeting** will feature Franklin N. McNeil, Jr., Community Affairs Representative, Federal Reserve Bank. The group meets at the Carriage House Inn at 11:30 Reservations requested but not required.

**Tuesday, April 17**

**Emmitsburg's Election Day**. Ballots can be cast at the Town Office, 22 East Main Street between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. There are two 3-year term commissioner openings on the Town Council.

**Tues., April 17 - Sat., April 28**

**Bag Sale**, Seton Center Thrift Shop, 16840 S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD. from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. \$5 a bag. Call 301-447-6102 for more information.

**Saturday, April 21,**

**The fourth annual "Of Men and Monuments" bus tours**, hosted by The Adams County Arts Council, will be held at 10 A.M. and 2 P.M., highlighting the, remarkable sculpture in the Gettysburg National Military Park. Fred Hawthorne, licensed battlefield guide and author of *Gettysburg- Stories of Men and Monuments*, will offer two new tours this year. Tickets are \$17.50 and available at Gallery 30, 30 York St, Gettysburg, 717-334-0335.

**Wednesday, April 25**

**An evening card party** sponsored by the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens will be held at the Senior Center, 300 South Seton Avenue at 6:30 p.m. IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Pinochle and 500 will be played. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$2.00. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. For information call 301-447-6253 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 28**

**Chicken Bar-B-Que & Bake Sale**, sponsored by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, will be held at the ambulance building from 11 a.m. until.....

**Saturday, April 28**

**Pieced in the Mountains: Quilts of the Catoctin Mountains, 1751-2001**, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Thurmont American Legion. Sponsored by the the Thurmont Historical Society to celebrate Thurmont's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Locally designed and sewn antique

quilts will be displayed in this first attempt to document quilts of the Thurmont area. This show features quilts that were quilted in the Mechanicstown/Thurmont area between the years 1751-2001. The handwork of early local families will be represented as well as that of more recent area quilters.

**Saturday, May 5**

**Flower Mart**, sponsored by Friends of the Emmitsburg Library, 9:00 a.m -1:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the Community Building, 300 South Seton ave, Emmitsburg, Md. Proceeds to benefit our library. Indoor and outdoor plants: trees, cuttings, seedlings, and garden accessories. For further information call Annetta, 301-447-2992.

**Tuesday, May 15**

**EBPA luncheon** to be held at the Carriage House Inn. Speaker will be Tim Magrath, Western Maryland representative for United States Senator Paul S. Sarbanes. Reservations requested but not required..

### Upcoming Events of St. Joseph's Church Sodality

**Saturday, August 18,**

St. Joseph's Church Parish Picnic, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Saturday, September 15**

St. Joseph's Sodality Yard Bake Lunch Sale from 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

**Friday, Saturday, December 7-8**

Christmas Country Fare, sponsored by St. Joseph's Church Sodality

#### *Ecumenical Lenten Worship Services*

*April 8, Palm Sunday, 7:30 p.m.  
Provincial House Basilica  
Rev. Jim Hannon of  
St. Anthony's Shrine  
7:30 p.m., light refreshments.*

*April 15, Easter, 6:30 a.m.  
Grotto of Lourdes Chapel  
Rev. Ben Jones of  
Emmitsburg Presbyterian  
Church*

*St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
invites all to attend its regular  
Stations of the Cross Service,  
April 13, Good Friday.*

## Vigilant Hose Auxiliary

### Upcoming Activities

The VHC will sponsor the Annual Easter Seafood Bonanza on Holy Thursday, April 12 and Good Friday, April 13 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:30 pm each day. Crab cakes, steamed and fried shrimp, oysters, fish, and vegetable crab soup will be available again this year. Stop by the fire hall for some delicious food!

In conjunction with the Seafood Sale, the VHC Auxiliary will be holding their annual food sale on Friday, April 13 beginning at 11:00 am and ending when all the goodies are gone! Pick up a cake or two for Easter dinner dessert! Also available will be pickled eggs, potato salad, candy, fudge, and breads.

The VHC Auxiliary has resumed their monthly Old Fashion Bingo nights on the third Thursday of the month. The next one is April 19. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with bingo beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bring the family out for an inexpensive night of fun! Refreshments are available.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of our activities.

## FFA

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like to thank those who supplied equipment or physical assistance on Friday and Saturday.

Kirra Pilson has applied for a State Proficiency in sheep production. Record books were judged on March 13th. Receiving record book awards from Catoctin were Carrie Muller, Beth Shiner, Chad Hahn and Kirra Pilson.

Julie Roop represented the chapter in the FFA Creed contest and placed first out of nine contestants. She will now compete at the state convention in May. March 28th is the scheduled agriculture mechanics and extemporaneous speaking contests. On March 26th the chapter will present a program to the Thurmont Grange on their activities.

State judging at the University of Maryland is planned for April 24th. Plant sales will begin on April 28th. A second open house will be May 5th. The state FFA Convention will be May 2-4th at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase. The FFA banquet is set for May 24th. The chapter plans to participate in the Town's 250th celebration parade on May 26th.

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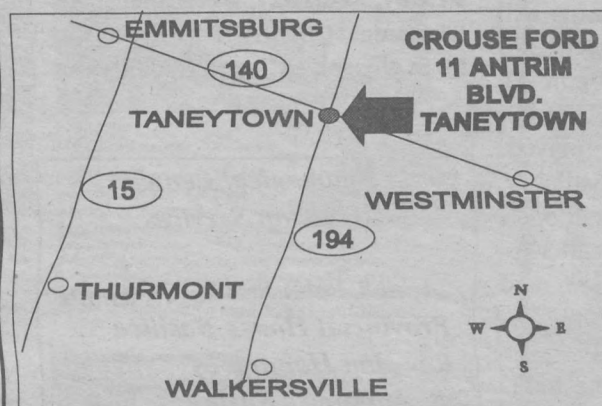
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