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## O'Neil and Walbrecker elected commissioners Disqualified votes questioned

By Richard D. L. Fulton  
Managing Editor

Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners candidates William O'Neil and Dianne L. Walbrecker prevailed in the Tuesday, April 27 election, and will fill the two vacant commissioner seats beginning May 3.

### Close election determined two winners

O'Neil received 201 of the 844 votes cast by 437 Emmitsburg residents. Walbrecker received 181 votes, narrowly defeating candidate Harold C. Craig, Jr. by two votes.

The final count in the election was O'Neil (201- elected); Walbrecker (181- elected); Craig (179); Sweeney

(174); and Mazaleski (109).

County records show that 1,102 Emmitsburg residents are registered voters. Less than half that eligible number voted.

Mayor James E. Hoover said, "The voter turnout was a higher number than most times, but the turnout has been climbing over the past few years."

Mayor Hoover waited for the returns with a group of reporters and others gathered in front of the Resident Deputies Office (old Town Hall).

After the numbers were posted, Hoover would only state, "I think the results are related to the forum," referring

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—RAYMOND BUCHEISTER/THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

William O'Neil (C) and Diane Walbrecker (L) are sworn in by Mayor James Hoover as Emmitsburg's new commissioners. O'Neil also became president of the board at the recommendation of the mayor and by a 4-0 vote of its members.

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## Area storms cause 128,000-gallon sewage spill

Staff Report

Steady rain Sunday evening into Monday morning, April 25-26, overwhelmed the Emmitsburg wastewater collection system, causing the inadvertent release of 128,419 gallons of diluted wastewater.

The spillage incident itself, resulting from the storms, occurred during a 24-hour period from about 9:00 a.m. Monday to 9:00 a.m. Tuesday. Daniel Fissel, plant operator, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, "We received about 2 inches of rain at the sewer plant and about 2.6 inches up on the hill (at the water plant)."

The rain overloaded a gravity-fed, forced-main wastewater transmission line between the treatment facility and Route 15, and it vented an estimated 128,419 gallons of diluted wastewater into an alfalfa field located between the plant and Route 15.

Fissel noted that an unknown amount of the mixed wastewater and wild water (rainwater which infiltrated the system) did appear to have reached Flat Run.

Additionally, about 2,000 gallons was discharged from a manhole near Emmitt Gardens.

On April 27 Fissel told the *Dispatch* the staff planned to clean up the debris

(solids) associated with the spill, and treat the spillage area with lime to kill pathogens.

Fissel reported the spill to the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) as per state requirements.

This spill comes on the heels of an estimated 32,000-gallon spill April 12 through April 14, also caused by heavy rains.

The Emmitsburg facility has spilled as much as a million gallons in the past. The town is presently negotiating the terms of a proposed MDE consent order to address rehabilitation of the deteriorating collection system pipelines.

## "Trees for Tomorrow" Planted on Arbor Day

By Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

"As I watched it (a Japanese maple seedling) that day, the idea occurred that all children should be required to plant a tree on their first day of kindergarten, and observe its growth until they graduate from high school.

*Among the many things they would learn would be the quality of patience. There would be a lot more green thumbs in the world if we did that."*

Bill Meredith, The (retired) Ecologist, closed his May 2003 column in *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* with these words. Perhaps a number of

readers nodded their heads in agreement with his idea. But one, Elizabeth Prongas of Rocky Ridge, was inspired to act on it.

On Arbor Day, April 30, Mrs. Prongas led more than 50 kindergarten students from Emmitsburg Elementary School onto property owned by the

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### Emmitsburg Lion's Club Golf Tournament

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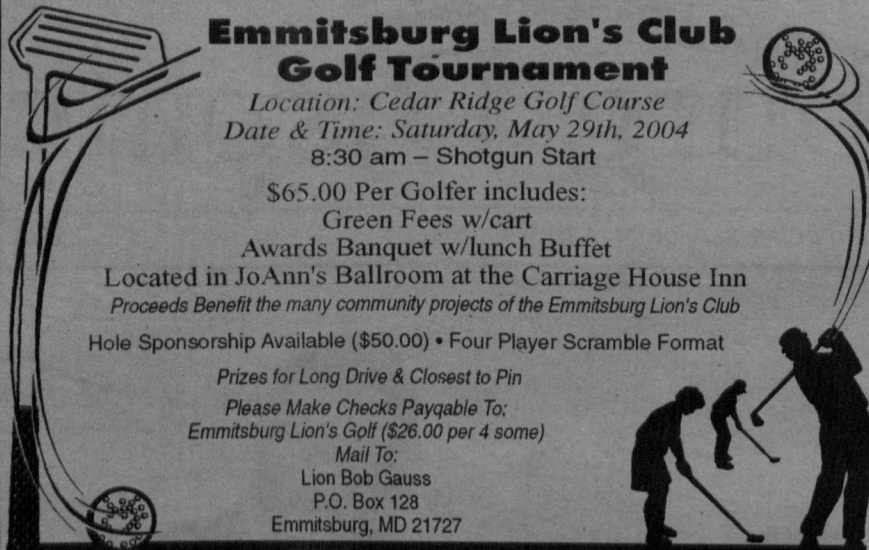
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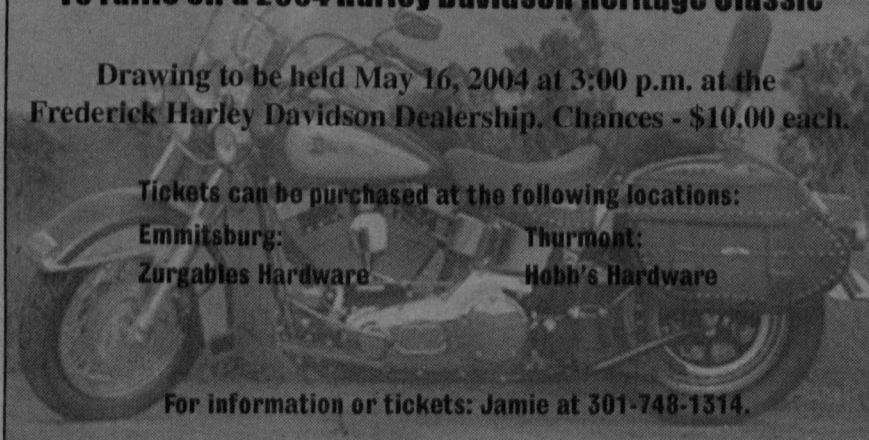
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Emmitsburg Dispatch encourages its readers to express their thoughts and opinions about issues that appear in this publication or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the Dispatch and should be no longer than 300 words in length. They must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number to be used for verification. The Dispatch reserves the right to edit for content and space. Deadline for letters is the 15th of each month.

## Thanks to God's grace

I just happened to read the article titled 'A Word from the Pulpit' by Rev. Walter Menig in your Jan. 2003 edition, while browsing the net. I was impressed. I am an Indian national living for the past few years in Kuwait and part of the family of God.

I appreciate what Rev. Menig has written and think this should be more publicized. I doubt whether many young Americans know that one of the reasons that your country is so blessed is because of the faith of the Founding Fathers, their utter dependence on God's mercy and grace, and their public acknowledgement of this.

It amazes me that people from the West living in any of the Gulf countries willingly line up with the religious laws

of the land. There is no protest or question about exercising their prerogatives or rights.

Oft times there is even appreciation of these same (religious laws) by various articles in newspaper or interviews on TV and other media. Yet they scream offense when the gospel is shared in their own countries while the fact is, one of the reasons they are where they are is because of God's grace. Yet, people are so often willing to attribute everything good to everyone besides God!

I hope there would be more opportunities for people like Rev. Menig to declare the truth.

—Sam S.  
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# Trees

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town at 16849 Scott Road.

They watched as David Robbins, a forest service ranger with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, a volunteer team from ThorpeWood Environmental Center, and local organic farmer Scott Trexler, dug holes in the damp clay soil.

Each child was given a northern red oak seedling to plant. Bill Meredith encouraged children to name their trees, and to come back year after year to watch them grow.

“What a wonderful morning!” said teacher Carolyn Miller.

“They’re even enjoying the bugs because we’re studying insects in class now,” added fellow teacher Sharon Rice.

They and teacher Kelly Canfield all agreed that the students were having a wonderful time.

When the students returned to school, they received certificates from The New Forest Society for their participation in “Trees for Tomorrow: The Meredith Project.”

Mrs. Prongas, a master gardener and teacher, has been interested in environmental issues for many years. In 2000 she created a “New Forest” on eight acres

of her farm that adjoins Beaver Branch. Under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, she planted 3200 native trees and shrubs to halt erosion along the stream.

She founded The New Forest Society (NFS), a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting natural resources in the local watershed area.

“As a teacher, I really took Dr. Meredith’s words to heart,” Mrs. Prongas said this past winter. “And I felt it would be an ideal project for The New Forest Society, to actually give each kindergarten student in our local schools a tree to plant.”

The NFS Board approved the project at their Feb. 2004 meeting. Mrs. Prongas then met with Wanda Severance and Sister Mary Catherine Conway, principals at Emmitsburg Elementary and Mother Seton Schools, and received their enthusiastic approval.

At first her plan was to provide seedlings the children could plant at home. Upon further consideration, however, she realized that students living in apartments and rented homes might not have a place to plant their trees. So she decided to find a suitable public place.

In March Mrs. Prongas

approached Michael Lucas, town planner, with a proposal to plant on the Scott Road property. The farm is protected from development, is largely bare of trees, and Tom’s Creek runs along the property line.

The commissioners and Mayor Hoover approved the plan at their March 24 meeting.

Mr. Lucas, Commissioners Pat Boyle, Art Elder, and Joyce Rosensteel attended the Arbor Day event. Mrs. Rosensteel’s grandchildren, students at Mother Seton School, accompanied her. Also present were commissioner-elect Bill O’Neil and his wife Marlene, and resident deputy Jim Moxley.

“I think we were 85% successful,” Mrs. Prongas assessed afterward. She continued, “I was so impressed by the amount of support from other groups and individuals. Thanks to everyone who helped us. And all due credit goes to the members of the New Forest Society for raising the funds to support this activity.”

Mother Nature provided the only stumbling block to her plan. Kindergarten students from Mother Seton School (MSS) were



—RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER/THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH  
Bill Meredith (R) encourages a kindergartner to name her seedling tree.

scheduled to plant their trees on April 27. Heavy rains the day before made the ground too wet to cross, and the school was closed on April 30.

“We had a good in-class lesson with the Mother Seton students beforehand,” said Mrs. Prongas, “and I hope we can do another out-

door project with them another time.” The adult digging team planted their seedlings after the Emmitsburg Elementary students left the farm. Each MSS student will receive a certificate from the New Forest Society confirming that a tree was planted in his or her name.

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# The Emmitsburg Dispatch names Managing Editor

By Raymond Buchheister  
Editor & Publisher

The Emmitsburg Dispatch has named Gettysburg area resident Richard D. L. Fulton as managing editor of the newspaper effective May 1. Fulton has been working as a part-time staff reporter for the paper since August 2003.

Fulton was born in Frederick, and was raised in Brunswick (until age five) and Rockville (until age 18). He presently lives about six miles from the Gettysburg Battlefield near Cashtown, PA.

He served as a volunteer firefighter for the Warminster Volunteer Fire Company in the early 1980s, and as a Bucks County, PA, fire and arson photographer.

His hobbies include paleontology, in which he is regarded as a lay-professional, having discovered a number of new species of prehistoric life, and history, particularly the Civil War period.

## Newspaper Experience

Fulton began working with *The Beacon*, based in Lambertville, NJ, as a freelance reporter in 1979, and was subsequently hired as both an advertising paste-up artist and reporter in 1985. He was appointed assistant editor in 1986.

Fulton quickly established a reputation as a detailed-oriented, balanced-coverage reporter and editor. During

his tenure as assistant editor, he also spearheaded expansion of the newspaper into adjacent areas of coverage, aggressively challenging age-old established territories of competing newspapers.

In addition, he also produced feature stories as a free-lance writer for Pennsylvania newspapers *The Warminster Spirit*, *Bucks County Wayfarer*, *Daily Intelligencer*, and as a free-lance photographer for the *Princeton Packet* (NJ) chain.

## Government Experience

In 1987, Fulton the New Jersey Governor's Office appointed Fulton as a spokesman for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. He immediately faced crises and emergency public communications responsibilities at a time when New Jersey shore pollution had reached a critical juncture.

When he accepted the appointment, an editor of a competing newspaper publicly stated that Fulton's leaving the newspaper industry "marked the end of an era of journalism in the Delaware Valley."

During his 11-year tenure with the NJ DEP, Fulton composed speeches and columns, in part or whole, for three New Jersey governors (Thomas Kean, Jim Florio and Christie Whitman), addressed press inquiries, events, and inter-

views on behalf of the department, and eventually became involved in other areas of communication as well.

During a prolonged absence of the chief press officer, Fulton ran the NJ DEP Press Office.

In 1999, the United States Department of Energy hired Fulton as the key media and public outreach representative for the Mid-Atlantic Region (based in Philadelphia) where he directed the communications efforts of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) until 2003.

## "Family" Ties

Fulton is engaged to Eileen Catherine (Adelsberger) Curtis, whose family has a long association with Emmitsburg history. Her great-great grandfather, Daniel George Adelsberger, served as an Emmitsburg burgess during the Civil War and in 1871, and was very involved with the Mount, the Emmitsburg Railroad, among other projects.

Her great-great-great grandfather, Michael Charles Adelsberger, served as an Emmitsburg magistrate, as the town burgess in 1854 and 1867, and was directly involved in building the "Little White House (1819)" for the Sisters of St. Joseph's. Saint Elizabeth Seton lived in this home after it was completed.

**Correction:** Due to a copy editing error which appeared in the front page article entitled "April 27 Election; Town to Vote for 2 Commissioners" in the April 1, 2004 issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, a statement which read, "Art Elder, a COPE member, voted it," in reference to the Bollinger annexation, should have read, "Art Elder, a COPE member, voted against it." *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* apologizes for this copy editing error and any confusion that it may have caused.

  
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## TOWN NEWS

### Election

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to the candidates' performance at the April 15 event.

With 444 individuals voting, there was a potential for 888 total votes. Although each voter could support two commissioners, 30 voted for only one person. Seven ballots were disqualified, leaving 437 tabulated ballots with a total of 844 votes cast.

Of the actual votes cast, Bill O'Neil garnered approximately 23.8%, Walbrecker 21.4%, Craig 21.2%, Sweeney 20.6% and Mazaleski 12.9%.

The 380 total votes for O'Neil and Craig, the two Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) candidates, was 45% of the total cast; while the combined total for the non-COPE candidates was 464 or 55%.

### Two new commissioners

*The Emmitsburg Dispatch* talked with both elected commissioners. According to official results the election was close. However, O'Neil stated, "This (the election results) is a clear mandate from the people for change: they want open government and accountability."

"I prevailed in spite of dirty politics," O'Neil said. "My campaign materials were positive and we only talked about what we wanted to do, and stayed away from libel and misstatements of facts."

"We need to take charge," he stated, adding, "I want to make sure we fix the sewers, stop congestion, and make the streets safer."

Walbrecker told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, "I'm looking forward to working with everybody," adding, "I've prepared myself (for the possibility of an eventual position on the board) for the past three years by serving on town committees."

"I'm proud of the campaign that I ran and only spent

my own money," she said, adding, "I went from door-to-door talking to people and enjoyed getting to meet and know everybody."

Apparently referring to the sometimes-heated campaign which had developed between three of the five candidates, Walbrecker stated, "I just want everybody to heal."

### Valid votes may have been disqualified

A number of ballots cast in the 2004 town election were disqualified, several of which included votes for a candidate who lost.

Rita Byard, one of the three election judges, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that seven ballots were rejected. "Some of them over-voted (had more than two candidates checked)," she said, adding that others had write-in votes on them and were disqualified.

She said that if ballots with the write-in votes also contained valid votes, they were still disqualified. "That was my understanding of the directions we were given," she stated.

Write-in votes are not permitted under town voting regulations for any individual who has not actually registered as a candidate. Since the ballots must go to the printer well before the election, candidates who register late may not be listed on the ballot.

However, a question remains as to whether or not the valid votes on each of the "spoiled" ballots should have been counted.

Mayor Hoover said, in his opinion, "There is no justification for throwing out a legal vote." He said he felt the valid votes should have been counted and only the write-in names rejected.

*The Emmitsburg Dispatch* examined the disqualified ballots, and found three of them with more than two names checked.

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# Suspect charged in pharmacy robbery

Staff Report

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office arrested a suspect allegedly involved in the April 12 robbery of the Medicine Plus Pharmacy, 191 Silo Hill Road.

Sheriff's Office Cpl. Dave DeWees arrested Justin Michael Burke, 22, of Frederick, on April 20. Burke was charged with armed robbery, concealing a deadly weapon and theft of less than \$500.00 (in value).

Deputy First Class, Jennifer Bailey, spokesperson for the Sheriff's Office, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that Burke was arrested without incident while being discharged from the Frederick County Memorial Hospital. She could not state why he had been admitted.

Bailey stated, "The suspect had been a customer and had been in the pharmacy a month earlier," adding, "The employees had dealings with him at that time." She said a detective had contacted Burke actually to rule him out as a suspect, but instead,

decided that he should be considered.

Bailey stated the drugs taken were Xanax and Klonopin, both prescription drugs.

Xanax relieves anxiety disorder symptoms, while Klonopin is used to treat convulsive disorders, such as epilepsy, or panic attacks, according to HealthSquare.com.

At an April 21 bond hearing before Frederick County District Court Judge Frederick J. Bower, Burke's bond was set at 10 percent of \$35,000.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 18. Burke is still being held at the Frederick County Detention Center (as of April 22), according to district court records.

If convicted as charged, Burke could receive as much as 20 years for armed robbery, three years for carrying a concealed deadly weapon, and 18 months for theft of less than \$500.

Pharmacist Karen Golden told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, following the robbery, that a young, white male carrying a



Justin Michael Burke

knife and demanding drugs confronted her and clerk Loretta Shorb around noon on April 12. Golden said the young man appeared to be in his late teens or early 20s.

After the drugs were turned over, according to Golden, the suspect ran to the back of the strip mall, in the direction of Silo Hill. She did not see him get into a car.

Shorb confirmed that the suspect "had been in the store several times" previously, but she had not seen anything suspicious in his behavior.

Golden was on vacation when Burke was arrested and could not be reached for additional comment.

remain treasurer, while Sabrina Paxton-Daily was named secretary.

Forrence told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that Craig did not want to be president of COPE, preferring to remain vice president, and that Lisa Elder, secretary, was stepping down. Paxton-Daily said Elder was resigning for "personal reasons."

"That (O'Neil's resignation) doesn't surprise me," said COPE member Christopher (Chris) Steiger, adding, "O'Neil indicated during the February COPE meeting he would step down if he won."

## COPE reorganizes after president resigns

William O'Neil told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* he resigned as president of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) after he won a seat on the town Board of Commissioners, but he will remain a member of that organization.

"Because COPE will continue to lobby, I felt it better that I not be a COPE officer (while serving as a commissioner)," O'Neil stated.

Immediately following the posting of the election results, and O'Neil's resignation, COPE board members elected Harold Craig as temporary president and Catherine Forrence as temporary vice president.

On May 2, via teleconference, members named an interim board that will remain in place until the October COPE elections. Forrence was named president, with Craig as vice president. Dorothy Davis will

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Four other disqualified ballots had a valid candidate checked, plus a write-in vote. All four of these valid votes were for incumbent candidate, Clifford L. Sweeney.

Sweeney said, "I do not know about the disqualified votes." Regardless, he said, "I'm not going to legally challenge it."

"I'm glad Dianne won and I had no problem with the election results," Sweeney said, adding, "I would have been glad to win but I'm satisfied."

He added, "I have no problem with O'Neil personally. I don't agree with COPE's politics, but we have to all get together. I hope O'Neil can get the money (to address the infrastructure)."

"If Bill can't get the federal and state money, no one is going to get it. I think he will be an important part (of the board of commissioners)," Sweeney noted.

### Vote recount request goes nowhere

*The Emmitsburg Dispatch* also learned that defeated candidate Mazaleski had submitted a written request for an election result recount, and that the town also received a verbal inquiry from Katherine Forrence about recount procedures.

Mazaleski said, "Basically I thought I would have had a lot more votes, and the election was so close."

He also had a question

about the layout of the ballots themselves. "The ballots, 3" by 2", were too small and I believe the names on the ballots were not in the same sequence as on the displayed sample ballot," he told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, adding, "I never saw anything like it."

However, Mayor Hoover said the town attorney had determined that Emmitsburg election regulations have no provision for a recount.

### Voter identification checks questioned

Mazaleski also filed a written request to have the election "thrown-out" on the grounds that the election judges were "not following standard operating procedures."

He told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that election judges did not appear to require voters to show any identification before voting.

"I asked if they wanted my identification and they said they didn't need it. Some of my neighbors also stated they did not get checked for identification," he said.

"If there was no proof of identification required from people showing up to vote, they (the election judges) had no way to establish who the valid voters were," he said, adding, "You can't just walk into some town and say you want to vote."

Election judge Byard told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that as far as she was aware, all voters were asked for identification.

## NOTICE OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS

From ELIAS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Elias Lutheran Church will be implementing new parking regulations on its property at 100 North Alley in Emmitsburg. Parking along the north side of North Alley in front of the Parish Hall and Church will be restricted to church parishioners only from 7:00am to 12:00 noon on Sunday mornings. Additional handicap parking spaces will also be designated for Sunday morning only. Parking in the Church parking lot on the blacktop area will be restricted to Church parishioners only on Sunday mornings from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. Special events by the Church may also restrict parking in the lot and will so posted by special signs. As Elias works to grow its congregation, it must accommodate our followers first. The parking lot and north side of North Alley currently remains open to public use, free of charge, all other hours of the week.

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## A word from the Mayor Completing town projects

For several months the town of Emmitsburg has been working on replacing a major sewer trunk line. After some sewer spills, the Town Council agreed to approve an emergency repair of approximately 3000 feet of a twelve-inch diameter pipe that runs parallel to Flat Run. As you can see, 14 months after the emergency repair was approved, construction of this project has not yet begun.

The reason for such a long time to begin construction is very simple but yet, it can be very deceiving and misunderstanding to many. When the town approves a project, it is done very much like most individuals do when planning work or purchases within their own households. Such as planning to purchase a new home, doing some major home repairs or your considering the purchase of a new car. No matter what it is, at some point you must make the decision of which item you are going to do next. Although you make the final decision, in most cases that does not mean the money is available to pay off the expense in full, immediately. Therefore, the next step is to resolve how to pay for it. That is what the town did over a year ago.

We approved the project and staff was directed to find the funding. After contacting the federal government and

the state government to seek grant and or low interest loan assistance, the federal government did not offer any funding assistance; the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) offered a very low interest loan for up to \$600,000 with a 1.1 percent interest rate. This funding was secured in the July 2003 Town Meeting.

After the money was secured, the staff was then able to begin the process of having engineering plans developed to define the scope of work. As one of the conditions of the loan agreement, MDE must review and approve the plans prior to the town advertising for bidders. After MDE reviews the engineering plans and provides the town with changes they request be incorporated with the engineer plans, the plans are returned to our engineering firm for corrections.

After all the appropriate reviews and updates have been completed, the town may then move forward on advertising the project. MDE also has strict advertising requirements that must be followed. Bids are normally accepted for a minimum period of 30 days. Once the bidding period is over, all bids are opened and review by the town's engineering firm. The engineering firm and the town staff then make a contract recommenda-

tion to the Town Council. Because MDE requires that the bidder with the lowest responsible bid be awarded the contract, the Town Council must make their approval contingent upon MDE's approval.

After MDE confirms that they agree with the Town Council's vote, the contract can then be awarded and the contractor is given notice to proceed. Normally on this size project the contractor will be given 30 days to mobilize his crews and equipment to begin work. In our case, the town of Emmitsburg went through all the above steps up to recommending a contractor for the sewer trunk line.

The town received only one bid for the project, which was nearly double the engineer's proposed cost estimate. With only one bid at nearly double the expected cost of \$350,000 to \$400,000, the town rejected the lone bid of just over \$700,000 and decided to modify the scope of work and re-bid the project to provide an opportunity for other bidders to bid on the project. Currently the town is having those improvements made to the engineering plans. We are expecting to be re-bidding the project within the next 30 days.

As you can see, there are many steps required to begin a project, securing a funding source, creating engineer plans, MDE approval, bidding process, bid approval, award contract, contractor mobilizing crews and equipment, etc.

All of these and many other requirements take a minimum of 30 days each, many such as funding approval, creating engineering plans, MDE review and approval of plans normally take 60 to 120 days each (and sometimes more). Since most requirements must be completed before the next one can be approved, many items cannot be done simultaneously.

The town also has other projects in the works. Mountain View Road water line construction is set to begin mid May 2004 and engineering plans are currently being updated to replace the water line in South Seton

Avenue. Also in the upcoming budget, I plan to have at least one other sewer line project identified with funding coming from the new Sewer and Water Enterprise Fund. By establishing a dedicated budget separate from the town's general fund, the town's Sewer and Water Enterprise was finalized last year. With the Sewer and Water Enterprise Fund in place, the town can seek funding for some projects in-house without the need to look for state and or federal loans.

—Jim Hoover  
Mayor of Emmitsburg

## Emmitsburg and Thurmont to hold Senior Week events

Frederick County Senior Centers will hold special programs throughout the week of May 10 in recognition of National Senior Week.

### Emmitsburg Senior Center

Local antique dealer and collector Mildred Stine will display a number of unusual items on May 10 at 1 p.m. The audience will be invited to participate in a game of "What is It?"

On May 11 at 12:30 p.m. old time country and rock accordionist Arthur Fiedler will entertain. Attendees can sample Rita's Italian Ice, compliments of Rita's of Frederick.

### Thurmont Senior Center

May 10 will feature a yoga demonstration at 10 a.m., fol-

lowed by a Pilates demonstration at 11 a.m. New classes will be forming and information will be available.

On May 11, attendees can see restored cars and meet their owners at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the auto show, "Still Cruising."

On May 13, the Thurmont center will show the British Claymation film *Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave* at 1 p.m. This production won the 1995 Oscar for Best Short Film. Free soda and popcorn will be served.

### Contact information

For additional information on any of these events, contact the Frederick County Department of Aging, 301-694-1605.

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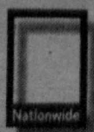
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### VOTE

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## BUSINESS NEWS

## Thurmont contracting firm to relocate to Emmitsburg



—RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER/THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

The Emmitsburg Glass Co. name will soon be removed off the face of this 13,000 square foot building in the Emmitsburg East Industrial Park. Glass company owner's Sheridan (Dan) and Gregory Reaver met in March to finalize the sale of the building to W.F. Delauter & Son, a Thurmont contracting firm. (L-R) Emmitsburg Glass Co. vice-president Gregory Reaver, W.F. Delauter president Kirby Delauter, Emmitsburg Glass Co. president Sheridan (Dan) Reaver, and W.F. Delauter vice-president Carl Athey.

By Richard D. L. Fulton  
Managing Editor

W.F. Delauter & Son, Thurmont, has confirmed plans to relocate to Emmitsburg in

2005, and has purchased the present Emmitsburg Glass Company building, 2 Creamery Way, Emmitsburg, in anticipation of the relocation.

Kirby Delauter, President of

W.F. Delauter, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that he and his partner bought the Emmitsburg Glass Company building from Sheridan (Dan) and Gregory Reaver and closed

on the purchase the week of March 8. Emmitsburg Glass is now leasing the site from W.F. Delauter.

According to Emmitsburg Glass Company co-owner Dan Reaver, the building W.F. Delauter purchased is approximately 13,000 square feet, and is located on one of 7 lots at the Emmitsburg East Industrial Park.

Carl Athey, Delauter corporate vice-president, said that Emmitsburg Glass is leasing the building that will serve as the future location of W.F. Delauter & Son. "Emmitsburg Glass has a one to one and a half year lease on the building while Dan (Reaver) works on their relocation," Athey stated. He said it would probably take Reaver "minimally a year" to relocate.

W.F. Delauter & Son is owned and operated by Kirby Delauter, corporate president, and Carl Athey, corporate vice-president. Delauter and Athey purchased the company from Delauter's father, Russell Delauter, in 1994. The company was established in 1955 in Thurmont by William F. Delauter and his son, Russell Delauter (Kirby Delauter's father).

Athey described the company's business as "totally infrastructure," projects. They construct the basic service infrastructures of commercial and residential developments, and make municipal improvements, which could entail projects like overhauling wastewater collection systems, installing water pipelines, and paving roadways.

W.F. Delauter & Son was awarded a \$402,000 contract to replace the water main along Mt. View Road, Emmitsburg, to help increase water pressure and improve water quality. The project entails replacing 3,300 feet of eight-inch pipe. The town commissioners formally voted March 25 to direct Town Manager David Haller to notify the company of the contract award.

"Our service area generally includes that which encompasses Littlestown, PA, to Leesburg, VA, and west to Hagerstown, MD," Athey said. The company presently has about 40 predominantly local employees, and owns approximately 45 pieces of construction equipment.

Athey stated, "There is some potential for more growth for the company" when it moves to Emmitsburg, and more jobs for area residents. The company is even planning on hiring a few

more employees this spring because of the approaching construction season.

The owners of W.F. Delauter & Sons elected to make the move in spite of concerns over the potential for a construction moratorium, which could conceivably result from a change of commissioners in the upcoming election. "I'm a little concerned over the political environment in Emmitsburg," Athey noted.

"I'm concerned that shutting down development (including residential) also shuts down the support structure (the businesses — such as contractors and subcontractors — that rely on development construction for work)," he said, adding, "You could shut down an entire industry."

According to Athey the company decided to relocate because of close quarters in Thurmont and the desire for better highway access. "We're presently in a difficult area to get our equipment on and off (the property), and the Emmitsburg site will offer better access to Route 15," he said.

Athey was not certain about the fate of their existing Thurmont facility. It is still owned by Russell Delauter, and the company will have fulfilled its financial obligation to Delauter "about the time the Emmitsburg Glass building becomes available." He noted that the owner might offer to sell the building to Thurmont for municipal use.

The company has worked on projects for Thurmont, including improvements to the wastewater collection system. Thurmont Mayor Martin Allen Burns told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* he was "sorry to see the company leave" Thurmont but understood the reasons. "They're really tucked away (at their present location in Thurmont)," he stated, adding that the firm probably has a difficult time sometimes getting equipment in and out of their driveway.

Mayor Burns noted, "They hardly produce any traffic and there is never any mud left on the road (from their equipment)." He said the company is known for their community involvement, even getting involved in local sports. "They are a great business and will be good for the community (Emmitsburg)."

Athey and Delauter also co-own the Orchard Hill Car Wash, Route 15 near Motel 8, in Thurmont, and the Silo Hill Car Wash, Silo Hill Parkway, Emmitsburg.

## RELIGION

*A word from the pulpit*

### Returning to our Roots

By Rev. Wade Martin  
Pastor  
Trinity United Methodist

Christ's church needs revitalization. To be vital the church must become "holy" once again. We need to practice a renewed sense of holiness, be totally devoted to God, set aside for God's special use, and set apart from sin and its influence. We are to be set apart and different, not blend in with society. Yet we are not to be different just for the sake of being different. The church needs to return to its Gospel roots and recapture the true teachings of Jesus.

What makes Christians different from the secular society in which we live are God's qualities in our lives. Our focus and priorities must be God's. It has become popular to be open-minded toward many types of sin, calling them personal choices or alternative life-styles. But when Christians, the body of believers, begin to affirm sin in the church, they lower the standards and compromise the church's holy witness.

The church universal is too indecisive on some issues, or ignores issues completely, hoping they will simply go

away. We need to take a position on issues that confront us, as commanded by God, and stick with it, whether society finds it tasteful or not. If the position is of God, society's opinion doesn't really matter. The church needs to draw a line, not in sand, not in dirt, but in our hearts and minds. We must remember that God's approval is infinitely more important than the world's. It seems to me this is what Jesus did. And as followers of Jesus we must be committed to implementing his standards in our ministry.

As children of God we have been set apart to be a holy remnant, to carry the Word of God to all nations, to the very ends of the earth. But if we want things to change, if we truly want a new reality where all people openly experience the love of Christ, if we want to make the reality of this world a better place, then we need to stop being spectators and start being participants in this world. I believe this was the power of the early Christian movement in this country, and why Christianity spread so rapidly. Christians stopped being spectators and started being participants in the faith.

The church needs to go



—MOUNT ST. MARY'S PHOTO

(L-R) Fr. Raymond Harris, Mount chaplain and director of campus ministry; Sister Ann Bernadette of the Sisters of St. Francis; Mary Topper; Thomas H. Powell, Mount president; and Millie Valentine, Mount manager of accounts receivable in the departments of accounting and financial affairs.

### Sisters of Saint Francis Award presented

Marilyn Topper, retired Director of Purchasing at the Mount, received the Sisters of Saint Francis Award on March 25 from Mount Saint Mary's College. The award recognizes Topper's commitment to helping others in the church, at the Mount, and in her family and community. The award ceremony took place in the

Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on the college campus.

Millie Valentine, manager of accounts receivable in the Mount's Department of Accounting and Financial Affairs, described Topper as "a quiet genius" whose unselfish service to others exemplifies the award.

Topper is past president of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is president of the Emmitsburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, where she coordinates visits to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Martinsburg, WV, and to St. Catherine's Nursing Home in Emmitsburg.

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back to its roots and step out of the shadow of Jesus. We need to stop hiding behind his cloak, and start being the disciples we profess to be.

Rather than walking in Jesus' shadow, we need to be those faithful followers, stepping right up beside him. We need to walk next to Jesus, arm-in-

arm with all our brothers and sisters in Christ, passionately showing the world that we are holy, bold, and disciples of Jesus Christ!

## 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

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. Vincent O'Malley, 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** Trinity United Methodist Church was founded in 1833. The present sanctuary was built in 1897. 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

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

In 1797, The Methodist Congregation purchased the log church that was built at Tom's Creek in 1757 by families who were mostly Lutherans and reforms. Since the old log church at Tom's Creek had been used for 146

years; In 1903, the present church's cornerstone was laid.

10926 Simmons Road  
Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:30  
Pastor: Rev. Bill Warehime  
301-447-2693

### Elias Evangelical Lutheran

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  
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Sunday School - 9 AM  
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## Award

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As a member of St. Joseph's Provincial House volunteer and collection staffs, Topper helped organize the 200 Club Dinner. She has volunteered for the Emmitsburg Vigilant Fire Company, the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Company, and the Mother Seton School Carnival. She has served on the Mount Employee Relations and Employees Compensation committees.

The Sisters of St. Francis Award is named in honor of the sisters who served at the Mount in the late 1800s to mid-1900s. The Council on Campus Ministry presents the annual award, established in 1997, to a Mount employee who best personifies the school's mission.

*Editor's Note: In the Roman Catholic Church, Saint Francis of Assisi is known primarily as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Saint Francis was born in 1182 in Umbria, Italy, as Giovanni Francesco Bernardone. In 1209, he founded the Franciscan Order of the Catholic Church. Bernardone died on October 4, 1226, and was pronounced a saint by Pope Gregory IX on July 16, 1228.*

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## OBITUARIES

### Sister Elizabeth Berry, D.C.

Sister Elizabeth Berry, 91, died April 11 at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg. The former Mary Elizabeth Berry was the daughter of William and Elizabeth Vize Berry. Mary Elizabeth graduated in 1930 from St. Joseph's High School, Emmitsburg. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1948 from Catholic University, and received a master's degree in hospital administration from St. Louis University in 1951.

Mary Elizabeth entered the Daughters of Charity in 1938. From 1939-1945 Sister Elizabeth worked as a hospital bookkeeper. She then began a 40-year health care career. After a number of positions in the U.S., Sister served as a missionary in hospital administration and nursing in Bolivia for 23 years. She returned to the U.S. in 1985 and held several pastoral care positions before mov-

ing to the Villa in 1997.

Survivors include one sister, Margaret Berry; five brothers, Thomas, Stephen, Benedict, Francis, and Rev. Thomas Berry, CP.

A Mass of Christian burial was offered April 14 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

### Mr. James Miller

Mr. James Robert "Jim" Miller, 77, Old Frederick Road, Emmitsburg, died April 18 at home. He was the husband of Mary Jean Knott Miller, his wife of 55 years. Born May 21, 1926, Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Herbert and Mary Topper Miller.

Mr. Miller was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, Emmitsburg. He served in the U.S. Army 302nd Infantry

Regiment during World War II. He worked as a professional plasterer.

Survivors include his wife; eight children, James H. Miller, Mary Frances Morrow, Bonny Keeney, Teresa Miller, Michael Miller, Sandra Rosensteel, Douglas Miller, and Nancy Cogan; 24 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three brothers, Patrick, Eugene and Gerald Miller; five sisters, Adele Jensen, Josephine Little, Mary Topper, Louise Orndorff, and Dora Knott; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 21 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Vincent O'Malley as the celebrant. Interment was in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

### Mr. Scott McNair

Mr. Scott Thomas McNair, 93, North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died April 21 at

Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA. Born Jan. 3, 1911, he was a son of the late Scott Hiram and Marion Gelwicks McNair. His wife of 63 years, Frances Elsie Shriner McNair, died August 30, 1998.

Mr. McNair was a member of Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg. He was a dairy and beef farmer all his life.

Survivors include three children, Shirley Gelwicks, Rodney McNair and Joan Bankard; six grandchildren, Wanda Seitz, Theresa Wantz, Terry McNair, Tammy Bankard, Lisa Miller and Dale Ellen Gelwicks; five great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.


Funeral services were held at Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Ted Haas, officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Presbyterian Cemetery.

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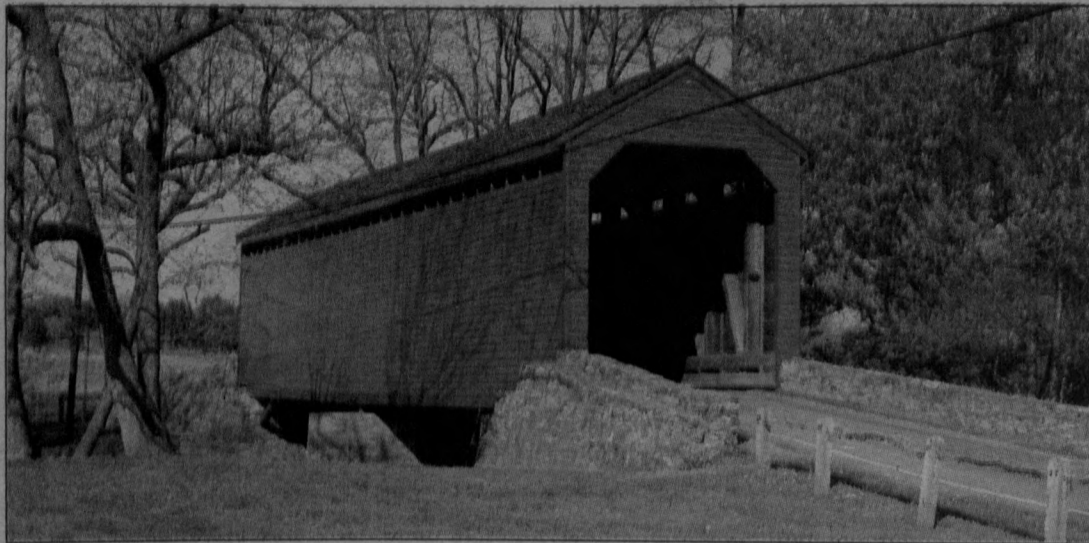
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## Emmitsburg Area "Kissing Bridges" still carry traffic after 153 years



**Loy's Station Covered Bridge**

By Richard D. L. Fulton  
Managing Editor

Over the decades, many of the covered bridges in Frederick County, MD, and Adams County, PA, have fallen victim to the traditional enemies of old wooden structures everywhere — fire, flood, old age, and dismantling, the usual result of perceived or real obsolescence.

Kenneth Hardwood, project manager with Frederick County Office of Transportation Engineering, Frederick County Department of Public Works, told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that there were originally more than 50 covered bridges in Frederick County alone during the mid to late-1800s peak of covered bridge construction. The Great Flood of 1889 took out

nearly half of them. Hardwood said the wooden bridges lost in the flood were generally replaced with steel truss bridges.

### Frederick County Covered Bridges

Today, three of these unique "relics" of the 19th century remain standing in Frederick County. Loy's Station, Roddy Road, and Utica Mills are open to the public and continue to carry traffic today.

### Loy's Station Covered Bridge

Built in 1880, the Loy's Station Covered Bridge, 90-feet in length, spans Owens Creek, and is located on Old Frederick Road near Thurmont. In 1990, the bridge was temporarily closed for restoration after

arson damage. The Wilson T. Ballard Company, Owings Mills, rebuilt the bridge. Today, Loy's Station Covered Bridge still carries traffic.

### Roddy Road Covered Bridge

Built in 1850, Roddy Road Covered Bridge, 40-feet in length, spans Owens Creek, and is located on Roddy Road near Thurmont. In 1992 an over-sized truck damaged the bridge, forcing it to be closed for a short time for repairs. Dean Fitzgerald, owner of Heavy Timber Construction, 10801 Powell Road, Thurmont, was instrumental in repairing the damaged bridge. It is still used today.

### Utica Mills Covered Bridge

Built in 1850, Utica Mills Covered Bridge, 100-feet in

length, spans Fishing Creek. The bridge was salvaged and moved from Monocacy Creek after the Great Flood of 1889, and is located on Utica Mills Road, off Route 15, near Utica. It is still in use.

### Adams County Covered Bridges

Sheryl Hollis Snyder, administrative assistant, Adams County Historical Society, said there were over 70 covered bridges built in Adams County during the 19th century. "Several were built at least twice because of fire and flood damage," Snyder stated. Records reflect the decline of the bridges as time progressed. "In 1938 there were 41 bridges left in the county, and by 1952 there were (only) 24," she said.

Today, in Adams County, only three 19th century covered bridges are still intact. Jack's Mountain and Sachs are open to the public. Heike's Covered Bridge, built in 1892, spans Bermudian Creek. The bridge's owner uses it for storage.

### Jack's Mountain Covered Bridge

Built in 1890, Jack's Mountain Covered Bridge, 75-feet in length, spans Toms Creek, and is located on Jack's Mountain Road near Fairfield. In the early 1990s, Buchart-Horn, Inc. and BASCO Associates, York, PA, renovated the bridge. Their firm won an Excellence in Design/Construction Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and recognition for their work from the Consulting Engineers Council of PA. Jack's Mountain is the only covered bridge in Adams County that still carries traffic.

### Sachs Covered Bridge

Built in 1854, Sachs Covered Bridge (aka Sach's and Sauck's), 100-feet in length, spans Marsh Creek on a dead-end park road off Pumping Station Road out-

side Gettysburg. Confederate troops used the bridge to cross Marsh Creek after the Battle of Gettysburg on July 4, 1863. In a storm during 1996, the creek flooded and lifted the bridge off its



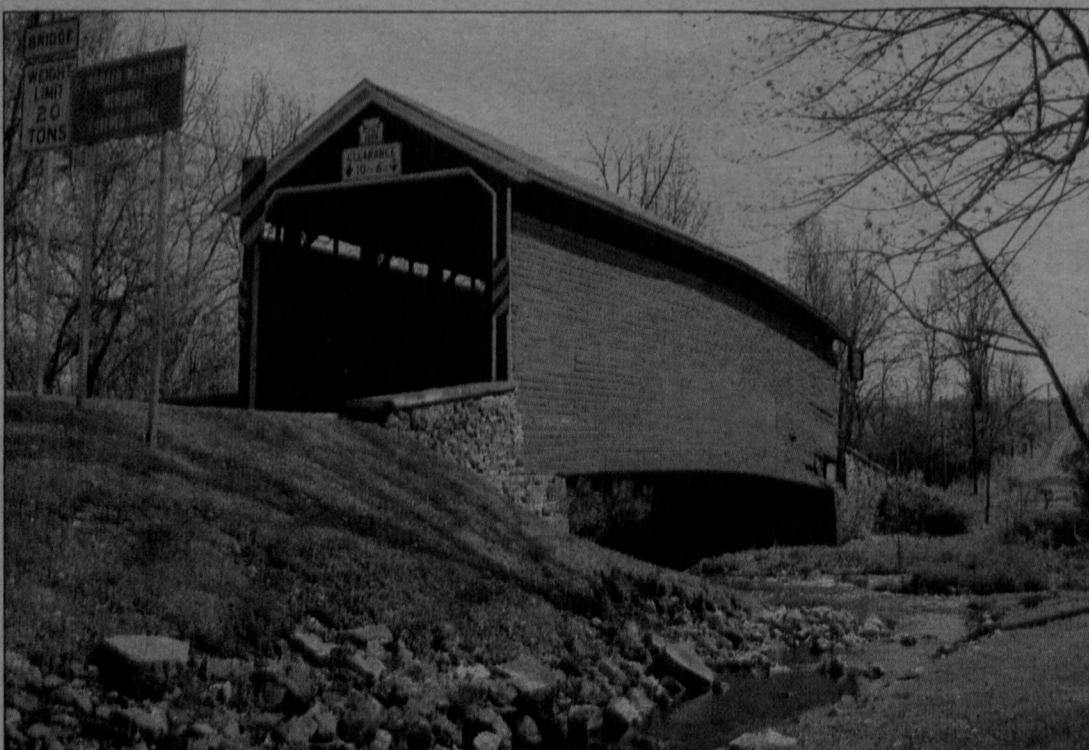
**Roddy Road Covered Bridge**

abutments, sending it careening 100 feet down the creek until it collided with stands of trees. About 90 percent of the bridge was salvaged and, during the following several years, the bridge was fully restored. It is located in a park and is closed to vehicles.

### A Short History of Covered Bridges

The covered bridge concept dates back to Biblical times when wooden roofs were added to predominantly stone bridges to provide shelter to travelers in case of inclement weather. In China, Mexico and Italy, many stone bridges protected by roofs served as "indoor" market places...the first drive-through services.

Over the decades in America, many urban legends evolved around why bridges were covered. One theory suggested the side sheathing kept horses from panicking when they crossed the bridge and realized there was a gushing stream below them. Of course, this theory failed to take into account that throughout the Southeast, many covered bridges were constructed over rivers and streams with no siding other than poles



**Jack's Mountain Covered Bridge**

attached to the sides to hold up the roof. Many others bridges, in the Mid-Atlantic and elsewhere, had broad windows, which made possible a horse-eye level view of the stream below.

Another popular legend claimed that bridges were

called "snowing the bridge."

The Swiss and Germans are credited with developing the covered bridge for the primary reason they were later built in America – to protect the supporting wooden truss-work, thus prolonging the bridge's overall life span.

Bridge engineers during the 18th century estimated that a bare-beamed bridge would generally last no more than 20 years before needing a major, timber overhaul. They believed that if the beams could be protected from the effects of extreme weather conditions, the support system could last as long as a hundred years.

Not only were they right, but they actually underestimated the length of time that many bridges lasted. Some old wooden covered bridges are still carrying modern traffic over creeks and streams after 150 years.

The first attempts to add protective timber sheathing to the bridges to protect their trusses (timbers) were simply building up a box around each of the sides, and capping each side with a mini-peaked roof. Thus, only the sides were covered, and there was no overall roof. These were called boxed



Utica Mills Covered Bridge

bridges, and were prevalent along the East Coast in the 1700s.

The true covered bridge arrived in America with the 1805 Market Street Covered Bridge in Philadelphia. Not only were the sides boxed-in, but a roof was built over the entire structure. After that, American bridge engineering entered the true Age of Covered Bridges, and thousands were built from coast to coast.

A careful search inside many remaining covered

bridges often reveals a bit of Americana...some of the oldest *American Graffiti*. Not infrequently, young couples (or even older couples for that matter) carved their initials in the beam of a favored covered bridge...so much so that the bridges were sometimes called "kissing bridges."

Generally, covered bridges were held together by little more than wooden pegs (trunnels), although some have had steel beams added over the years to compensate

for the weight of modern vehicles.

But the Age of the Covered Bridge is over. Today we have those grandiose, steel spans that sweep the skyline – the so-called miracles of the Age of Steel. These, of course, are the very same "miracles" that require virtually day-to-day maintenance and continuous inspections to insure their structural integrity. Will they still be in use 150 years from now?



oad Covered Bridge

covered to keep snow out during winter. Obviously, this version of the story was invented during the age of automobiles, because when the covered bridge craze swept across America, locals actually brought snow into the bridge so their horse-drawn sleds wouldn't damage the floorboards! This was



Sach's Covered Bridge

## EDUCATION

# Outstanding Young Marylander —



Richard Vallaster III has been named MD Jaycees Outstanding Young Marylander. The annual Outstanding Young Marylander award recognizes and honors Marylanders, ages 21 through 39, who exemplify the best attributes of the state's young people. Vallaster graduated cum laude in 1999 from Bridgewater College and is currently working on an MBA at Mount St. Mary's.

Prior to starting his own business last July, Rich worked as webmaster for the Mount. He and a number of colleagues left the Mount to form their own business, Creosote Affects, a marketing and creative services firm in

Frederick. The company works with businesses, associations, education and non-profits.

Rich stays involved with students at The Mount. He and his principal partner conduct mock interviews with business students who are interested in marketing and branding.

In addition, Creosote Affects launched a college intern program in January, "The Civic Square Internship: Living, Learning and Giving Back." He has chosen to concentrate on college internships because as he puts it, "I believe college internships can change students." Interns work with local non-profits that often could not afford to hire a marketing firm. The company's first intern is Kim Stup from Hood College. She is creating and implementing a marketing plan for Frederick's nonprofit Senior Resource Center. Since Rich had worked for the Mount and has guest lectured at Hood, the first interns will be from those colleges. Rick pointed out, "Given the crazy work schedule and the need to be flexible, having local students only benefits both us and them."

Rich is volunteer chair of Frederick's "In the Street" festival, and vice-president of Cultural Events for Educating Frederick, (CEEF). While at the Mount, he helped design a program to implement a website project for a Fairfield school.

Asked how he became interested in community volunteer work, Rich told *The Dispatch*, "I have always believed in giving back to the community that provides to you. In this case the area has provided me employment opportunities, events and activities that have enriched my life. My parents, Richard and Casey Vallaster, have always taught me that hard work for your community is what makes a community a family." Even though Rich says he owns a shirt that says "Stop me before I volunteer again," social responsibility seems to be too large a part of who he is to actually make him stop.

Winners of the Outstanding Young Marylander award must have achievements or contributions in at least 3 of the following areas: personal improvement; social improvement of major contemporary problems; politics or government service; and moral and religious leadership. Others who have received this award include Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich and television talk show host Oprah Winfrey.

# May at the Library

*Babies with Books* (birth- 24 months with an adult) Every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m.

*Two Terrific!* (age 2 with an adult) Tuesdays, May 11, and 18 at 10:30 p.m.

*Preschool Storytime* (ages 3-5 with and an adult) Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

### For Teens

*Games Around the World* (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) Join us for a fun evening of games and snacks from around the world. Friday, May 7 at 5 p.m.\*

### Special programs

*Third Thursdays at Thorpe Wood* (ages 3-5) Thurmont and Emmitsburg Branch Libraries host a monthly preschool story program at beautiful Thorpe Wood Nature Retreat. For directions call the Thurmont Branch or visit the Thorpe Wood website at [www.thorpewood.org](http://www.thorpewood.org). Thursday, May 20 at 1 p.m.\*

*A Child's Life During the Civil War* (ages 6-11) Time travel with us back to the days of the Civil War. What would your life have been like?

Explore this eventful time in history and our area. (Part of the "Did you know?" Series) Saturday, May 20 at 2 p.m.!\*

*Plant Swap* (adults) Just in time for warm weather- this is a great way to exchange your own plants for something new. If you don't have plants to exchange you may take plants for a small donation to Friends of the Library, Emmitsburg Branch. Call the Emmitsburg branch for specific information. Saturday, May 15 at 10 a.m.

### Book Discussion Groups

*Evening Club:* 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. Selection: *Peace Like a River*, by Leif Enger.

*Afternoon club:* 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, May 14 at 1 p.m. Selection: *Five People You Meet in Heaven*, by Mitch Albom. Call the library for further information.

Programs are held at the newly renovated Emmitsburg Library in the Community Center on Seton Avenue. For registration or information call 240-629-6329. \* indicates that pre-registration is required.

# Pre-K classes at Mother Seton School

Mother Seton School will offer a pre-kindergarten program beginning this fall. Built as part of the school's expansion, the new pre-k classroom will accommodate two sessions: 8:45- 11:15 a.m. and 12:15-2:45 p.m.

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*From the managing editor's notebook...*  
**Pet warning issued regarding cicada season**  
**Cicada recipes available**

Richard D. L. Fulton  
*Managing Editor*

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has issued a warning to pet owners to avoid allowing pets to eat cicadas during the upcoming swarm.

The HSUS said the insects are generally harmless, but pets that might "overindulge" could become sick from the cumulative effect.

"An overindulging pet who eats

many cicadas and has more than one or two episodes of vomiting, or appears to be in pain, may need to see a veterinarian," HSUS stated.

The HSUS advised owners not to leave pets unsupervised outdoors during the swarming season, keep cats indoors, and contact a veterinarian if a pet shows signs of illness coinciding with the massed appearance of the insects.

"The large-scale emergence of Brood X cicadas is expected to start

in early May and could last a month or more," according to reports cited by the HSUS.

According to the University of Maryland (UMD) web site, "The periodical cicadas like this year's brood may emerge in huge numbers — as many as 1 million per acre."

"Several broods will emerge in Maryland this year. The largest is called Brood X," the UMD web site states, adding, "These cicadas have been 2-3 feet underground for 17 years, waiting for this spring to crawl to the surface."

The noise created by the cicadas is that of the male singing to attract females by vibrating membranes on

the side of his body.

For the adventurous, recipes for preparing cicadas for human consumption can be found on the UMD web site at <http://www.urhome.umd.edu/newsdesk/pdf/cicada%20recipes.PDF>, including such delights as Soft Shelled Cicadas, Cicada Stir-Fry, and Cicada Dumplings. However, UMD and Cicadamaniacs (the UMD department of entomology, and its faculty and students who make up the cicada task force) do not advocate eating cicadas without first consulting your doctor.

This editor may have to consult his doctor just from thinking about it.

**Junior Ranger Program Offered at Catoctin**

If you have an adventurous son or daughter, the Catoctin Mountain Park, a unit of the National Park System, might have just the right "challenge"—becoming a junior ranger.

The Junior Ranger Program promotes environmental stewardship and protection of the park.

The park offers the program, designed for ages 6-8 and 9-11, throughout the year, weekdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and weekends from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sally Griffin, supervisory park ranger, said children explore park wildlife and cultural resources through stories, fill in the blank tasks, puzzles and games. They must complete a workbook in order to receive the junior ranger badge.

There is also a trail hike requirement and the children receive a checklist of natural and cultural related "discoveries" to log in as they explore the trail, Griffin stated.

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For additional information, contact the Visitor's Center at 301-663-9388.

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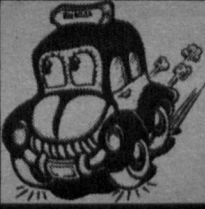
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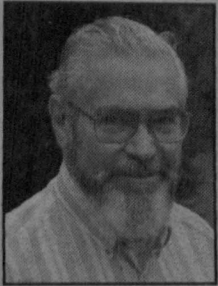
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## The (retired) Ecologist Of Systems, and Models, and Vulnerability



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"Any idiot can respond to a crisis. The things that really wear you down are the everyday details of life." — Attributed to Anton Chekov by the New York Times Crossword Puzzle.

I got up this morning and wandered to the bathroom, and within a few minutes the wastes my body had accumulated during the night\* were being transported away through a network of pipes to a sewage purification plant where they would be rendered harmless. Proceeding to the kitchen, I opened the refrigerator and found that I would not have to go out and milk my own cow in order to eat cereal for breakfast; someone else had fed, tended and milked a cow for me. The milk was delivered by someone to a place where my wife could buy it, and it did not spoil because somewhere there is a generating plant where fuel is brought in and burned to create electricity, and someone has

strung wires from the plant to my house to make my refrigerator keep the milk cold. The temperature outside was below 40, but I was comfortable; somewhere someone dug a well to capture natural gas, and someone else made a pipeline to bring the gas to my furnace. I turned on the faucet and water came out; someone thoughtfully built a reservoir, purified the water for me, and piped it into town. I could go on, but you get the picture. What I have just described is a small fraction of what is popularly called "infrastructure," or, in more analytic terms, a *system*. Although we take systems for granted unless something goes wrong with one of their components, the fact is that we are completely dependent on them.

Economists, sociologists and political scientists have known that we live in a system for a very long time, but it was not known until about 70 years ago that systems are also the pattern of organization in nature. The term "ecosystem" was coined by a British biologist named Tansley in 1934, but he was ahead of his time; most biologists in those days were concerned more with describing the environment than analyzing it. For analyzing things, a different kind of thinking was required.

In terms of thinking, physicists were far ahead of biologists. Sometime in my first year of teaching I heard a discussion in which someone asked the Physics professor, John Richards, "What, at the most basic level, do scientists do?" John thought about it for a millisecond or so, and replied, "We make models." He went on to explain that the real world is too complicated to understand, so scientists have to make up simplified versions called models, which can be tested by various experiments to see if they behave the same as the real world does. A model can be a mechanical device like the gears that turn a projector in a planetarium to show how the planets move around the sun, or it can be an abstract idea like Einstein's mathematical equations. It was a curious bit of serendipity that I heard that conversation, for by that time ecologists were just beginning to think about making models of the ecosystem and using techniques we now call systems analysis to study them.

About the time I was taking my first ecology course in college, two Australian ecologists proposed a model in which the ecosystem was divided into four components: Weather, Food, Other Organisms, and, in their precise British diction, a "Place in which to Live." These components were visualized as four boxes in a diagram, and in a fifth box, between the other four, represented the population of animals being studied.

Every time you found a relationship between the animals and one of the four boxes, you drew a line to connect the boxes. Then you tried to construct an equation that would show the effect of the relationship, i.e., whether it made the animal's population increase or decrease. It

quickly turned out that you could make wonderfully complicated diagrams, but it was difficult to find equations that realistically described what was going on. Worse yet, when you did find equations, you had to solve them all at once because the influence of each environmental factor affected all the others.

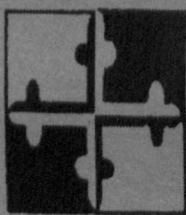
As a simple example, in the 1980's pheasants were common in the fields around Emmitsburg, but one year they died out. That year there was a cold, wet spell during the nesting season, and many hatchlings died... draw a line from "weather" to the pheasant's box. Then there was a drought that summer, which resulted in a poor crop of berries and seeds... draw a line from the Weather box to the Food box, and another from Food to pheasants. The following winter, there was heavy snow which flattened the brier patches where the pheasants hid... a line from Weather to Place to Live, thence to pheasants. Poorly nourished and with nowhere to hide, more pheasants were killed by predators... hunters, foxes, owls, hawks, dogs... several lines from Other Organisms. And of course pheasants have parasites... lice, worms, etc., which normally they live with, but which may kill them when they are under stress... more lines from Other Organisms. So why did the pheasants disappear? Was it overhunting, predation, starvation, freezing, poor nesting success, disease... or something we haven't thought of yet? ...or all of the above?

Making a diagram to model the pheasants in their ecosystem may give us a feeling of satisfaction, but it really doesn't give us an unequivocal answer to why the pheasants disappeared. In the 1950's when this model of the ecosystem was proposed, trying to create mathematical equations for each of the lines in the diagram only added to the problem; it was not possible to solve so many simultaneous equations by hand, and computers were not available.

Today, we have better equations, but even a simple model can tie up the most powerful supercomputers for weeks and still not answer the question. Of course if it is just pheasants in Emmitsburg, it doesn't really matter in the great scheme of things; but similar models are used by people trying to understand traffic patterns around major cities, global warming, pollution, or the spread of AIDS. All of the major problems facing us are studied by applying systems analysis to computerized models; and all of them present intractable frustrations.

Although analyzing systems by means of models has not yet enabled scientists to solve any major problems, thinking in terms of models has nevertheless proved to be immensely valuable: it has made us realize how complicated the world is. Understanding that this complexity exists has two benefits. First, it makes us realize how vulnerable are the systems in which we live, whether they are ecosystems or socio-economic systems. We have learned that the more complex a system is, the more effort and resources must be spent on maintaining it. When every part of a system is connected to every other part, breaking just one line in the model disrupts the entire structure. This is why terrorism is so much more effective in highly developed societies than in underdeveloped ones. It is also why ecosystems are so vulnerable to pollution and over-exploitation.

The second benefit of being aware of complexity is that it warns us of the danger of trying to apply simplistic solutions to problems, be they ecological, economic or political. We see repeatedly that impulsively attacking one symptom of a problem without regard for all the other aspects of the system almost always makes things worse. As our world becomes more complex each day, and thereby more vulnerable, it is imperative that we have leaders who understand this. We must get it right; there will not be many more chances.



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



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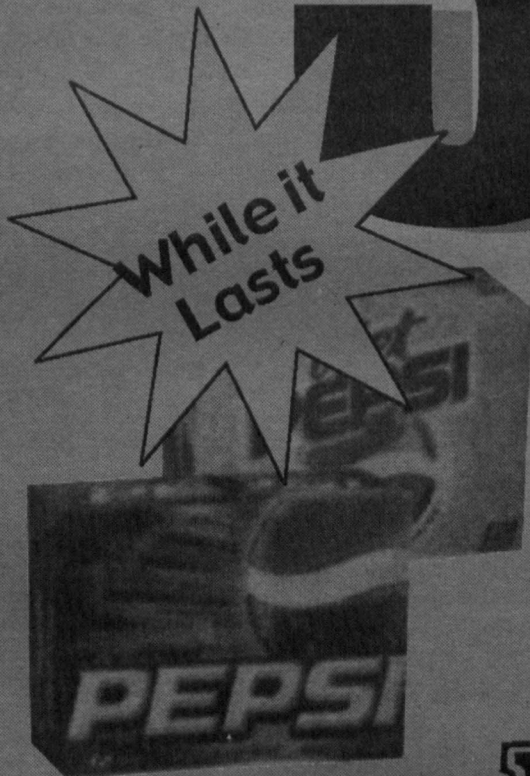
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### CLASSROOM, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - DAY 1 (BLACK AND WHITE)

Typical college classroom—small chairs, chalkboard. About 30 students sitting at their desks. Teacher standing in front, talking while writing on the board.

TEACHER: Who can answer this question?

Some bewildered faces staring up at her, others staring at their notebooks, some scribbling. Maurice, sitting in the back row, leans to one side, cups his hand over his lips and whispers to a classmate.

MAURICE: What's she talkin' 'bout, man?

Teacher walks up and down the aisles waiting for a volunteer. Classmate leans toward Maurice and whispers.

CLASSMATE: If you ever came to class you'd know. What are you doin' here anyway? You haven't been to class all year.

Teacher glances at the two whispering students.

MAURICE: I know what ya mean, man. You always get up this early?

CLASSMATE:  
It's noon, man.

MAURICE: That's what I'm sayin!

Teacher walks down the aisle past Maurice, turns and stands behind the two young men.

TEACHER: Do you have anything to contribute, Mister Clarett?

MAURICE: Uh, yeah. What's up with these chairs?

The other students laugh as Maurice grimaces and points to his waist which is trapped behind the small wooden part of the desk. The teacher huffs and strides toward the front of the classroom, overtly frustrated. Maurice's classmate leans toward him again.

CLASSMATE: Nice. Now that you're a big shot NFL player, I guess you don't have to go to class. What are you gonna' do if you don't make it?

MAURICE: Hmm ... not make it. I already made it, man. I'll go first or second



—RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER/THE EMMITSBURG DISPATCH

### Baseball Manager remembered on Opening Day

Joseph Johnson, age 9, son of the deceased manager of the Yankee Little League Baseball Team, spreads his father Kenneth's ashes in the outfield at Emmitsburg's Memorial Park on Opening Day, April 24. The crowd observed a moment of silence to honor Johnson, who died last August 3, and Loretta Adelsberger, who died April 8. Loretta ran the concession stand and was a loyal fan of the Emmitsburg league for many years. (L-R) Joseph Johnson, accompanied by two of his friends and teammates, Michael Welty and Tyson Miller.

round, that's seven figures, multi year with a nice bonus. Maybe I'll ask for a Hummer, like LeBron. What do ya think?

CLASSMATE: What you gonna do if you get hurt and the well runs dry?

MAURICE: That's what my gambling connections are for—backup, man. Always gotta have backup.

### COACHES' OFFICE - GIANTS' STADIUM - DAY 2 (IN COLOR)

One year later, first day of training camp. Tom Coughlin, Head Coach of the New York Giants sits behind his desk,

leaning back on his chair, feet on desk, clipboard in hand. Four other coaches sit around the desk facing him.

COACH COUGHLIN: Did Clarett show up yesterday?

FIRST ASSISTANT COACH: You'd think a guy losing six figures a day would at least call.

The other assistants laugh. Coughlin doesn't. He pulls his feet from the desk, slams them on the floor, pulls his chair tight to the desk, leans forward, places his elbows on the desk, folds his hands and scans the room.

COACH COUGHLIN: Do you think the kid's worth the trouble?

SECOND ASSISTANT: I'm not sure. He's not even a proven entity yet. I mean, he was a star in the Big Ten, but this is a whole new ball game. Since the draft he's been arrested twice. The DWI won't be a problem. He'll probably just get his license suspended. But the robbery, that's another story.

COACH COUGHLIN: I say we suspend him without pay.

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# The Frederick Marathon Events for Everyone

By Megan Zimmerman  
Intern Writer

The annual Frederick Marathon Festival can at last accurately be called annual. On Sunday, May 2, the second Frederick Marathon was due to step off at 7:30 a.m. Last March, over 1,400 athletes came from near and far to run the race, and more were expected this year.

The 26.2-mile course began and ended at the Harry Grove Stadium in downtown Frederick. The runners wove through the metropolis and countryside of Frederick, and then rested at the home plate of the Stadium.

The day before the race, Saturday, May 1, a variety of activities were planned for the runners and their fans at the Stadium. A sports expo was on display the entire day. For those not quite ready to run a marathon, a one-mile kid's run began at 3:00 p.m., followed by a 5K for all ages at 6:00 p.m.

The Frederick Keys minor league baseball team provided a complimentary pasta dinner for all marathon runners. JP McDermott and Western Pop presented live evening entertainment and there was a fireworks show just like those presented after a hometown Keys game.

Chris McMurry, Frederick Keys Communications Manager, who encouraged the public to participate in the marathon events, said, "Dedicated volunteers and workers have put countless hours into this weekend. The marathon is a great cause, and I encourage everyone to come out and show their support."

Proceeds of the Frederick Marathon Festival will benefit the non-profit Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland, an affordable-housing developer. Steve Fox, member of the Interfaith Housing board of trustees, said, "We look forward to supporting this event that will, no doubt, become an annual tradition in Frederick."

# Spring Activities at Catoctin Mountain Park

Catoctin Mountain Park rangers present a wide variety of interpretive programs the whole family can enjoy. Begin to experience all this local park has to offer by attending special programs during April and May.

**International Migratory Bird Day Program - Sat., May 8, 11:00 a.m., Visitor Center**

Singing birds are a sure sign of spring, but is the chorus declining in numbers? Join a ranger to learn more. Enjoy a video about bird migration, produced for elementary to middle school children, and a hands-on bird related activity.

**Fly-tying Demonstration - Sat., May 15, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Visitor Center.**

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## Maurice

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FIRST ASSISTANT: You'll hear from his lawyer, what's his name ... Milstein.

COACH COUGHLIN: Bring him on. Let's get out to the field.

Coughlin stands and walks around the desk toward the door. The others follow.

Coughlin stops at the door and turns back to the others.

COACH COUGHLIN: Let's look and see if there are any running backs on the market ... And make sure he's potty trained this time.

The coaches leave the room. The last coach closes the door. Fade to dark.

A couple of months ago, a federal judge in New York

declared suspended Ohio State star Maurice Clarett eligible for the NFL — a landmark ruling that, left standing, would have allowed athletes as young as high school age into professional football. Then, just weeks before the NFL draft, the courts reversed their decision, and a plea to have the Supreme Court hear the case failed. Maurice was left without a home.

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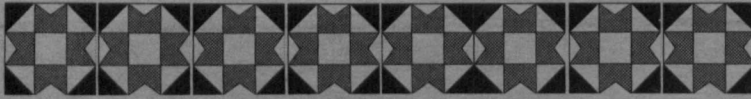
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# Quilters



## Old quilts are worth preserving, signed or not

By Mary Ellen Cummings  
Dispatch Writer

I've been associated with the same quilting group since 1986, in a geographical area home to a lot of quilters — past and present. Our group has been primarily involved in custom quilting. We have repaired and quilted many old tops from estates, many tops dating from the late 1890s to 2000. The names of the quilt makers were most often unknown, but asking a few questions solved some of these puzzles. Some families didn't care who made the tops, but wanted them made into covers. After all, some ancestor probably sewed them.

For over 50 years, I have attended quilt showings in museums, at county, state and grange fairs; at country church anniversaries and local guild shows. At the shows featuring older quilts, there are so many unknown names and dates quilts were made. I have a quilt made by my great, great grandmother. She didn't sign it, but I know because mother told me. This relative made quilts until

she was 97, but I don't know where my quilt fits into that time frame.

At one Church anniversary quilt show there many "Double Wedding Ring" quilts — each one signed and dated. The names on some of the 15 quilts had been embroidered, others written. It was a wonderful history of the church, community and the families involved.

I recently repaired a small Victorian "Crazy Patch" made of silks, brocades, taffetas and velvets — typical Victorian fabrics. It also had intricate and lavish embroidery. It was an orphan, lost in a box in the attic for many years. We all thought it was worth preserving in spite of the fact that no one knew who had made it a long time ago. Maybe now someone will be able to identify the maker.

Quilt shows such as those in Lancaster, Gettysburg, Houston, Paducah and Nashville feature some of the old, the not so old, and the very new. Some "traditional" patterns are there as well as variations of these patterns. There are computer generated, pieced

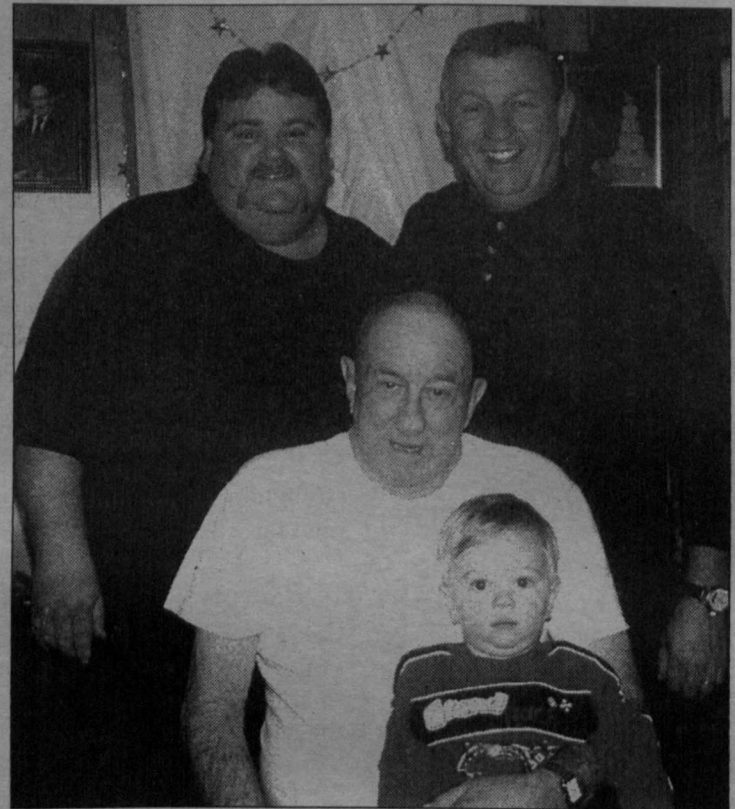
and appliquéd. We find fusion, special hand-dyed fabrics, fabric paints and photos. There are quilts with intricate hand quilting and others with all over machine quilting. Most are well documented.

I ooh and aah over each quilt and wonder how the quilt maker did that and how long it took to finish. I even think that I might try making my quilts in another way. But, my horse and buggy aren't equipped with the modern tools of quilting. After all, it isn't just your grandmother's squares and triangles; nor her clamshell quilting any more. With documentation in mind, we could say, "If I had known yesterday what I might know tomorrow, my todays would be different."

Note: Gremlins were at work last month and "ate" part of "Safe Storage," Rule #2. It should have read "Store quilts in acid free paper boxes, acid-free tissue paper, or in a wrapper made of washed 100% cotton fabric — white only. Washing the cotton removes sizing that could damage your fabric."

## PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

People To People is a section in The Emmitsburg Dispatch for personal and family news, announcements, and messages. Unlike Letters to the Editor this is paid space and has the lowest rate in the newspaper. It's not for businesses. The submission must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number to be used for verification. The Dispatch will only edit for punctuation, grammar, and spelling. Deadline for submission is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.



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Woman wishes to thank the "kind man" who returned her envelope of coupons, credit cards, and Jubilee gift cards to the front office at Jubilee on a cold day in December. He could have had a "field day" with the credit cards. It is so nice to know there are good and honest people in the town. God bless you.

—Name Withheld

### Liked being treated with kindness

On Feb. 2nd, my car stalled out in front of the Town Office. I asked the woman at the front desk if she could get me help. She did, cheerfully. One of the male town employes tried to start my car and failed. He went back, got two more men and the town pickup truck and jumped started my car. I offered to pay these men; they refused and I drove off and bought a new battery at the Tire Store on Creamery Road. That's a great way to be treated and I liked it.

—Ruth O. Richards  
Emmitsburg

## Looking Ahead

**May 5 - Cicadas!** Learn about the 17-year periodical cicada emerging in our area soon. Emmitsburg Library. 7 p.m. 240-629-6329.

**May 8 - "Doors Open Gettysburg."** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tour of eight historic properties in Gettysburg normally off-limits to the public in honor of National Historic Preservation week. Four buildings at Gettysburg National Military Park will be open: the Leister House, the Trostle barn, the Warfield house, and the Rose House. Event will have a free shuttle service between sites. Sponsored by the Friends of the National Parks at Gettysburg. Information: 717-334-0772 ext. 225.

**May 8 - Annual Community Dinner.** 12 noon -5 p.m. Creagerstown Parish House. Fried Chicken and Country Ham, Chicken Pot Pie, Ham Pot Pie. Adults \$10, Children \$5. Benefit Creagerstown Cemetery and Street Lights.

**May 9 - Mother's Day concert.** 3 p.m. in Knott Auditorium on the Mount St. Mary's in Knott Auditorium. The Mount students Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Jazz Workshop to perform. All mothers in attendance will receive flowers in honor of the occasion and a collection will be taken for the Catoctin Pregnancy Center. Admission is free. Information: Michelle Venzin in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at 301-447-5308.

**May 9 - Maryland-Pennsylvania Horse Show Circuit.** Show is open to all types of horses, registered and non-registered. Thurmont Riding Club, Thurmont. Information: 717-762-1032.

**May 10 - "What is It" Antique Display and Game.** 1 p.m. at Emmitsburg Senior Center. Featuring local antique dealer and collector Mildren Stine. Information (Frederick County Department of Aging): 301-694-1605.

**May 11 - "Still Cruising" Auto Show.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Thurmont Senior Center. See restored cars and meet their owners. Information (Frederick County Department of Aging): 301-694-1605.

**May 11 - Old Time Country and Rock.** 12:30 p.m. at Emmitsburg Senior Center. Featuring accordionist Arthur Fiedler. Rita's Italian Ice to be served compliments of Rita's of Frederick. Information (Frederick County Department of Aging): 301-694-1605.

**May 13 - Wallace and Grommet: A Close Shave.** 1 p.m. at Thurmont Senior Center. Free soda and popcorn. Information (Frederick County Department of Aging): 301-694-1605.

**May 14 - Golf Outing.** 8:45 a.m. tee off at Glade Valley Golf Course in Walkersville, MD. Cost per person \$100, which includes all golf fees, lunch and a bucket of range balls. If you are unable to attend the tournament, please consider sponsoring a hole for \$100. Proceeds to benefit 2004 Catoctin Safe-N-Sane. Information: Anne Reaver at 301-447-2245 or 301-447-2509.

**May 15 - Plant Swap.** 10 a.m. -2 p.m. in front of the Emmitsburg Library at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Exchange your own plants for something new. If you don't have plants to exchange you may take plants for a small donation to Friends of the Library, Emmitsburg Branch. Information: Emmitsburg Library at 301-447-2682.

**May 16 - Home & Garden Party/Cash Bingo.** Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Games begin at 1 p.m. Advance tickets are \$12/door. \$15 ticket includes 27 games, playing 6 cards. Light fare menu. Specials, raffles, ticket jars and lots of beautiful decorations for your home and garden. Information: Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. 301-447-6626 or Marylou 301-447-2073 All proceeds benefit new building fund.

**May 17 - Historical Society Meeting.** 7 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Center. Topic of discussion: Historical road names of Emmitsburg and how concerns over traffic congestion in 1928 lead to the

removal of the fountain in the square. This will lead into the society's search for answers to the age old question of the fountains whereabouts. Public encouraged to attend.

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