

DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength from One Another

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YMCA Day Camp in Park



YMCA daycampers enjoy the new pavilion in Community Park. The summer program activities include sports, games, and crafts. Kids participating are from Emmitsburg and Thurmont. Belinda Phippen of Frederick is the director, assisted by Cory Van Dyke, counselor, and W.C. Hutts, counselor in training.

A Dispatch

Community Park Day - August 2

The Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation Committee is sponsoring on August 2 at Community Park an all-day celebration marking the end of the first phase of improvements to the park. The day's events will include food, fun, games, music and free swimming at the town's pool.

According to Parks and Recreation Commissioner Clifford Sweeney, "Proceeds raised from the day's activities will be applied toward the completion of the next phase of the park's development. There will be something for all ages. Activities will be taking place from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m."

At noon there will be a special dedication of the new pavilion which is to be named in honor of Tom Bollinger.

Planned activities include a One-Pitch Softball Tournament. Presently eight teams have registered to play in the tournament. Other groups, organization, or families are invited to form a team and enter the tournament. The top three teams will win prizes.

Horseshoes and volleyball tour-

naments are also planned. Music during the day will be provided by the Driven Force band.

Activities and games for children will include 3-legged races, egg tosses, and balloon tosses. The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens will run a bingo game in the pavilion. The Thurmont Riding Club will operate horse and pony rides, and the Up-County Family Center will sponsor face painting.

Food will be available at the Caboose and on the grounds of the park. There are three parking lots in the park with additional parking behind the Community Center Building.

Orders will be taken for a special afghan of Emmitsburg scenes based on designs by artist Linda Postelle. The afghan, selling for \$49, will be sold during the year as a principal fund raiser for park activities.

All of this is brought to the community by the Parks and Recreation Committee members Gene Myers, Pat Boyle, Carolyn Miller, Ann Gingell, Bill Jones, Diane Hoover, and Katie Vickers.

Around the region...

Taneytown Plans Farmer's Market

by Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Twice a year I take Wanda, Jack, and Thelma "Mom" Deatherage to the market on Market Street in York, Pennsylvania. We each head for our favorite vendors and load up on fresh veggies, grown for the most part on York County farms. Mom always says the same thing as we leave: "Why doesn't Emmitsburg have a farmers' market? I'd shop there several days a week."

Emmitsburg is too small for such a market. We settle for roadside tables of veggies, grow our own, rely on the limited selection at supermarkets, or drive to towns 20 or more miles away to get anywhere near that variety of tasty produce fresh from the farm.

This July 16th, a small group of farm-related business people, local farmers, and interested non-farming citizens gathered at the old community building in Taneytown. They came to hear Mr. Tony Evans (Coordinator of Farmers' Markets for the Maryland Department of Agriculture) explain the "ins and outs" of Maryland's Farmers' Markets. Mr. Evans recommended that a "producers only" market (meaning the seller had to "grow" it) be established. "But it is your market. You can set it up however you

want," he added.

Mr. Evans also pointed out, "Farmers' Markets require a population base of 25,000 people. Taneytown does not meet that requirement." However, he admitted that a dedicated group of people could make the deal workable even on a small scale, especially with the backing of the town government, which the group's organizers said they have.

The Taneytown market is being planned for a 1998 opening. Once the farmers are organized, surveys will be taken to gain a feel for the wants of local customers. I think Emmitsburg residents will play a part in the Taneytown market's success. A good number of Emmitsburg people travel route 140 and will find a decent market to their advantage.

Taneytown is closer than Frederick, Westminster, or York. This is one market you should seriously consider patronizing if you like fresh produce and believe in supporting local farmers. As consumers, we can never have too many sources of good food.

The market is in the early planning stage so interested persons should get involved now. Farmers are urged to contact Southern States in Taneytown and ask for Karen. Their number is 410-756-6711.

District 2 All-Star Girls Softball Fourth in State

The District 2 All-Star team comprised of 11/12 year old girls from Emmitsburg and Thurmont captured 4th place in the 1997 Maryland Little League Softball tournament held in Arnold, Maryland.

Team members were Heather Sink, Loren Ackman, Jenny Cregger, Adriane Moroz, Kim Andrews, Valerie Packe, Jesse Valentine, Crystal Topper, Samantha Weaver, Brittany Kerns, Beth Boyd, Amanda

Sweeney, and Jenny Miller.

James Click and Tiffany Stahley were the coaches and Tina Kerns was the team manager. Chaperons were Clifford & Liz Sweeney, Tracey Boyd, Betty Ann Kerns, Barb Sink, Becky Weaver, Lori Ackman, Barb Moroz and Mrs. Andrews.

The All-Star team is especially appreciative of 16 local businesses and individuals who generously donated hotel and food expenses.

Letters to the Editor

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

LONG-DISTANCE AGGRAVATION

On or about May 25 of this year, my wife Wanda was engaged in a conversation with a long-distance telephone server we had never heard of. She was told the conversation was being recorded to avoid later confusion. She agreed to the recording. I, of course, heard only one side of the call and urged her several times to hang up.

The result of the call, she thought, was that the long distance server would send their proposal through the mail and she could decide whether or not to accept their services. She did not think she had agreed to switch services at that time. We received the mailings within a week and sent notice at once that we did *not* want the service.

On Friday, June 27, 1997, we received our phone bill and were surprised to find that the long-distance server had been switched and somehow back-dated to *May 5th!*

We couldn't have made two of the calls for which we were billed

because we were both at work and our son was in school at that time of day. Wanda called the server and explained that we hadn't made calls to that number. The server dialed the number to see if the other party knew of us. Getting no response to the call, the server informed Wanda that the matter would be turned over to their Fraud Division. *Fraud Division for \$3.96!*

Fed up, Wanda told them that she would pay the bill, although we hadn't placed the calls, and that the server should discontinue our account. She then called Bell Atlantic and informed them of the situation. Ma Bell had her call AT&T, and we were given a better deal than we had had before this mess began. Wanda was also told that she wasn't the first to have this very situation happen to her.

The lesson learned? Stick to companies you're familiar with. The better-sounding deal isn't worth being turned over to a *Fraud Division* when you haven't done anything wrong!

Jack Deatherage
Emmitsburg

Town News...

Residents living in the Northgate subdivision wanting to disband their homeowners association, and young people and their parents seeking a skateboard park, made up the overflow crowd which forced the commissioners to move to the VFW for the July 7 town meeting.

Residents in the Northgate subdivisions presented a petition to the town council signed by 52 Northgate residents (66% of the homeowners) asking the commissioners to have the town take over their association.

Brian Kuehl, a four-year resident of Northgate, said he had no problem with the rules of the association because they help protect property rates. "The problem is that the covenants are not fairly or equally enforced. It's done on a case-by-case basis."

Several residents said they would prefer that the town take over the tot lot, the common area, and manage the storm water pond. The town already takes care of the streets and lights.

Bill Steo said in his remarks that it was important to emphasize that "We [Northgate] want to be part of the town, and the covenants kept, but that we want the storm management pond and tot lot given to the town."

Resident Doug Schwartz said his home is now on the market and the fact that there is a homeowners' association is a deterrent to potential buyers. "No one wants to come to Emmitsburg because of the homeowners' association," he said. Homeowners pay a quarterly fee of \$54 to the association.

The commissioners asked the

homeowners not to abolish their association until they had a chance to look at the situation. The issue will be discussed at the August 4 town meeting.

In other business, several youths and parents made a plea for a safe place to skateboard and rollerblade in Emmitsburg. Jimmy Mirabiln told the commissioners that skateboarding was a growing sport and they needed a place to skate. "We can't skate in the Jubilee parking lot," he said. When asked where they would like the skating area to be, John Anthony said "around the swimming pool or basketball court."

Marg Lajore, who has lived here for two and a half years said it was not safe for the community or the skaters, and that they do need a safe place.

A petition signed by nearly 100 youths and adults supporting the issue was presented to the commissioners.

The council will address the issue at the August 4 town meeting.

Joan Boyle's suggestion that the town provide a director of athletics to plan activities for the youth of this place brought a round of applause. The parks and recreation commission will take a look at both issues.

Mayor Carr expressed his appreciation to the Lions Club for "the biggest July 4th Community Day Celebration," saying there was a tremendous participation of children and parents. "It's wonderful to have a club that can create genuine interest and caring in the community," Carr said.



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Kenny Gentile Wins Lions One-Mile Run

By Larry Noel

Kenny Gentile, 15, of Emmitsburg, won his hometown run on the Fourth of July, with a time of 5:39. Emily Balogh, only 9, of Emmitsburg, was second among the female runners. Both improved their times over 1996. There were 15 Emmitsburg finishers on this perfect day for running. Kevin Robinson, 44, of Gettysburg was second in 5:46 with Brad Topper, 11, of Thurmont in third place in 6:06. Mike Topper, 8, of Thurmont ran the

Roberts, 9, 6th in 6:40; Trevor Gentile, 8, 11th in 7:01; Bruce Boyd, 13, 17th in 7:25; Teresa Scheider, 10, 25th place in



Unidentified dad heads for the finish line in the Lions one-mile run. Photo courtesy Larry Noel

fastest race of the younger runners in 6:13 for fourth place. The first female finisher was Alex Tate, 14, of Mt. Airy in 6:50 with Dana Tate, 13, Mt. Airy, in third place in 7:31. There were fewer adults and more children in this 5th annual one-mile run, which is part of the 15th annual Community Day celebration.

Other Emmitsburg finishers were Justin Wivell, 12, 5th in 6:32; Kyle

8:00 (7th female); Sara Scheider, 8, 8th female in 8:19; Candi Sickle, 10, 9th female in 8:23; Kathy Kelly 9, 10th female in 8:30; Michael Compton, 9, 30th in 8:38; Scott Ashley, 10, 31st in 8:40; Josh Warthen, 10, 34th in 8:53; Bill Brindley, 9, 45th in 9:25; and Justin Adelkagar, 11, 52nd in 11:02.

A complete list of the 57 finishers may be seen at the town office or the library.

Dot Davis and The Palms Reunited

By Christina Stevenson

The Palms Restaurant recently welcomed the return of co-owner Dot Davis to its busy kitchen. Ms. Davis, a well known resident of Emmitsburg, stated she is happy to be involved again in the day-to-day operations of the business. The restaurant has been in existence for thirty-five years, making it a landmark of the downtown area. The Davis family has maintained ownership in the restaurant since 1962.

According to Mr. Harold Craig, a regular for thirty years, the restaurant's claim to fame is its all-meat crab cakes and soft shell crabs. The menu offers a variety of breakfast, lunch, and dinner items and carryout is available. Ms. Davis is active in



Dot Davis

Photo courtesy Christina Stevenson all aspects of the restaurant down to the cooking and is supported by two "super" cooks, her daughters, and grandchildren.

Ms. Davis stated while there are many eating establishments within the town each one has its own identity. According to Ms. Davis, the local residents have contributed to the success of the restaurant by their support throughout the years.

SHARE: Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

Since October '96, Emmitsburg has been hosting SHARE. SHARE (Self-help and Resource Exchange) is a program with several purposes. It helps people get healthful, quality food for low prices. It also builds better communities through community service.

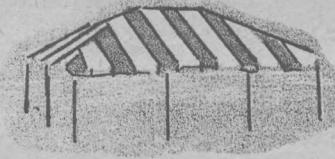
Each month, participants pay \$14 for a package of food and invest 2 hours of their time for community service per package. Each food package consists of 13-15 items—frozen meats, fresh fruits, vegetables, and staple items. The items change monthly. This is approximately half the price of grocery store prices.

The community service is volunteer time. Any act of goodwill is acceptable. Any service performed without pay which benefits either an individual or the community as a whole. Anyone in the household, including the kids, can volunteer. Many participants do their community service on the food distribution

day, usually the last Saturday of every month. You can volunteer at a church, school, nursing home, or even shop for a sick or confined neighbor or friend.

There are no income guidelines. Cash, food stamps, or Md. Independence cards are accepted. You pay for the food the month before and get a voucher receipt. Perform your community service and have your voucher signed. Return the voucher on distribution day and pick up your food. You also receive a newsletter with recipes. You can prepay for the next month then or the first Thursday of the next month. Emmitsburg SHARE is sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and distribution is presently at Elias Lutheran Church.

If anyone is interested in participating or has a need for volunteers, call Ida Six at 717-794-5795. She will also speak to interested groups about the program.



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100 Years Ago "In this place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

Missing Wife

August 6, 1897 -Mr. Hippensteel of Catoctin Furnace is searching for his wife, who eloped last Friday with a man by the name of Greene from the same locality. Mr. Hippensteel says his wife sold all the furniture, took what money there was in the house and all his clothes, except those he was wearing.

Fresh Air Society

We have received two communications from the Children's Fresh Air Society of Baltimore, which we would be pleased to publish, if they were plain enough to be read. Our eyesight is none too good, although we have not taken to wearing glasses, and, not having a magnifying glass at hand, it is beyond our power to decipher these faintly type-written and blurred documents, and instead of giving them publicity through the columns of the *Chronicle*, we have gently placed them in the waste basket.

The Children's Fresh Air Society, which was organized a few years ago, is carrying on a most commendable work, and their appeals to the people living in the county should be met with favorable and encouraging responses. The society

selects the children, whose healthful condition is certified to by physicians who examine them; their car fare both ways is paid by the society and all that is asked of families residing in the country is to keep one or more of these children for two weeks.

Basket Pic-nic

A delightful sociable basket pic-nic was held at the home of Mr. Henry Eckenrode on last Saturday. Mr. Eckenrode having just completed a fine new bank barn, his son George celebrated the occasion by inviting a number of their friends, relatives and neighbors, who came about one hundred and twenty-five in number with baskets laden with all the substantial and delicacies of the season.

The tables were spread in the yard under the large shade trees where all partook of two enjoyable meals.

The sources of amusement were many, calculated to entertain both large and small, consisting of music and dancing in the barn, games in the yard, vocal and instrumental music in the house, while many of the older members passed their time in pleasant conversation.

Thus was spent a day which will long be remembered and appreciated by all who had the happiness of being present not only on account of the pleasure it afforded but more particularly for the good will and kindness extended to all by Mr. and Mrs. Eckenrode and family.

To Pike the Gettysburg Road

August 13, 1897 - Mr. Wm. Morrison, president of the Board of County Commissioners for Frederick County, informs us that an effort is on foot to pike the Gettysburg road from Emmitsburg to the Pennsylvania line, and that a number of persons have already promised to haul stones on piles to be broken by the county stone crusher. The stone crusher is now idle and will be here in the near future for the purpose of crushing enough stones to cover the road the entire distance, provided enough stones are hauled to do the work.

The county furnishes the crusher and pays for the work of breaking the stones, and the people living along the road or those who travel it are expected to furnish the stones, and after they are broken, haul them on the road free of charge.

The roads in this district, during the winter and spring months, are generally in a deplorable condition, and at times are almost impassable, and as they cannot be improved unless something of a more solid nature is put on them than the mud and gravel that is usually shoveled from the side drains and thrown into the roads at stated periods of the year, it behooves all interested in the improvement of our public highways to lend every available assistance to this worthy project.

Commentary: Sound and fury

Mystery! Drama! The intrigue of "How are they going to solve it?!" All of these are readily available at the town meetings where the equivalent of a law-maker's stink-bomb sits ticking on the commishes' table. Where and when will it go off? Who will be affected? What will be the backlash? These questions are on the collective mind of the town council.

The so-called "Noise Ordinance" for this little place where the vibrations of a good after-dinner belch—not an uncommon practice—penetrate beyond proposed legal limits for bothersome sound, is being challenged. Public reactions to the various proposed ordinances lead one to think that the solution called for could be expected only from someone with the equivalent wisdom of a King Solomon.

Matters of nuisances ranging from the sharp staccato vibrations of truck "Jake brakes" and the timid searching tremolos of a novice trumpet student to the whine of lawnmowers, "Rock 'n Roll", the clanging of horseshoes, or a Little League homerun have come under public scrutiny for outlawing.

The commishes in their well

meaning good-hearted attempts to "do something" have considered three variations of ordinances for controlling these situations. These attempts have been limited and specific to wide-ranging and all inclusive as to their definition of these bothersome nuisances and how to deal with the perpetrators. All versions have been tabled by their own searching thought and wanting to do what is right. They seem to be stymied at every turn of a legal phrase in face of the question of how one legislates human behavior.

Perhaps the wisdom of King Sol applies in this case—legislate by requiring the litigants to come up with the solution themselves. Instead of framing laws that try to criminalize every petty human behavior, "divide the baby in half" and have the conflicting parties come to a mutually agreeable solution through the well developed processes of Conflict Resolution. After all negotiators on the federal level of government use such processes. Conflict resolution processes are even being taught in the local elementary school.

Perhaps "A little child shall lead them."

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Garden Club Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Silver Fancy Garden Club celebrated 40 years of membership in the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland with a luncheon on July 17 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Taneytown.

The club, whose members are from the Emmitsburg-Taneytown area, was organized in 1954 and federated July 18, 1957. Today it has 20 active members, six associate members, and two honorary members.

Following the anniversary lunch, members and their guests were entertained by Mildred Stine, known in the area for her witty monologues, and a skit performed by four members of the club that gave highlights of the club's history. The program chairman was Naomi Baumgardner.

The Silver Fancy Garden Club was formed in May 1954 when five women from Emmitsburg, who wanted to share their interest in gardening, met at "Stonehurst," the home of Mrs. Alice Frailey. They chose the name "Silver Fancy" which was the original name of the tract of land east of what is presently known as Emmitsburg. They agreed to meet monthly in their homes and their objectives were the promotion of interest in gardening,

flower arranging, and community projects.

Charter members were Mrs. Edgar Annan, Jr., Mrs. Frank Butler, Mrs. W.R. Cadle, Mrs. A. H. Carpenter, Mrs. Mary A. Coyne, Mrs. Thomas Frailey, Miss Rhoda Gillelan, Miss Ruth Gillelan, Miss Anabel Hartman, Mrs. A.A. Koswick, Mrs. E.H. MacPherson, Mrs. W.H. Marshman, Mrs. Marie Rial, Mrs. A.G. Roberts, Mrs. C. Shaughnessey, and Mrs. Norman Taylor. Mrs. Taylor, the former Alice Frailey, is the only surviving Charter Member.

Today the Silver Fancy Garden Club, whose theme is sharing nature, continues the traditions of its founders. Members are actively involved in community projects in both Emmitsburg and Taneytown. They include the planting and care for flowers in tubs on the squares of Emmitsburg and Taneytown; making and selling Christmas wreaths and decorations of natural materials; contributing money to World Gardening; and a monthly Garden Therapy program at Carroll Lutheran Village Health Center in Westminster. They also participate in the "Save the Eagle" project.

Officers of the club are Mrs. Kenneth H. Fields, Jr., president;



Wearing white gloves and garden hats, (from left) Edith Shriver, Mary Clingan, Frankie Fields, and Dean Reindollar re-enact the first meeting of the Silver Fancy Garden Club during the club's recent 40th anniversary luncheon. The skit highlighted the club's history and some amusing experiences which led to a sharing of memories and good times by club members and their guests in attendance.

A Dispatch Photo.

Mrs. Henry I. Reindollar, Jr., vice president; Mrs. Arnie C. Otte, recording secretary; Mrs. Allan M. Lowe, corresponding secretary; and Shirley Prutch, treasurer. Mrs. E. Elwood Baumgardner and Mrs. Charles H. Smith are delegates to

the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, District 5.

Cathy Karl, District 5 director of the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, attended the club's celebration.

A Musical "Happening" at the Gourmet Grill

If you missed the music at the Gourmet Grill on Friday, July 18, then you still have a chance to hear a repeat on August 15 (6-9 pm).

"This is just what this place needs" said a fellow at the bar, as the congo drums of Curt Seiss's unique group DUEGO beat their mesmeratic rhythms. The feet of several women could not be contained as they rose from their chairs to sway with the beat.

The atmosphere that night was delightfully informal. Prior to the

drumming group, local musician Debbie Shultzaberger charmed everyone with her excellent classical guitar, and before her Christine Macabee sang and played her various old and new favorites as well as many originals during the 6-8 dinner hour.

So come join us on Aug. 15 for a repeat performance. If you are a musician, and would like to perform with us in the future, or simply jam sometime, be in touch with Cristine at 301-271-2307.

Conservation Club Offers Opportunities

by Becky Brown

The members of the Conservation Club of Emmitsburg, have many projects to help care for wildlife.

This interest manifests itself in such widely different individuals as the hunter who enjoys the sport of shooting and the ardent conservationist who desires only to protect innocent creatures.

Between these two are many common interests. Some members are turning to bird watching, along with other activities. Want to get involved to see how much fun it is?

Get a book on birds of North America from a library or book store and a pair of binoculars and head for the fields, woods, and streams. This will make for a really enjoyable day for all ages.

By the way, we are always looking for new members. We have the club grounds for excellent bird watching. In the past three years, bird watchers have seen an albino hawk, a pair of pileated woodpeckers, and many other kinds of birds.

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Senior Citizen's News

By Anna Margaret Martin

Summer is hot!
Swimming is cool!
August is here!

The Seniors will have a busy month in August. We're supposed to move to the Ambulance building August 11th while our center is being renovated. This isn't positive so be on the look out for any changes.

We will continue with our regularly planned activities as follows:

Thursday, August 7 & 21 -
Bingo, 1 p.m.

Thursday, August 14 & 28 -
"500" cards

Tuesday, August 12 -
Frederick Shopping, 1:15 p.m.
Tuesday, August 19 - Picnic
12 noon. Reservations are a must
by August 12.

A trip to the Totem Pole Playhouse to see "Smoke on the Mountain" will be on Saturday, August 30. We will be leaving at 12:45. For information call Anna Margaret before August 11.

Meals will be served as usual. Announcements will be made about who to call for reservations. **Do not call the ambulance building!** Call the Senior Center until August 11.

Come join us for fellowship,

American Legion News

By George Danner

Now that the new Post officers have been installed and the State Convention is over, Post 121, Emmitsburg, Md., will be planning programs for the new year.

Membership will be the top priority again this year for the men, the auxiliary, and the Sons of the Legion.

Dues this year are \$16 (Early Bird) until Sept. 2, then will be \$17 for the men; Ladies Auxiliary dues are \$11, and the S.A.L. dues are \$12. All membership cards are available at the Post Home.

A Crab Feed is planned for Aug. 17, at Kumps Dam on Harney Road, starting at 1 p.m. until.... The menu is as follows: crabs, hot dogs, kraut, fresh corn, chicken corn soup, veg-

gies, and beverages. Tickets are \$15 each and are available at the Post Home. Cut-off date is Aug. 12. All members and guests are invited.

Plan ahead for Sept. 7th, when the Sportsman Drawing and Pig Roast will be held at Kumps Dam, weather permitting, at the Fire Hall if it rains. More info will be forthcoming. Ernie Gelwick is heading up this committee.

We have two more meetings at Kumps Dam this year: Aug 5 and Sept. 2. Each will begin at 8 p.m.

Members of the S.A.L.: please note that your meetings have been changed to the first Tues. of the month and will begin at 8 p.m.

All members are asked to come out and support the American Legion so we can support our Legion programs.

Art Classes - Studio Gallery

Informal classes with Linda Postelle are held each Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 12:30. The student brings his own supplies. Most prefer to paint in watercolor.

The class will meet in Studio Gallery at 10:00 a.m. Every other Tuesday the class will be held in the studio with a still life set up to study.

Linda will discuss techniques, paint along with the class as a demonstration, and critique the work. On the other Tuesdays the class will meet at the gallery and then drive to a nearby location to paint outdoors if the weather is permitting. In addition to art supplies, the student should bring a stool to sit on and something to tote water in. It is a good

idea to carry a camera to record the scene for future use.

The dates are: July 21 - Outdoors
July 28 Indoors, Aug. 5 - Outdoors, Aug. 12 - Indoors, Aug. 19 - Outdoors, Aug. 26 - Indoors, Sept. 2 - Outdoors, Sept. 9 - Indoors.

There will also be an indoor evening session on August 12 6:30 9:00.

The cost of each session is \$15.00 and you only pay for the class you attend. Call Linda Postelle with questions. Gallery 301-447-3292. Home 301-447-1666.

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Library / Community Center

As a part of the renovation of the building the Emmitsburg Branch of the Frederick County Public Library will be getting a new look.

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tive air conditioners, and four functioning windows," said Davis.

During renovation the branch staff and the FCPL bookmobile will be on site during the normal library hours.

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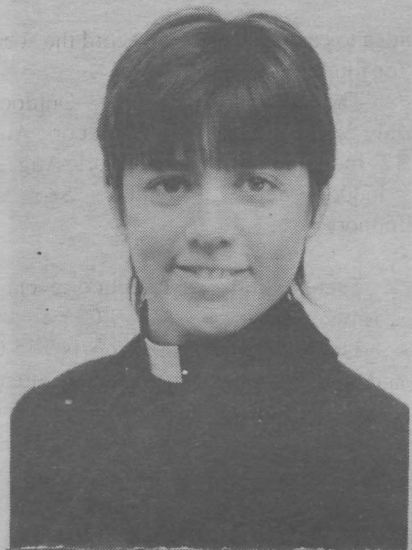
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Pastor Susan Haas Yatta Assumes Clerical Duties



Reverend Susan Haas Yatta

By Linda Knox

It has been almost two months since Pastor Susan Haas Yatta accepted the call to Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church.

As Pastor Yatta talks enthusiastically about her future at Elias, she states that she wants to build on the foundation that is already there, to continue meeting the physical needs in cooperating with other churches and agencies such as SHARE, AA, and the Food Bank. She quickly adds that she invites the congregation to join with her to "find some ways that we might be led to provide spiritual, practical, and emotional resources and opportunities for those seeking a center for their busy and stressful lives also."

Pastor Yatta anticipates working with the congregation on the challenges to which they are called and hopes to explore avenues of global mission education including mini-retreats that would offer adult forums, youth programs, sponsoring special speakers, and service

projects. Other possibilities are Bible studies and training of lay ministers for involvement in hospital/hospice and other fields of service.

As she continues to build effective and open relationships with brothers and sisters in other churches, Pastor Yatta plans "to provide guidance, support, and pastoral care for the people of this church as we seek together to discern God's will and our mission in the world and as we move into the future to proclaim God's word in preaching, teaching, and the Sacraments." Concerning the move into the town of Emmitsburg, the new resident of the parsonage favors the idea of neighborliness and sense of "connectedness" that exists in people's hearts of those who genuinely share ordinary activities, for everyone's benefit, not just living in the same geographical area. "It is good and right to be here in Frederick County again. It feels like a homecoming as I was born in a Lutheran parsonage in this county and have always dreamed of returning. Filled with amazement and pleasure at the welcome and hospitality I've already experienced, I hope to return the favor in many ways over the course of my ministry here."

Pastor Yatta was ordained by Rev. George P. Mocko, D.D., Bishop, of the Del./Md. Synod, ELCA at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baltimore where her father, Donald A. Haas, preached the sermon and has served as parish minister for thirty years. More than twenty members from Elias attended the ordination and reception following.

He husband Walter is the organist and choir director at 1st Lutheran Church in Chambersburg, Pa.

WANTZ REUNION

The Descendants of Harry and Annie Wantz Annual Reunion was held on June 29, 1997, at the Indian Lookout Conservation Clubgrounds in Emmitsburg. Seventy-six people attended. The activities included a horseshoe tournament which Dave Wantz, Jr., and Mark Houck won for the second year in a row. David Wantz, Sr., and Mary Jean Houck won as the eldest male and female in attendance. Kyle Davis and Sabrina Wantz won as the youngest relatives. Keola Houck was awarded a prize for traveling the farthest (1200 miles). Ironically, her father, Bob Houck of Emmitsburg, won the prize as the person living closest to the reunion site (just under one mile)! Everyone had a wonderful time, and all are looking forward to next year's reunion, scheduled for June 28, 1998.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Albaugh

Neiderer - Albaugh

Dawn Neiderer and Michael Albaugh were joined in matrimony at St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg on April 5, 1997. The reception was held at the Thurmont Activities Building. The couple honeymooned in Mexico.

Photo by Rosensteel Studio.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to the following new parents on these recent arrivals:

- Mr. and Mrs. David Wetzel, a son, June 12.
- Mr. and Mrs. Roger Kelly, Rocky Ridge, a daughter, June 13.
- Andrea Shafer, Emmitsburg, a son, June 19.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Kastelein, Emmitsburg, a daughter, June 28.
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Area Girl Scouts Receive "Family of God" Awards

Eleven area girls, all members of Brownie Troop 1379, recently received "Family of God" medals from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Office of Youth Services.

The Family of God program is the official religious recognition program of the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S.A. for children, ages 7-9, who are enrolled in the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. The "Family of God" is an activity series developed to complement the catechetical efforts of the family and parish for children in the second and third grade.

Recipients of the "Family of God" medal were: Hillary Benjamin, Elise Hawkins, and Jennifer Krebs, all of Thurmont, MD; Amanda Durski of Cascade, MD; Erin Gunnett of Blue Ridge Summit, PA.; Kathy Kelley and Maggie Pierce, both of Emmitsburg; Courtney Krauss and Nina Krauss, both of

Frederick, MD; Kayla Miller of Fairfield, PA; and Mary Peterson of Taneytown, MD. The medals were distributed to the girls by Brownie Leader, Cindy Krebs following a Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes on the campus of Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

In her brief remarks prior to the presentation of the medals, Mrs. Krebs stated that she was "very proud of the girls. They worked very hard to earn this recognition. Their efforts brought them closer to God, their families, and their Church communities."

Brownie Troop 1379 is affiliated with the Maize Meadow Neighborhood of the Penn Laurel Council, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., and meets weekly at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Brownie Troop 1379



Members of Brownie Troop 1379 are Back row (l-r): Elise Hawkins, Kathy Kelley, Maggie Pierce, J.J. Krebs, Erin Gunnett, Nina Krauss. Front row: Kayla Miller, Courtney Krauss, Mary Peterson, and Hillary Benjamin. Not shown Amanda Durski.

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Dave Bushman - 40 years of caring

By Mike Hillman

You may not know him, and may never have met him, but rest assured, if you've ever had a pet spend a night at the Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital, your pets know him as that nice person who came in late in the night, when they were scared and lonely, and sat and comforted them until they were fast asleep. For forty years, a job history considered almost unheard of in today's hustle and bustle society, Dave Bushman has been one of Emmitsburg's unsung heroes, a true 'Doctor Dolittle.'

Born in Emmitsburg in 1937, to Charles and Ann (Portner) Bushman, Dave was one of 5 children. From everyone's earliest recollection of him, Dave was a natural around animals. At the age of 17, Dave began to work part time for Doc Carr, who had just set up practice in town. By 1957, Dave's part-time position had become a life-long career and the relationship between Doc Carr and Dave grew. For Dave, Doc Carr is "a father figure," for Doc Carr, Dave was a "true partner".

When not out on road calls with Doc Carr, Dave used to volunteer at the Thurmont Roller Rink where he met his wife-to-be Cheryl Shriner. After a six year courtship, Cheryl finally surrendered to Dave's charm and accepted his offer of marriage. In 1963, soon after moving to their current residence next to the veterinary hospital, they had their first child, Pamela. Their second child, David Jr. was born in 1965. Their third, Robin, was born in 1971.

Dave often brought his children to the office while he worked. On occasions, to prevent them from getting hurt, Dave would put them in one of the hospital many cages, where they would patiently sit and watch their father. An especially memorable example of Dave's love for animals and kids, according to his wife, involved a litter of newborn puppies. "The puppies mother had some serious problems after their birth and was unable to care for them. Dave bundled them up and brought them home. You

should have seen the children's faces when they came home from school that day and found newborn puppies in the oven." Dave turned the day to day care of the puppies, including their feeding and bathing over to the kids, and in doing so, taught them not only how to love them, but all animals.

In the early days, Doc Carr and Dave operated the practice out of the back of Doc Carr's truck. Serving as Doc Carr's veterinarian assistant, Dave was responsible for performing just about everything except actual operations. According to Doc Carr, Dave's "the prototype of what is now considered an animal technician." In lay terms, animal technicians are like nurses in the hospital. After a treatment decision on a

sick animal has been determined, it's up to the technicians to carry it out. This includes prepping for and assisting in surgeries, recovery room watches, and overseeing long-term follow-up care.

While Dave is considered by all the present staff at the hospital as a Jack-of-all-trades, according to Doc Carr, Dave's natural strength is in animal restraint. "He's the best there ever was. Text-books could be written on his techniques."

In recollecting the many fond memories of Dave, Doc Carr's favorite was an operation gone awry. During the surgery on a rather ornery horse, the sedation wore off before the procedure was complete. Unwilling to risk the wrath of the horse, Doc Carr cleared out and followed the owner in a head long rush to the rafters. Dave, unwilling to lose control of the horse, was standing in front of the horse just as it realized what the surgery was all about.

"As I got to the rafters, I looked down and saw Dave being swung about by the horse. He looked like a guy trying to hold onto a airplane blade. One minute he was in the air, the next on the ground, then he was being smashed into the wall." When urged by Doc Carr to let go, Dave matter-of-factly declined, insisting that he just about had the horse under control. Sure enough, Dave eventually did calm the horse, and after re-sedating it, eventually convinced Doc Carr to come down and finish the operation.

Another call worth recounting by Doc Carr was one that occurred on a hot summer morning. A dairy herd was to be vaccinated, and Dave, as usual, organized the cows and shuttled them to Doc Carr at break-neck speed. "We were doing them almost one a minute and Dave, God love him, he knew what cow got what shots." Well after they were done, the farmer

offered both Doc Carr and Dave a sample of his 'local' brew. "He takes the snap off of a hose dangling from the ceiling and filled three cups. "Back in those days, the local still put out almost pure alcohol." Not wanting to appear unappreciative, Doc Carr accepted the cup offered and politely sipped it.

On the first opportunity however, Doc poured the cup out, and politely refused a refill. Dave, however, being a non-drinker, had no idea what was in the cup. In horror, Doc Carr watch as Dave took a sip, smacked his lips and then downed the whole cup. As the two pulled out of the driveway, Dave began to rapidly turn green. "Doc, I don't feel that good." was about all he could get out.

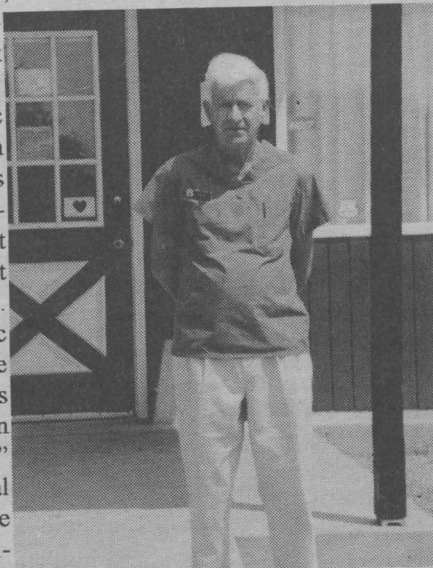
"Needless to say, he wasn't much good to me the rest of the day. He just sat in the front seat, looking like death warmed over."

As Emmitsburg grew, so too did the practice. After the present hospital was built and the practice began to add additional staff, Dave's responsibilities expanded. Dave took on the unofficial role of corporate quality control. Since many of the new vets hired into the practice are often fresh out of school, where they have been taught on the latest and greatest equipment, it's up to Dave to teach them how to succeed in the sometimes harsh reality of rural medicine.

Having long since earned a honorary degree in practical veterinary medicine, Dave teaches what can only be called the "tricks of the trade." According to Dr. Gary Kubala: "There are some procedures that new vets will struggle with for hours, but Dave can do in five minutes. He's got most of the 'old book' in his head, and a lot that was never written down. He's the only one besides Doc Carr that remembers the formulas for age old tonics and wound treatments." Because of his extensive practical knowledge, some local farmers even go as far as to request to consult with Dave.

Because he lives next to the hospital, Dave is always on call. Dr. Julie Holland remembers many a night when unexpected complications threatened the success of a late night surgery. Just when things were at their worst, Dave would appear, roll up his sleeves, and lend his hands and expertise. No one at the hospital would even venture a guess how many times Dave, without fanfare, has saved the day.

In today's world, where superstars are celerated it is easy to forget that without those willing to work on the team, individual performance accounts for nothing. For forty years Dave has been the backbone of the Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital team, and because of him, we in Emmitsburg have won.



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Brown Encourages Campers



James Brown (center) at Mason-Dixon Basketball Camp hosted by Morgan Wootten (L) and Jim Phelan (R). Photo courtesy MSM

James Brown, host of the Fox Network's *NFL Sunday* show spoke to the basketball campers at the 15th annual Mason-Dixon Basketball Camp held at Mount Saint Mary's College. Brown played for M-D camp director Morgan Wootten at DeMatha High School in Washington, D.C. Brown also played at Harvard. Wootten and MSM basketball coach Jim Phelan have hosted more than 30,000 campers in 15 years.

LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS

By Marta Hillis

Emmitsburg baseball is just about over for 1997. The month of July was a busy time for our Little League all-star teams. The senior league all-stars (ages 14-15) won three out of five games in the district play-offs. The 11 - 12 A team all-stars notched a victory in the opening round of the play-off tournament, but were later eliminated as was our 9- 10 A all-star squad.

Emmitsburg hosted a tournament of 11/1 2 B teams from July 17-21. All of the area teams that participated seemed to enjoy themselves. Frederick American won the championship game over East Frederick. A big thank you to all of the Emmitsburg volunteers who helped throughout the five day tourney, especially Carol Novak, Mary Lasher, Cindy Marshall, Rosario Benvengi, Steve Myers, Roy Wivell, Butch Morningstar, Dave

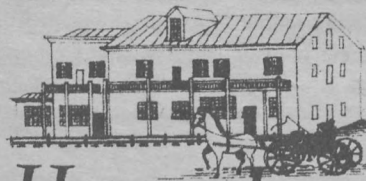
Bushman, Travis Dawson, Denny Ott, John Freniere, Dan Novak, and all others that I may have missed. We couldn't have done it without you.

A final double elimination tournament begins in Thurmont on July 31 for our Emmitsburg 11 - 12 A & B teams and 9- 10 A team. Hope to see a big crowd from Emmitsburg come out to cheer for our all-stars.

Remember to mark your calendars for the annual Little League picnic to be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Town Park Pavilion beginning at 1:00 pm. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided by Little League. Please bring a covered dish to share and your own place setting. Trophies will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams as well as special awards to all 12-year-olds. Please plan to attend this "end of the 1997 season" party.

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For the 15th year the event provided fun, games, and music all during the day.

At seven o'clock a parade composed of fire apparatus, old cars, modified cars, floats, marchers, a marching band, and cars full of smiling, waving, and joking "celebrities" rekindled thoughts of days gone by.

This year's great fireworks display was accented with a few horizontal launches that were roundly and enthusiastically cheered by all.



Pie-Eating Contest (L to R): (15 & up) 1st, Sarah Emory, 2nd (tie) Matt Knox & Jennifer Hobb;(11-14) 1st Ashley Kline, 2nd Kate Emory; 11-14, 2nd heat) 1st, Becky Ott, 2nd Ashley Martins; (7-10) 1st Nicholas Wivell, 2nd, Alyssa Felix; (1-6) 1st Erin Emory, 2nd Katie Buterbaugh.



Sack Race: 1 - 6 From the left - 1st Julia Ziegler & Erin Emory, 2nd - Sarah Harrington & Jessica Little.



Watermelon Eating Contest (L-R): (15 - up) 1st Matt Knox, 2nd (tie) Maria Topper & Sarah Emory; (11-14) 1st, Bruce Bryant, 2nd, Shannon Balsoma; (7-10,1st heat) 1st, Coal Kaufman, 2nd, Sarah Bland; (7-10, 2nd heat) 1st Bobby Knox, 2nd, Steven Favret; (1-6) 1st, Katie Buterbaugh, 2nd Matt Bradshaw.



Horseshoes: (L - r): 3rd Dooley Hildebrand & Bill Topper; 2nd, Dennis Wivell & Rich Ohler; 1st, Bob Deweese & Eric Zimmerman.



Casting Contest (l - r); (15 & up) 1st. Mike Leatherman, 2nd, Bernie Hobbs; (10-14) 1st Bruce Bryant, 2nd, Ashley Kaufman; (7-9) 1st, Jessie Miller, 2nd Steven Favret; (1-6) 1st, Matt Bradshaw, 2nd, Chrissy McLair.

All photos courtesy of Jim Hahn

Looking Ahead

August 2

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August 2 - 3

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August 9

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August 11-16

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company will hold their annual carnival August 11-16. Parade on Wed. Aug. 13, 7 p.m. Good cooking and the famous fried country ham sandwiches.

August 22

The August Pasture Walk for Frederick County Maryland will be held on Friday, August 22 10 a.m. until noon. Steve and Ruth Ann Derrenbacher will be hosting the event at Heirland Farm. For information contact 301-694-1594 ext.3578

September 13

St. Joseph's High School Class of 1972 is sponsoring an Alumni Dance & Social on Saturday, September 13, 1997, from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg. All graduates are invited, so make plans now to attend. Please call friends to let them know. B.Y.O.B. For more information, call Ken Adelsberger (301-447-2890—evenings), Greg Hollinger (301-447-2277—day), or Dale Shields (301-447-2854—evenings).

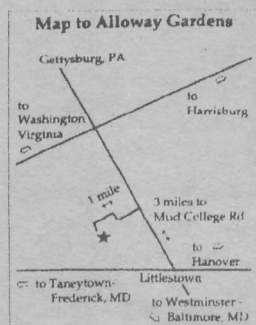
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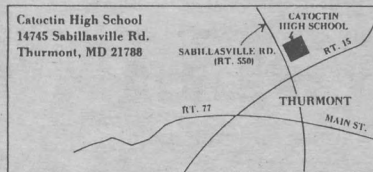
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Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

Happy Birthday to the following: Heather Valentine, Diana Hahn, Richard Kinterman, Jennifer Hobbs, Steven Day, Regina Dinterman, Charity Wivell, Cody Wivell, James Stambaugh, Lee Hahn, Emily Sixx, Betty Lee Mumma, Mary Ellen Cummings, Burneda Russell, Melissa Sharrer, Lucille Waynant, Larry Duble, David Dinterman.

Tracey Eyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Eyler was named to the Dean's List this spring semester, 1997, at Frostburg State University.

The Church of the Brethren will have Vacation Bible School August 4 through August 8, starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m. Anyone interested in attending or helping please call Alice (301) 271-7960.

Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

Certain events make lasting impressions on us—trip to the seashore, graduation, first car, etc. However, sometimes it's the little things we remember in more detail. Maybe it's a book we've read, a stream or grove of trees, a quilt.

Architecture is high on my list. For example, there's the house Frank Lloyd Wright built over a stream and into a hill near Wausau, Wisconsin, a four-story house a relative built in the late 1800's to house his family of 22 children. Closer to home, the rooftops in Cumberland, Maryland (as seen from I68) and all the wonderful extremely old stone and brick houses in Frederick County.

Of course, *quilts* always impress me. As with other constructions, quilts are "built" one piece at a time and should be a product of precision. But just like old architecture there are flaws and this is part of their charm.

A walk through an antique mall substantiates this. There, one finds quilts of varying ages and conditions. Some are old, dark, and dingy, and the viewer might wonder, "Who would want that thing?" There may be a box of unfinished blocks in colors that have dulled with age and whites that have lost their sparkle.

Remember those pieces were carefully arranged and became an *event* in someone's life.

Mt. Tabor Quilters are working on a quilt that could become special to someone and age into a family heirloom. It's a variation of the "Pineapple" pattern

The annual "Big Picnic" and Festival will be held Saturday, August 9. The Baby Show starts at 1 p.m. There will be age groups from newborn up to two years old.

Songs, sandwiches, pies, ice cream, etc. will be available day and evening.

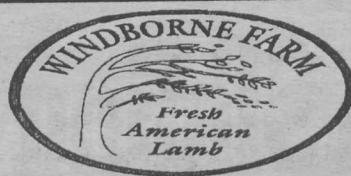
A buffet dinner will begin at 3 p.m. There will be games for young and not so young, including Bingo and Giant Sliding Board for all to enjoy. Music will be provided by Country Caravan Plus. The event is sponsored by the Mt. Tabor Park Board and held at Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge, Md.

The Rocky Ridge firemen will be holding their annual Rocky Ridge Carnival August 11 - 16. The parade will take place on Wednesday, August 13, at 7 p.m. Come out and enjoy the entertainment and good home cooking along with the famous fried country ham sandwiches each night.

called "Four Ships Sailing." It's a lively quilt in blues and yellow prints pieced by yours truly. There is a navy border quilted with ocean wave pattern and a Jinny Beyer designer fabric representing moving water and quilted in a conch shell design.

The quilt is being made for the Thurmont Historical Society and will be raffled to benefit their history scholarship at Catoctin High School and the Creeger House in Thurmont. Tickets available at the Community Show, from society Members, or from Rani Blakeslee (301-271-7443).

It is the dream of Mt. Tabor Quilters that this and all the quilts we finish will live to be an *event* in some family's heritage. We know these quilts will have their own stories to tell—if someone will listen.



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As part of the July 4th Community Day celebration Lions Club President Bob Gauss, Jr. (left) is shown presenting the Dr. George Morningstar Memorial Scholarship Award to Jamie Rhodes as her father Darryl and mother Charlotte Rhodes look on.

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St. Anthony's OLMC News

By Ann Marshall

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish will hold its annual Labor Day picnic on September 1 on the parish grounds. A ham and fried chicken dinner will be served from noon to 5 p.m. Entertainment includes live blue grass music, bingo, and many traditional games. This is OLMC's biggest fund raiser of the year and the congregation is called upon to help make it a success. To volunteer, donate, or for more information call chairman Chris Cashiola, 301 271-7709. Dinner prices: Adults, \$7.50; children under 12, \$3.50; children 6 and under, free.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), a program for anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism or anyone interested in joining the Catholic Community, is now making plans for Fall 1997. A get-together ice cream social for catechists, sponsors, and everyone involved in RCIA is scheduled for Friday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Anthony Parish Hall. For more information call Sr. Carol, 301 447-2367.

Amanda Durski of St. Anthony's and **Elise Hawkins** and **Jennifer Krebs** of OLMC recently received *Family of God* medals, a recognition from the Baltimore Archdiocese for Girl Scouts age 7-9 who have participated in the *Family of God* program.

Activities in the program support the religious training of family and parish. The medals were awarded to the three girls following a Mass celebrated at the Grotto of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD.

A Millennium Reflection Group met on July 17 to prepare spiritually for the year 2000. Topics for 1997 are Baptism, Jesus, Mary, Model of Faith. Future meetings will be held at St. Anthony's Upper Hall on August 21 and September 18 at 7 p.m.

Anthony Shrine Parish welcomes into the Catholic faith **Kyle Spencer Rupert**, son of Mae and Scott Rupert, who was baptized on June 29, 1997.

St. Anthony Shrine Parish welcomes into the Catholic faith **David Cyrus Berkey II**, son of Phyllis and Bill Berkey, who was baptized on July 20, 1997.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish welcomes into the Catholic faith **Joseph Alphonse Laamanen**, son of Mary and James Laamanen, who was baptized on June 29, 1997.

Ray and Carol Waskowski gathered with their family to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the weekend of July 5-6, 1997. Congratulations and good wishes for continued blessings were extended to them by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

A Church Picnic Long Ago

By Ann Marshall

Fifty years ago when St. Anthony Shrine near Emmitsburg held a chicken dinner, the chickens were raised by the parishioners. Today, a contractor with a kitchen-on-wheels drives in to provide and fry the birds on the premises.

Fifty years ago, Miss Maggie Rosensteel, who "ran the kitchen" for longer than anyone can remember, would go door to door in the mostly rural parish asking for donations. People were expecting her. They had already put in extra tomato, bean, or cabbage plants with the church festival in mind. Or planted an extra row of corn. There were promises of five chickens here, perhaps fifteen there.

"My Dad, Bernard Shields, raised a lot of those chickens," recalls Mary Catherine Shields who has been helping with the annual fund-raiser since she was a little girl. "My, but he was particular about them." The Roy Wivell family also could be counted on to raise as many as a hundred birds.

The dinner took place this year on July 26. It is a tradition almost as old as the church itself which was built in 1897. It began as a private picnic for parishioners who gathered in the church grove for a day of festivity, each family bringing its own dinner packed in a basket. By the twenties, it had become and remains today a major fund-raiser for the parish.

Is the food as good as ever? Absolutely! (The menu has expanded to include baked ham.) But the preparation is very different. "Well, the world is different," says Ruth Wivell who has chaired the dinner for over twenty years. "But it's still an enormous parish project. A lot of people pitch in. Debbie Wivell and Nellie Valentine are in charge of the dining room. Joe Scott runs the outside games and Dan Durski calls bingo. Sr. Carol is planning the entertainment for the children. I guess you could say we just all get together and do it."

Nevertheless, the days are long gone when men would take a half day off from farm work on the Thursday before the event to catch and kill the chickens. This was often done at Lewis Seiss's store on Old Emmitsburg Road just south of St. Anthony's. The women plunged the birds into butchering kettles of hot water to remove the feathers and then

singed them over fire in big drums to remove the pin feathers. They were cleaned and packed in tubs of ice. The waste was buried.

By today's measure, everything done for the picnic fifty, sixty, and more years ago was done the hard way — from scratch. For example, ice for packing chicken on Thursday or cooling tea on Saturday was brought from an ice house in Emmitsburg and chipped from hundred-pound blocks.

Back then, the picnic was held in the grove next to the church, now largely a parking area. Pius Shorb, as sextons before him had done, set up the long tables and chairs and sometimes tents. Lights were strung in the trees because the picnic often went on until 11 p.m.

Cooking in the Red Schoolhouse at the foot of Grotto Road began early Saturday morning. Seniors in the Parish reminisce about Nellie Wetzel, Mary Shields, Joe Shorb, Marie Williams, Alma Seltzer, and Goldie Landis among many who started frying chicken before 6 a.m. They cooked in iron skillets over propane gas heat.

The donations poured in. Lottie Kreitz took charge of husking and cutting corn. Lelia Orndorff was there to make pepper slaw. Nora Wetzel prepared fruit salad and Cecil Kreitz, long-time baker at Mount St. Mary's College, sent wonderful rolls and sheet cakes. Iced tea stood ready in huge stone crocks. Alice Shorb, who worked at F&M Bank in Emmitsburg, kept track of the money.

Mrs. Mary Sanders remembers sitting down with a group of women to peel two bushels of potatoes which would then be cooked, cooled, chopped, and seasoned into potato salad. Mashed potatoes were also popular. The real thing, no flakes, no preservatives, mashed by hand by the men of the congregation and served with gravy.

Maggie Rosensteel was a stern supervisor in the busy schoolhouse. No silk could be left on the corn, no strings on the beans. Mrs. Sanders remembers her making lemonade for the hot workers but also cautioning the hungry to eat only the backs of the chickens.

Yes, fifty years ago it was a very big Saturday in August when it all came together. Parish families along

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Catching Crayfish



Jed Brownley (l), Becky Brownley, Ashley Keeney, and Martha Barninger display the locally caught crayfish. Photo courtesy Debra Brownley

By Debra Brownley

Crayfish, also known as crawfish and crawdads, are found on every continent except Africa and Antarctica. They vary in color from brown, pink, orange, greenish-black, and dark blue. Crayfish that inhabit caves are clear to white, and are also blind. Most crayfish live to be about 3 years old, and seldom grow over 6 inches long. In many parts of the world, crayfish are considered a delicacy. But one does not have to travel half way around the world to enjoy catching and eating these tasty little crustaceans. They can be found right here, locally.

Crayfish are active mainly at night, feeding on plant matter, worms, small fish, tadpoles, other crayfish, and the young of insects. They can also cause damage to crops such as corn and cotton by eating their tender roots. Occasionally, during the day, one might see them crossing a roadway from one swampy place to another, or crawling out onto a bank. But most of the time, crayfish can be found hiding underneath stones submerged in rivers, lakes, ponds, or streams. Crayfish prefer hard water because it contains the lime they need for their shells.

Knowing where to find them and what they eat is a good start, but understanding crayfish helps in catching them, too. Ordinarily, crayfish crawl forward on their four pairs of walking legs, but when they're frightened, they can shoot backwards with considerable speed. Their two front legs are equipped with sharp claws and are used to capture and hold prey, including fingers, ouch! It's best to use a pair of kitchen tongs when attempting to pick them up the first couple of times until one masters the art of catching crayfish. Because crayfish are scavengers, they will eat almost anything including chicken necks and legs. One way to catch them is to tie a chicken

leg onto the end of a piece of fishing line, and reel 'em on in! Since crayfish are related to crabs, lobsters, and shrimp, crab pots work well for catching them, too.

There are several tasty ways to eat crayfish. One is simply to wrap a piece of bacon around a freshly killed crayfish, and bake. When the bacon is done, so is the crayfish. The two flavors tend to complement each other. They can even be boiled on top of a Coleman stove while camping, or steamed the same way that crabs or

shrimp would be prepared. The following recipe is another delicious way to eat them:

Crawdad Jambalaya

- 1 Tbsp. shortening
- 1lb. sausage or leftover ham or chicken cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1/2 green pepper, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. flour
- 3 cups cooked crawdads
- 3 cups diced tomatoes, fresh or canned
- 1/2 cups water
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp. chopped parsley
- 2 cups uncooked rice
- 1 1/4 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp. thyme
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper

Directions: Melt shortening in large skillet; add sausage or other meat and green pepper. Cook 5 minutes, stirring often. Stir in flour until smooth and cook 1 minute longer. Add tomatoes, water, onion, garlic, parsley, and crawdads. Heat to boiling point; then stir in rice and all remaining ingredients. Cover and cook over low heat for 30 minutes, or until rice is tender and most liquid is absorbed. Water can be added to make more liquid, if desired. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve hot. Serves 8 or so.

Note: Polish sausage is preferred by most, for flavor.

If a crayfish loses one of its legs or claw while you are attempting to catch it, don't worry. It has the ability to regenerate a new one. If the leg has only been injured, the crayfish will snap it off at the base. A new limb starts to grow within a matter of days. After two or three molts, the new limb will catch up to its normal size.

Molting is the process in which a crayfish discards its old shell. Crayfish lack backbones, so their bodies are protected and supported by a hard outer covering known as an exoskeleton. It is necessary for crayfish to molt because their skin does not stretch like ours as they grow. The exoskeleton splits along the back, and the crayfish works its way out of this covering. Meanwhile, a new body covering has been growing underneath.

Molting usually takes about 6 hours, and many crayfish die during this complicated process. It then takes another one to two days for the outer shell to harden, and it is during this time that the soft crayfish is most likely to be injured, or be eaten by raccoons, opossums, bears, ducks, fish, and other ani-

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Obituaries

Donna M. Joy Six

Donna M. Joy Six, 41, of Hanover, Pa., died Tuesday, June 10, 1997, at her home.

Born August 21, 1955, in Gettysburg, she was the daughter of Phyllis A. Poeta Joy of Emmitsburg and the late Robert Joy.

She was a 1973 graduate of Catoctin High School, Thurmont, and attended Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg. She was a ward clerk for 15 years for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare at South Mountain Restoration Center. She was a former officer and member of A.B.A.T.E. of Pennsylvania, Mason-Dixon Chapter.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are son Robert Six II of Hanover; brothers Robert Lee Joy and David W. Joy, both of Emmitsburg, and Daniel W. Joy of Mt. Airy; sisters Gloria R. Young of Taneytown and Sharon A. Ott of Emmitsburg; devoted friend Joseph E. Bowser of Hanover; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, in Little's Funeral Home, with the Rev. Joseph Carolin and Mrs. Lynn Eib officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Donna M. Six Memorial Fund, c/o PNC Bank, 10 S. Queen St., Littlestown, Pa. 17340.

Mr. Brent Stitely

Mr. Brent Stitely, 13, son of Eugene Gary and Peggy Louise Long Stitely of 8127 Rocky Ridge Road, Thurmont, died Tuesday, July 1, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was born June 6, 1984, in Frederick.

Mr. Stitely was a seventh-grade honor student at Thurmont Middle School. He was a lifelong member of Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, where he was active in Sunday School and the Acolyte Youth Group.

He was an outstanding athlete who played for the Thurmont Little League and was on the all-star team for several years. He also played basketball with the Catoctin Youth Association for several years.

He was an avid baseball card collector.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Scott D. Stitely and David M. Stitely, both at home; maternal grandparents, Charles and Dolly Long of Emmitsburg; paternal grandfather, Norman Stitely and wife Agnes of Thurmont; aunts and uncles Patricia Coover and husband Richard of Thurmont, Douglas Long and wife Kathi of Frederick, Michael Stitely and wife Ila of Frederick, and Gerald Stitely and wife Deborah of Germany; and cousins Allison and Ashley Long, Amy Stitely, Heather and Jordan Howes, Chaz Stitely-Howes, Jennifer, Sarah, and Christopher Stitely, and Mark Coover.

Mr. Stitely will also be remembered by his friends D. B. Smith, Jeff Kerr, Jim Swanson, and Mark Tumulty, all of Thurmont, and Sam Kulceski of Emmitsburg.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Marjorie Dewees Stitely, who died March 27, 1984.

The funeral was held July 3 at the Elias Lutheran Church, with the Revs. Susan Yatta, Terry Folk, and Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment was in Graceham Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Stitely's name to either the Make-a-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, 6 Taft Court, Rockville, MD 20850, or Elias Lutheran Church Steeple Fund, 100 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Mrs. Edith Click

Mrs. Edith Viola Wills Click, 68, of Emmitsburg, died Friday, July 25, at home after an extended illness.

She was the wife of Herbert Henry Click Sr.

Born April 27, 1929, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late Charles Edward and Emma Leore Miller Wills.

Mrs. Click was retired from Hanover-Freeman Shoe Co., Hanover, Pa., where she worked for two years. Previously, she was employed at Freeman Shoe Co., Emmitsburg, for 19 years, and at Cambridge Rubber Co., Taneytown, for 21 years.

She was a lifetime member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. She also belonged to the ladies auxiliary of American Legion Post 212 in Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to her husband are five children, Nancy L. Sweeney and husband Clifford, and Richard E. Click all of Thurmont, and Herbert H. Click Jr. and wife Bobbie Jean, Linda J. Wantz and husband Steven Sr., and James E. Click, all of Emmitsburg; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Click was preceded in death by seven sisters and five brothers.

Mrs. Click will also be remembered by her Frederick County Hospice staff, Sharon, Mike, Karen, and April.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Michael Kennedy as celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Catholic Church Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorials in Mrs. Click's name may be made to Frederick County Hospice.

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with friends and relatives gathered to enjoy a country-fried chicken dinner, shop the cake and candy booths, and play games of chance and skill in St. Anthony's Grove.

Local bands provided music. Bob Kaas recalls that as a kid he had an especially choice job. He helped Viola Hemler and her family run the ice cream stand.

Fond memories include comments such as, "I looked forward to it each summer." "The grab bag was special." "We kids saved up our money for the picnic." "I remember that my Dad gave me a quarter to spend."

Although the annual picnic is now served in the parish hall where a modern kitchen with double sinks and huge refrigerators is approved by the Health Department, many things remain the same — bingo, penny pitch, homemade baked goods, music, raffles, and memories in the making.

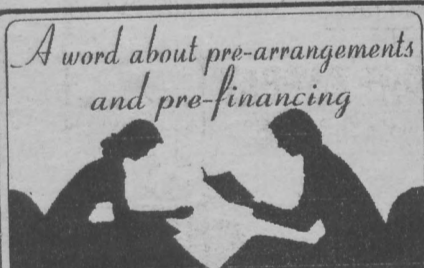
Fifty years ago, the children of the parish who ran errands tirelessly, served meals, and assisted with games on Saturday got a bonus Sunday morning. After early Mass they would dash out of church to scour the grove for dropped nickels and dimes. Of course they added these gleanings to the picnic profit. Like fun they did! It was service to the parish on Saturday but Sunday's rule was "Finders, keepers!"

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males. Fishermen also use them for fish bait.

This time of year, if a person were to walk along a creek, it would be possible to see hundreds of tiny translucent crayfish, resembling their parents. It takes about 5-8 weeks for the young crayfish to hatch, and they remain with their mother for some time, grasping her swimmerets (swimming appendages) with their tiny claws. A good place to observe them is underneath the foot bridge at Carroll Valley Park.

Good luck catching crayfish, and remember to watch out for water snakes and copperheads along those rocky stream beds!



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Goat Tales - Muddy Boots

By Christine Maccabee

Just a little over a year ago (my, how time does fly) I recall coming down the steep hill to my house in the pouring rain (remember how wet it was?) after tending to the goats, my boots laden with mud and manure. Last year the mud was quite an issue, but a reality I was trying to live with,

though not always accepting or appreciating it. That particular day it struck me how I'd become much like most other farmers or keepers of animals and how dirty boots are always an integral part of the landscape, or lifestyle. Just the sight of my filthy boots carefully removed and placed on the porch outside the door made me feel as tho' somehow I'd been fully initiated into country life.

Now I am no stranger to country

living. When I was a little girl I spent most of my time in the woods, and well visited two different farms at least a half dozen times a year. Both farms were owned by my uncles, two men who never knew one another and who were as different as day and night except for two things -- their love of farming and their dirtyboots. I recall, vividly, the intriguing smells, sights and feel of both of these farms, one of which was in Westminster, Md., the other in Wisconsin. There

was a sense of order amidst the disorder and the on-going pressure to stay on top of things. As well, a distinctive smell of soap lingered in, the air as a sign of human effort to hold back the tide of dirt. Neither disorder nor dirt bothered me a bit, but my mother hated it, especially the dirt.

As a child I was simply intrigued, curious, and excited by everything,

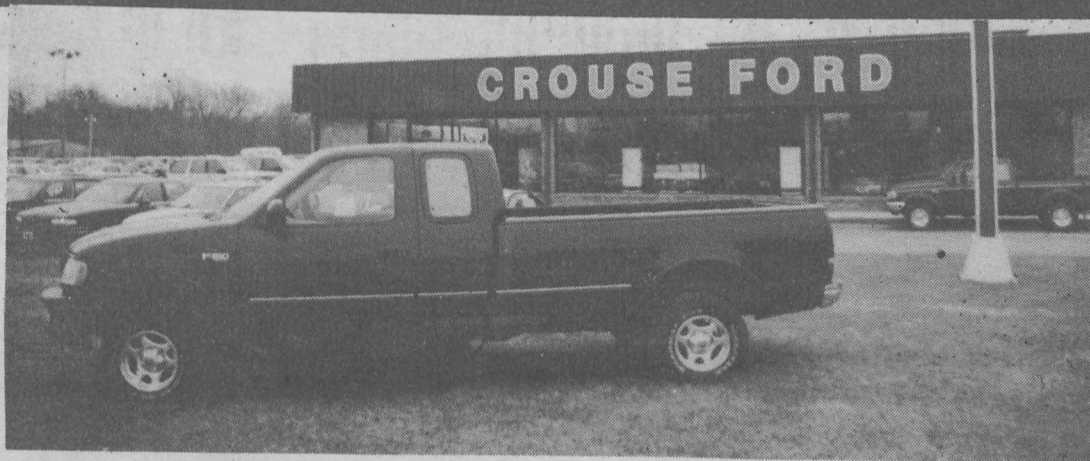
thoughtfully observing, absorbing, and generally taking it all in as most children do. Nothing seemed to bother me. I loved everything about country.

Since those earlier days, I have visited similar farms, some with goats, some with horses or cattle, and always there is the inevitable dirt. I've seen large sections of porches dedicated to dirt-laden boots (the more people in the family the more boots there will be), and now, because of my goats, I have my own dirty boots. Happily, I have completely shed any aversion to dirt which I may have acquired since my childhood. Dirty boots are now a way of life....

...still, that rainy day last spring as I came down the hill, muddy boots and all, I wondered if there might not be some quick, easy way to clean them. No sooner did I think the thought than I noticed a large pool of water in the grass at the bottom of the slope. Wondering why I'd never thought of using it before, I waded the length of this puddle, going back and forth gleefully, like a child, until finally, no more dirt on my boots. Funny how this catch-all of water, deemed a nuisance in the past, became transformed in that instant into something which served me, which served a small, tho' meaningful purpose. I'd discovered my own private pool for cleaning my dirty boots. My mother would be pleased.

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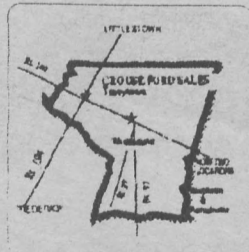
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THURMONT AND EMMITSBURG COMMUNITY SHOW RULES

Rodman Myers, Chairman of the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show, urges area residents to enter exhibits in the 40th annual Community Show. The show will be held September 5, 6, and 7 at Catoctin High School. Exhibitors can find a copy of the show booklets at area businesses around August 5th.

Below is a list of rules and regulations for the show.

1. Entry of exhibits may be brought to Catoctin High School gymnasium on Thursday evening, September 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Friday morning, September 5th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Hay, rabbit and livestock may be entered in the ag shop area.

2. Exhibits are solicited from residents of the Catoctin High School area and entries must be grown or made by the exhibitor. There is no entry of admission fee.

3. Only one entry per person per class. Departments include: fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, canned fruits, canned vegetables, jellies and preserves, pickles, met (canned and home-cured), baked products, sewing, crocheting, needlework, embroidery and knitting, flowers and plants, arts and crafts, corn, small grains and seed, hay, nuts, poultry and livestock, dairy and goats, eggs, home products display, miscellaneous, Junior department (ages 12 and under), and youth department (ages 13-19).

4. All cakes, pies and baked goods will become the property of the Community Show committee and will be auctioned off Friday at 9:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

5. Youth department will include boys and girls ages 13-19 and the

junior department will include boys and girls ages 12 and under.

6. Ribbons and prize money will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each class. Honorable mention ribbons will be awarded at the judges' discretion. A champion and reserved champion will be selected from each department.

7. The placings of the judges will

be accepted as final.

8. The show committee is not responsible in case of fire, theft or accident.

9. The show committee reserves the right to pass any decision not covered by these rules.

10. Exhibits may be removed Sunday, September 7, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Monday, September 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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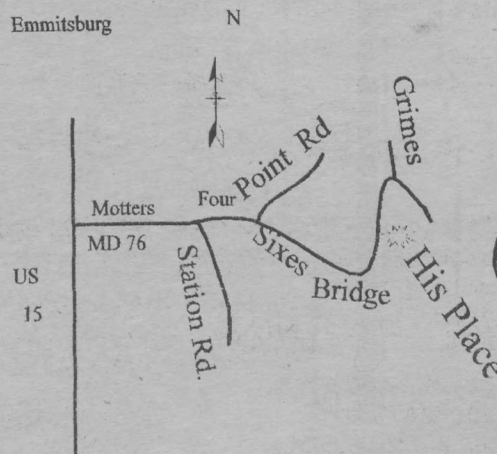
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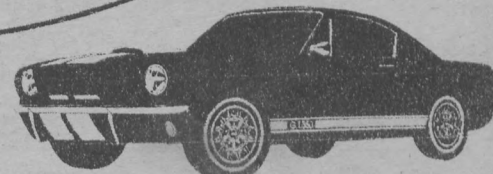
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