

# Emmitsburg The Regional Dispatch

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Gaining Strength Through Each Other

April, 1994

## GEORGE HOUSTON NEW MOUNT PRESIDENT

A long-time administrator and faculty member at Georgetown University has been selected as the 23rd president of Mount Saint Mary's College. George R. Houston, Jr., manager of the endowment fund at Georgetown and former senior vice president and treasurer, was named president after a lengthy search process that ended when the Mount Board of Trustees met March 7, with all four finalists for the position.

The appointment is effective July 1, 1994.

Houston succeeds James N. Loughran, S.J., who will complete a one-year term as president on May 31. Fr. Loughran was named interim president following the resignation of Dr. Robert J. Wickenheiser, who had held the position for the previous 16 years.

The Mount's new president, who also was a Distinguished Professor in the School of Business at Georgetown, has spent almost his entire career there. He graduated first in his class at Georgetown in 1961, returned on a part-time basis the next year as an adjunct lecturer in accounting, accepted a fulltime faculty position in 1966, and has been a faculty member and administrator there continuously since then.

During that period he has served as treasurer, vice president for financial affairs, senior vice president, and managing director of the Endowment Fund. During his administrative tenure, Mr. Houston played a major role in the growth of Georgetown's endowment fund. He introduced "Three Campus Budgeting," requiring each of the university's academic campuses to produce a "break-even" budget. That process has



led to more than two decades of balanced budgets

Mr. Houston has continued to teach throughout this period, and he has been the recipient of numerous teaching awards and honors. In 1982 he was awarded an honorary degree as a teacher who was "a legend in his own time." In 1992 he was named Distinguished Professor of Accounting.

"This characteristic of Mount Saint Mary's as a student centered college is one of the main reasons I expressed interest in the presidency," he said. "I am first and foremost a teacher, and I am most comfortable with an institution that places the greatest emphasis on teaching. I plan to teach at the Mount. This gives you a hands-on knowledge of what the house is about, what it is doing well, and what needs improving."

The new president also has been active in his parish, Holy Trinity of Georgetown, serving on its administrative council and streamlining its financial operations, and he is a member of the finance committees of the Maryland Province of Society of Jesus and of the National Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities.

## TOWN ELECTION DATES SET

The Water Commissioner's seat, currently held by Thomas R. Gingell, is scheduled for election on Tuesday, April 26, 1994, from noon until 7:00 p.m.

Candidates for this position must file in writing at the Town Office. To qualify, candidates must be residents of Emmitsburg for one year prior to elections. The last day to file for candidacy is April 15, 1994, by noon.

Voters are urged to register any workday, Monday through Friday, at the Town Office, 22 East Main St., between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Special evening registration will be held on the first Monday in April (4/4/94). The office will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To register to vote, one needs to have been a resident in Emmitsburg for thirty days prior to the election date.

***Town Election  
scheduled for April  
26, 1994, noon until  
7:30 p.m., VOTE AT  
THE TOWN OFFICE !***

To apply for an absentee ballot, the registered voter must submit a written application to the Town Clerk on/or before April 15, 1994. The application must state that the voter will be absent from the Frederick County area on April 26, 1994, during the time the polls are open.

The Town Clerk will deliver or mail to the voter an absentee ballot which must then be signed and returned to the Town Clerk before 9:30 a.m. on April 26, 1994.

## Government

### TOWN MEETING

The mood was relaxed and reports from the various departments assured us that the town had survived the winter of '93. There's some money in the bank, the water quality exceeds the EPA standards, and only routine repairs were required by the sewer system. Two street lights had to be replaced and some cold-patching was done where required. And, lots and lots of snow was ploughed and hauled.

Anticipating spring, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chris Weaver announced that the ballfields would not be open until April 1 and that advertising banners will be available to hang on the outfield fences. The cost is \$25 and details can be obtained through the town office.

Commissioner Weaver also noted that Arbor Day activities will be postponed until April 29 and that \$400 will be spent to finish the landscaping as called for in the community park plans.

After consideration of various options the commissioners voted to acquire a new maintenance truck for the town. The truck is leased through Wentz auto/truck agency and the town will not be liable for taxes under the GMAC agreement. The terms call for payments of \$532/month for 48 months and the truck can then be purchased for \$1. The truck is equipped with a Myers snow plow, a strobe light, a utility body, heavy-duty trailer hitch, and four-wheel drive.

## ZONING

Residents! If you are going to make changes to your property in any way, please call the Town Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., to check if you need a zoning permit from the town. If you need a permit, the Zoning Administrator will arrange an appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 447-2313

### Campaign For Community Safety

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What is needed.

\$400,000

(Major pledges: US Fire Adm., F&M Bank, Twn of Emmitsburg, Knights of Columbus, VFW,MSM, E-Burg Motors and individuals.)

\$162,000

VHC members and auxiliary



## Rounds

### AMBULANCE SERVICE

During the month of February, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company ran a total of 83 calls. These included 53 emergency medical calls, 15 vehicle accidents, 15 routine transports, 2 station transfers, and 1 fire assist. The company travelled 1,733 miles and served 66.15 company hours and 177 personnel hours.

### FIRE SERVICES

In the month of February the Vigilant Hose Company responded to 29 emergency calls. These included 5 1st-due fire calls, 8 auto accidents, 9 mutual aid calls and 7 ambulance assists. The company accumulated 1,012 personnel hours of service and had one department drill.

### POLICE SERVICES

The local sheriff's deputies were active over February. They dealt with 6 court appointments, participated in 8 training days, made 3 investigations (2 of which are on-going), and made 9 out of town back-up calls. Also reported were 4 auto accidents, 1 breaking and entering, 1 destruction of property, and 1 disorderly conduct call. They issued 1 DWI, 33 moving violations, and 14 warnings. They made 5 adult arrests, 11 escort calls, assisted on 1 ambulance call, and made 26 mobile patrols.

Code enforcer Bob Koontz issued

## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

An important Emmitsburg Town Meeting will be held at the Emmitsburg Elementary School on Wednesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. A detailed explanation of the local fire department's plans for a new aerial service truck and fire/rescue station expansion and renovations will be given. The meeting will be presented by members of the Vigilant Hose Company and the Community Capital Campaign Committee. The information to be presented is of importance to all citizens, businesses, and community organizations of greater Emmitsburg.

Ample opportunity will be given to all interested in asking questions, seeking clarification, and offering comments regarding the plans and the campaign. The Vigilant Hose Company is seeking input. Information will be provided using slides, overhead projections, and handouts. For those unable to attend, copies of the handouts will be available at the fire station or Town Office after April 14.

For more information call 447-2728.

305 parking tickets. Receipts for violations included \$610 for fines and \$374 for flagging. \$967.85 was collected from parking meters. Two residents were asked to clean sidewalks and 1 resident was issued notice of expired auto registration. Traffic direction consisted of 12 fire calls, 9 ambulance calls, 7 funerals, and 1 day snow removal.

Correction: We apologize for the incorrect spelling of Dan Kaas's name in the last issue of the Dispatch.

## Endowment Fund for Catoctin High School Youth

Calvin E. Saylor, a longtime resident of Rocky Ridge, recently announced his intention to establish the Catoctin High School Youth Endowment Fund at the office of the Community Foundation of Frederick County. The fund will benefit extra curricular activities at the Catoctin High School not funded by the Board of Education. Saylor, a successful businessman and active civic leader who over the years has been involved with fundraising for numerous youth activities in the area, wants to perpetuate this community giving and provide a way for others to contribute to a fund that will serve local youth.

The Catoctin High School was selected as the recipient of the endowment fund because it is the one institution in the Thurmont and Emmitsburg area that pulls people together. Saylor likes to recall his own high school days of band practice and Future Farmers of America (FFA) meetings which helped shape his strong belief that "extra curricular activities are essential to your education and give you a chance to apply what you learn." He hopes that the new endowment fund will assure future generations of school activities such as the school band, the social studies department's model legislature program, the agriculture department's programs, and athletic activities.

The Catoctin High School Youth Endowment Fund will be operational when the principal of the fund has grown to \$25,000. Mr. Saylor anticipates that this goal will be reached within the year.

A committee consisting of the principal, one parent, and one staff member of the Catoctin High School, and two citizens from the areas will be appointed by the Community Foundation to hear recommendations for use of the fund.

One aim of the Community Foundation of Frederick County is to prepare for meeting the challenges of the future of Frederick County as agencies and programs deal with the county's changing needs. The Foundation provides a way for citizens to complete a lifelong

## EMMITSBURG COMMUNITY CHORUS

The Emmitsburg Community Chorus is celebrating its 30th anniversary and is busily preparing for the annual spring concert on June 12, 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph's Catholic Church parish hall, Emmitsburg. The theme for the concert will be "The Emmitsburg Community Chorus Goes To The Movies."

Founded as a church chorus of local citizens singing mostly in the churches of Emmitsburg, the ECC has opened its membership to singers from other communities. The chorus has been invited to sing at civic, church, and special occasions throughout the area, and as recently as 1992, the chorus was invited to sing at the Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, VA.

Gary Schwartz has been the director of the chorus since 1989. Gary is a resident of Walkersville and has been deeply involved in music as a singer, composer, teacher, and director. After 5 years of work, Gary completed *A Requiem*, a choral piece dedicated as a tribute to all men, women, and children who have been affected by AIDS. The premier concert was presented on Oct. 18, 1992, at Coffman Chapel, Hood College in Frederick.

The membership of the chorus is composed of people who love to sing and are dedicated to the performance of music. Singers come from many communities including Emmitsburg, Thurmont, Walkersville, Taneytown, Frederick, Rocky Ridge, and Sabillasville. In Pennsylvania, singers come from the communities of Arendtsville, Biglerville, Fairfield,

cycle of philanthropy by endowing or investing funds for income that will be used to meet needs that cannot be foretold. It currently operates with the interest earned on its more than 100 endowment funds

Individuals and businesses interested in making gifts to the Catoctin High School Youth Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation may call (301) 695-7660 for more information.

## COMMUNITY MEETING RESCHEDULED

**Residents interested in discussing "What A Community Newspaper Can Be" are invited to share their views at a meeting to be held Wednesday, April 20, 7:30, at the UCC in Emmitsburg. You may also participate as a listener.**

Gettysburg, Blue Ridge Summit, and Waynesboro. The age of chorus members range from the early twenties to the midseventies. Their careers cover an equally diverse range including housewives, nurses, construction workers, farmers, teachers, office workers, and real estate agents.

The chorus is open and welcomes those who enjoy singing. For more information call Gary Schwartz 301-898-0189 or Shannon Boyle 301-447-3121.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Matthew Webster, 19, son of Larry and Linda Webster, Keymar, has been awarded a 4-year, full tuition scholarship plus a \$7,500 stipend for graduate studies in the Princeton University's Doctoral Program where he will pursue studies in the field of International Relations. He was selected as one of the top 128 students named by *U.S.A. Today* as the "Cream of the Crop" in American Colleges and Universities.

Matthew, who at age 12 was the youngest graduate from Mother Seton School, attended high school at Prospect Hall in Frederick. He went on to complete in 3 years his studies at St. Mary's College in St. Mary's MD, majoring in political science and international affairs. Matthew is the first graduate from St. Mary's to receive a full scholarship to Princeton.

According to his father, Matthew is a very goal-oriented person who has always been interested in politics. His long term goal is to serve as a senator. He is a computer buff who has built computers for his own use. "We are very proud of Matthew, but he keeps us on our toes," said Larry.

## COMMENTARY

### EMMITSBURG VOTERS AFFECTED BY CHANGE

Redistricting has moved the Frederick County election districts of Emmitsburg, Johnsville, and Linganore into state election district #4B which covers Carroll County. Every ten years the election districts are realigned by the state legislature to match more accurately the changes in population since the last census. New boundaries based upon the 1990 census will apply to the upcoming elections. Being moved into a new election district breaks old ties, requires the establishment of new relationships with elected officials, and generally arouses concerns about full representation. Change alters the familiar and is unsettling. Who are these people running for office? What and how do they think?

As the time for the primary approaches, candidates from "over there" will call upon our community to exchange views and ideas about the needs of this district and the way they can best represent us in the legislature. We hope they will be sincere and sensitive to our wishes and needs, not looking upon us

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merely as votes. The candidates are preparing and strategizing. The race is about to begin. They will come twirling through here like "dust devils" skittering across the fields. Will we be prepared for them?

We can be prepared. History is on our side. We did it when the British were coming-- "one if by land, two if by sea,"-- that sort of thing. It is possible for voters to set an agenda concerning issues that matter to them. We can keep our powder dry and be charged and ready when they get here. One strategy for voters is to write down questions and have them ready when the candidates visit our district. Another strategy might be to ask your questions through the *Dispatch*. We will put these questions to the candidates and give them an opportunity to have their responses printed. If a candidate does not have a position on an issue we will note that also.

On April 26, an election will be held for the seat of Water Commissioner in the Town of Emmitsburg. This may seem a minor contest with few candidates participating and no critical problems, but the number of candidates and the office sought are not the only concern. The number of participants in the election process is of equal importance.

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Low voter turnout in most elections screams the need for more participation. Here in Emmitsburg during the last election only 123 votes were cast. Even more disturbing is that according to the 1990 census, 1,442 citizens were eligible to vote, but only 400 had registered. Now is the time to register to vote and prepare for your next opportunity.

If it has been a while since you cast your ballot for a public office and you feel a little out of touch, call the Town Office and find out what's going on and who is running. Talk with your friends and neighbors, share your concerns. Search your mind and heart and come to grips with what you believe. Express it through the powerful symbol of your voter's X. If you like the way things are going, then vote yea in support. It's important to let people know you think they are doing a good job; if not, vote nay and "throw the rascals out." Relearn that yes, your vote does count because it symbolizes you, and it is not to be wasted.

Then go home and keep an eye out for the next whirlwind.

### 100 Years Ago, "In This Place." From *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*

#### Ninety-two Years Old

April 6, 1894 - Mrs. Martin Danner, who resides with Mr. Samuel Gamble, on the mountain west of town, celebrated her ninety-second birthday on last Saturday, March 31. Mrs. Danner is enjoying remarkably good health for a person of such an advanced age, and is able to go up and down stairs without assistance.

#### Birthday Party

April 13 - Saturday, April 7th, being the thirteenth birthday of Katherine Baker, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker, celebrated it by inviting some little friends from three to six o'clock. They all had such a happy time that when the hour for departure arrived, no one wanted to go. There were twelve little folks present, all of whom brought gifts to the delight of little Katherine. Refreshments of ice cream, cake, caramels, candy and taffy were served, which the older ones who were present enjoyed as much as the children. The children present were: Mary and Anna Maxell, Nellie and Anna Felix, Guy and Ray Sebold, Blanch Dukehart, Nellie Rowe, Maurice Harner, Alice Baker, Reynolds Caldwell, and Lucy Wallace.

#### A New Building

April 20 - Mr. Joseph L. Hoke has built an addition 30 x 11 feet to his millinery store in this place, which will be used as a show room to display his elaborate stock of head apparel. The building is quite an improvement, although a window or two in the west side of the structure would add much to its appearance and give more light and no doubt Mr. Hoke will realize this fact as soon as he occupies the new room.

#### Arm Dislocated

April 26 - On Wednesday morning, Washington Nagle, of this district, caught a snake by the tail and when in the act of striking it against something in order to end its career, dislocated his right arm at the shoulder. He was brought to the drug store of Dr. C. D. Eichelberger, in this place, where Drs. C.D. and James W. Eichelberger adjusted the arm.

## SENIOR CITIZENS'

by Anna Margaret Martin

With snow over (we hope) the Senior Citizens' Center will start the spring season with several activities planned for the coming months. The winter proved to be the coldest many of us can remember and we were closed for a total of 16 days. By now the blue birds should be singing and the flowers pushing up from their long winter nap.

We will be having our regular Bingo on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. and the "500" card parties on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. On Tuesday, April 19, Susan Allen will present a "Show and Tell" of her experiences living in Korea. On Tuesday, April 26, a nutrition program will be presented by a member of the Commission on Aging.

During the spring break (April 4 - 8) we will be having lunch at Corney's Corner.

We are planning an evening "500" card party for the public (all ages) which will be held on Wednesday, April 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$2.00 per person. Sandwiches, pie, and coffee will be available after 5:30 p.m. There will be prizes for all. This is a fun night and we look forward to seeing a good crowd. Bring your friends.

Another date to mark on your calendar is Saturday, May 21, when we will have a bake sale and yard sale at the center. The time will be announced later.

A new quilt is in the frames and we can use more quilters to help us. If you are interested contact Anna Margaret. Our phone number is 447-6253, call anytime between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Don't forget our lunch program each day Monday through Friday at noon. This program is for anyone over 60 years of age. A donation of \$1.50 is suggested for the meal which is prepared at Catoctin High School. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship, the food, and all the fun we have here each day. Games are played before and after lunch. For information about transportation to the center or delivery

## PROFILE OF AN ARTIST

by Nancy Coblentz

Catherine Tenace has been interested in art since high school where she learned the techniques of drawing. Over the past ten years she has been actively acquiring new skills and expanding into new mediums. Now acrylics, oils, and pastels are her media of choice. Portraits and nature studies, birds, animals, and flowers are her favorite subjects. She has studied at the Artel Gallery under the direction of Elizabeth Prongas.

Cathy has exhibited her work locally. She participated in the Historic Register Art competition, entering her work of the manse of the United Church of Christ. Some of her painting was displayed in the Civil War Exhibition held at Her Studio Gallery in Emmitsburg last fall. Many of her works have been marketed through Lola's of Gettysburg, an arts and crafts shop in the Old Gettysburg Village. Cathy welcomes commissions and is also experienced in instructing young people.

Cathy and her daughter Jennifer are part of the growing community of artists and crafters settling in and around Emmitsburg. She is actively involved in the development of the Emmitsburg Area Arts League. If you would like to see Cathy's originals and learn more about her work you can write Catherine Tenace, 11608 Simon Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or call 301-447-6561.

## EMMITSBURG AREA ARTS LEAGUE

The Emmitsburg Area Arts League will hold its next meeting Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media room of the Emmitsburg Library.

Bill Cochran of Shared Visions will speak about the exciting "fool-the-eye" mural he has designed. This mural will be painted on the bridge over Carroll Creek next to the Delaplaine Center for Visual Arts. Bill has been the driving force behind "Angels in Architecture" in downtown Frederick. This is a series of seven murals painted on outside building surfaces. Three of the seven murals have been completed. His slide show will acquaint us with the steps involved in producing this form of art in public places.

of meals to homes, call Anna Margaret at 447-6253 between 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## EMMITSBURG CROP WALK

MAY 15, 1994

Walk the lovely grounds of the Federal Emergency Training Center and the Provincial House and do it for a good cause - fighting hunger. Take part in this community project sponsored locally by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and nationally by the Church World Service. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds goes to the Emmitsburg Food Bank with the remainder going to fight world hunger. If you have not been asked to participate, see you church CROP representative or call a member of the local clergy-- they will lead the way.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor the annual EASTER EGG HUNT to be held on Easter Sunday, April 3rd, at 2:00 p.m., weather and grounds permitting. You are invited to join in for an afternoon of fun at the Emmitsburg Community Park at the new baseball fields behind the middle school. The Easter Bunny will leave a variety of colored eggs.

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## Correspondents

### ROCKY RIDGE

by Emma Keeney

#### Special times

Congratulations to Ronald E. and Alice Eyler, who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. A party was given by thier daughters Tracey, Lisa, Lynn, and their families. Ronnie and Alice enjoyed a trip to Hawaii.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Glass. Jim and Loretta's wedding anniversary is April 16.

Congratulations to Melissa Sharrer for being selected as a member of the All-County Chorus.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ambrose have returned from a three-week vacation in Florida. During their travels they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Stanly Compton.

Happy anniversary to Pastor Jim and Burneda Russell.

#### Birthdays

Happy birthday to Rev. Rosemary Maxey, April 3, and Loretta Glass, April 30.

Belated March birthday wishes for Crystal Shriner, Kenny Stambaugh, Eugen Stambaugh, Wayne Stambaugh, Vernon Keilholtz, Beatrice Keilholtz, Kathy Wolfe, and Novella Dinterman.

#### Hospitalizations

Recently returned from hospital and now recovering at home are Verna Keeney, Bo Gregg Donald "Brownie" Brown, and Carrie Ralston.

Lucille Valentine is a patient at the York Hospital.

#### Condolences

Deepest sympathies to the families and friends of the following: Mrs. Chester Zentz, Sr (Rachel), who died Feb 13, Ed Hall, who died Feb.22, and George Humerick, who died March 4.

### MT. TABOR QUILTERS

Because of the severe winter weather this year the Mt. Tabor Quilters have met infrequently. However, our fearless leader has managed to send "homework" to keep everyone busy. We have had several donaations of fabric, thread, and

quilt tops following the article about our group in the Frederick News-Post. Many thanks to all the donors.

Currently we are preparing items to be sold in June at our church Sunday School auction. We will have our own booth with quilts, quilt tops, and related items. We are also working on a "3 Bridges" quilt featuring Frederick County's Covered Bridges. This quilt will be offered for sale by the Frederick County Covered Bridge Society. Contact Dean Fitzgerald at 271-1843 for details.

#### FIRE AND AUXILIARY

Bingo is held every Saturday night at the Rocky Ridge Firehall starting at 7:00 p.m.

The auxiliary served the annual Firemen's banquet in Jan. The attendance was down because of the weather, but everyone enjoyed the evening. The Ladies Auxiliary donated \$8,000 to the Rocky Ridge Firemen. In February the firemen had an oldtime County Butchering and the ladies auxiliary pitched in to help the men by serving breakfast.

The community would like to say thanks to Barry Burrier for serving as president over the past five years. He did a great job. Congratulations to the new president of the company, Robert Mumma.

### ST. ANTHONY'S

by Ann Marshall

St. Anthony's congregation traces its history to the early 1700's when several Catholic families from Southern Maryland - the Elders, the Livers, and the Owingses - relocated to the Emmitsburg area. The community was served on an itinerate basis by Jesuit missionaries from Conewago and by priests from Frederick Town.

In 1793, Bishop John Carroll assigned pastoral duties for central and western Maryland to Fr. John DuBois, a French emigre priest. Emmitsburg was one of his missions, and there, some two miles south of the town on land called St. Mary's Mount, he built St. Mary's Church in 1806. The church, which later burned, was located where the Pangborn

Campanile now stands at the entrance to the Grotto of Lourdes.

The energetic Dubois founded Mount Saint Mary's College in 1808 and, for the next 86 years, the College's priest/president was pastor of St. Mary's Church.

In 1894, the colleges's responsibility for the congregation was surrendered, and a separate parish, St. Anthony's was created by the Baltimore Archdiocese. Fr. John Manley was the first pastor.

The parish cemetery, dating from 1806, is a historic spot. It includes the graves of many local Catholic families as well as those of college faculty and students and several members of the family of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

St. Anthony's and our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Thurmont are served by Fr. Leo Tittler, pastor, and Sr. Carol Czyzewski, pastoral associate. Next month: a history of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish.

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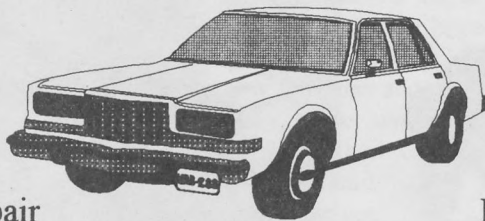
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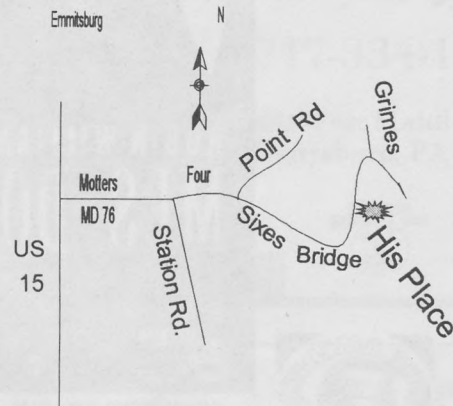
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# WHEN FORSYTHIA BLOOMS

by Shelly Chevalier

"We don't even have a name."

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"One no."

"Pass."

"Pass."

"1956."

"What month?" An affectionate challenge.

"Two spades. I don't know what month. Before July. Before lilacs. I remember I had forsythia for the table. Lilacs are early May; they were always out for Jenny's birthday. So it must have been March, April."

"Oh, partner, I'm going to be sad if we take five tricks..."

Cards and conversation are neck and neck. It's been a month since the girls have been together. Three or four topics are under discussion and the volume hovers comfortably around ten. The snow has kept them apart. Not light snows, such as the measly two inches discovered by all upon waking that morning, but great snows that brooked no doubt of cancelling their game.

But today everyone is out and in attendance. Even Bertie, in a beautiful spring periwinkle jersey dress, with a brace round her neck and a cast on her wrist. Mary Gene, too has returned, the first time since her knee replacement surgery and subsequent physical therapy.

"Bloodmobile, two weeks from tomorrow," a general reminder.

"I won't be able to help this time," says Jean, today's hostess. Having baked cherry pies for the two previously cancelled games, this morning she looked at the snow and opted for Hummingbird Cake. (It was going in the freezer if they didn't come.) "We'll be setting up for the Church Supper that day."

"Saw Charlotte," Bea suddenly remembers to tell. "She looked well and sent her love to everyone."

"Oh! And I have a couple of thank-you notes from Lib's family," someone adds to the news of past club members.

"I think they were really touched by what we did."

"We cater funerals," Dottie explains to me with wit I wish I could bottle.

"For our members and their families," another temporizes.

I am at "Bridge." Bridge is all I've ever heard it called, and it's been as much a part of my life as church or grocery shopping. This group has been coming together every other Wednesday afternoon for thirty-eight years to play cards and share news.

When I was young, my mother's turn to hostess Bridge meant leftover cocktail peanuts and butter mints after school. In later years the news passed on at the dinner table following Bridge began to get interesting. Away at college I forgot about it, but now a woman and mother, I am intrigued by these women—their enduring friendships, their civic spirit, their devotion to family, and their commitment to themselves.

"Didn't you find it hard, when your children were little, to get away every other week for Bridge?" I ask.

"That was the point!" laughs one.

"It's not hard to do anything you really want to do," says another.

I find it hard to make evening plans with a woman friend once in a month; the idea of scheduling a social afternoon every other week boggles my mind.

"We were home all the time. Young women today are working. It makes a big difference," offers one of the ladies.

Snap. Click. Snap, Snap.

We learned that Laurie had her baby. A girl. Three girls! She and Ronnie named her Tricia Nicole.

"Betty Ann, when is the fashion show again?" someone queries. "I want tickets."

"Fashion show? Where? What stores?" pipes up Betty K., looking afternoon-elegant in a basic black dress. An immigrant from Washington, D.C.,

Betty K. still shops south of Frederick—an old habit that, now in retirement, she's not about to break.

"It's a fashion show of the clothes sold at the Gettysburg Hospital Women's Auxiliary Thrift Shop," Betty Ann smiles at her. "I don't have any tickets left, but I can see about getting some," she directs to the first inquirer.

"One no."

"Pass."

"Two hearts."

"Pass."

"Three diamonds."

"Pass."

Of the eight Emmitsburg women who originally gathered to play bridge in 1956, only three are still active members. All are still living but some moved; others went to work once their children went off to school. The group is now composed of eleven regulars (to cover absences). Nine (Continued on page 10)

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live in Emmitsburg, though just two are native Emmitsburgians; a few others were born in close-by Thurmont and Graceham, and the rest are women whose husbands' careers brought them to Emmitsburg.

Among them they have travelled the U.S., Europe, Australia, and South America. One is a librarian, another a teacher, a third is an antique dealer. Avid interests include gardening, quilting, music, tennis, books, and grandchildren.

They are all community leaders. They staff the Red Cross Bloodmobile Drives held in Emmitsburg five times a year; with other citizens they man the production of the town's fresh Christmas decorations; they work the Emmitsburg Food Bank and raise funds for the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Fire Company and for the Gettysburg Hospital; they are involved in the activities of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and support the work of the Up-County Family Support Center; they volunteer in the classrooms of Emmitsburg Elementary and Mother Seton Schools; and they are the quiet doers of numerous second-nature kindnesses.

For instance, only recently did I learn that these women play for money. Big stakes. If you're high, you pay the kitty two dollars. If you're low, you pay the kitty one dollar. Then, once a year, they tally the loot and debate its destination: Atlantic City? The Washington D.C. Flower Show? No. A local charity or cause. Past recipients have included the Eathan Keilholtz Fund, the Emmitsburg Lions Club, and the Laura Sherald Heart Fund.

"We don't just play bridge." Spoken simply, these words, ringing in understatement, paint vividly the personality of this group. The diversity and depth of their collective community service is, when you think about it, downright impressive.

I wondered as I sat among them, which came first — Bridge or their activism? As young, harried mothers in their twenties and thirties, did they really have the time (and/or the heart, the energy?) to volunteer in addition to playing bridge and changing diapers? Or, did Bridge shape and sustain them through those early trying years into the confident, gracious, life-loving women

they are today?

"Have the things you talk about changed much over the years?" I venture.

A momentary pause.

"Family. Always family." states Pat. Unanimous murmurs around the table occur.

"Has Emmitsburg changed much?" I try again. Has it ever been too little for you? Too limiting? "I mean," I say, faltering, "Why Emmitsburg? Why did you stay?"

For the first time talk comes to a full stop.

"Because we like it." Simple, firm words spoken by one for all.

Works for me.

"One no trump."

"Two clubs."

"Pass."

"Three diamonds."

"Pass."

"Pass."

"Pass."

Cards fold.

"I had a handful of diamonds and it didn't matter," says one.

"Bridge at my house next time," says Betty M.

(Members of the Club: Betty Ann Baker, Chata Carr, Pat Keating, Bea Keilholtz, Betty Kengla, Betty Meredith, Betty Motter, Dottie Phelan, Mary Gene Rice, and Bertie Zimmerman)

*The writer grew up in Emmitsburg and is the daughter of one of the members.*

### SETON CENTER SPAGHETTI DINNER

A family SPAGHETTI DINNER will be held at the Seton Center Gym on Saturday, April 16, 1994, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Funds raised from this dinner will assist in meeting the financial needs of the center. Advance donations are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children ages 4-10, (children under 4 free). Donations at the door are \$6 for adults; children's donations remain the same. Carryouts are \$6.00. For information or reservations call the Seton Center, S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, (301) 447-6102.

## Iambic Epicure

by John (Mother Carey's Chickens)

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Nine years ago, while putting together the April edition of the Emmitsburg Dispatch (only our fourth issue), we received a press release from Mount St. Mary's College announcing the selection of the new president, George Houston. I was very pleased to get it – not only to learn about the new president who would begin his duties July 1, 1994, but because it also solved the problem of what to put on the front page, and we didn't have to write it. This was good copy.

I was impressed to learn George Houston graduated first in his class from Georgetown University in 1961, returned on a part-time basis the next year as an adjunct lecturer in accounting, accepted a fulltime faculty position in 1966, and was a faculty member and administrator there until coming to Mount St. Mary's.

During his administrative tenure, George Houston played a major role in the growth of Georgetown's endowment fund. He also continued to teach throughout this period and received numerous teaching awards and honors. One honor that caught my eye was presented in 1982. He was awarded an honorary degree as a teacher who was "a legend in his own time."

And maybe that can now be said of your presidency, as well. Little did we know nine years ago, when we laid out the paper with you on the front page, that you would be a president that was accessible to the community - that one day so many of us would call you a friend; that you would be a president that brought the community into your home, fed us wonderful meals, and encouraged us to take advantage of the many cultural programs offered at the college; a president who did his job quietly and consistently without grabbing headlines; a president who leaves his college and our community a better place in which to live.

We are here today, George, to thank you for all you have given us.

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Emmitsburg Lions Club announces the Dr. George Morningstar Memorial Scholarship for a high school senior residing in the club's service district. This district includes the Emmitsburg Elementary School attendance district and the 21727 zip code area.

This scholarship award of \$500 for college or other post high school education will be based upon the merit of the contents of a letter of application. The letter of application should contain such information as career goals, high school activities, non-school activities, and any other information deemed relevant by the applicant.

The letter of application must be received by the Emmitsburg Lions Club not later than Friday, April 29, 1994. Mail all letters of application to the Emmitsburg Lions Club Scholarship, PO Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

## MYSTIC MEADOWS

A new home business, Mystic Meadows, is a garden and crafts shop featuring heirloom seeds, plants, and crafts. Owner Christine Maccabee says, "All of the products are produced on site. Even the crafts, including gourd bird houses, bird feeder stations, seed necklaces, and pressed flower pictures come right from my garden."

The garden products feature heirloom (old-fashioned) seeds and transplants grown by Christine. She has several varieties of tomatoes including Golden Nugget, Bonnie's Best, and Brandywine. "Deacon Dan beets, a large sweet variety, is a great keeper," according to Christine. Later in the spring she will have tomato, raspberry, and strawberry transplants available.

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## Cross or Crucifix?

by Rev. Alfred R Pehrsson, C.M.  
St. Joseph's Church

Many of us in our Emmitsburg community are faithful followers of Christ although we spring from various traditions. As we approach the Holy Days of Passion Week and Easter Sunday, it may be well to look at two different views of that wood of Calvary that received the sacred blood of our Lord.

Cross or Crucifix? There is a difference.

Many Christians raise up the cross that does not bear the crucified body of Christ. They make a valid point: the Lord is risen. He is not nailed to the wood of the cross any longer. He reigns in glory at the right hand of God the Father.

However, to emphasize another truth, other Christians raise up the Crucifix, the cross that does bear the tortured and bleeding corpse of Jesus of Nazareth. In doing so, the Christians also have a valid reason: "Lest we forget the supreme act of love and the limits to which this love drove Jesus for each of us, we behold the sacrificed, new covenant Lamb of God." This is a vivid sign of the incomprehensible act of Christ's merciful love on Calvary. With arms outstretched, it is a sign of unlimited generosity: "No greater love than this—that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

Truly, this sacred, torn, and battered body presents an ugly sight. But then the nightmare reality of flogging till the skin is separated from bone, of the crowning of thorns during which eyes are blinded with burning, trickling blood, and of nails piercing outstretched limbs is ugly. But lest we forget the horrific price, we gratefully look upon him crucified, of whom David wrote, "I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people." (Psalm 22:6)

Not too long ago two young women while driving their car across an icy bridge, skidded and crashed through the bridge railing, and plunged 225 feet to the frigid waters of a river below. From coast to coast newspapers printed a picture showing the frightening scene. The young ladies sat precariously on the roof of the submerged auto, one frantically screaming for help, the other bleeding

from the forehead. After 45 minutes of shocking terror, firemen rescued the pair. On the following day, newspapers printed another photo of the two, but this time they were smiling and so glad to be in warm hospital beds.

Unless we had seen them sitting on the car roof with terror and agony in their eyes, we would not be able to appreciate fully the cause of their happiness. We experienced joy for them after having seen their agony. To appreciate more the joys of Easter Sunday, we must allow ourselves to lovingly contemplate the agonies of Good Friday as depicted on the Crucifix.

To look at the crucified Jesus with thankful reverence is to experience his healing love. Do you remember the time when the Jews in their journeying through the desert began to complain against God and Moses? They cried out, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert where there is not food or water?" In punishment for their lack of faith, the Lord sent among them Seraph (Firey) serpents which bit the people so that many died.

Then the Jews begged for mercy. So the Lord said to Moses, "Make a Seraph serpent and mount it on a pole, and if anyone who has bitten looks at it he will recover." Moses made the bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole in the middle of the camp. Those bitten from that time on would look at it in faith and would recover. The Seraph serpent was a prophetic symbol of Christ raised on the cross in our midst.

The Seraph was ugly to behold. So was Christ. As it had no venom in it, neither did Christ have sin. The staffed serpent was a sign of salvation. So is the Crucifix. To look upon the Seraph with faith was to be healed. To look upon Jesus crucified with faith is to experience his healing power.

Cross or Crucifix? Each symbolizes a Sacred Truth. The Crucifix speaks of Good Friday. The Cross speaks of Easter Sunday. Together they speak of our redemption.

*The Dispatch includes religious articles by local ministers believing that community is strengthened by shared intrinsic values.*

## FUNERALS

Funeral services for Mr. Ralph Calvin Ohler, Jr. 45, of Old Gettysburg Rd., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Tuesday, February 22 at the Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, MD, were held Sunday, February 27 from Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, MD, with his Pastor Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD.

Fueral services for Mr. Arthur Edward King, Jr. 67, of Riffle Rd., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Sunday, February 27 at this residence were held Tuesday, March 1 from the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD, with his pastor Brother Alton R. Hughes, Sr. officiating. Interment was at the convenience of the family.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alma Theresa (Linn) Hobbs, 67, of Kelbaugh Rd., Thurmont, MD, who died Wednesday, March 16 at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA, were held Saturday, March 19 with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, MD. The Rev. Fr. James Delaney was the principal celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD.

Funeral services for Mr. James Henry Sanders, 63, of Bollinger School Rd., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Friday, March 18 at his residence were held Monday, March 21 with a Christian burial service from Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, MD. His Pastor Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiated assisted by Rev. R. Dennis Schulze. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg, MD.

The above funerals were handled by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

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



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### Start planning now for 1994

Based on the outcome of your 1993 tax return, make adjustments and changes now, while it is still early in the year. Review your payroll withholding exemptions both for federal and state. Consider estimated quarterly payments if they are appropriate. Remember: unemployment benefits, premature distributions from retirement plans, and gambling winnings can generate significant tax liability at the end of the year.

*This article was provided by Don Geiger, CPA, located at 402 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD. If you have any questions on the filing extensions, the April 15th deadline, or would like to receive a FREE 1993 Income Tax Organizer call 447-3346.*

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### REUNION

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## LANDSCAPING WITH CRABS?

by David Lower

When mentioning flowering crabapples to people as an option for a small flowering ornamental tree in their landscaping, I am usually asked; Don't they have to be sprayed often?, or "Oh, they're too messy."

Since the days of "Radiant," the nursery standard variety, there have been numerous improvements to the family of flowering crabapple trees. Today, the number of varieties that are available makes the task of choosing that one special tree for your yard less difficult. The first important factor about these new cultivars is that many are disease resistant to the leaf diseases that defoliated the older types such as the "Radiant." The common diseases that affect "crabs" are Apple Scab, Fire Blight, Cedar Rust, and Powdery Mildew.

Today's varieties have varying degrees of tolerance or natural resistance to these diseases. "Robinson" is one with excellent disease resistance. The younger leaves of spring show a reddish color, then age to a bronze-green. The single deep pink flowers lead the way for the dark glossy-red 3/8 diameter fruit which hangs late into the season.

The second most frequently heard comment concerning the crab family is the "messy" fruit. Generally, the newer cultivars rarely have fruit diameters larger than 1/2 inch, meaning that they are less messy when they do finally fall, which can be quite late in the season. Some cultivars hold their fruit throughout the winter, offering food for the bird population.

When shopping for that particular accent tree for your yard, remember that crabs offer quite a diversity of choices, ranging from size and shape to blossom color, and different fruit size and color. The new cultivars of crabapples also have proven to be more drought tolerant than dogwoods, more pest resistant than birches, and more disease resistant than the hawthorns. Consult your nurseryman to find the cultivar that is best for your location.

*(The writer is a landscape designer for Boyer Nurseries & Orchards, Inc.)*

## THE VILLAGE COUNSELOR

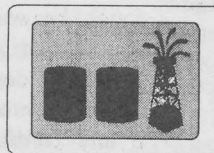
by Rosemary McDermott

"Ah, Death, where is your sting?" How the sting of death frightens us! As a lawyer, one of my more sobering tasks is helping a client prepare a will or trust. The questions fascinate and frighten the person sitting in front of me. Yet, the sigh of relief when the task is completed and my client knows with certainty that his or her death wishes are set in the record.

Why do we need a will? Before I answer that question, let me ask you some questions. Do you want to decide what will happen to your property after your death? Or would you prefer the State of Maryland making the decisions? Would you like the court to decide who will raise your children in the event the two of you parents die at the same time? Would you like to take advantage of legitimate avenues open to you to lower your estate's death taxes? Or would you prefer that your money be used for governmental purposes rather than for the benefit of your spouse and your children? Would you like to choose your personal representative, or would you prefer that the court appoint one for you? Would you want the court to direct that your personal representative has to file a performance bond to guarantee that each of your wishes is carried out? Or, would you want to excuse your personal representative from having to post a bond? (By the way, Maryland does require that the personal representative post a nominal bond of \$100.00 even if you waive the bond.) These are some of the issues that can be handled in a will. This is why a will is a good idea.

Forms and computer programs are very helpful in preparing a will. Yet, each individual is unique. One size does not fit all. What helps one person may not be what you need. Talk to your lawyer. Tell your lawyer what you want and see how easily it can be accomplished. But more importantly, enjoy the sense of well-being you will experience in knowing your wishes will be carried out even after Death tries to foist its sting upon you.

*The writer is a practicing lawyer in the Emmitsburg, Thurmont area.*



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## LIBRARY

We welcome Katie back to the library and wish to thank Bea and Joan for preparing reviews in Katie's absence. They reminded us that there is "good stuff" in our library.

*OHITIKA WOMAN* by Mary Brave Bird with Richard Erdoes

This story is the outcome of a collaboration of two very disparate people who met during the 71 day siege in the trading post of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in 1973. One was Richard Erdoes, raised in Vienna in a family of actors and opera singers. The other was a very young native American, Mary Crow Dog, born on the Rosebud Sioux prairie reservation. Yet both were rebels at an early age. Erdoes had rebelled against the tyranny of Hitler in Austria; Mary had joined the American Indian Movement against poverty, oppression, and racism.

When after the deaths of two FBI agents Mary's husband, Leonard Crow Dog, medicine man of honor among his people, was tried and sent to Lewisburg, PA, prison her family was torn apart -- 1800 miles apart. Erdoes suggested that she and her infant come to New York, only a few hours from the prison.

In New York, Mary learned much about city dwellers. After a fund-raiser for minority causes held by some wealthy people in a luxury apartment, Mary was quick to observe, "Those people used me only as a prop, showing off 'their Indian' trying to impress everybody how liberal they were. They talked about women's rights but left a mountain of dirty dishes for their black maid to clean up... Well, I'm breaking through the buckskin curtain."

When a publisher approached Richard Erdoes (author of the successful *Lame Deer*) to write another book, the biography of Mary was begun. The publisher rejected it as "too radical," but years later, *Dakota Woman* was published, and it became a best seller. "Their medicine was good."

Now 15 years later, Mary moved in with the Erdoes family in Santa Fe to do the second book, *Ohitika Woman*.

William Kunstler has described this story as that of "a Native American woman who fought her way out of despair and bitterness to find the righteous ways of her ancestors." The book describes life on the reservation which was unbelievably hard -- no jobs, few if any facilities. Abject poverty prevailed and despair was pervasive. Even those who had served their ungrateful country were outcasts. Suicide was rampant. As the wife of Leonard Crow Dog, Medicine Man, Mary was responsible for the tribal hospitality for those who consulted Leonard, whose chief function was the constant performance of rituals and ceremonies and as counselor. He taught Mary to preside in these functions which, when she performed them, added to her prestige in the community. The descriptions of the most sacred ceremonies as the sun dance, the celebration of life, the sun, the buffalo, and the eagle leave indelible images upon the most cynical of readers and reveal a way of life that is struggling very hard to survive in this day of materialism and egocentricity.

*Ohitika (Brave) Woman* is the autobiography of an indomitable woman as well as a brave one, and echoes the theme of the old Cheyenne proverb, "A nation is not conquered until the hearts of its women are on the ground."

Reviewed by Joan Boyle.

## SPRINGFEST

The annual SPRINGFEST for Emmitsburg Elementary School will be held Saturday, April 23 from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. This festival is a celebration of spring (and warm weather and flowers popping out) to which we are all looking forward.

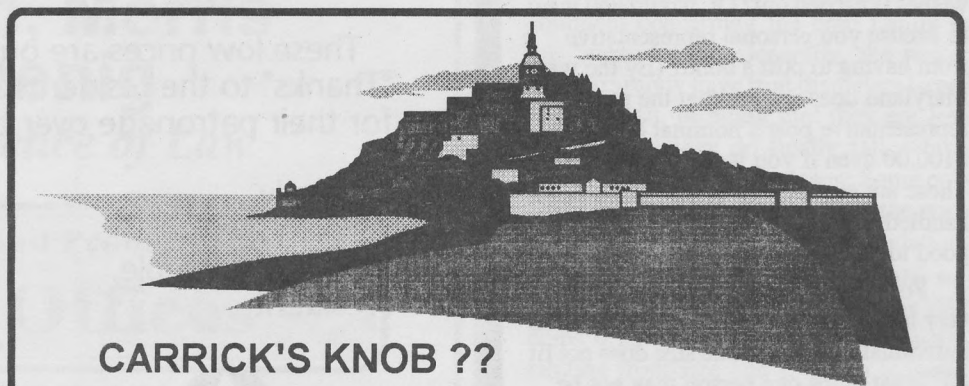
SPRINGFEST, which is held in the school gym, includes games, food and lots of prizes. The annual cake walk is always a favorite. There are many games to be conquered. Not guaranteed low-fat foods, treats and goodies will be available.

This year, teachers will be raffling off items they have donated. All profits from SPRINGFEST will be used by the PTA to purchase needed books, equipment, and/or programs for Emmitsburg Elementary school.

### FREDERICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

WIC voucher distribution and childhood immunization shots. Bring your child's shot records if you have it; shot's are free of charge. Call Frederick County Health Department, Nursing Division, at 694-1917 for more information



## CARRICK'S KNOB ??

The Emmitsburg Olympic Committee released preliminary architectural drawings of the proposed Carrick's Knob ski venue as part of the town's bid for the 2002 Winter Games. Plans for the Tom's Creek speed skating site will soon be submitted says April Fool, committee chairperson.

## ELIAS LUTHERAN PLANS CELEBRATION

by Clover Jean Fearer

The Sunday School of Elias Lutheran Church has announced plans for the celebration of its 125th anniversary. Special events have been scheduled for September and October of this year. A breakfast for September 25, and a guest speaker will launch the activities. A photo session for the school participants and a day of reminiscing will highlight the second day of celebration on October 1. Other events include a music Sunday and a day of recognition.

The *History of Elias Church*, written by Pastor Ronald Fearer (1972), says when the Reformed Congregation left Elias Church in 1869, the Lutheran congregation began its own Sunday School. Prior to this a Union Sabbath School had served them well. The new school was called The Sabbath School of the Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg.

A constitution was created and adopted in January, 1870. The school was placed under the general supervision of the pastor, the first of whom was Elias S. Johnston (1866-1888). It is interesting to note that from the beginning there was an element of separation between the Sunday School and the church council. No word of the school's beginning, or subsequent happenings, appear in the council minutes.

The school had the following officers: superintendent, assistant-superintendent, secretary, librarian, and treasurer, all of whom were elected by ballot at the annual meeting in September. The school met every Sunday and the officers and teachers met on the first Sunday of each month immediately after the school was dismissed "to supplicate the Divine Blessing upon their labors."

Until 1964, when the Sunday School was placed into the hands of a parish education committee and thereby made the responsibility of the church council, the following served as elected superintendents: Dr. Charles Eichelberger, Charles Rowe, Samuel Rowe, Luther Kugler, Carroll Frock, Jr., James Sanders, Robert Saylor, Ralph

Ohler, Clyde Keilholtz and Donald Eyler. The school reached its peak enrollment in 1947, with 275 pupils, nine classes, and a staff of twelve.

Serving on the anniversary planning committee are Peggy Stitley, Robert Saylor, Patricia Mellors, Clover Jean Fearer, Lynn Holt, and Harry Hahn, Jr.

## COMMUNITY AGENCY SCHOOL SERVICES

"At the time I became involved with the CASS program, there were several things that were creating a lot of stress for me and my family. My son was having significant problems at school, with behavior and hygiene. He has been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. Often, he would not care to keep himself neat and clean. Other children did not want to be around him. He was on medication, which created additional financial stress for our family. He and his sister would argue and fight frequently. CASS helped me find assistance for payment of the medication. In addition, they assisted with communicating with the school to help my son get along with other student. He eventually started taking better care of himself. My daughter became involved in a group at school which helped her get

along with other students. I have since been able to return to work. I had quit work because my son was experiencing difficulty with me being out of the house. Things did not change for us over-night, and many days are still a struggle. But with support from CASS the situation is better now than it was a year ago."

Since the beginning of the Catoctin CASS program, the office has had contact with approximately 60 local families. Currently, 44 families, including 79 children are actively involved in the CASS program. Some experience problems similar to the story you read above. However, all families have unique problem situations and many strengths.

In April the Catoctin CASS program will enter into an agreement with Brook Lane Psychiatric Hospital. Through this agreement Brook Lane will place a counselor in the CASS offices to work with children, adolescents and their families.

If you have questions or comment about CASS, please call Debbie Wivell, CASS Coordinator at 447-3611.

Note: Correction to the February issue. The Emmitsburg Elementary and Sabillasville Elementary schools are included in the Catoctin CASS district.

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