

By Raymond Buchheister—The Dispatch

## Veterans Honored Memorial Day

The combined honor Guard of the Emmitsburg Posts of the American Legion, Post #121, and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post #6658, remembered veterans by firing a memorial salute at several locations throughout the town on the morning of May 27th.

Pictured at the Dough Boy are Mike Orndorff, Robert Troxell, John Sutton, Tim McKinnon, Paul Sutton, Edward McKinnon, Fred Bowne, Ronald Cool, Donald McKinnon, Herbert Gingell, Edward Pryor, Mike Hartdagen, Wade Joy, and Robert Dinterman.

## New \$3 Million Welcome Center To Open On Same Site In 2004

Staff Report

It will look like a farmstead from the time of the Civil War, with a house and several farm buildings. There will be a farmyard garden with herbs used as medicines during the War, and a pond to collect (and treat) storm water runoff. Visitors will be able to wander in an orchard or lounge on a pavillion, when they enter the new Emmitsburg Welcome Center to be located where the current Center is, on the southbound side of US 15, nine miles south of Gettysburg, PA. It is scheduled to open in mid- or late 2004.

The Center will be totally new; existing buildings will be removed, the land re-graded. It will have restrooms, but it will be much more than a rest stop, according to the plans of the MD State Highway Administration. It will include, in the "house," an information and display hall, an office and conference room, and an area of 2,000 square feet with exhibits relating to the Civil War, such as military actions and stories of that time.

The Department plans to have exhibits that correspond to social

studies courses in schools, and is soliciting ideas from teachers and others. It is seeking some interactive exhibits, which are especially attractive to grade schoolers. It calls this instructional aspect of the project "Heritage Education Curricula for the Emmitsburg Welcome Center."

The Center's restrooms will be in a second old-farm-like building. In front of it will be a third, smaller old-looking building for storage, and machines for vending drinks unimagined in 1860, unless the Highway Administration gets imaginative and offers things like sassailla and buttermilk.

Beyond a ring of trees, at the right of the buildings, will be the orchard. To left there will be a park with a picnic area, a playground for tots, and a pavillion where visitors — including Emmitsburgians — perhaps may enjoy theatrical performances, band concerts, and 19th Century music.

The Center will be connected to Emmitsburg's sewage and water systems. It does not require the purchase of more land, but will cost \$3 million.

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## Squad 6 Arrives

By Raymond Buchheister  
Editor/Publisher

What's better than a toy fire engine? A brand new real one, some Emmitsburg residents might say — at least those who waited with members of the Vigilant Hose Company for its new heavy rescue vehicle, "Squad 6". It arrived at about 5 p.m., on May 22nd. They immediately began inspecting the vehicle, looking in compartments and checking out the gadgets and equipment like kids with a big new toy.

The adults were not the only ones excited. Several children climbed tirelessly over the vehicle and seemed to like best ringing the new truck's bell.

Squad 6 replaces a 24-year old vehicle that the Vigilant Hose Company donated to the Pine Mountain Volunteer Fire Co. in rural Arkansas, located in the Ozarks about 45 miles south of Branson, MO. The Pine Mountain firefighters drove their



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**Cody, 2, rings bell on Vigilant Hose's new rescue truck. He's the son of Captain Chris Stahley.**

gift home to Arkansas from Emmitsburg. They were as pleased with their new rescue vehicle as Vigilant Hose members are with theirs,

and so were the people they serve. When the Pine Mountain firefighters returned, they were given a hearty

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## Letters to the editor



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

## Please Keep Our Orchestra

Hi, I'm Amanda Droneburg. I'm 12, almost 13 years old. I attend Thurmont Middle School. I'm a honor roll student at my school. I play the violin for my Orchestra class. I'm not in sports, but I enjoy Orchestra. I plan on having a future in the Orchestra in high school. That is one thing I depend on in my school years. I'm very concerned.

I see more schools being built and added on to, but they are taking away the orchestra class. I don't understand why sports and other things, etc., are getting more attention. Most of the students are athletic, but not all of us are.

### Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

John and Faith Wiles of Emmitsburg- a son- April 25, 2002

Ryan and Jenni Ott of Emmitsburg- a son- May 2, 2002

Glenn and Maggie Blanchard of Emmitsburg- a daughter- May 5, 2002

Warren and Nicole Merkel of Fairfield, PA- a son- May 6, 2002

Jason and Colleen Ford of Emmitsburg- a daughter- May 7, 2002

Mr. & Mrs. John (Tammy Lingg) Glass of Emmitsburg - a son - May 16, 2002

Bridget & David McCarthy, Emmitsburg, a son, May 16, 2002

Tracy & Peter liebermann, Fairfield PA, a son, May 17, 2002

I'm one who is not. When it comes to sports I'm all thumbs.

I've been in the orchestra for two years, but I know that's not long, but it's long enough for me to know that this is what I want to do. I want to let you know the Thurmont Middle School (7th and 8th grade) orchestra worked so hard. We went to the adjudication at the Catoctin High School, and we got a first rating. We went all the way to Anne Arundel Country to the State Orchestra Festival! We were so proud of ourselves for what we have achieved this year.

If you take orchestra away from our high school (Catoctin), how are we going to achieve our goals in our lifetime? If you take the high school orchestra away from us, you will be taking our dreams of being someone some day.

(P.S We would like to have your support to keep the orchestra program in our high school.) Thank You!

—Amanda Droneburg  
A concerned student

*Editor's note: Amanda's letter moved us to learn the status of orchestra at Catoctin High School. Principal Ann Bonitatibus gave us some moderately good news. The Frederick County school system will provide staff at Catoctin for one period of orchestra next year. Then came the "but" - but the course will be temporary, unless enough students enroll in it. Young folks with keyboards, strings, brass, winds — take note.*

## Thank You, Emmitsburg Neighbors

The Town of Emmitsburg and Catoctin (CASS) would like to thank those citizens and businesses in the Greater Emmitsburg area for donating funds toward the Emmitsburg Summer Fun Camp. Over \$3000 has been donated by ten individuals/businesses. They are:

Diane Walbrecker, Joan Treadway of Wyndhurst, Antique and Real Estate, Dr. Bonnie Portier, Palms Restaurant, Melissa Hobbs & Don Butts, CPA, Dr. Curley, Zurgable's Hardware, Insurance Brokers of Emmitsburg, SNL Foods, and the Emmitsburg Council of Churches.

The Emmitsburg Summer Fund Camp Fund goes toward providing scholarship money to area children in

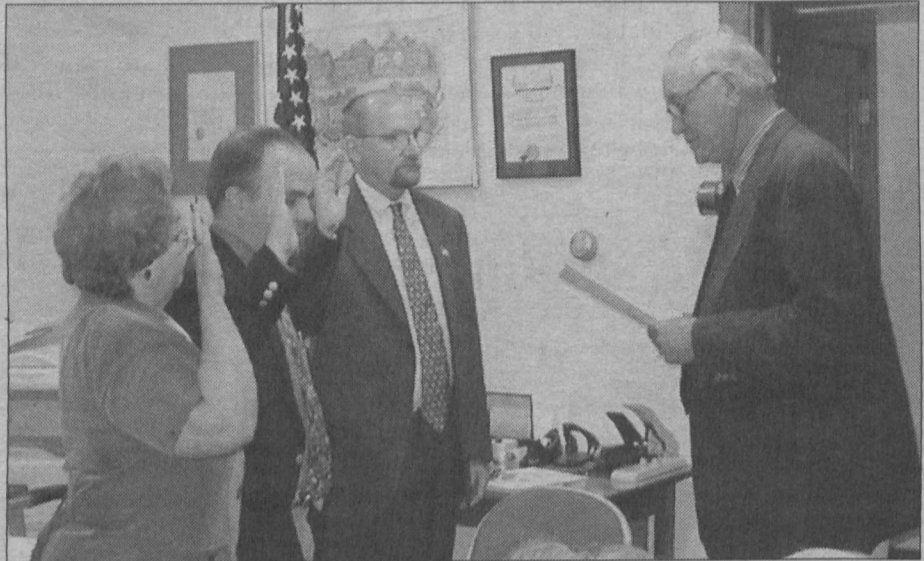
grades 2 through 5 to attend summer day camp in Emmitsburg. This camp is organized and directed by Frederick County Parks and Recreation which also directs After School Adventures, an after school program for Emmitsburg children. All funds raised will go strictly toward summer scholarships for children.

This fund-raiser is not over yet. Another \$5,000 is needed. So, for those of you who have not yet considered a donation, please do so now, by sending a check to the Town of Emmitsburg and designate these funds for the Emmitsburg Summer Fun Camp Fund.

—Bill Derbyshire,  
Catoctin CASS Coordinator

## Town News

# Mayor, Commissioners Installed Committee Appointments Made



Mayor William Carr installed newly elected town officials at the May 6 meeting. Before a standing room only crowd, he swore in former Commissioner Jim Hoover as the new mayor, and Joyce Rosensteel and Ted Brennan as new commissioners. They joined current members of the Board of Commissioners, Pat Boyle and Cliff Sweeney.

Commissioner Pat Boyle will continue as president of the Board and also be the liaison to the Board of Appeals. He appointed Cliff Sweeney to the streets committee, Joyce Rosensteel to the parks committee, and Ted Brennan to the planning and zoning committee. Mr. Brennan will also serve as the water and sewer commissioner.

Before the swearing-in ceremony, Mayor-elect Jim Hoover presented to outgoing Mayor William Carr a plaque of appreciation "for his many years of dedicated service to the Community of Emmitsburg." Dr. Carr served one year as a commissioner and nine years as mayor. "It's been a great run," he said. "I've made a lot of new friends and renewed ties with old friends. All I did, I did for the good of Emmitsburg."

### Mayor's Report:

Before leaving office Mayor Carr reported that the manufacturer of the Town's water filters, Separmatic, Inc., will connect a pilot plant in parallel with the main plant. Its purpose is to fine-tune the operating levels and evaluate the chemical induction rates. The pilot plant is used for this because it minimizes water loss during the set-up period.

### Committee Reports:

Commissioner Sweeney reported that the parks are in full use by Little League and the men's softball league. He said the players greatly appreciate the improvements made to the fields. The Commissioner reported that the repair and conversion of the tennis court is underway; it had been made into a skateboard park several years ago. He noted that the parks committee would like to change the closing time of the

July Community Day activities from 2 to 4 p.m.

### Other Business:

The commissioners:

- Voted 4-0 to accept town engineer "JEF" Fitzgerald's proposed modifications to the way that house water laterals are connected to the main water lines. The new system would use stainless steel saddles because they provide an obstruction-free connection to the inner surface of the pipe, which makes them easier to clean and reline. The saddles also extend the life of the connection.

- Voted 4-0 to appoint the town's Code Enforcer, Eva Miller, to be also the Municipal Drought Coordinator. Her responsibility will be to track and process infractions of water-saving measures during a drought, and report to the mayor. She will be given the necessary training. The Director of the Utility and Solid Waste Department of Frederick County requested this position.

- Agreed to meet with Mr. Ron Face of the National Fire Academy to discuss the impact of the agency's proposed expansion on the town's resources.

- Tabled a request from Charles A. Stouter to graze cattle on six acres of town property adjoining his, in exchange for fence maintenance. The commissioners want to study further the regulations concerning the use of streams to water animals and its environmental impact on stream banks.

### Concluding Remarks:

Mayor Hoover expressed his intention to provide regular reports to the media on issues before the town and to keep citizens up-to-date on the Board's activities. This will include a monthly column in the Emmitsburg Dispatch.

Commissioner Brennan urged his fellow commissioners to prepare for a future discussion on three items which he proposed: (1) the separation of the executive and legislative functions with respect to the

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## Mayor

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Mayor's voting on council actions, (2) the appointment of a volunteer water commission to study water issues facing the town, including the appropriate use of the water resources for government, business, and residences; and (3) the need for a press officer to highlight the good things the town has achieved.

Town Manager Dave Haller

announced a new permit policy. If the completed application is in the Town Office on a Tuesday, it can be picked up on Thursday of the following week.

He also noted that anyone with a new issue for the Board of Commissioners must submit a request 30 days before the Town meeting, in order to have it put on the agenda.

## Town Warns: Fines Or Turn-off For Water Ban Violations

Staff Report

The Town of Emmitsburg has been under a strict water ban since March 15, 2002. The State of Maryland has also imposed water restrictions. Emmitsburg will continue to enforce these regulations, Town officials say. Anyone found in violation of the ban will receive a warning for the first offense. After the first offense the Town will notify the State Drought Coordinator, and may include a fine and/or turn off the water to the property.

To keep citizens aware that the water ban is in effect, Emmitsburg is placing blue "Water Ban" signs at each entrance to the town. Anyone with a question about the ban may contact the Town Office. The Town Council approved the following

### Water use policy

- No car washing
- No watering of lawns or gardens
- No filling of private pools
- No exterior use of water; State regulations allow the filling of public pools
- Commercial car wash companies will be reduced to a maximum use of 3500 gallons per week
- Laundromats may be open only on Monday, Thursday and Saturday, and cannot open before 6 a.m. or close later than 10 p.m.
- All large volume users (who use 20,000 gallons per day or more) are required to reduce their use by 10 percent. The Town will be reading meters weekly
- Restaurants may serve water only at a customer's request.

### Grass & Weed Control

The Town reports that it has received many complaints from residents during May about high grass and weeds on adjacent properties. When it receives a valid complaint, it must enforce ordinance 8.12.040, which requires that no grass or weeds be taller than 18 inches, and that a property owner must cut the grass/weeds within five days of receiving a violation notice, or be fined up to \$75 per day until it is done.

Town officials urge citizens to remember this ordinance when they plan to be away, and to make arrangements for someone to cut the grass to avoid a violation.

## From The Mayor's Desk

**Issues Summary.** In an effort to better inform the community of Town matters, I will be providing a brief summary statement of the major issues the Town is currently dealing with in each edition of the Dispatch. When reading the information, if you see something that you would like to know more about, please contact me, any of your Commissioners, or the Town Manager. With the exceptions of legal and personnel matters, we will be glad to discuss any Town matter with you. If we are not able to answer your questions right away, we will get back to you in a timely manner!

**Budget.** At our April 30th public hearing the mayor and commissioners approved the 2002-2003 annual budget. This year the sewer and water expenditures and income were separated from the general fund budget. Now, the sewer and water departments operate as an enterprise system. This means that all expenses related to the operation of the sewer and water departments will be paid for through the income generated from the sewer and water bills. The enterprise system will provide dedicated funds to make improvements to the sewer and water infrastructure, such as new water lines.

**Property Tax Rate.** Also at our Public Hearing, the Emmitsburg property tax rate was set at 36 cents per \$100 of the assessed value. Last year's tax rate was 30 cents per \$100.

**Billing.** The council also voted to send the annual sewer and garbage bill semi-annually. This decision was made due to many residents complaining about the annual bill (approximately \$375) coming at the same time as the July quarterly water bill. We made this change in effort to lessen the financial burden on those residents. Each year (beginning July 2002) in the months of July and January, residents will be billed one-half of the annual bill. Residents will have up to 90 days to pay each semi-annual bill.

**Information Policy.** Beginning with this edition of the Dispatch, the Town will be providing general information about Town policy and procedures, such as water ban information, snow emergency plan policy, when you need a building sign permit, what constitutes a parking violation and how to pay the fine. We will also list the Town office hours, holidays and the dates and times of upcoming public meetings.

—James E. Hoover  
Mayor, Emmitsburg

## 'If I Were Mayor' Contest Winners



Essay contest winners (from left) Levita Feaster, Zach Amato, and Jessica Clarke. In back Mayor Carr and Emmitsburg Elementary school principal Wanda Severance.

There were big smiles on the faces of three small authors May 6 when the Town of Emmitsburg honored them as winners of the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest. Winners were, First Prize: Zach Amato; Second Prize: Jessica Clarke; Third Prize: Levita Feaster.

The Town sponsored the contest, as recommended by the Maryland Municipal League, in observance of government work week. Though open to elementary school children in the region, all three winners attend Emmitsburg Elementary School. Principal Wanda Severance submitted their work to the Town office. Then Mayor William Carr presented a certificate to each child and a check, \$50 for first place, \$25 for second, and \$15 for third.

### FIRST PRIZE IF I WERE MAYOR....

By Zach Amato

If I were mayor of Emmitsburg I would make some changes. I would make changes by having a limit of liquor stores and cigarettes. I would do this because kids and adults are drinking and it is causing cancer and the brain is getting more and more affected with smoking and drinking. I also

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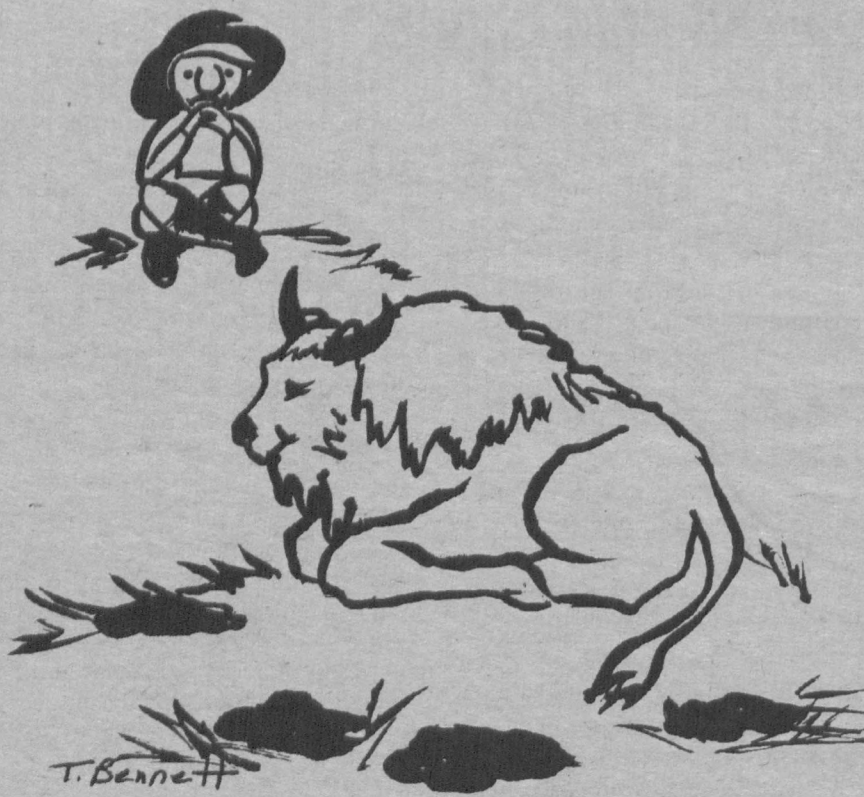
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When the Chips ARE Down, The buffalo is Empty. 8.25.01

## An Appeal to Readers For Memories Of Doc Cadle

Dr. William Rodman Cadle served the Emmitsburg Community as physician from 1925 until his retirement. He was a presence in the community. He treated many of the readers of this paper for an assortment of "complaints." Over the years we have heard many recollections of him as the country doctor attending families in times of crisis, of having birthed many babies, of being involved in many community activities

We have been urged to put together a "life story" of Dr. Cadle before memories slip away, and to include his story in the book being produced by the Greater Emmitsburg Historical Society under the leadership of Michael Hillman.

His family can provide some information but we feel the true story of Dr. Cadle lies in the collective memory of the people and community he served. If you have any memories or little stories you would like to share and contribute

to this project we urge you to do so. We are very fortunate that long-time friend Ruth Richards will collect and organize the material.

You may write a note, or record a story on a cassette tape. Some of you may wish to submit your story by e-mail. Here's how to get your contribution to us:

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Carolyn Cadle Lower, (717) 677-6230/405 Boyers Nursery Road, Biglerville, PA 17307

Ruth Richards, 391-447-6243/  
16429 Old Emmitsburg Road,  
Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Michael Hillman,  
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Thank you!

—Bo and Jean Cadle  
Emmitsburg

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### Commentary

## Changes to the Dispatch Keeping you informed

Raymond & Jennifer  
Buchheister  
Publisher/Editors

This issue of the Dispatch is the first published by us since taking over the publication. At the present we do both the jobs of editing and publishing but hope to employ others to do specific tasks. You may notice some changes in this Dispatch and there will be more. A newspaper is in some ways a work of art as well as a business. So, our changes only express our personal aesthetic viewpoints and our ideas about what is important and interesting — viewpoints about how the paper looks, about headlines, type fonts, literary style, etc. The Dispatch has been, we think, an admirable contribution to the history of Emmitsburg (thank you, Bo and Jean) and we ask God to guide us to do the same.

#### Requests for reporting

Every month several people ask the Dispatch to tell their stories, describe their organizations, or report on events and projects. In nearly every case we wish we could, but we do not have enough reporters to write about them all. This is a busy town! The Dispatch has been trying to enlist those who take part in events in this region to act as reporters: to take full notes with answers to all a journalist's questions: Who? What? Why? When? Where? and How? We hope you take plenty of pictures, too, not posed or from too great a distance. We will put together a story from the material you submit, if we get it on time. If we

don't, it may become such old news that only you and we will be interested, not our readers. Still, even if our deadline is approaching, it's worth submitting it for your sake, and, if we can print it, it will be valuable to everyone.

#### Dispatch seeks writer/reporter

The Dispatch is looking for a writer/reporter. Anyone who is interested in helping us cover community organizations, functions and events, please let us know. The person must be flexible and able to take several assignments each month. This usually involves going to meetings or other events within the Emmitsburg region. Our writer/reporter must have the ability to gather accurate information, to write it correctly, and take photographs if necessary. We're looking for someone with a sense of responsibility and good communication skills, because our reporter will be representing this newspaper. Respond by e-mail to [dispatch@emmitsburg.net](mailto:dispatch@emmitsburg.net), or leave a message at 301-447-3039, or write mail to The Dispatch, P.O. Box 358 Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

#### Deadlines for submitting news

A newspaper has a chain of deadlines. A reporter must get copy to the editor, the editor to the layout artist, the artist to the editor for approval, the editor to the printer — all in time for the paper to be published when everyone wants to read it. Actually there are many other intermediate deadlines in this chain as well. Like every chain, it's only as efficient as its weakest link. Meeting

deadlines determines when the paper will be put into print. This newspaper is published on or about the first of the month. Since the Dispatch has more than enough material to publish, it is obliged to hold fast to its deadlines. No one link will be allowed to delay the delivery of the Dispatch. For all who would like to help provide news to Emmitsburg, the deadline is the 15th of the month before the publication date. The Dispatch will not guarantee publication of material submitted after the 15th, and may not consider it at all for that month's issue. The exception is a story about an event that occurs between our reporting deadline and the publication date. If we judge it to be important enough, we may take on the work and cost of revision. We cannot "stop the presses," as they said in old movies, but we may be able fit the story in. It would help us if you tell us in advance -- before the 15th -- that your story has to be late, so that we can leave room for it.

#### Changes in Location and Operation

The office located at 130 South Seton Avenue will close in several weeks. Volunteers staffed the office for us for only a few hours weekly. Contributors can put material in a drop-box in Emmitsburg. Its location and hours of operation will be published when the details have been made final. The Dispatch's mailing address and telephone number remain the same: P.O. Box 358, Emmitsburg, MD 21727; 301-447-3039. The telephone will be monitored by an answering machine. The best means of communication and submission of material is by e-mail. We recommend that this be your first choice of communication. The e-mail is checked several times a day. Please email us (using all lower case letters) at [dispatch@emmitsburg.net](mailto:dispatch@emmitsburg.net).

## Squad 6

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reception by local citizens.

Built by Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., of Appleton WI, Squad 6 cost approximately \$385,000. Modern equipment and added radios boosted the cost of the new rescue vehicle to approximately \$470,000. Its furnishings especially pleased Vigilant Hose Company members because, except for its new radios, it arrived with all its tools and equipment already in place. They would have labored more than a month to install it all. Selling a vehicle with its equipment already installed, was a first for Pierce Manufacturing.

Firefighters and others with mechanical knowledge may appreciate the features of Squad 6 — a 20-foot non-walking rescue body, a 500 horsepower Detroit series 60 engine, an Allison automatic transmission, two Hurst electric simo power units preconnected to four Hurst hose reels, a 9,000



watt elevating light tower, six 1,500 watt recessed flood lights, a 35 kw PTO generator, two Hanney 240 v cord reels, one Hanney air hose reel, one Hanney 110v cord reel, and one

portable 9,000 lb winch — all pre-mounted by the manufacturer.

Vigilant Hose Company members will begin training on the vehicle June 8th, and will continue throughout the

month. The vehicle will be placed into service during a formal dedication ceremony set for June 30th at 1:00 p.m. at the firehouse. The community is invited to attend.

## Contest winners

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think I should change is that in the country there should be signs on the bridges because some bridges get really icy and there are accidents on that icy bridge. These are most of the reasons I would like to be mayor. Also being mayor I could make changes that maybe I haven't thought of so the world or Emmitsburg could be a very better place to live in and visit!

Second Prize

IF I WERE MAYOR....

By Jessica Clarke

If I were mayor of Emmitsburg, I would keep the town safe by building a police department and putting a cross guard at every square. Another thing is that I would make the water clean and taste good by getting people to check the pumps and making sure everyone has a filter for their water. I would do that because when I lived in Emmitsburg the water always got yucky and one day it came out brown and we were wasting filters that way. Also I would put a bigger doctor's office in town by getting people to remodel the old one. I would do it so everyone will stay healthy. I would help keep the town clean by commanding people not to litter. Also I would plan a community service for the school to come pick up trash. I would visit the nursing home and the senior center to say, "hi" every other week. I would plan a day for the school to go play bingo with the sick at the nursing home. I would do that because I like to see the sick with a smile on

their faces every day. One other thing is that I would put a mall in the town so everyone can go there whenever they want. I would want to do that because I hate having to run all the way to Frederick to the closest mall. I would want to do all that so that I will see smiling faces everywhere I go. That's what I would want to see every day of my mayor life.

Third Prize

IF I WERE MAYOR....

By Levita Feaster

If I were Mayor I would get better roads because when slippery things come down people could have

fewer chances of making accidents. Also, you could have more control over what you're doing. That is one thing I would do if I were Mayor.

Another thing that I would do is I would help plant a plant garden. I would do this because when cars ride through Emmitsburg [what] cars let out is making the air unclean. So I would plant a plant garden to clean the air. That is also one of the things I would do. I would also help organize a clean-up brigade to help pick up the trash that people throw. I would do this because I wouldn't want to see Emmitsburg become trash. That's why I would organize a cleanup brigade.

I would also try to get middle

schools and high schools because Emmitsburg really needs both of them. They really need middle schools because 5th graders are becoming 6th graders. Also, 8th graders are becoming 9th graders, and it's not fair those middle schoolers and high schoolers have to go to different towns to go to school. That's why I would build high schools and middle schools.

I would get lots of crossing guards because kids that are supposed to walk then they should walk. Since Main St.'s a highway, kids can't walk to school. Also, we wouldn't have to waste money on buses. That's why I would get a lot more crossing guards.

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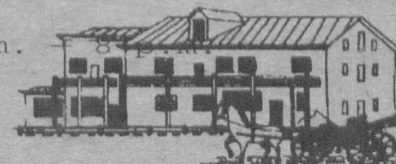
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## It's Spring – Adopt A Tree Well

The trees have bloomed; tulips and daffodils have come and gone. Now is the time to plant flowers for the summer – and even adopt a tree well and help beautify Emmitsburg.

Silver Fancy Garden Club is sponsoring its 2nd Adopt-a-Tree-Well contest, which is open to individuals and organizations. Winners will receive money and see their pictures in the

Dispatch. Prizes will be: First, \$25; Second, \$15; Third, \$10; Honorable Mention, \$5.

The Club will identify the winners at its October 17, 2002, meeting in the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building. The Town office (301-447-2313) and Frankie Fields (410-756-2380) have information about the contest and how to adopt a tree well.

## Chorus Sings 'Touch of Americana'

"A Touch of Americana" was the theme for a concert by the Emmitsburg Community Chorus at 3 p.m. June 2 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 47 DePaul Street, Emmitsburg, MD. This was the group's 38th Annual Spring Concert. The concert was under the direction of Loren Roth and accompanied by Pat McElroy.

The Chorus presents two major concerts each year, at Christmas and in the spring. It also sings at nursing homes and various events throughout the year.

Its director, Loren Roth, is a native of Fairfield, PA. He attended

Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, PA, and the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, MD. He is also the director of the Fairfield Singers, is active in music ministries of several area churches, and owns a graphic design firm, Ragged Edge Design.

The Hall had accessible facilities for the physically challenged and a free-will offering was taken up for the chorus.

For more information about the chorus contact Loren Roth, 717-642-8500, e-mail: edgedesign@adelphia.net, or Shannon Boyle, 301-447-3121, e-mail: sboyle@doc.org.

## Miss Martin Graduates *Summa Cum Laude*

Aimee Martin, daughter of David and Barbara Martin of Emmitsburg, graduated summa cum laude as a member of the Class of 2002 at Mount St. Mary's College. She maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.9, 3.98 in her major. While at Mount St. Mary's, she was inducted into Pi Lambda Theta, the National Education Honor Society; Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Catholic Honor Society; Alpha Mu Gamma, the National Collegiate Foreign Language Honor Society; and the Monsignor Tierney Honor Society which recognizes students of excellent academic merit. Aimee has accepted a position as a fifth grade teacher at Mother Seton School.



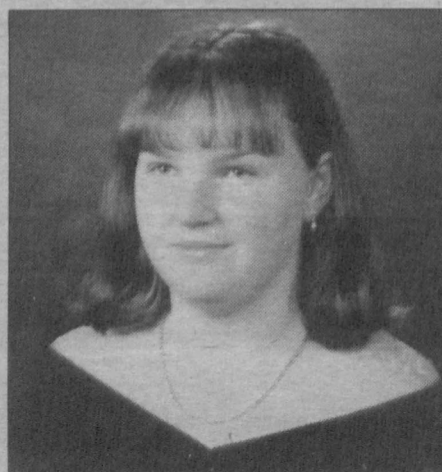
Aimee Martin

## Miss Hoover Receives Scholarship

Amanda Hoover of W. Main St. recently received an Academic Excellence Award to attend Frostburg State University.

Now a senior at Catoctin High School, she plans to major in social science and become a teacher. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and the volleyball team.

Amanda enjoys photography and volunteers at Emmitsburg Elementary School. She is the daughter of Emmitsburg Mayor James and Diane Hoover.



Amanda Hoover

## *Vigilant Hose Company*

# Money Can Save Lives

Staff Report

Money can't buy love, but it can help save lives – and property. Volunteers and other workers at Emmitsburg's own fire department know this and are currently running their annual fund drive. By now residents in this area should have received a letter from the the Vigilant Hose Company (VHC).

The department is replacing a Squad Truck – vintage 1978 – with a new one. Funds received in this drive will help reduce the loan

for the truck and for other modern equipment and technology. The cost is \$400,000.

Rosensteel Studios of Emmitsburg will provide, at no charge, a sitting at the studio and one 8x10 print, to anyone who donates \$35 or more during the drive.

Some area residents protected by the Town's fire department may not be able to give a large sum, or all at once. They can talk about giving, maybe in instalments, and about fire prevention, with the Vigilant Hose Company at 301-447-2728.

## Library News



### June Events

The Summer Reading Club (prizes, fun activities) starts a little earlier this year, on June 1. It includes reading activities for all ages — pre-readers through teens.

The Summer Kick-off will run from 10 a.m. until noon, Monday, June 17, at Monocacy Village Park. Librarians will give directions.

### The usual programs

Will continue. Family Storytime, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 and Thursday mornings at 10:30.

Babies with Books (birth-24 months) Tuesday, June 18, at 10:30.

Two-Terrific! (age 2 with an adult) Tuesdays, June 4, and 11's selection is *Smilla's Sense of Snow* by Peter Hoeg.

### Reminder:

The Library is still temporarily located at Silo Hill. The quarters are a bit smaller, but services are the same. Its phone number is 301-447-2682.

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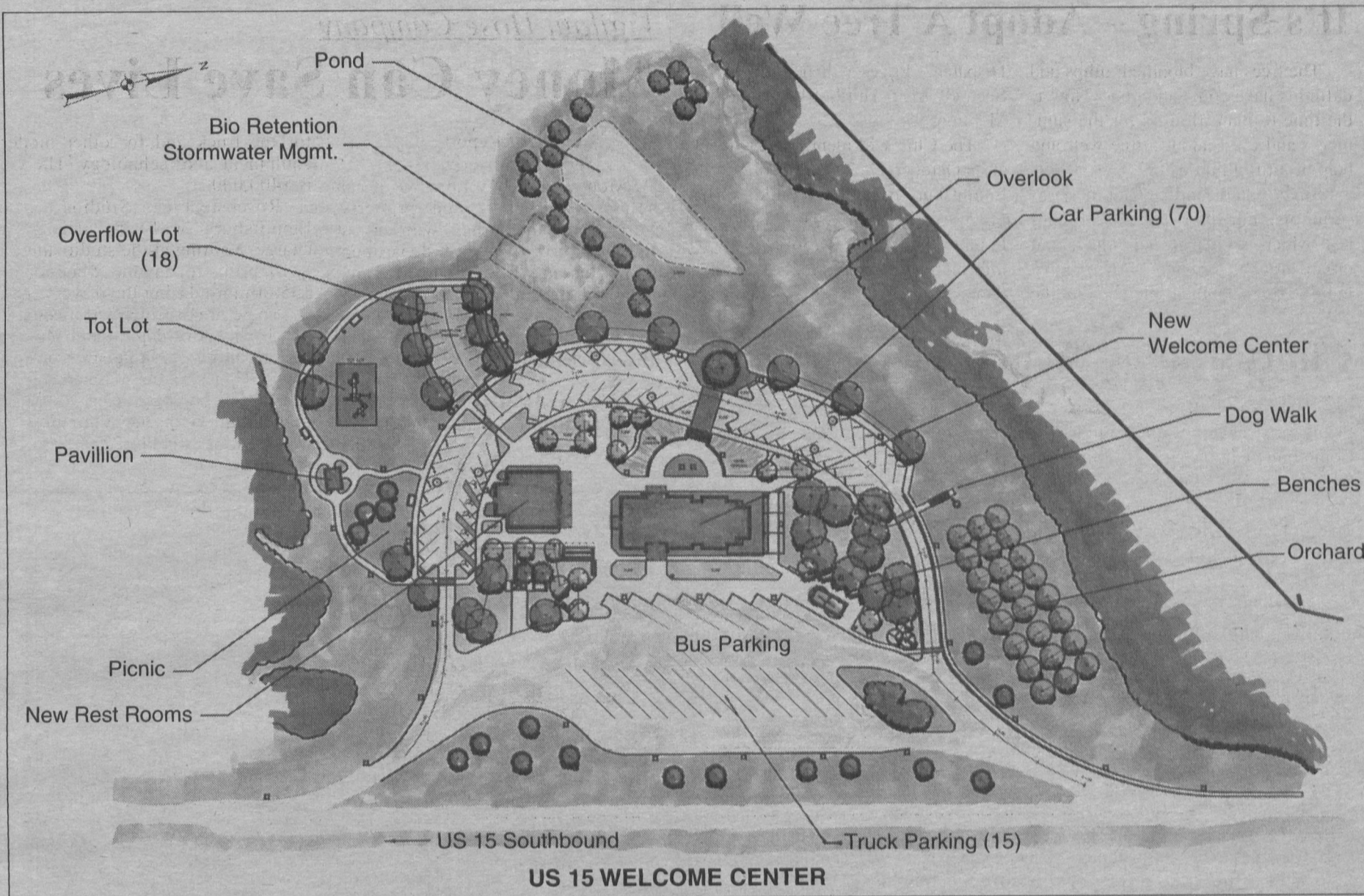
THURMONT RIDING CLUB SCHEDULE

June 29-30, Poker Ride at Midway Acres

July 6, 11-3 Emmitsburg Community Day - Pony Rides

September 15 & 29, Hunter/Jumper Show

October 12 & 13 Colorfest - Horse/Pony Rides



## Welcome center

Continued from page 1

The Highway Administration is still in the design phase and does not expect a go-ahead for the project until early 2003. It estimates construction will take 16 months, which means completion would occur around mid-2004.

The Department is accepting comments on its landscape and architecture plans for the Center: 1-800-446-5962. Teachers who might like to participate may write to Exhibit Services Program, Maryland Historical Trust, Jefferson Park and Museum, 10515 Mackall Rd., St. Leonard, MD 20685.

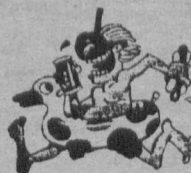
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## Interfaith Housing Breaks Ground At Silo Hill

Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland recently broke ground for a new development at Silo Hill in Emmitsburg. Called "Flat Run." The development is located on land donated by the Ausherman family, and will consist of 17 houses built both by professional contractors and with the "sweat equity" of the new homeowners.

Interfaith Housing is managing and developing this program with funding from the USDA Rural Development Department. Interfaith Housing has developed over 100 such houses, called Mutual Self-Help Housing, across the western region of Maryland, with 10 in

the original Silo Hill Development.

The program is modeled on the old-style barn-raising concept. Interfaith Housing works with low-income people (income must be 50 percent or less of area median income, depending on family size), in groups of four to six. Members of the group must complete Home Buyers training, be employed, and bring their credit into compliance. Then they work together for several months, building their own and each others' houses until everyone in the group can move in.

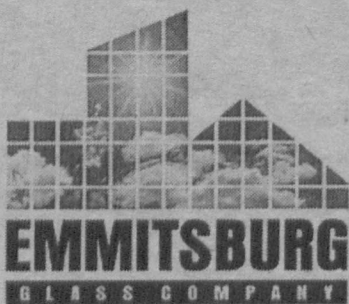
Each family must put in at least 30 hours a week building their house guided by an on-site construction supervisor supplied by Interfaith Housing. With the subsidy provided by all the partners gathered by Interfaith Housing, lenders can offer very affordable mortgages for people who would otherwise have no hope of owning a house.

At the groundbreaking former Mayor William Carr praised Interfaith Housing for its projects in Emmitsburg. "They have been exemplary in many ways. Not only have they provided leadership in affordable housing, but they have produced the lasting effects of character development in the community."

Each house is valued at from \$140,000 to \$150,000 and carry mortgages with interest rates between one percent and the market rate, depending on income. Loans are \$120,000 to \$130,000 with each family earning \$15,000 to \$20,000 in sweat equity by the time they move in — paying with their own hard work. By working together and supporting each other in this process, families become a community.

Single parents, couples, senior citizens, and individuals can learn more about how to qualify for this program by calling Interfaith Housing at 301-662-4225.

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## In Its Most Successful Fundraiser Mount Collected \$39.7 Million In 5 Years

Staff Report

In its 200-year history, claims Mt. St. Mary's College and Seminary, its "Connections" fundraising campaign brought in the most money, \$39.7 million over five years.

Of that amount 55 percent came as alumni gifts of of \$25,000 or more; about half of the alumni contributed. Members of the institution's Board of Trustees and President's Council gave or raised \$20 million; the Annual Fund raised over \$1 million each year of the campaign. During the campaign the Mount received the single largest gift in its history — a \$7 million charitable lead trust from an anonymous donor.

The money helped the Mount to establish 44 new scholarships.

About 300 volunteers worked in the campaign and 99 percent of the Mount's faculty participated. The co-chairs of the Connections Campaign were Peter O'Malley and John Walsh, C'68, who is Chairman of the Mount's Board of trustees.

In April 400 people came to celebrate the success of the Connections fundraising campaign. MSM President George R. Houston, Jr., summarized: "As the Mount approaches her 200th birthday, she has refurbished her wardrobe, added a new gem or two, and invested in her future. She truly is 'our hope' — Spes Nostra — and thanks to our donors that hope is bright."



By Lisa T.H. Pearre—United Way of Frederick County

Volunteers from The Plamondon Companies headed to Up-County Family Center in Emmitsburg to lend a helping hand for the annual United Way of Frederick County Day of Caring. They spent the better part of the day reading, singing and playing with the youngest clients at the non-profit agency, a member of the local United Way. Playing in the in-door sandbox are (clockwise from bottom left) Evan Folger; Bryan Casey, chief financial officer of The Plamondon Companies; Jack McCarthy; Pete Plamondon Jr., co-president of The Plamondon Companies; and Weston Folger. Seventy volunteers representing over a dozen local businesses donated their time to assist ten United Way of Frederick County member agencies with various one-day projects for the annual United Way event.

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## Osteopathic Primary Care Center Planned For 121-3 West Main St.

Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center (EOPCC) is planning a new health center for the Emmitsburg community. The Center recently purchased the building at 121-3 West Main Street.

Previously residential, the building will need substantial alterations to become the unique facility that EOPCC has planned. EOPCC has created floor plans for the center and begun preparation for renovations, with the help of Grant Cadwallader, an architect. He has volunteered his services for the duration of the project.

The finished center will have five examination rooms, office space for

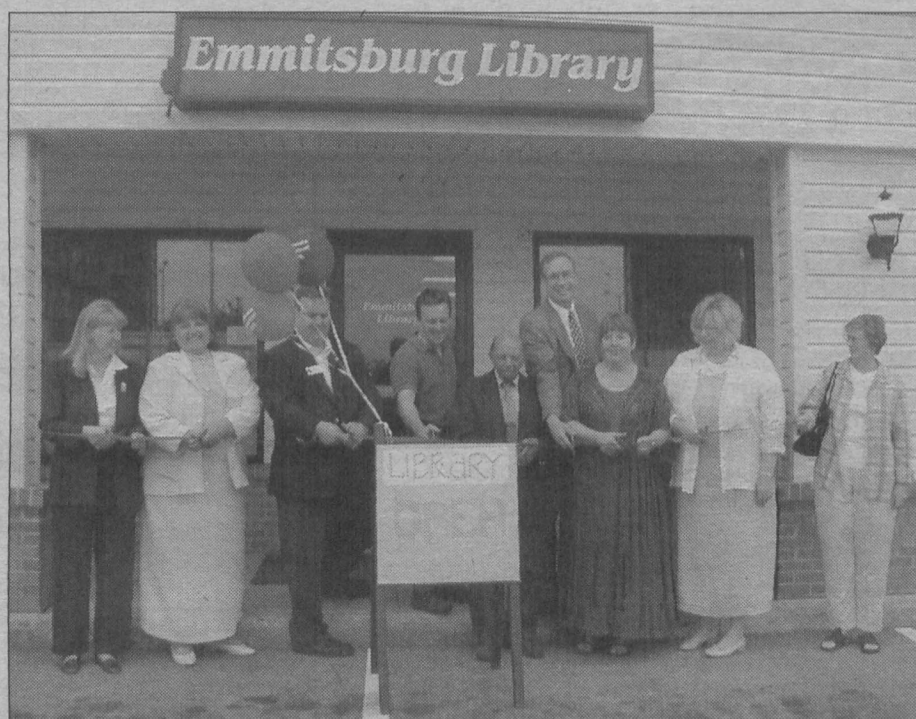
two doctors, a physical therapy room, a blood draw lab, and an office for psychiatric social services. It will be fully ADA accessible.

The new health center will help EOPCC provide a comprehensive medical program for the Emmitsburg community. Its program emphasizes preventative, instructional, and manipulative medicine. Because the program is patient-centered, each patient is actively involved in his or her health care.

The EOPCC is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit health care organization. The organization serves the uninsured and underinsured in north-



ern Frederick County and Southern Adams County. For more information call: may be obtained by calling Dr. Bonnie Portier, 301-447-3310, Linda Junker, 301-447-5306, or Rosemary McDermott, 301-271-7886.



By Raymond Buchheister—The Dispatch

Participating in the ceremony were from left Frederick County Commissioner, Jan Gardner; Representative of Frederick County Commissioner Gray, Belinda Teague-Levy; Frederick County Commissioner, Rick Weldon; President of the Emmitsburg Business & Professional Association, Loren Peters; President of the Frederick County Public Libraries Board of Trustees, William O. Lee; Director of the Frederick County Public Libraries, Darrell Batson; Emmitsburg Branch Library Administrator, Joan Fisher; President of the Friends of Emmitsburg Branch Library, Natalie Williams; and President of the Friends of Frederick County Public Libraries, Inc., Betsy Shiro.

## The Library's Temporary Card

Frederick county and local officials stamped "Open" on the Emmitsburg Library's card at its temporary location. A ribbon ceremony marked the event on May 23, 2002. The branch has been fully operational in Silo Hill

for several weeks. It is scheduled to remain there until September, 2003, when it will return to greatly expanded and modernized quarters in the building where it was, located behind the Ambulance Company site.

## Catoctin Pregnancy Center Relocates

The Catoctin Pregnancy Center is relocating and will be opening on June 3. Our telephone number remains the same, (301) 447-3391. The new address is 501 East Main Street, Emmitsburg. The post office box num-

ber is the same, P.O. Box 1168.

We have much work to be accomplished by our loyal volunteers in order to prepare our new home. Stay tuned. More to follow.

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# “Graduating—What next?”

By Wade Martin

Pastor, Trinity United  
Methodist Church

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians says that to each one of us gifts are given and they are to be used for the common good. Paul is referring to spiritual gifts, which are special abilities given to each person by the Holy Spirit.

There are many gifts and we all have different gifts; and oftentimes people have more than one gift. Discovering how we have been gifted is something very important to our spiritual development and to achieving ultimate happiness and success in life.

I've recently become aware of a nasty virus going around right now, particularly here in the United States, which sidetracks us from really exploring and embracing our spiritual gifts. This virus is best described by a woman who visits her doctor telling the doctor that her symptoms include: a miserable combination of bloating and emptiness that hasn't been relieved by her new car, her house, her

boat, or a big raise. After hearing the symptoms the doctor boldly proclaims the diagnosis: “Affluenza!”

What are the symptoms of this virus? How do you know you have it? Lyn Jerde defines the symptoms of the Affluenza virus to be “misdirected priorities in life and being owned by stuff.” I believe it's the Affluenza in our life, which prevents us from discovering and using our spiritual gifts.

In life we often define who we are, and others define who we are, by our jobs and lifestyle. And because of the pressure that manifests itself in what others think, we oftentimes seek jobs because of the prestige of the job, or because of the potential money we can make. We pursue lifestyles we think we want, or we pursue careers to impress others.

As parents we want our kids to do all that's necessary to succeed in life. We suggest, and sometimes push our kids into professions or vocations that will result in a “good living.” As parents we want nothing but the best for our kids, but even with these good intentions what we are doing is poten-

tially spreading the Affluenza virus. Our intentions are good, but our motivation is flawed.

What we ought to be doing is asking ourselves, and our kids, how has God gifted us, and how can we use these gifts in this world. Based on the answers to these questions one can then discern what we ought to spend our life doing.

I have met many people who are no longer working in the professions they went to school for initially. They are now working in professions that they feel gifted for and called to do. I know engineers who now work in cabinet making, I know CPA's that are teaching in the elementary school. And the examples go on and on.

We're all gifted and called to dif-

ferent things, and every gift and vocation is important in the kingdom of God. The challenge becomes matching the two, and then performing in our professions and vocations in a way that brings glory to God. I encourage everyone, and especially our new graduates, to give prayerful thought to how you have been gifted by God, and then to pursue jobs and lifestyles that will allow you to use these special gifts.

Trinity United Methodist Church conducts its Sunday worship service at 9:00 a.m., immediately followed by Sunday school. Bible Study opportunities are also offered during the week. Pastor Martin can be reached at 301-606-8393.

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 May 5, 2002

## Catoctin Seniors Plan Baccalaureate Service

A baccalaureate service is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, at 7 p.m. at the Evangelical Bible Church, 14698 Albert Staub Court, Thurmont, under the auspices of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and the Thurmont Ministerium.

Members of the graduating class of Catoctin High School planned the theme and content of the service. They

will bring their selections of music, readings, and messages to their fellow graduates, parents, and guests. The program will focus on their personal spiritual growth and God's working and directing their lives through parents, family, teachers and friends.

The sponsors invite everyone to this religious farewell service for the Catoctin seniors.

## Torah On The Spot

Why are there two creation stories in Genesis? Did God ask Abraham to murder his son? Why were the Israelites commanded to kill animals? Why did Joshua destroy two dozen towns, down to the smallest child and animal? Maybe we ought to know, first, who wrote the Old Testament? Christians believe it was written by God, and everyone, including Christians, know it was written also by human beings inspired by God. Both these facts, not one without the other, help us understand some of the difficult passages in the Bible.

For a Catholic viewpoint on the Old Testament, please join us in St. Joseph's Hall, 47 DePaul St., Emmitsburg. We'll put the Torah on the spot all summer—for veneration by examination. The first session begins Tuesday, July 9, at 10 a.m. and (same subject) at 7:30 p.m. Those who come will decide on the next meeting times. Members of all churches—or no church—are invited and most welcome. Knowledge progresses best as an God bless you!

Bill Steo  
Adult Education minister  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Damian Steo died yesterday, June 3, at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

## Emmitsburg 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 St.

Sunday service: 10 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ted Haas  
301-447-2270

### St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

*St. Joseph's Parish dates its beginning to 1786. Rev. Matthew Ryan 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, 12:00 noon.

Pastor: Rev. James O. Kiernan, C.M.  
301-447-2326

### St. Anthony Shrine

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

16150 St. Anthony's Road

Mass schedule: Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. James W. Hannon

### 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 St.

Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Wade A. Martin

### 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 Emmitt, founder of Emmitsburg, is located in the old cemetery.*

415 West Main St.

Service 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. R. Benjamin Jones

### Tom's Creek United Methodist Church

10926 Simmons Road

Sunday Services at 8:15 and 10:30

Pastor: Rev. Bill Warehime

301-447-2693

### Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church

*In 1797 the Lutheran and Reformed congregations built a sanctuary in Emmitsburg after they outgrew their shared church at Tom's Creek. The Reformed congregation constructed a new church in 1869 on West Main Street while the Lutherans remained in the stone church where they continue to worship today.*

100 West North Avenue

Service of the Word, 8 a.m.; Sunday

School, 9 a.m. Worship Service

(Holy Communion) 10:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor: David. S. Knodel

301-447-6239

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

## Obituaries

### Sister Elizabeth Donohue, DC

A Mass of Christian burial for Sister Elizabeth Donohue, DC, was offered May 25, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. Sister Elizabeth, who was 87, died May 22 of heart disease and stroke at Villa St. Michael where she had resided since 1999.

Born in Rome, NY, Mary Elizabeth Donohue, graduated from St. Aloysius Academy there in 1934. She entered the Daughters of Charity in 1936 and pronounced her vows in 1941. Sister Elizabeth earned her BA degree in 1960 from St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg. She also attended Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, and Loyola College, Baltimore. She was as a member of the National Catholic Education Association, Virginia State Reading Association, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

In 1972 Sister Elizabeth co-authored a new reading program, "Handbook of Reading Skill." In 1974 she published "Summer in the Street Handbook," the result of her experience in inner-city programs.

Sister Elizabeth worked 53 years as a teacher. She taught elementary grades for 19 years in Virginia beginning in 1938 at St. Mary's Home in Norfolk. In the years following she taught at St. Francis School, Staunton (1947-1949), Sacred Heart School, Norfolk (1974-1975), and Holy Cross Regional School in Lynchburg (1975-1987).

She taught in Baltimore for 31 years: at St. Vincent's Infant Home

(1942-1944), St. Dominic School (1944-1947 and 1987-1990), St. John's School (1949-1963), St. Charles School (1963-1966), and St. Martin School (1968-1974).

Other teaching assignments were at St. John's School in Albany, NY (1966-1968), and St. Joseph School in Martinsburg, WV from 1990-1991.

In 1991 Sister Elizabeth was assigned to St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore and in 1994 to St. Vincent's Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL, where she served in their pastoral care departments. Declining health ended her active career, and in 1999 she retired to Villa St. Michael.

Daughter of the late William F. Donohue Sr. and Florence Noonan Donohue, Sister Elizabeth had two brothers, William and Jack Donohue who are now deceased. She is survived by a sister, Sister Walter Marie Donohue, OSF, Utica, NY, a brother, Samuel F. Donohue and his wife Dons, sister-in-law Mrs. Rosemary Donohue, Rome, NY, and two nieces and two nephews, all of New York.

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

### Mrs. Kathleen Lucey

Mrs. Kathleen Smith Lucey, 63, of 12003-A Pennterra Manor Lane, near Thurmont, died Saturday, May 4, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, due to complications from surgery. She was the wife of Barry O'Toole Lucey, whom she married May 30, 1959. Born Dec. 15, 1938, she was a daughter of the late Milford and Kathleen Cogan Smith.

Mrs. Lucey graduated from Sherwood High School, Sandy Spring, MD. Before her marriage she worked for Nems-Clarke, a division of Vitro Corp. After her children were older, she was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for 22 years as a rural route mail carrier in Thurmont.

Mrs. Lucey moved to Frederick County in 1961 to start a dairy farm with her husband, raise her family, and to renovate their historic stone home, which is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. She was a member of the Capitol Milk Producers for 25 years; the Northern Frederick County Democrats; and a life member of the Frederick County Historical Society and of the Delaplaine Visual Arts and Education Center. In retirement she enjoyed gardening, entertaining and traveling.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by seven children, Kathleen Agnes Lucey of Frederick, Jennifer Marie White and husband Robert of Emmitsburg, Rebecca Jane Eaves and husband Glenn Jr. of Rocky Ridge, G. Barry Lucey of Frederick, Catherine Constance Meyers and husband Stephen of Frederick, Clare Cogan Lucey of Germantown and Brady O'Toole Lucey of Knoxville, TN; two sisters, Ellen Strickland of Rehoboth, DE., and Lois Marley of Lewes, DE.; one brother, Wayne Smith of Rawlings; and nine grandchildren, Edward Bradley Hall IV, Meeghan White, Robert White, Glenn Eaves, Garrison Eaves, Andrew Eaves, Brandon Eaves, David Meyers and Noah Meyers. She will be remembered by daughter Clare's fiancé, Kenneth Witte.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 8, at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Jim Hannon, as celebrant. Interment is in the Lucey family cemetery at Pennterra Manor. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Mission of Mercy, PO. Box 102, Fairfield, PA 17320.

## After School Adventure Program ends

An end of the year celebration for participants and parents in the After School Adventure Program for 1st-5th grade students at the Emmitsburg Community Center was held on Friday, April 26, 2002. This program is provided by the Frederick County Department of Parks and Recreation in cooperation with, and sponsored by, the Town of Emmitsburg. Emmitsburg's Mayor, Bill Carr, and Emmitsburg Elementary School's Principal, Wanda Severance, were special guests to the program. Many thanks to the Emmitsburg community members, the town, Bill Derbyshire at Catocin CASS, and the parents who supported the After School Adventure Program throughout the school year.



First Row: Jessica Reckley, Myra Derbyshire, Cory Stoner, Bailey Neff, Tyler Neff, Jared Suit, Mariah Hill, Samantha Cool. Second Row: Deanna Nettleton, James Woodby, Jenifer Woodby, Ryan Reers, Shane Heward, Brandon Stouter. Third Row: Myra Derbyshire, Kim Wawer, Mary Kay Neff, Wanda Severance, Catherine Lanigan, Bill Derbyshire. Fourth Row: Dr. William Carr, Laura Faulkner, James Woodby, Ike Rhoderick.

## MSM Awards Degree To Former President

Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary honored Rev. James N. Loughran, S.J., at a Mass early in May. Father Loughran served as its 22nd president, serving from 1993-1994. The Mount conferred on him the school's highest academic honor, the degree of doctor of humane letters, honoris causa.

Father Loughran grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., attended Brooklyn Prep and the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. In July, 1958, he entered the Society of Jesus and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in June, 1970. He earned degrees in history and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Fordham University, studied theology at Fourvière, in Lyon, France and Woodstock College in New York.

Before he served at Mount St. Mary's, Father Loughran was president of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles from 1984 - 1991, acting president of Brooklyn College in 1992, and



was the Edmund Miller, S.J., Professor at John Carroll University in Cleveland, 1992-1993. He is currently the president of St. Peter's College in Jersey City, NJ.

President George R. Houston, Jr., announced he will retire in July 2003, so the Mount is beginning to search for its 24th president.

## Mount St. Mary's Honors 43 Long-Time Employees

Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary honored 43 employees, and five retirees, at the recent fifteenth annual Employee Awards Banquet. One of Frederick County's largest private employers, the Mount has almost 500 full- and part-time persons on its faculty and staff, and in administration. It recognized them according to their length of service.

40 years: Bessie E. Andrew (Emmitsburg, MD).

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## Program For Kids 'ADVENTURES IN FRACTURED FAIRY TALES...'

Staff Report

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The program will take place June 24-28, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in the Knott Academic Center on the Mount campus, and costs \$75. It offers children the opportunity to experience fairy tales in the 21st century through

computer lab, scientific inquiry, math, social studies, writing, reading and stage events, including music, art, and dance. The children will receive substantial snacks but not lunch.

This program is part of course in Integrated Teaching and Learning. Staff members will demonstrate their ability to integrate mathematics, science, language arts, social studies, technology and computers, and art in a thematic unit.

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Russo is an associate professor in the Mount's science department and has served on the Mount's faculty for 15 years. The author of over 35 research publications, he is the former president of the Maryland associates of biology teachers and winner of the College Science Teacher of the Year Award in 1989.

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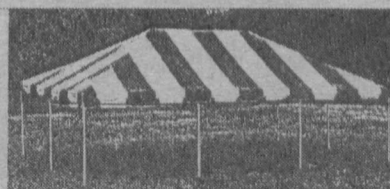
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*The (retired) Ecologist's Corner***Of Spring Migrations, And The Lily Pad Problem**

By Bill Meredith

In an ecology course I took in graduate school, the professor defined extreme changes in animal populations (technically called "irruptions" or "crashes") as "increases or decreases severe enough to be noticed by untrained observers." That definition came back to mind early last month when the Baltimore Sun ran a front-page article about the decline in the number of birds seen in the spring migration.

The people who recorded the decline were trained observers — ornithology professors, biologists with the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, experienced volunteers from the Audubon Society, etc. — but the editors of the paper must have thought it was significant enough to be of interest to the untrained observers among their readership. In fact, it was just the most recent of several articles on this subject that

have appeared in the popular press lately. Bird populations are in trouble.

Spring has always been a time of anticipation for birdwatchers, and it is becoming a time of anxiety as well. The first week of May marks the peak of the spring migration in this region, and it is the custom of the Audubon Society to select a day, usually around the first weekend in May, when birders get up before dawn and try to see how many birds they can find in one day.

Looking back over old notes, I have some vivid memories. The best is of May 2, 1959, when John Richards and I logged 103 species in one day within 10 miles of Emmitsburg. It was an unforgettable experience; the trees were so full of birds that I couldn't focus my binoculars on just one, and there was such a cacophony of chirping that we had to concentrate to make out individual songs. I know deep down I won't see the equal of that again, simply

because of aging eyes and ears, but I keep trying.

This year I went to Michaux Park with a group from the Gettysburg Audubon Society, which includes some competent observers. We found about 40 species in the park, and I ended up with 63 for the day — an adequate list, considering that I wasn't out all day, but not enough to brag about. But I was concerned by the numbers of individuals. Unlike 1959, there was no cacophony of song. A hooded warbler here, an ovenbird there, a single Blackburnian warbler, an Acadian flycatcher, and so it went.

Even more worrisome was the absence of species that once were common. There were no wood peewees (I have heard one since that day, but the woods should have been full of them). A few years ago there would have been both black- and yellow-billed cuckoos; this year I haven't seen or heard them. Bobwhites are also missing. We did see a few indigo buntings, but there should have been one in the top of every dead tree. Spring isn't silent yet, but it's not as noisy as it used to be.

There are probably a lot of reasons for the decline in numbers of migrating birds. Perturbation of weather patterns and toxic chemicals in the environment are important, but the most serious problem seems to be loss of habitat, both in the breeding grounds to the north, the wintering areas to the south, and along the migration routes. The newspaper article mentioned above focused on the coast of Louisiana where birds come ashore after flying across the Caribbean; expanding commercial development has destroyed much of the forest which used to provide a rest and re-fueling site for exhausted migrants. And the same problem persists all over the hemisphere. As human populations expand, less room is left for all other creatures.

When I was teaching, we used to

go through a cycle in which, every few years, we had a meeting to review the general biology course for non-majors. In one such meeting we were asked to name the one concept we considered most important for those students to remember. I decided my choice would be the concept of exponential growth. It is difficult — probably impossible, in fact — to get that topic across to non-scientists in pure mathematical terms, but I always found most students could grasp it by way of the lily pad problem.

This involves a pond in which there is one lily pad, which grows by dividing each day; in other words, each day the number of lily pads doubles. In 30 days, the pond is completely covered with lily pads. The question is, on what day is the pond half full of lily pads? Answer: on the 29th day.

I thought this concept was important for my students to know because it describes so many processes in the real world, but most importantly, population growth. When a population starts growing, it seems innocuous at first, because the numbers are small; no one is concerned if it doubles in a given amount of time. But as time passes, larger numbers are multiplied in each time interval; and, suddenly, we look around and there is no room left. One day the pond is half full of lily pads and there seems to be plenty of room. The next day, it is full.

In 1933, when I was born, there were just over two billion people in the world. In 1996, there were 6 billion; this year, we reached 7 billion. This is not just an abstract problem that exists in China and India. Montgomery County filled up; Frederick filled up; and look at the rate housing developments are popping up in Emmitsburg. The world is the pond; we are the lily pads. The birds are warning us. We may already be in the 29th day.

***St. Catherine's Employee Of The Month***

Sheila Drummond was named St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for April. Sheila's co-workers nominated her because of her great respect for the residents, their family members, and her co-workers. They say she is always smiling and addresses the residents in a soft-spoken manner.

Sheila seems committed to care for the residents; she comes in early and has frequently stayed longer than the end of her shift in order to help out. They believe that her outstanding dedication to St. Catherine's residents makes her deserve the honor of employee of the month.



Sheila Drummond

***St. Catherine's Employee Of The Month***

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for May is Shirley Bennett. Shirley's co-workers nominated her because of her kindness and respect for the residents, their family members, and their physicians. Shirley is a true leader, making her co-workers feel comfortable because they know she is up to the task. She is very knowledgeable and competent. She is often ready to go the extra mile by coming in early or staying late when the need arises. Not only does she share ideas, but she willingly listens and implements co-worker's ideas. Shirley is a very good role model. Shirley loves our residents and is quick to pinpoint problems and address with doctors. Her dedication to her work makes her very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations Shirley!



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*A Bit About Bo***A Kid Who Grew Up, Went Away And Came Back To His Emmitsburg Roots**

By Paul Harner  
*Special to the Dispatch*

When I read the very professional and touching article by Jean and Bo regarding their decision to retire from the grinding tasks associated with publishing the Dispatch, I decided to pass on my thanks for their wonderful effort. But first I want to say a bit about Bo.

I, like many Emmitsburgians, was delivered into this world by Doctor Cadle. Unlike many Emmitsburgians, I had an indentation in my skull and my birth interrupted Mrs. Cadle's birthday party. Between the indentation, bouts with scarlet fever, tonsillitis and appendicitis, I was seeing Doc quite a bit. Since I was spending so much time seeing Doc, I guess Bo and I became friends at a rather early age.

When I was around six, I was invited to Kump's Dam, where the Cadles had a tent. (Bo's family always had a love for that area.) I remember spending a lot of time fishing, catching some goldfish (I think), and getting the tops of my feet sunburned. My camping trip ended somewhat early with Doc taking me home and carrying me upstairs to bed.

Prior to my trip home, I remember the evening that Bo and I, while his parents were in town, were peeking from behind the tent's flaps and seeing Tootie, Bo's older sister, skinny dipping with Harriet Stinson. We weren't quite sure how to handle this, but I believe we ended up tattling to Doc when he came back from town. As I said, we were about six years old.

When Bo was a little older, he had a very serious, but in some ways humorous, accident. Bo and Bobby Gillelan, practically a next door neighbor to Bo, were sledding in Bollinger's field behind where they lived (at that time Bo lived, and Doctor Cadle had his office, where Doc Carr lives now).

The snow had a top layer of crust and Bo fell off the sled, sliding behind it down to the gully where the sled lodged in the bank. Bo slid into one of the runners of the sled, which happened to find its way up Bo's butt. Very serious.

The humorous part came when Bo interrupted his mother in the reception room of his dad's office with the announcement that he had run a sled up his rear (I think he used a different term). His mother tried to shush him until he turned around and showed her a very bloody mess. As I recall, Bo was in serious condition for quite a few weeks.

In the early 40's Boy Scout Troop 284 was in full operation. We had two patrols, the Beavers, which primarily included those east of the square and the Eagles from the west end. I was in the Beavers headed by our patrol leader, Eddie Houck. Bo was in the Eagles with Bobby Gillelan, the patrol leader, and other notorious west-enders such as Jack McCleaf, Kenny Keilholtz and Chip Corl.

Our time in the Boy Scouts resulted in many memories: getting flooded out while camping next to Middle Creek near Fairfield, playing "capture the flag" well into the night (at least 9 p.m.), passing Feen-A-Mint chewing gum to our camping buddies and hiking miles and miles with 100-lb. packs (!) on our backs. We also earned some merit badges.

During our high school years, it seemed like our life was centered on basketball with some diversion toward girls. Bo was a star at Frederick High School and had a basket on his garage. We had many a pickup game in that alley. Our nights, after homework, were spent setting up pins in the bowling alley, again with some diversion toward girls.

Bo and I were roommates our first year in college. We had packed our

things in Bo's car and headed for the U. of MD in September of 1950. Our room was in Calvert Hall, the oldest men's dormitory, where we had a three-room suite on the first floor. The suite consisted of two rooms with double bunk beds and a study (Ha!) room.

Our two roommates were Bernie Faloney and Leo Coyne, freshman football players. Since our room was a "suite", our roommates very popular, and Chet Hanulak and Bob Laugherty (other players) roomed right across the hall, our room became a gathering place for the freshman football team and some on the varsity.

The room was directly above the U. of MD radio station, and there were a few times when we would get a message across the airwaves to quiet down. Needless to say, my grades looked a lot different from high school and my hopes for an engineering career took a downward turn. We also had quite a few visits from our floor proctor, a senior on the wrestling team, who kept us in line (most of the time).

Bo and I went out for the freshmen basketball team, which included some really good players, such as Gene Shue who later made All-American and was a star in the pros. Bo ended up making the freshmen squad and I ended up playing in the intramural league.

Bo was quite a lady's man; all of them very nice and very pretty. I remember going to John Hopkins to see one of Bo's former classmates who was going to nursing school there — a wonderful girl but I'm not sure I would make the trip again. I do not remember

how we got there, but I do know we walked from Hopkins through Baltimore to the south side on Alternate Route 1 by the Calvert Distillery before we got a ride back to College Park at about 4 a.m. I also remember Bo dating "Spider" Jorgenson, a very striking girl about Bo's height. They were an item on campus for quite a while.

After our freshman year, Bo roomed with Bob Nicodemus, a friend from Frederick High School and a member of the ice cream family. Coach Jim Tatum wanted his quarterbacks to room together so Bernie roomed with Jack Scarbath. I then went on to room with Marty Crytzer, one of those players who had spent a lot of time in our room. In my senior year, Bobby Gillelan got out of the Navy and he and I roomed together down the hall from Marty and across the hall from Lew Weidensaul and Paul Nestor, a couple of other football notables of that Maryland era.

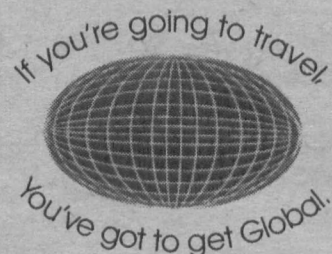
Bernie went on to lead Maryland to its only national championship in 1953; Leo Coyne and Coach Tatum didn't see eye-to-eye and Leo got a boxing scholarship and proceeded to go to the NCAA semi-finals. Marty played end for the championship team and is now a retired orthodontist living in the Tampa area. Marty was one of many players who would not have been able to attend school were it not for a football scholarship.

In one of our later college years,

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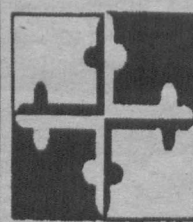


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**Bo**

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Bo and I took our dates to Bo's cabin built by Doc Cadle and located near Kump's Dam across from where Bo lives now. We started a roaring fire and proceeded to drink something-called VAT 69. I did not fare very well and we decided that it was best that Bo help me home, hopefully before my parents closed the bowling alleys.

At that time we lived in an apartment above Crouse's on the square, thus Bo helped me up the stairs. Unfortunately, the bowling alleys were closed. Needless to say, there were a few (maybe more) minutes of sincere disappointment expressed. It was very embarrassing for Bo and something I've remembered for a long time. Sorry, but thanks Bo. Needless to say, there was no more VAT 69 in my life.

After college we went on different paths. Bo, having taken ROTC, went into the Air Force as an officer. I went to work in Los Angeles as an engineer for Douglas Aircraft and, after a year, was drafted. I had also taken ROTC but did not get a commission - underweight. A skinny 121-pound six-footer could be drafted but could not get a commission in the Air Force. Actually, it worked out pretty well, Lil and I spent a year and a half in Europe.

Bo and I saw each other only a few times after school until I retired and both of us moved back to the Emmitsburg area, our roots. He and Jean started the Dispatch and, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

A few months ago, Bo and Jean put an article on the front page about me and the effort I put into the Council of Churches. I was naturally pleased but felt I received much more credit than I deserved. There are so many in Emmitsburg who have done so much more - the mayor, our firemen, its auxiliary, and members of the Lion's Club, just to name a few.

However, there are no two people who have done more for this community over the past 10 years than Bo and Jean. The Dispatch was not a money-making venture. It was an effort to share information and to keep the community informed about the town's progress or lack thereof. Bo and Jean succeeded in doing just that.

Thanks, Bo and Jean, for making a difference!

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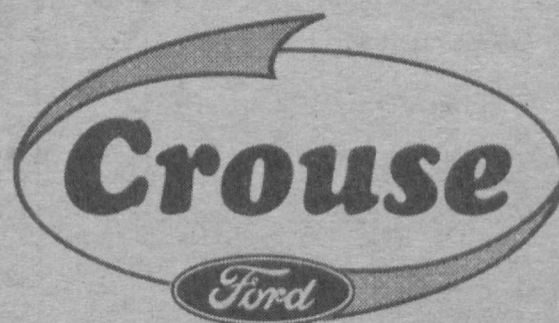


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## Colon Cancer Can Be Cured

Cancer. The word comes from the Greek word meaning "crab." This describes both the irregular shape and the tenacity of harmful unwanted growths in our body. Throughout any given day wild type cells crop up in the body. Areas of chronic inflammation or irritation are the most susceptible. Routinely, there are cells in our body grouped together as "white cells" that are in charge of eliminating these wild type cells. Usually, these white cells are quite successful. However, time and recurrent injury can take their toll.

Cancer is a sign that the body's immune system is no longer able to respond effectively to some of these wild type cells. In fact, cancer is the cause of one in four deaths in the United States. Some of this cancer is preventable. Some of this cancer can be truly cured. Some of this cancer can be treated to slow down its progress and allow years of life that is worth living.

Recently, I was invited by Anne Howes, R.N., to attend a meeting at the Frederick County Health Department. The State of Maryland has been awarded money from the "Tobacco Settlement" to screen for cancers for early treatment. A major area of focus is colorectal cancer, cancer of the bowels. While men are the most likely to suffer from colon

cancers, men are the least likely to get screened for these cancers. Men, take courage and get checked!

Some alarms should go off if: (1) there is a history of other family members having polyps and lots of them. (Polyposis - the condition of having polyps), (2) chronic inflamed bowels situations (Colitis - inflammation of the bowels), (3) a close family member had bowel cancer (heredity) (4) you have already had another kind of cancer in the body (immune system weakness allowing cancers); this includes breast and ovarian cancer.

What to look for: (1) change in bowel habits (previously always constipated, now going every day, or previously regular, now constipated), (2) change in stool consistency (more firm, more fluffy, more body, thinner, chronic diarrhea) (3) blood in stool.

There are many ways of checking for colon cancer: yearly exam of three stool samples; sigmoidoscopy, barium enema x-ray evaluation, colonoscopy. Talk to your physician for the method best suited to you.

There is a special opportunity to obtain colonoscopic evaluation of the bowels for the uninsured and underinsured of Frederick County. Those without insurance know who you are. Those who are under-insured may not know you qualify. A high deductible or prohibitive co-pay may qualify one

for the funded colonoscopy. Do not be afraid to make a phone call to find out. The Frederick County Community Cancer Coalition can assist qualified folks between the ages of 50 and 64 to receive colonoscopic evaluation of their bowels.

Happily, many women have inquired and have received services. Very few men have presented themselves for this opportunity. Men, be

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# Quilters

## Angels Carried Quilts To Needy Children

By Mary Ellen Cummings  
Dispatch Writer

Last month I reported on quilt donations during war-time. There were probably other quilting groups, and individuals who also made "covers" to donate. However, there was no publicity, no records and those people have faded into obscurity. Yet, when most people think of quilts, they do not equate them with "a donation to your favorite charity."

In the January, 1999, issue of Quilt World magazine, Terri De Gezelle tells us about a quilter named Mildred Johnson who did not donate quilts and fade away. She had become interested in quilting by watching her aunt quilt. Later she took classes at a Woolworth 5¢ & 10¢ store.

Mildred's daughter, Jennifer, traveled for a corporation involved with aiding third-world countries, serving hospitals, schools, and orphanages. When Jennifer returned from Calcutta, India, she couldn't forget the faces of children there. Children who had never had a toy or blanket of their own to cuddle and hold. She talked to friends and wondered what she could do to help.

Then she remembered her mother and the church ladies who make and donated quilts.

The ultimate answer to her dilemma was a quilt for each child.

When Jennifer told her mother, Mildred Johnson immediately set a goal for herself — 100 quilts in a year. Several months less than a year, she reached her goal and started on another 100 quilts.

Getting the quilts to India was only a small hurdle. The corporation Jennifer traveled for set up an "Angels" network. Anyone who was traveling to India was given a duffle bag with 20 children's quilts inside. The duffle bag was given to other angels (mostly nurses and teachers) who distributed the little quilts to needy children.

From time to time I hear of local groups who make quilts to be distributed to children in hospitals, and children in crisis areas. It would be appreciated if you'd write us about your program: how you determined where to distribute your quilts; any personal interest stories; and any other information you want the public to know about your group.

Next month I'll offer some tips about making quilts as gifts to children.

## Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney  
Dispatch Writer

**Congratulations.** To Mr. And Mrs. Doug Saunders on the birth of a daughter, Autumn Renee.... Congratulations to Cassandra on getting a little sister.

**June Birthdays:** Happy Birthday to Verna Keeney, Melissa Keeney, Michael Harris, Sr., Shirley Sharrer, Katie Burrier, Lindsey Greene, Chris Wiles, Annabelle Houck, Jessie Wetzell, Donald Brown, Debbie Hahn and Dennis Glass.

**Events.** Mount Tabor Joint Council of the Lutheran and United Church of Christ will hold its annual festival June 8, beginning 4 p.m. in Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Food fare will include sandwiches, soups, pies, ice cream and more. There will be a fancy table with all kinds of interesting things. Games for the young and not so young. Music will be provided by the Gospel Travelers. Come and enjoy the biggest

slide in the area.

An antique tractor pull will be held Saturday, July 6, at Mt. Tabor Park. Breakfast will be available at 7 a.m. The tractor pull will start at 10 a.m.. Food will be available all day. Free set-ups for flea markets. The event will be sponsored by the Mount Tabor Park Board.

### Church of the Brethren News

By Patsy Free:

Happy Birthday to: Judy Moser Boone, 6/22; David Eichelberger, 6/21; Tracey (Eyler) Gomer, 6/6; Tammy Bostian Hartman, 6/9; Mildred Saylor, 6/23; Charles Crone, 6/21; Maxine Troxell, 6/2; Frances Moser, and Daniel Hobbs.

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# Conservation Groups Celebrate Monocacy River

Staff Report

During the week of May 6-11, residents, community leaders, elected officials and youth groups celebrated the Monocacy River with half-day and full-day paddle excursions as well as special events along the river.

Community Commons sponsored the canoe and kayak tour. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to building sustainable social and natural resources in the Frederick region. The goal of the trip was to promote conservation of the scenic waterway, the Monocacy River by having residents experience it. Hilari Benson, executive officer of Community Commons, said approximately 400 people from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia participated in the six-day event.

The River Paddle began at the Mason-Dixon Line near the river's headwaters — the confluence of Rock Creek and Marsh Creek — and followed the 58.2-mile route to the Potomac River. Members of the New Forest Society provided breakfast for the paddlers at 8 a.m. on the riverbank in Detour. Emmitsburg Mayor Jim Hoover and his wife Diana, along with Town Manager Dave Haller, joined them for coffee and bagels before they pushed off on their 11.7-mile river trip to Devilbiss Bridge.

Among those making the trip that day were Sam Castleman and Kai Hagen of the Catoctin Land Trust, and Debbie Swiderski and Kesra



Two staff members from Thorbe wood, Kresra Hoffman, eventhost and special projects, (seen in rear) 2nd Debbie Swiderski, volunteer coordinator, came ashore at Creagerston park on day two of the Monocacy River Paddle.

Hoffman. The Catoctin Land Trust was host to the luncheon held in Creagerstown Park where the paddlers came ashore at noon. Karen Kuhn, a member of Loy's Neighborhood Station, was the luncheon speaker. Representatives from the North Western Frederick County Civic Association in

Sabillasville were present and assisted in making arrangements for the day's event.

Ms. Benson cited, as current problems plaguing the river: sedimentation, erosion of the banks, inadequate riparian buffers or forested areas along the river and its tributaries banks, and potential encroach-

ment by residential and commercial development.

The Monocacy River is the second largest Maryland tributary to the Potomac River. It provides a diverse range of uses and interests, but needs people, Benson said, to work to maintain and celebrate its beauty and health.

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

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*Mother Seton School News*

# The Write Stuff!

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Michael's win was announced on May 1st. The handwriting National Champion received an engraved pen, a framed certificate of honor, and a \$50 gift certificate for Zaner-Bloser materials.

Michael's award-winning entry was not only a top notch handwriting

demonstration, but a lovely story reflecting the love he has for his younger brother, Jan.

**Carnival Thanks!** Thanks so much to all of the Mother Seton School Families for their many hours of volunteering to make this year's Carnival a success! Also, thanks to the surrounding communities, particularly Emmitsburg, for supporting this event! Congratulations, too, to Carnival Committee members for all their work — Beth and Bud Fields, Ruth and Darrell Smith, E.J. and Shelly Small, Chris and Tina Smith, and John Dowling. We cannot do it without you!

Did you know?

## Sloppy Handwriting Costs U.S. Business \$200 M Annually

Illegible handwriting costs American business \$200 million annually and sabotages the effective exchange of information. Ninety percent of U.S. business executives complain of consistently poor handwriting among employees.

"Sloppy handwriting costs American business and the U.S. taxpayer millions of dollars," says Richard Northup, vice president, marketing, for Zaner-Bloser, a handwriting text publisher. He thinks that people may mistakenly view good handwriting an obsolete, rather than an essential, business tool.

"To believe computers have eliminated the need for clear handwriting in business and daily life is a mistake," Northup claims. For example, 38 million illegibly addressed letters cost the U.S. postal service \$4 million

every year. Hundreds of thousands of tax returns are delayed each year because figures, notes and signatures are illegible.

Even in the 21st century the business world still relies heavily on handwriting. Meeting minutes, purchase orders, application forms, and phone messages are typically handwritten. "Think about how many times a day you write to communicate," says Northup. "Legible handwriting can ensure that you deliver your message clearly and project a positive image."

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## Floral Paintings On View

Paintings by Beverly Reidinger are on view in the lobby of the Weinberg Center for the Arts, 20 W. Patrick Street, Frederick. The exhibit is part of the ArtReach program sponsored by the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center. The exhibit will be open June 7 through 30. A

reception will be held June 13 from 5-7 p.m.

Beverly paints dramatic and bold florals mainly from her imagination. Her displayed works were done in watercolor, pastels and acrylics. The Delaplaine Center's number is: 301-698-0656

## Mandalas, Pictues, And Music

By Christine Maccabee  
Dispatch Writer

Pictures and pressed floral mandalas created by Christine Maccabee will be exhibited through June in Gettysburg, PA. A mandala is any of various symbols of the universe. She says the inspiration for her mandalas came from her study of Eastern religions, where they are much used, and from the stained glass rosette windows seen in many cathedrals.

Christine makes mandalas with parts of real flowers (the petal, leaf, stamen, pistil, and sepal), and says the process has become a "waking and working" meditation. She used to sell the mandalas at craft shows throughout Maryland, including at Christmas in Emmitsburg.

Her visual art work will be on display at the Ragged Edge Coffeehouse and Gallery at 110 Chambersburg St.,

Gettysburg.

Then there's her music. Over the last 30 years "the songs just kept coming," Christine says. She has made two CD's of her mostly original songs. Her first, "Songpoems from the Heart of a Naturalist," contains nature songs, recorded live at Apple's church in Thurmont, MD. The second CD, "Winter Wait," was built on the theme of waiting and includes more solo piano pieces than the first.

On June 7, a Friday, Christine will perform from 6-9 p.m. at the Ragged Edge. She hopes to sell signed copies of her CDs at that time.

Christine, who has written for this newspaper, writes a monthly nature essay for the Banner News in Thurmont. Currently she plays piano and sings bi-weekly at the Carriage House Restaurant in Emmitsburg. She also gives private voice, piano, organ and guitar lessons (her phone:301-271-2307)

## Elizabeth Prongas to present the history of watercolor

The Frederick County Art Association (FCAA) is pleased to have distinguished artist and teacher Elizabeth Prongas presenting The History of Watercolor and a discussion on commission work. The program will begin following the 7:30 p.m. FCAA member's meeting on Monday, June 10th at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center (DVAEC), 40 South Carroll Street, Frederick.

Ms. Prongas, who holds a MFA-AE degree from the Maryland Institute, College of Art, in Baltimore, has taught art in Frederick County Public Schools and is an adjunct professor at Frederick and Hagerstown Community Colleges. She presently teaches art in all media in her Rocky Ridge studio.

She studied with renowned Philadelphia artists Thomas Meehan, Adm. John Schmidt and Wallace C. Peters at the University of Pennsylvania, and with Ann Schuler at the Schuler School of Fine Art. Her works are in private and business collections, and in the permanent collection at The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts.

Ms. Prongas is a past president of the Frederick Art Club and the

Emmitsburg Business Association. She was one of the steering committee members for the planning of The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center. Ms. Prongas is the founder and current president of The New Forest Society, Inc., a non-profit organization devoted to the restoration of forested stream buffers in the Monocacy Watershed.

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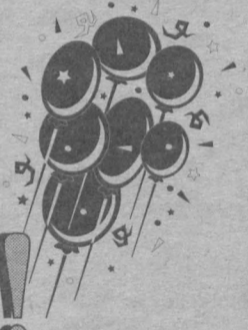
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**Saturday, June 8**

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**Saturday, June 8**

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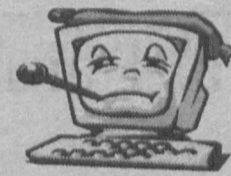
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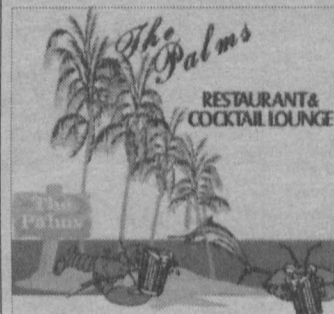
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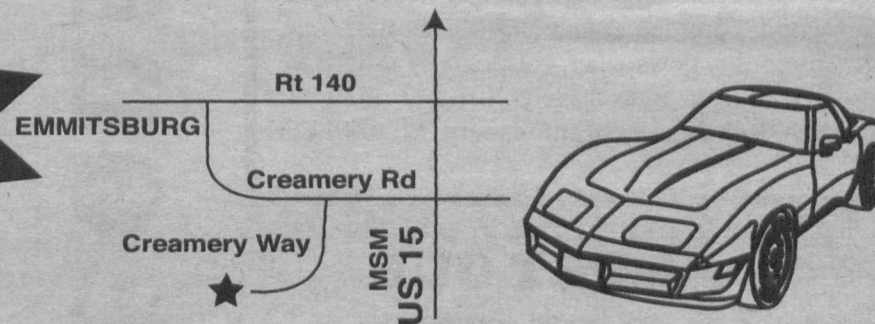
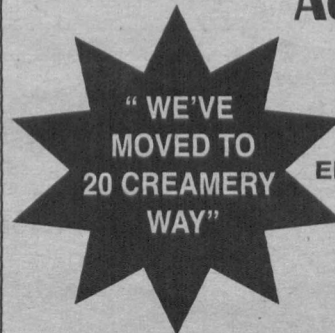


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