

## Covering the Emmitsburg Region

# The DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength from One Another

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### VHC Bids Farewell To Colleague



Colleagues, families, and friends pay respect to Gregory A. Hollinger.

*A Dispatch Photo*

On West Main Street, Towers 6 and 1 formed an Aerial Arch under which the funeral procession of Greg Hollinger passed as the bell on Tower 6 tolled in respect. Greg, age 43, an active member of the Vigilant Hose Company for 24 years, died Jan 20, at his home.

"The outpouring of support from both the community and the emergency services throughout the region was simply outstanding," said Wayne Powell, VHC Information Officer. "Greg was well-liked and committed to the safety and well-being of those he served in the greater Emmitsburg Community."

The personnel of VHC formed a single line, shoulder to shoulder, in front of the station.

Crews from Carroll Manor; Independent Hose, United, Walkersville; and Thurmont fire stations gave support and were on stand-by to handle any emergency. Carroll Manor's Auxiliary personnel handled the food preparations for the post-funeral reception at the fire hall.

A Critical Incident Stress Debriefing was conducted by Larry West, MIEMSS Peer Defusing Counselor for nearly 50 operation and auxiliary personnel. This activity included the recognition of the recent loss of colleague David Copenhaver who died in October and the serious illness of several other VHC members.

### Festival planning underway

On January 29th at 7 p.m. a committee for the Emmitsburg 250th Anniversary Celebration of Frederick County met at the Gourmet Grill to make plans for the Emmitsburg Mason Dixon Festival.

The festival scheduled for October 3rd and 4th, 1998, is being organized by the E.B.P.A., Mount Saint Mary's College, the Emmitsburg Historical Society, and the Northern Frederick County Consortium.

A commemorative booklet listing festival activities and information

about the history of Frederick County will be financed by advertising from businesses and donations from sponsors. The committee invites all members of the community to actively participate in making this festival an outstanding Emmitsburg event in celebration of Frederick County's 250th Anniversary.

Hope Mahoney will coordinate all aspects of the festival. For information phone: 301 447-6522 / 447-2222 / 271-2826.

### Emmitsburg election set for April 21

At the January town meeting Commissioner Phil Postelle announced that the elections for mayor (currently held by William H. Carr) and two commissioners' seats (currently held by Rosario Benvengi and Christopher Weaver) will be held April 21, from 7:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m. at the town office.

Residents wishing to file for candidacy must do so in writing at the town office before 12:00 noon on April 9, 1998.

The names of the candidates will be placed on the ballot chronologically as filed.

Candidates for mayor must have been residents of Emmitsburg for two years prior to election day, while those running for commissioner must have lived in Emmitsburg one year.

To date, Phil Postelle has filed for the office of mayor. James Hoover, Patrick Boyle, and Thomas Gingell have filed for commissioner seats.

During the town meeting, resident Joan Boyle asked if there could be an open forum before the election so that the public could hear the candidates discuss their platforms and state why they are running for office. The commissioners agreed that a forum would be a good thing to have, but that it should be sponsored by an organization other than the town.

The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA) and the *Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch* have agreed to sponsor this public forum on a date to be announced. The date will fall between April 9th, the last day for candidates to file, and April 21, election day. It is hoped that such a forum will increase voter participation.

#### New Registration Procedures

Registration procedures for the Town of Emmitsburg were changed when Ordinances 97-07 and 97-08, were adopted in August of 1997. In accordance with these changes, registration with the Frederick County Board of Supervisors of Elections by a voter who resides in the town of Emmitsburg, shall be deemed registered for the Town of Emmitsburg's elections. The town no longer maintains a separate registration for the town's election.

An individual who wishes to vote in the April 21 town election, but is not registered with the county should register with the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Frederick County in accordance with the regulations established for registration. Commissioner Postelle stated that residents do not need to go to Frederick to register. Registration forms are provided at the town office and at the Emmitsburg Library.

#### Absentee Ballots

The procedures for absentee ballots are as follows:

1. The registered voter desiring to vote by an absentee ballot will make written application to the Town Clerk for an absentee ballot on or before the 9th day of April, 1998.

2. The application shall be written and shall state specifically the fact that the registered voter will be absent from the Frederick County, Maryland area on April 21, 1998, during the time that the polls are open.

3. The Town Clerk will deliver, in person, the absentee ballot to the registered voter.

4. The absentee ballot must be signed by the voter and returned to the Town Clerk prior to April 21, 1998, at 9:30 a.m.

# Letters to the Editor

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

## Do candidates know town charter?

Can it be possible that it is this time of year when all good citizens (900 plus, according to the record) go to the polls and elect their chosen candidates. Governance involves dedication and patience, from both the elected and the populace.

As one of the populace, I wish to make a few observations concerning the candidates, whoever they may be.

To those who file for the office of Mayor (Burgess):

1. What does the Charter of Emmitsburg require of the candidate? Such as, how familiar is the candidate with the duties, obligations, and functions of the office? Does the Mayor know "All ordinances passed by the Board of Commissioners shall be approved or passed over by his veto..."?

2. Does the Mayor know the difference between *vote* and *veto*?

3. Does he know Section 3 - Powers and duties of the mayor?

4. Is there some ambiguity here?

To those who file for the office of Commissioner:

1. Is the candidate familiar with the many separate powers of the Board of Commissioners (several pages of specifics) including Section 15- "Each year the Board of Commissioners shall elect (Not appointed by the mayor, my insert) from among its membership... a Treasurer and a President of the

Board of Commissioners..." Using the word 'Council' as done in Emmitsburg can be misleading at times.

2. Also, the town treasurer (elected by the commissioners) shall counter-sign checks and receive such other powers as the Board of Commissioners shall from time to time designate and delegate to him.

3. And finally, "In the creation, assignment, and delegation of duties the Board of Commissioners shall at all times reserve for itself the final decision of all policy and legislative matters and shall reserve for itself supervisory power over all offices, departments, agencies, or commissions established either by the Charter or by the commissioners pursuant to this charter." From rumors, has this section been violated illegally?

In conclusion, is it possible that all candidates agree to meet in public forum to discuss their views concerning their interest in serving our community? President Wilson urged that "*open covenants openly arrived at*" should be the creed of all political endeavors. I think that we would enhance our community if we followed his principle, don't you?

JOAN BOYLE  
Emmitsburg

## Plea for return of Food Bank to Community Center

In the past year your paper has had a number of articles about the Community Building. None of these has mentioned the Emmitsburg Food Bank, an important service to the community. Unfortunately, because of renovations, the Food Bank had to be relocated. The Lutheran Church has kindly provided temporary space.

The volunteers and Food Bank

clients eagerly await a return to the Community Building because we are currently unable to provide full service—the refrigerator and freezers could not be moved, thus limiting our service.

We all hope the town of Emmitsburg will push completion of whatever renovations are holding up the return of the Food Bank.  
A VOLUNTEER

## Thank you

I would like to express a "great big thank you" to everyone who in any way speeded my recovery by sending me cards, flowers or visited during my recent illness and for the many

prayers. Everything is greatly appreciated.

DAN KAAS  
Emmitsburg

## Silo Hill is a death trap ready to happen

It's unfortunate that Barbara Mullinix was not on the Emmitsburg planning board years ago. According to her letter in the *Frederick News-Post* January 20 about the stupidity and ignorance of allowing an extremely hazardous gasoline station to be installed in a residential development beside residents' homes and subjecting nearby businesses to the danger of gasoline spills, she shows she has more common sense and insight for the future than some of the members that allowed that mistake to occur. It makes one wonder if the developer has his foot on the necks of the planning board to assure that they approve everything he wants.

Down on Route 1-70 there is a sharp turn into 1-70 truck stop that has been the site of many oil tankers overturning and spilling their contents, resulting in the necessity of major cleanups. That curve is no worse than the one at Silo Hill.

It's only a matter of time before a large, long gasoline-laden tanker is going to roll over at the entrance to Silo Hill, with the possibility of burning gasoline running down Route 140 and over the Jubilee parking lot and setting cars on fire, and even the stores. If this happens, with the entrance blocked, how will the fire company get in to fight the fire, or how will the residents or cus-

tomers get out?

For the sake of safety there must be another exit installed at Silo Hill. One possibility could be a bridge across Flat Run, allowing entrance into DePaul Street; a passage strong enough for the use of fire trucks and ambulances. Something should be done at once before it's too late.

This plan would have an added advantage, by allowing many residents in the northern sections of town to walk to the shopping area, or drive. This would eliminate a lot of traffic at the already overloaded and dangerous entrance to Silo Hill.

Another possible exit or entrance could be the Visitor Information Center which is not over 100 yards of the North End of Silo Hill's Robindale Drive.

The past record of Exxon would indicate that it does not have a Guardian Angel looking out for them, considering the billions of dollars of damages their oil tanker caused in the Alaska oil spill.

It would be a good idea if Barbara Mullinix, with her ability and understanding to "tell it like it is" would organize residents and business owners to fight to make Silo Hill a safer place for all of us.

PAUL AND LUCILLE BEALE  
Emmitsburg, Md.

## Thanks

I would like to thank all of my customers for their loyalty and for the many friendships over the years at Hairs Inn Styling Salon.

I'm sorry to say as of Jan. 30th, 1998, my shop will be

closed. I will miss seeing you all, but it's a small town so I'm sure I'll run into you now and again. Sadly leaving!

ELAINE EBAUGH  
Emmitsburg

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## Town News...

### Continuing push for extended elementary school

At the January town meeting Mayor Carr reported having met with Raymond Barnes and Bruce Brown of the planning and facility section of the Frederick County Public School system. He stated that the BOE expects to redistrict the school district so that in September 1998 approximately 30 students from the Emmitsburg area who are now attending school in Thurmont will be returned to Emmitsburg. This will reduce overcrowding at the Thurmont School and bring the Emmitsburg school up to 95% capacity. Mayor Carr said the BOE is still considering Extended Elementaries (kindergarten through eighth) and will visit a Baltimore school in the near future that was once an elementary school but is now an extended school.

### Amendment for Fifth Commissioners

The commissioners rejected a proposal to add a fifth commissioner to the council. The proposal which would have amended the Charter of Emmitsburg was made by Commissioner Rosario Benvengi at the August town meeting. He felt the mayor could be influenced by all the developers and individuals he talks with, and thus have his vote swayed. Presently the Mayor votes to break ties. With a fifth commissioner, the Mayor would no longer have that vote.

Mayor Carr said he was not in favor of the proposal because it took

away his vote." I wouldn't want to be mayor if I can't vote," Mayor Carr said. He also said he didn't feel it was necessary for a town of 2000 people to have five people serving on the council.

Commissioner Postelle agreed that the Mayor should be an active participant. "The council needs the mayor's input because he is the most knowledgeable," he said.

Joan Boyle, an Emmitsburg resident, reminded the council that in order for municipalities to operate according to the code of nation/state/town governments of the United States, there is a distinction between the executive and legislative branches of government. The state suggests that the legislative branch consist of uneven numbers so that the executive (mayor) can veto. "A strong mayor - and you are a strong mayor, Dr. Carr - can influence the commissioners," she said. "You can make your veto stick," but the commissioners voted 3-0 not to consider the amendment. Benvengi was not present at the January meeting to defend his proposal.

### In other business the council:

- agreed to accept bid from Taylor Sports Equipment for \$14,750 for playground equipment for Silo Hill Park;
- appointed Tina Kearns to the Parks and Recreation Committee to replace Patty Ortner who resigned;
- approved a donation of \$100 to the Amy Eyler van fund.

### Invitation To Bid for Garbage Collection and Disposal

The Mayor and Commissioners of Emmitsburg invite bids from qualified contractors for garbage collection and disposal in accordance with the instruction to bidders, contract information, appendices, and drawing.

Documents are available at the Town Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### GROUNDSKEEPER

The Town of Emmitsburg is accepting applications for two seasonal, part-time groundskeepers. Work hours are 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with actual work hours depending upon need. Duties include mowing, weed-eating, and routine maintenance. Salary negotiable based upon experience.

Applications are available at the Town Office, 22 East Main Street, P. O. Box 390, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. (1-301-447-2313). Applications will be accepted until Friday, February 27, 1998.

## Timetable set for adoption of 1998 Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan

According to County Planner David Whitaker, Emmitsburg residents can stay informed on the adoption of the recently completed Comprehensive Plan which has been developed over the past two years. Contact the town office for times.

- Feb. 23 - Complete planning draft comprehensive plan
- Feb. 25 - Refer draft plan to MDOP
- Mar. TBA - Citizen open house
- April 30 - Planning commission public hearing
- May - Recommend adoption
- May '98 - Presentation to town commissioners
- May '98 - Town commissioners' public hearings
- May - June, '98 - Town commissioners' workshops

## Open House for Community Center Planned

Modifications to bring the Community Center in compliance with the requirements of the American Disabilities Act have been recently completed. The community is invited to an Open House and Ribbon Cutting ceremony to be held March 24 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The presentations will take place in the gymnasium. The ribbon cutting and dedication of the elevator will take place at 2 p.m.

Agencies that occupy the building will be open for visits and will describe their functions.

### MAINTENANCE/ CUSTODIAN

The Town of Emmitsburg is accepting applications for a part-time maintenance/custodian who would be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the Emmitsburg Family Center and the grounds. Work hours would be in the afternoons, evenings, and weekends and would depend on need. Must be available to handle emergencies.

Minimum of one year related experience and ability to follow general maintenance and cleaning practices. Salary negotiable based upon experience.

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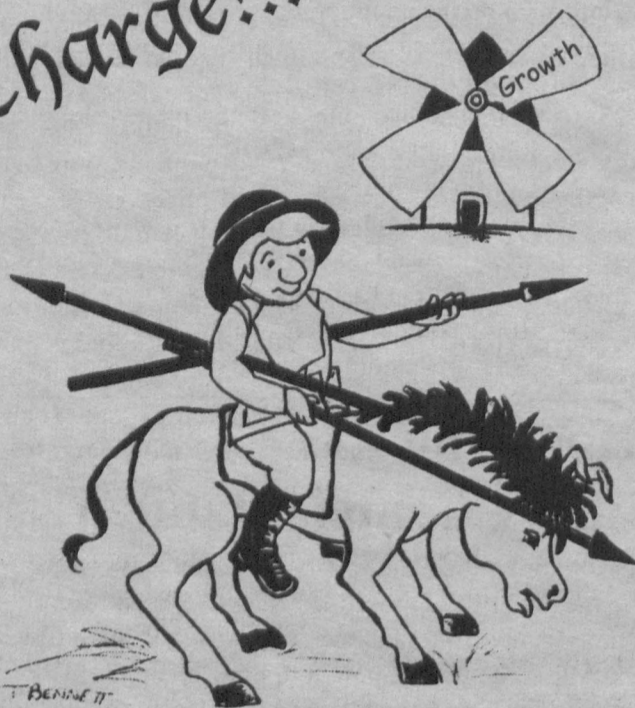
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## Er, Uh...which direction?

### 100 Years Ago "In this place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

#### Winter sets in.

Feb. 4, 1898 - Winter set in this week in dead earnest and the only comfortable place to be found was along side of a hot stove. On Tuesday morning the thermometer registered 12 degrees above zero; on Wednesday morning 7 degrees, and on Thursday morning 8 degrees.

It commenced snowing sometime Sunday night and continued until Monday afternoon, making the first sleighing we have had this winter.

Tuesday was a very disagreeable day. The wind blew a strong gale and somewhat drifted the snow, making travel on some of our roads a very difficult task.

#### Without water 99 days

Feb. 4, 1898 - On October 20 last, James Houck, vice President of the Franklin Savings Bank of Frederick, advertised that a young steer had strayed away from his farm, tenant-

ed by Harlan Ramsburg, near Frederick. Nothing was heard of the animal and it was given up for lost, until Friday one of the men noticed several hens frequently going in a hole in a straw stack in the barnyard. Thinking they had a nest he crawled in about fifteen feet in search of the eggs. He came out much quicker than he had gone in, declaring the stack was haunted as something had kicked him. Another man was sent in to investigate and he came out exclaiming that something was alive in there as he felt a hairy leg, and it had also kicked his hand.

An investigation was then made and a large hole cut in the straw stack, when the missing steer was actually found under the straw, where it had been imprisoned for ninety-nine days without food or water excepting the straw on which it had subsisted, as it had made a hole about ten feet square in the stack.

The hands on the place now recall the fact that on the second day's threshing they observed the steer standing against the stack which had been made the first day and saw the straw falling over the animal, but thought it had moved away. When rescued it was very weak and emaciated, but is doing very well now, being on boiled bran.

#### A surprise party

Feb. 11, 1898 - A number of young folks gathered at the home of Mr. John N. Bell, on last Friday evening. The evening was spent in dancing. At 10:30 o'clock they were invited to the dining room to partake of refreshments consisting of ice cream, cakes and candies, after which they returned to the dancing-room, where dancing was continued until a late hour.

After bidding their host and hostesses good night they departed to their happy homes, well pleased with the evening entertainment.

Feb. 11, 1898 - The Emmitsburg Water Company has reduced the water rent to livery stables from \$25 to \$15 per year.

cal wisdom in the community that can provide energy and direction for the next five year run. The purpose of the up-coming meeting will be to gather and organize this wisdom.

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## Heads Up!

For four years the *Dispatch* has been telling stories of who we are, where we are, what we have been, what we dream.... We've reported the "undernews"--news that is not quite important enough for the other media.

Five years ago we held an open community meeting attended by twelve or so citizens who listened to a proposal for a community publication. The consensus was "go for it." We did. Now four years later we've carved a little niche in the information saturated world as "that little paper, I love it." There was no money, no staff and not a lot of technical skill. There was a belief on the part of 15 contributors that what we could achieve by working in concert was important for our community. Local merchants and businesses (God bless them) shared in this belief and supported our efforts with advertisements. We were able to pay our bills each month and we never missed a deadline.

Business operations are similar to a relay team. The object is to keep the baton moving without dropping

it.

So now, in our Fifth Anniversary year, we need to consider the track on which we run. It is sprinkled with "toe-stumpers" that can trip us up and exciting possibilities of horizontal and vertical growth.

This is a "Heads Up" call. In a few months the *Dispatch* will hold its "We made it this far-Five Year Meeting." It will be a public forum to discuss changes, needs, and hopes--the future of this rural community publication.

The *Dispatch's* bet is that ordinary people are capable of sharing ideas and generating wisdom without always getting instruction from the professionals. Sure, we've read books, gotten advice and help from people on the staff of the *New-Post*, *Gazette*, the *Record-Herald* and the *Banner*. (They mostly aren't threatened by us.) We've even been encouraged by Emmitsburg expatriates like Dave Fraley, Dot Bollinger, Persh Mondorff, and others who take time to share information and urge us on.

Our bet is that there is archetyp-



Marianne Dyer, manager (l) and Linda Hurley, owner, at the new Subway sandwich shop located in Silo Hill Shopping Center.

A Dispatch photo.

## New Subway sandwich shop opens in Emmitsburg

A staff report

As surely as you are immersed in the lovely aroma of freshly baked bread when stepping through the door, you encounter the idea of healthy food made to your order, quickly.

The recently opened Subway eatery located at 101 Silo Hill Road (the mini-mall next to Jubilee) is the culmination of a dream of Linda Hurley and Terry Gladhill. According to Linda she and Terry have been talking about this dream for five years.

Linda took an early retirement from her job with the Fire Academy to make the dream come true. Terry is still working, but puts in her hours at the new sandwich shop.

"We are enthusiastic about our menu for the health-conscious customer," said Hurley. "Seven of our sandwiches contain only 6 grams or less of fats. These subs are also lower in cholesterol and calories." A comparison chart clearly indicates how the Subway's special 6-inch sandwiches differ from Big Mac® and Whopper®. The menu for the health-conscious eater also includes salads and soups.

"We also have subs for those who like a more hearty sandwich," said Hurley. "We offer steak and

cheese, meatball, cheeseburgers, regular deli, and BBQ pork rib subs," Hurley said. "We have veggie, seafood, and chicken salads, but for me the best part is the fresh-baked-daily products, the breads—traditional sub loaf and whole wheat—and the cookies," said Hurley.

"The chocolate chunk cookie is one of the special benefits of working here. We have six kinds for 'cookie-monsters' like me," manager Marianne Dyer added.

Subway specialties include 6-foot party subs (these need to be ordered a week in advance), party sandwiches, and cookie platters. A unique feature, almost a company trade mark, is the Subway "gouge"—that specialized "U"-shaped cut made in the bread instead of just slicing. "We think it makes the sandwich easier to build as well as easier to eat," Hurley said.

The Emmitsburg Subway has been open since Dec. 13 and is planning its Grand Opening Feb. 6 and 7. The theme is "Buy One Sub and Get One Free" and there will be drawings and prizes both days. Normal store hours are from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Want a party sub? Call (301) 447-2059.

### Trixie takes the blue.

Trixie, fashionably dressed in her Baltimore Oriole costume, won first prize at the Hanover Mall "Just because We Care" contest by raising \$449.97 for Animal Rescue Services. Prizes included \$75 from Agway, \$20 from the Corner Pet Shop, and a rawhide chew-bone.

Trixie Tenderland Krug, a Shih'tzu owned by Mary Krug of Taneytown, did her master proud.

## Classic Affairs Catering Service

A staff report

Over the past three and a half years, Elaine and Denny Ebaugh have been honing their catering skills at church dinners and breakfasts. They have organized and served over 50 party affairs ranging in size from 50 to 300 guests. Some have been small, simple, and uncomplicated (hors d'oeuvres, veggie and sandwich platters), others large, formal, and complex (banquets and formal wedding dinner presentations).

"We feel we've gained enough experience now to operate our service full-time," said Elaine. "It has been growing. I've closed my hair salon in order to devote all of my time to the catering service."

According to Denny, the service for weddings, anniversaries, and formal affairs lives up to their name—classic. "All our formal meals are served on china with glassware, silverware, and linen. The staff is even dressed in formal attire," said Denny. "All of this is included in the quoted price. There are no surprises and no plastic."

"We are very flexible and work

with our clients through the details to make sure they get what they want. We even make referrals for hall rentals, tuxedo rentals, music, photography, organists, vocalists, wedding cakes, and flowers," said Elaine. "Once the planning is over, we do it all from set-up to clean-up. All the client has to do is enjoy."

"We are flexible," said Denny, who, with the help of his brother designed and built a mobile barbecue pit to handle large outdoor picnics and gatherings. The wood-fueled pit can handle pork, beef, and chickens. There are two propane-fired kettles that can be used for corn-on-the-cob or french fries.

Elaine and Denny are tied into the community. They prepare their foods in the various certified church kitchens, paying a per-plate fee to the church. "This arrangement works well," said Denny. "It's good for us and helps the church."

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## Senior Citizen News

By Kathleen O'Connor

*You Can't Take It With You!*

Or, at least, not that which is material. Well, that is the title of the play to be seen at the Rainbow Dinner Theater in Paradise, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, April 16. The bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. and returns to the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens Center at 5:00 p.m. — all for a mere \$40.00. A good time will be had by everyone who would like to come. Reservations by April 1. Other trips will be announced every other month.

And, speaking of everyone, some of us neighbors may feel (just possibly) that, by participating in events sponsored by the Center, we are taking something away from others who may need it. However, in reality, the Center is not just for a special few, but for all the elders of our community. Moreover, that truly makes us ask ourselves, "What does it really mean to be an elder?" I believe we know what it means in church parlance, but do we carry that sense of leadership over into our every day lives in reaching out to each other and in improving our community? My father, for example, always volunteered with his credit union; now he volunteers with his retirement association. He shares the skills of his lifetime with others.

This — the skills and gifts of elders — may well be the first subject for the new Discussion Group at the Center. The group may discuss books, films, lectures, and how seniors may serve each other and their town through associations with local charitable organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Knights of Columbus. Some elders may wish to explore how they could share their gifts with others in a local school or nursing home. "People feel more needed themselves," Linda Umble, the Center Director, said, "when they are helping each other. And they will enjoy participating more when they know they are helping someone else who needs them." Linda is seeking a volunteer discussion leader who would like to help plan and lead discussion topics.

Quilt-making is one skill that will soon be in definite evidence, for the newest quilt of 1998 will be placed in the frame on

January 29. Everyone who would like to share this artistic event is welcome to bring fabrics and needles to the Center each day. If you have never made a quilt like this before, come and learn; someone will be happy to teach you. I'll be stopping in to learn something myself.

Also, if you would like to trim up and increase your stamina in a developing step-by-step program, stop in to the Center every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. for the new Exercise Class. Don't worry about steps that go too fast or hard, this class is designed to develop health and endurance.

Just a note. The Meal Program continues right on schedule and the Center is now open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Linda Umble also encourages anyone who is alone and unable to cook to call her for a home-delivered meal for only \$2.50. This is why the program is here — to help neighbors help each other; so don't hesitate to call her at (301) 447-6253 at least one day in advance.

Bingo and cards will alternate each Thursday starting with bingo.

The Center has some old National Geographics for sale, if any are needed for research or art projects. Some may date from the 1960s.

Flu shots were dispensed this last fall at the Center and some other health screenings from the Frederick office may be forthcoming, so Linda will keep you posted.

You can't take it all with you, but you can take all the love and service and the people everywhere you go!

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## Mount Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

Every quilt has a story to tell—either about its origin or its life after completion. However, some stories are so obscure that the viewer needs a guide to find the story. One such quilt is a star in shades of green and unbleached muslin. In the era 1806-1821, a quilter was so moved by the speeches of Henry Clay that she made a quilt and called it "Clay's Choice." Most people cannot recognize Clay in the pattern and do not know whether the quilter agreed or disagreed with the statesman.

Unlike "Clay's Choice," most memory quilts tell their story at first glance. There are brides' quilts; friendship samplers; birthday, anniversary, and album quilts, each one signed and dated. Some memory quilts are just unbleached muslin blocks with many embroidered names. Early ones cost 5 cents a name, then 10 cents, 25 cents, \$1.00 (inflation, of course) all to benefit the church.

A 20th-century memory quilt is

the Retirement Quilt. Before Social Security, people didn't retire; they just quit working—sometimes. One exception, however, was the ministers who retired after many years of service. Some churches had Ladies Aid Societies who quilted. They would make a special quilt for the retiring minister and his wife.

Today, a retirement quilt is often made by fellow employees—most of whom have never done crafts or made a quilt block. The object of making individual blocks is to present special memories connecting the donor to the retiree, resulting in unusual uses of materials. The end result is a much-treasured memento but a headache for the assembler and the quilter.

Mt. Tabor Quilters have finished several retirement quilts ranging from 30 blocks to 110 blocks. One we recently finished is the first one in which every block was the same size. Congratulations to those responsible!

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## Little League News

By Marta Hillis

### Registration dates set

Emmitsburg Little League held its first meeting of the 1998 season in mid-January. That's right! It's time to start thinking ahead to Spring and baseball! The following officers were elected for the year: President- Bill Wivell, Vice President - Roy Wivell, Player Agent- Lisa Krom, Secretary- Marta Hillis, Equipment Manager - Roy Wivell, Safety Officer- Buddy Fields.

The positions of treasurer, umpire chief, and concession stand manager are open.

Vice Presidents for each division within our organization were also named. They are T-ball (ages 5-6) - Dean Torgerson, Minor division (ages 7 & 8) - open, Major division (ages 9-12) Ken

Adelsberger, Senior division (ages 13-18) - Mike Myers, Softball - Terry Eyer.

Registration dates for all new and returning players will be held February 14 & 15 and February 21 & 22, from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Ambulance building. A participation fee for all players within the ages 5-12 will be \$10, payable at the time of registration. A maximum fee of \$25 per family (i.e. more than 1 child playing age 5-12) will be collected. The participation fee for senior division players is \$25.

The next Little League meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 315 West Main Street. All interested in helping out with the League this season are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars now. See you there.



## Kathleen Shorb birthday celebration

By Lynn Kay

The family of Kathleen Shorb of North Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, came together on January 15th from Emmitsburg, South Carolina, and Florida to celebrate their mother's 80th birthday.

In attendance were the five children of Kathleen and the late "Toss" Shorb: Lynn Kay and husband

Charlie, Michael Shorb and friend Cheryl Mullins, Karen Leppo and husband Richard, Patrick Shorb and wife Andrea, and Kerry Shorb and friend Kathy Shirbach.

Kathleen received many thoughtful gifts and flowers from family and friends. It was a joyous occasion enjoyed by everyone as we honored a beautiful lady and an extra-special "Mom."

The celebration continued on the evening of the 16th when all gathered for a family portrait by the Rosensteel Studios. A birthday dinner was held at the Carriage House.

### New Jaycees Chapter Forming in Thurmont/Emmitsburg

The United States Junior Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the birth of a new chapter of Jaycees in the Thurmont/Emmitsburg area.

The Jaycees will hold an organizational meeting on Thursday, February 5th, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mayor's office, 10 Frederick Road in Thurmont.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is an organization for young women and men, ages 21 to 39. It provides active members the opportunity to develop their leadership and management skills through community service projects and programs.

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## King of the Mount: The Jim Phelan Story - A review

By William H. Carr

Seldom are second-party biographies a good read. *King of the Mount* (Masters Press, A Division of Howard W. Sams & Company, \$14.95) written by Scott Brown, is a pleasant exception. The career of Jim Phelan, basketball coach extraordinaire at Mount Saint Mary's College, is interesting, informative, and even produces some "I can't put it down" excitement.

The intertwining of Phelan's life and purpose, along with participation in what is possibly the most popular spectator sport in America today, college basketball, makes for a story worth reading.

The past and present success of Jim Phelan involves many factors, both tangible and intangible. We all have opportunities placed in front of us throughout our lives—some bad, some good—but the choices we make mold and conduct our careers and futures. Jim Phelan made good choices. He went from a fractured home life as a youngster to association with boys and men involved in basketball. A beginning tentative romance with Dorothy Liddy developed into a lifelong marriage that has produced the wonderful family of five children that has always come first in his life. An

inherent athleticism led to the choice of basketball as his profession. That decision produced a person who went from success as a player to the pinnacle of his coaching career: 7,804 wins—the most of any active college basketball coach in the nation.

These choices broadly mentioned above are what the book is about. The tale evolves from his youth in South Philadelphia through his forty-four years as basketball coach at Mount Saint Mary's; it is a story that is more than just interesting even to those who don't give a hoot about the sport.

Cynics may be able to attribute Jim Phelan's notoriety to "just a lucky Irishman," which would probably bring a chuckle from him! Rather than luck, his success is a result of his ability to judge young men and the people he is associated with. This trait is illustrated time and again throughout the story. The players he recruited over the years quite often had talent that

was borderline. Under Coach Phelan's tutelage, they played at a higher level. These young men produced the wins for the coach and the coach developed young men that carried with them throughout their lives a sense of purpose, a rewarding work ethic, and, perhaps most importantly, a feeling of confidence in themselves.

The book even touches on the realities of Jim Phelan's career, the tribulations he experienced with some players, the constant pressure that college administration placed on him to produce a winning team. Critics, both in college and those in the profession, are hard put to overlook a record that lists a national championship in 1961, numerous conference titles, a high percentage of games won, and the present distinction as the winningest active coach in America.

Once read, the book leaves the reader with questions for himself: Have *my* choices been good? Is *my* purpose on track? Does *my* confidence measure up?

Scott Brown has produced a good book! Jim Phelan is a person worthy of a biography.

## CROP Walk Donation



Brendan Cavanagh (left), a senior at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, presents a check for \$681.50 to Dr. Ray Rother, Director of Central Maryland Catholic Charities. The funds will support the Emmitsburg Food Bank, one of seven food banks in central Maryland coordinated by the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick, Maryland. This money is 25% of the total funds raised in the 1997 CROP Walk sponsored jointly by Mount Saint Mary's College and the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. The remaining 75% of the funds raised benefit the worldwide hunger relief efforts of Church World Service. Brendan Cavanagh was one of the student organizers of the CROP Walk.

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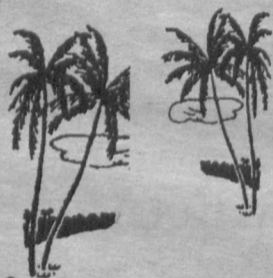
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# Vigilant Hose Co. hold recognition and awards banquet

By Staff Reports

During their annual Fire-Rescue Awards and Recognition, the Emmitsburg Volunteer Fire Company ushered in the new year by recognizing individuals who over the past year have contributed above and beyond the call of duty. Lifetime Membership awards were presented to Carl Angleberger and Doug Orner for their 25 years of unwavering support and participation in the company. James Kittinger was recognized for 30 years of duty to the community, Robert Hardman, Robert Rosensteel, and Clarence Orndorf for an impressive 35 years of watchful waiting.

Leo Boyle and George Danner were warmly recognized for their 45 years, or as long as anyone in the audience could remember, with the exception of Sterling White and Sterling Adams. Both were roundly applauded for their efforts in insuring that fire crews are always ready and able to expeditiously respond to calls for help. But the loudest and longest round of applause was saved for Sterling White and Sterling Adams, who epitomized the spirit of community service by their dedication of 50 years of their lives to insuring that Emmitsburg always will have the finest in fire-fighting capabilities.

Time was taken to remember past Chief Tom White, (undergoing stroke therapy), past Assistant Chief Tom Topper (recovering from cancer), and Paul Eyler and David Copenhaver, members "Who Have Gone On Before." Paul and Dave were sadly missed by all.

The origins of public fire protection in Emmitsburg date back to 1757. An all-volunteer fire department to this day, the Vigilant Hose

Company is staffed by over 100 active volunteers. The men and women, or friends and neighbors, provide 24-hour emergency response to over 6,500 area residents. Last year alone, the company successfully responded to 73 fires, and assisted neighboring companies in 75 others. In addition, the company responded to 59 medical assistance requests, 5 hazardous material spills, as well as numerous emergency service calls and mutual aid rescues.

One of the high points of the evening was the Women's Auxiliary's presentation of a check for \$30,000, which was raised over the past year through their various fund-raising activities. The contributions provided a much-needed infusion of capital for the company, not to mention money for gas for the fire trucks.

Other awards presented during the evening include the top ten responders, the Fire Police Award, which was awarded to Paul Keepers for his past service, the Chief's Award which recognizes a member who has performed above and beyond the call of duty, to Vince Boyle. Jef Fitzgerald was recognized for his outstanding efforts on the multi-year fire station expansion.

Lastly, Paul Krietz was awarded the prodigious shortest tie award for the third year in a row, and thereby earning him permanent ownership of the trophy. Following the awards, the company enjoyed a well-deserved night off with dancing till the early hours, thanks to the Adam's County Greenmount and Frederick's United Volunteer fire companies, which pulled extra duty and covered the company's calls for the night. Thank you, members of the Vigilant House Company. Because of you, we all sleep better at night.



New administrative officers of the Vigilant Hose Company installed during the 114th anniversary banquet for the company are, seated from the left, Arthur J. Damuth, president; Douglas A. Wivell, vice-president; Steven M. Hollinger, treasurer; and Guy A. Baker, III, assistant treasurer. Standing from the left are Steven W. Valentine, secretary; Thomas E. Vaughn, assistant secretary; Christopher P. Byard, director; Jimmy A. Glass, director; John S. Hollinger, director; Terry L. Myers, director; and David A. Vaughn, director.



New line officers and fire police officers for the company are, seated from the left, A. Frank Davis, chief; James E. Click, 1st assistant chief; Carl A. White, 2nd assistant chief; Clifton E. Shriner, captain; Carl E. Angleberger, lieutenant; John A. Damskey, lieutenant; Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr., lieutenant; and Christopheher A. Stahley, lieutenant. Standing from the left are Vincent L. Boyle, safety officer; Chad A. Umbel, safety officer; Steven W. Valentine, safety officer; Stephen P. Orndorff, fire police captain; Samuel B. Cool, fire police 1st lieutenant; and Paul Krietz, fire police 2nd lieutenant.



New auxiliary officers for the Vigilant Hose Company are, seated from the left, Dorothy D. Davis, president; and Jo Ann Boyd, treasurer. Standing, from the left, are Joyce E. Glass, secretary; Tiffany R. Stahley, financial secretary; and Wanda Myers, historian. Not shown is Betty Ann Baker, vice president.



Art Damuth accepts a gift of \$30,000 from VHS Auxiliary presented by president Dot Davis. Photos courtesy of Bob Rosensteel

## Dr. Emmitsburg

Dr. Emmitsburg would like to report on response to his January column for ideas from citizens of the Greater Emmitsburg community concerning the Silo Hill-Route 140 intersection. As of Feb. 27, three plans or sketches had been proposed. Dr. E hopes that other plans (ideas, sketches, models) will be submitted for public comment and display in the Emmitsburg branch Library Jan 2 - February 20th..

I. One plan proposed was for a bridge across Flat Run at the end of Depaul Street extending to Silo Hill to relieve traffic entering and exiting to 140.

II. Another idea is to create a plaza with single lane traffic circling about it with all traffic yielding to traffic already using the plaza road.

There are a number of advantages of the plaza. It reclaims ground now covered by asphalt and turns unused ground into a miniature plaza/park suitable for a memorial plaza like the Doughboy plaza (on a larger scale). It also utilizes old Route 97/140 in front of Emmitt Gardens at First Avenue.

\*Traffic will not have to stop; only yield to traffic in the plaza. No traffic lights needed.

\* Traffic will slow down both entering and leaving Emmitsburg.

\* Traffic will only make

right turns to enter and exit plaza.

\* Traffic will yield to vehicles already using the single lane traveling about the plaza..

\* Plaza will allow pedestrians to walk safely, using crosswalks to Silo Hill Road from Emmitt Gardens safely using crosswalks.

\* Plaza could have "Welcome to Emmitsburg" sign and "Thanks for visiting" sign.

\* Construction would not disrupt traffic going to and from businesses on Silo Hill Drive since most of the realignment would involve using present roadway and just reconfiguring it to single, one way lanes.

III. The third proposal expands on and enlarges the original small roundabout the State Highways planned to use. This new plan uses all of the roadway right of way owned by the State including old highway 97/140 in front of Emmitt Gardens at First Avenue and has these features:

\* Traffic will not have to stop from any direction; only yield to traffic in roundabout. No traffic lights needed.

\* Traffic will have to slow down in order to safely traverse roundabout.

\* Traffic will make only right turns to enter and exit roundabout.

\* Traffic will yield to vehicles already using the single lane traveling roundabout.

\* Crosswalks will allow Emmitt Gardens residents safe walking to and from McDonald's and Jubilee since traffic is single lane one way roundabout.

The above proposals and any others brought in will be on display in the Library during February and copies will be provided to Donald Distance of the State Highways. A reaction if any from State Highways will be printed in the March 3rd edition of The Dispatch.

Address your letters to The Dispatch if you have any reaction to the foregoing.

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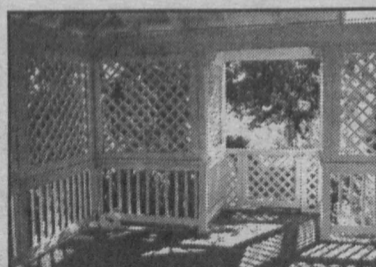
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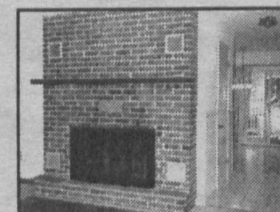
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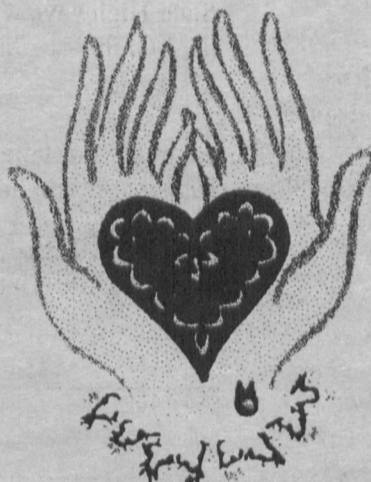


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# The land barons of Stony Branch Valley

## "AUTHOR'S NOTE"

Over the past few months I have increasingly come to appreciate the magnitude of James Helman's efforts which in 1906 culminated in his publication of the *History of Emmitsburg*. In writing this story, I have drawn heavily from his work, as well as from Calvin Schildknecht's *Monocacy and Catoclin*, Williams' *History of Frederick County*, as well as countless family histories, genealogy records, not to mention hundreds of public records, including wills, land transactions, and court records.

Every time I began to delude myself into believing I finally had my hands around the valley's history, I would stumble across another data point, which would send me searching for more information. When I started on the trek 15 months ago, all I sought was the history of my house, but to uncover that I had to understand the history of the farms that surrounded it, but to understand them, I had to learn the history of farms that surrounded them. Each time I widened the circle, I learned more about my farm and the valley it sits in, but I geometrically increased the complexity of the story.

To keep the story of Stony Branch Valley understandable as I researched it, I found myself breaking the valley into three parts: lower Stony Branch Valley (from Tom's Creek Bridge south); the upper valley (from Route 15 to Toms Creek Bridge); and the headwaters of Stony Branch (Old Frederick Road to Motter's Station). The stories will be written in this order.

While it was once suggested that I look to Michener's works for a example of how to write history, I prefer to look to Gibbons' *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, and John McMasters' masterful *A History of the People of the United States*, as my models. Each piece will cover a specific time period in history, anywhere from 10 to 20 years. In order to correct the only flaw in Helman's history, the lack of maps, I will provide the readers with maps showing the locations of farms and or events. The maps will be superimposed over present-day maps to help those who themselves might wish to locate the exact place-

By Mike Hillman

Folklore has it that when the very first American homesteaders settled the Stony Branch Valley, and ownership of land belonged to the one who had it surveyed, Benjamin Biggs and Jonathan Hays, neighboring land owners, discovered that there was a large tract of untitled land between their estates. As the friendly Biggs version goes, Biggs and Hays split the cost of the land survey. Being the sporting type, they then waged a bet whereby the first to reach Annapolis, where the grant for the land from the royal governor would be made, would "win" the land. Benjamin Biggs, having the faster horse, won, and in celebration of his good luck called the land "Benjamin's Good Luck."

However, in the Hays version, Hays commissioned the survey, intending to have any untitled land entered in his name. When the surveyor found a large strip of unclaimed land between the properties of Benjamin Biggs and Jonathan Hays, Hays, for a reason now lost to time, offered the survey records to Benjamin Biggs. Biggs accepted the ill-gained survey and "hightailed" it to Annapolis, where he had the land deeded under his name, calling it "Benjamin's Good Luck," perhaps

mistaking "luck" for "cunning." Hays, having paid for the survey, did not look favorably on this act. He called the land "Benjamin's Treachery" and predicted destruction for all generations of Biggses.

Unfortunately for those who love folklore, neither story appears to be true. What does appear to be true is that the Biggses and the Hayses both settled the land during the mid 1700's with very different intents. Benjamin Biggs acquired the land to divide it into smaller parcels and to sell at a profit to later settlers. This gained him the distinction of being one of the first land barons of the valley. On the other hand, Jonathan Hays came to the Stony Branch Valley with a vision of settling down with his family and growing, not an empire, but a family farm that his family could cultivate and grow on for many generations. The Biggses and Hayses lived as neighbors for many years and their stories unfold as a reflection of the different types of settlers that inhabited the Stony Branch Valley.

History records that Benjamin Biggs' grandfather, John, came from Worcester, England, with the English expedition against the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, now known as New

York City. Benjamin's father, John Biggs Jr., an up-and-coming, moderately well-to-do aristocrat, left New York and settled on land west of today's Walkersville, near a ford in the Monocacy that now bears his name.

Over his lifetime, John Biggs Jr. laid to rest one wife and three children. In spite of his trials and suffering, nevertheless still inspired all of his children to achieve their best. Benjamin, his first son to reach maturity, (and the second to bear that name) moved to open land a few miles north of his father's, at a bend in the Monocacy between the mouths of Toms Creek and Stony Branch. In May of 1745, a full nine years before Jonathan Hays appeared in the valley, Benjamin Biggs had 100 acres of land deeded in his name under the title "Benjamin's Good Luck." Thus the name could not have come about as a result of either a horse race or treachery. In 1747, he went on to claim another 211 additional acres of untitled land adjoining his "Benjamin's Good Luck," made available to him because of his aristocratic roots.

Jonathan Hays' father (Jonathan, Sr.) was an officer in the British army stationed at Philadelphia. He met a

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young Quaker girl, Elizabeth Elliott, whom he wished to marry. Her parents, being Quakers, were opposed to war, and would not give their consent. Unwilling to lose his love, Hays sold his commission, left the army, and married Miss Elliott. Moving eventually to Delaware, Jonathan and his wife took up farming and raised twelve sons.

In 1739, one son, Jonathan, at the age of 17 set out to explore the wilderness, or the land we call home today. During his travels, the young Jonathan Hays married Mary Henderson, who had come to Maryland via Nova Scotia. The couple eventually made their way to the scenic country nestled between the foot of the mountains and the Monocacy River. They had been forewarned that there were a great many Indians here, but that they were friendly. A peaceful couple, Jonathan and Mary quickly won the Indians' friendship and respect. Nevertheless, the Indians refused to let them settle on land bordering the river, as that was their prime hunting ground. Instead, the Indians offered the Hayeses a 200-acre tract of land bordering on Toms Creek, about one-quarter mile above where Toms Creek empties into the Monocacy.

Jonathan and Mary Hays quickly set about establishing a homestead. A log cabin was built at the top of the hill, overlooking the creek, near where today the Grimes Bridge crosses it. Now as folklore goes, Jonathan Hays

had a brother, Samuel, for whom he had great affection. Jonathan exacted a promise from Samuel that he would pay him a visit when Jonathan had settled and built his home. True to his word, Samuel Hays paid his brother a visit. When Samuel was about to return home, Jonathan told him if he would remain, he would give him one hundred acres of his land. Samuel accepted the offer and Jonathan had the land surveyed, and following the sentimental custom of the time of applying names to their farms, Jonathan had the tract titled under the name "Brotherly Love."

At the time the Hayeses, the Biggses, and other inhabitants of Stony Branch were settling their land and having their families, the royal English government was casting a worried eye at French moves to claim the interior of the American continent. At this time in history, title to vast tracts of unsettled land were based upon having settlements at either the headwaters or the mouths of rivers. The French, by placing settlements deep into the Great Lakes, and at the mouth of the Mississippi, were well on their way to claiming sovereignty of this vast interior of the American continent. Their holdings threatened to limit not only the English land holdings to the coastal strip east of the Allegheny mountains, but also the English dominance of northern America.

In answer to this impending dilemma, the English government began an active policy of promoting settlement of the wilderness, which Frederick County at that time still was. Once settled, the English could then press their claims for the interior of North America based upon ownership of the headwaters of the Mississippi River. However, before settlers could be enticed into the wilderness, the English government had first to deal with the present landholders, the Indians.

This land south of the Potomac, now coveted by the English, had long been occupied by the Algonquian Indians. These Indians were enticed by English offers to sell their ancestral lands after which they moved west. To the north, the Iroquois signed a treaty with the English, promising never to cross south of the Susquehanna. Fortunately for the English, the Susquehanna Indians, to whom the Tom Indians were related, had by this

Royal Land Grants in the Lower Stony Branch Valley



time been decimated both by European-instigated intertribal warfare and by morbidities such as smallpox introduced by colonists. As a result, the land east of the upper Blue Ridge Mountains, present-day Frederick County, was fairly clear of Indians and ripe for settlement.

While the royal government opened the land to all settlers for a nominal fee, it nevertheless still played favorites, offering a few select aristocrats large tracts of land in reward for support of the Crown. While this was classic patronage, it nevertheless removed from the royal government the burden of having to hire staff to solicit settlers for the land. Instead, the government left it to the land barons to solicit settlers, and to divide the land for them, being satisfied to simply collect taxes on the produce from now "productive" land.

One of the earliest land barons in the valley was John Diggs. Diggs, a grandson of the Royal Governor of Virginia, was a wealthy Catholic who played a predominate role in the sometimes bloody border dispute between the Maryland and Pennsylvania governments, which in many ways mimicked the land dispute between France and England. With ownership of the Chesapeake and the

mouth of the Susquehanna, Maryland was pressing its claim of all what is now central Pennsylvania.

As early as 1727, John Diggs, under Maryland authority, was offering land to settlers in present-day Hanover. But with Pennsylvania pressing its claim to the land in the Royal Court in England, title to lands purchased by settlers from Diggs proved vague and conflicting. It gradually became apparent to many settlers that Diggs was a man to be regarded carefully. It was eventually discovered that Diggs had indeed sold land he did not possess.

Apparently Diggs, based upon his aristocratic standing, assumed his right to most of northern and western Maryland. In 1732, Diggs formally claimed, though without any authority, all the vacant land on the Monocacy and its many branches. In spite of these outlandish claims, John Diggs still managed to receive grants for land. In July of 1743, Diggs received title to three tracts of land in the Toms Creek Valley, comprising close to 1000 acres. The first 547 acres he aptly named "Diggs Lot."

Diggs' land grabbing was quickly mimicked by others, albeit in a small-

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ment of farms. I'll provide a color copy of every map to the town office and the library. For those who wish, CPI in town will also have a color map which is available for duplication.

At this time I would like to thank everyone who has responded to my requests for information, but a special thanks to Anne Cissel of the Thurmont Historical Society, who has provided invaluable insights and guidance as I've struggled with this effort. Finally, in recognition that in 2007, Emmitsburg will be celebrating its 250th anniversary, and that the history of the lands to the north, west, and south of Emmitsburg also deserves to be recorded, as well as the history of Emmitsburg since 1906, I would be interested in joining with anyone else who finds satisfaction and fulfillment in uncovering and documenting the rich cultural and personal history of the historic Emmitsburg region.

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er fashion. In April of 1752, Daniel Dulany claimed 1,680 acres along the headwaters of Stony Branch, which he titled "Buck Forest," obviously for the great quantity of deer within it. Not to be outdone, in 1754 John Diggs claimed an additional 1000 acres of land to the north of his "Diggs Lot."

While the best land was quickly being grabbed by the land barons, some early pioneers still managed to stake claim to open land. As noted earlier, In 1754 Jonathan Hays claimed his 200-acre "Brotherly Love." In 1756 Mathias Zacharias, a recent German immigrant, laid claim to 210 acres, which he called "Mon-Doller," and in 1757, Samuel Emmitt bought 2,250 acres at the head waters of Toms Creek.

With so much open land available, land speculators as well as settlers selected only the prime ground that consisted of the open fields and meadows which could be readily turned into productive farms. Rocky hills, marshy areas, thick woods were often ignored, and untitled for several decades. In many cases, the borders of these prime land tracts are still denoted by the wooded lots that now grace the Stony Branch Valley.

Unfortunately for the land speculators and the settlers, the race between the French and English for the interior of the continent soon got out of hand. In 1754 the English were not only fighting the French, but their Indian allies as well. While little fighting actually occurred in the Stony Branch Valley, Indian raiding parties periodically did move through the area in search of revenge. This proved a strong deterrent for settlers from seeking the open wilderness of the Frederick area. Many settlers withdrew to the relative safety of coastal cities.

By 1759, however, the English had captured most of the French forts along the upper Ohio and to the west of the Blue Ridge Mountains, and Indian attacks on settlers in this area became increasingly rare. However, it was not until 1763, the end of the Seven Years' War in Europe, in which France ceded sovereignty of the interior of North America, that settlers once again cast their eyes toward the wilderness.

With the end of the war, expectations for a flood of new settlers caused existing land holders to cast about and claim any heretofore unclaimed land adjacent to their present land holdings. In October of 1762, Benjamin Biggs increased the size of his "Benjamin's Good Luck" by laying stake to an additional 800 acres to the north and west of Stony Branch. Jonathan Hays laid claim to an additional 100 acres,

increasing his "Brotherly Love" tract to slightly more than 300 acres, and William Diggs, who had inherited "Diggs Lot" from his father, laid claim to 3,012 acres to the east of Toms Creek which he called "Carolina."

The names selected for tracts of land tell much about the land. "Rich Level," claimed by Benjamin Tasker and Charles Carroll, is a broad, flat flood plain, which, because of its frequently inundations, has been heavily silted over the years, and is richly fertile, thus its title. The tract of "Rich Level" on the western side of the Monocacy originally went by the name "Fish Dam."

Prior to European settlement, the Indians are known to have built dams in streams and rivers to create pools for fish. One such dam is still evident on the Monocacy just north of Mumma's Ford. The "Fish Dam" tract of land mirrors the lake that would have been created by this dam up on the Monocacy and up Stony Branch. The dam was destroyed by early settlers to facilitate travel on the river, at the time the only means of communication with the "civilized" world.

Anyone who has ever walked "Stony Hill," claimed by Jacob Shiyer in 1766, will agree that it was aptly named. Lucas Flack's logic in naming his grant "Long Field" is lost to me; however, the titling of a small tract of rocky, hilly land "Hard Planting" needs no interpretation.

While each family of settlers undoubtedly had a unique reason for settling there, the cause of their removal from their native countries was equally as varied. Some of them fled from severe religious persecution, others from the oppression of civil tyranny, and still others were attracted by the hopes of liberty under the milder influence of English colonial rule. But for the greatest part, the settlers flooded to the American continent in the hopes of abandoning the crushing poverty of their homeland and for the chance to own land and prosper by their own designs.

The Stony Branch Valley began to fill with the settlers from across the Atlantic. Mathias and Elizabeth Zacharias and Jonathan and Mary Hays were soon joined by settlers who, like themselves, came with fresh hopes and aspirations. And with their arrival, the Lower Valley began to echo with the laughter, the tears, and the dreams of pioneer families bearing last names such as Keffer, Troxel, Koon, Crabb, O'Neal, Paterson, Hockersmith, Forney, and Marker, Miller, Whitmore, Flack, and Shiyer.

Next month: The First Settlers.

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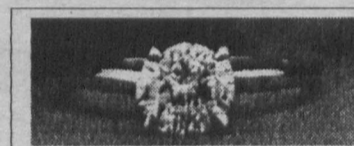
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## Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

### Congratulations

Belated Happy Birthday wishes for January to Anthony Harris, Chris Angleerger, Wilson Baker, Chris Day, Tonya Day, Brian Eiker, Robbie Eyler, Josephine Dinterman, William Dinterman, Pauline Sharrer, Jeanie Angleberger, Elmer (Pete) Lambert, Penny Eyler, Christie Hurley, Chad McNair, Brian Hahn, Jr., and Brenda Shriner.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Powell. They were married January 3rd at the Methodist church on Long Road, near Graceham. Mrs. Powell is the former Vicky Keeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keeney.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dinterman on the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Nichole, on January 11.

### Church News

On January 11, Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church installed the newly elected council, park, and cemetery board members. Council members are Bea Keilholtz, Kenneth Sharrer, Harold Late, and Pat Haines; newly elected: Penny Whetzel, Kathy Sixx, Carolyn Keilholtz, and James Glass. Park Board: Kenneth Mumma and David Wiles; newly elected: Vernon Keilholtz and Robert Mumma. Cemetery: James Glass; newly elected: Mary Ellen Cummings.

On January 18, the Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ installed their new council, park board, and cemetery board members. Council members are Richard Dinterman, Linda Duble, Emma Lou Harris, and Jeff Sharrer; newly elected: Vivian

Martin, Wanda Smith, Rosie Stambaugh, and Kathy Wolf. Treasurer: Richard Dinterman. Benevolence Secretary: Shirley Greene. Park Board Members: Kenneth Frushour, Edward Stambaugh; newly elected: Barry Burrier and Richard Stambaugh. Cemetery Board: Franklin Stambaugh; newly elected: William Dinterman. Church Secretary: Regina Dinterman.

The accessible ramp at the Mt. Tabor church was dedicated in memory of Novella Dinterman by her family on October 12. Barbara Keilholtz and Gay McCormick cut the ribbon during the service.

### Community News

On December 6, 1997, the Rocky Ridge Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Christmas Party for all the ladies who helped them throughout the year. The delicious meal was prepared and served by the Rocky Ridge Firemen. The entertainment for the night was a delightful game of "The Price is Right." Thanks to everyone who helped to make this an enjoyable night. A special thanks to the firemen for all their help throughout the year.

The Rocky Ridge Firemen will be sponsoring a country butchering on February 21. To place a meat order, you may call Robert Ogle at (301) 271-2880. The Ladies Auxiliary will be serving a breakfast that morning, from 6 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Bingo will be held every Saturday night at the Rocky Ridge Fire House starting at 7:00 p.m.



During the Rocky Ridge Fire Company's banquet Bernard Wivell presented Betty Ann Mumma with the Honor Member Award. "She has been an outstanding and thoughtful person," he said, "and never says no to anyone." Mrs. Mumma has been a member of the auxiliary since 1967 and president of the auxiliary for 25 years. For 20 years she has served as the chairperson of the Kitchen Committee as well as of the Carnival Committee. She became a member of the Rocky Ridge Fire Company in 1984.

## Company 13 holds recognition banquet

Members of the Rocky Ridge Fire Company #13 held a recognition banquet Thursday, January 22, 1998, in the old firehall. Approximately 250 persons attended.

Bill Goddard, Assistant Secretary of State, delivered the evening's address and presented the company with a Governor's Citation in recognition of exemplary volunteer service to the community.

Representatives of neighboring fire companies as well as visiting firemen who are familiar with the fellowship, camaraderie, and good-natured bantering of this company shared in the recognition and appreciation of the service of its members as responders, line officers, auxiliary, and administrative officers.

The service of fire companies was called "tradition." Tradition or duty, the banquet clearly underscored the spirit in which this small volunteer company serves its community.

The company responded to 134 calls during 1997 - 64 of them first due calls, and 70 mutual aid calls in the community of approximately 1500 homes.

Betty Ann Mumma, president of the auxiliary, presented a check of \$10,000 to the fire company raised in support of its service.



New line officers are Steve Whetzel, chief; Wilton Smith III, 1st assistant chief; Dennis Mathias, 2nd assistant chief; Donald Kaas, Jr., fire lieutenant; and Paulette Mathias, EMS lieutenant. Top ten responders standing from left are Robert Albaugh (133); Tom Myerly (94); Larry Eyler (75); Luke Humerick (74); Matt Moser (65); Melvin Troxell (55); Bonny Hurley (47); Alan Hurley (43); Robert Mumma (35); and Charles Riggs (34). Not shown are Robby Eyler (75); Kevin Albaugh (65); and Ronnie Eyler (55).



New administrative officers for the Rocky Ridge Fire Company were installed at the recognition banquet held January 22. Seated from the left are the Rev. James Russell, chaplain; Robert Mumma, president; Paulette Mathias, secretary; Joe Ferguson, assistant secretary; Bernard Wivell, treasurer; and Tom Myerly, assistant treasurer. Not shown is Barry Burrier, vice president. Members of the Board of Directors standing from the left are Donald Kaas, Jr., Paul Burrier, Ellen Burrier, Ken Mumma, Ronald Hahn, and Charles Riggs.

## St. Anthony/OLMC News

By Ann Marshall

**A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** was celebrated in January by an exchange of pulpit among several area churches. Rev. Francene Stanford, Pastor of Harriet Chapel, Thurmont, preached at the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony's on January 17, while Sr. Carol Czyzewski, Pastoral Associate at OLMC/SAS, spoke at the evening service at St. John's Lutheran Church, Thurmont, on Thursday, January 22.

**A Family Center Religious Education Gathering** will be held at St. Anthony's upper hall on Saturday, February 21, from 5:00-6:15 p.m. In the case of snow, cancellation of this and all other parish events will be announced on local radio stations.

**The Catholic Men's Conference** of the Archdiocese will meet on Saturday, March 21 at Archbishop Curley High School, 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with a box lunch provided at noon. Long-term objectives include bringing Christ into each person's daily life and encouraging men to form small prayers groups in their parishes. Pre-registration is \$20. For more information, please call 410-386-7503 during the day or 410-335-2373 in the evening.

**Tuition Assistance** for Catholic schools is available to the families of active parishioners. Call the Parish Office at 301-447-2367 to obtain more information and a

Tuition Assistance Application. The application must be received in the office no later than April 15.

**Congratulations to John and Penny Jurchak** who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary in December with a Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

**Father Leo Tittler and parish-**

**ioners representing both parishes** attended a banquet in January at the Baltimore Convention Center to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Catholic Charities.

**Rehearsals for Lenten Living Stations and Resurrection Play** will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at OLMC Parish Center on February

18 and March 4, 11, 18. The program will be presented on Friday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at OLMC. Anyone interested in being part of the program as actor, musician, or helper is invited to attend a planning meeting on February 4, 7:00 p.m. at OLMC Parish Center. For more information, call the Religious Education Office, 301-271-4099.

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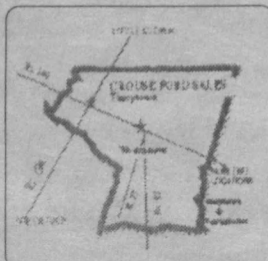
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## Obituaries

### Mrs. JoAnn Hance

Mrs. JoAnn Hance, 61, of 21 Mountain View Vail, Fairfield, Pa., died Saturday, Jan. 16, at home.

She was the wife of James A. Hance Jr.

Born May 15, 1936, in Detroit, Mich., she was the daughter of the late Charles E. and Charlotte Isaacs Cook.

Mrs. Hance was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. She was a member of the Missionaries of Peace Community Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites.

The Hance family owns and operates Carriage House Inn restaurant in Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Joanne Whalen of Germantown and Jean M. Havens of Fairfield; four sons, James J. Hance of Atlantic City, NJ, John P. Hance and Robert F. Hance both of Fairfield, and Charles Joseph Hance of Gaithersburg; and 13 grandchildren; and one sister, Lucille MacDonald of East Orland, Me.

Mrs. Hance was preceded in death by three sons, William Thomas Hance, Daniel Anthony Hance, and Paul Hance.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, Jan. 21. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfield.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Good Shepherd, 1075 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325

### Mrs. Mildred Willhide

Mrs. Mildred Evelyn Dennis Willhide, 80, of Kelbaugh Road, Thurmont, died Saturday, Jan. 17, at Michael Manor Nursing Home, Gettysburg, Pa.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, John R. Bowers, and by her second husband, Walter Joseph Willhide.

Mrs. Willhide was born Oct. 21, 1917, in Frederick County.

Mrs. Willhide was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg, the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, and the Thurmont American Legion Post 168 Auxiliary.

She was retired as a nurse's aide, from Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are three grandchildren: Robert Bowers and wife Sandy of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Sharon Davis and husband Wayne, of Middletown, and Pauline Brown and husband Paul Jr. of Lewistown; one brother, Russell Dennis of Hagerstown; two-stepdaughters, Lorraine Wivell and husband James F. of Rocky Ridge and Shirley W. Little and husband John B. of Emmitsburg; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; 19 stepgrandchildren; and 32 stepgreat-grandchildren. Mrs. Willhide was preceded in death by a son, John Robert Bowers and wife Dorothy; and a grandson, Joseph Bowers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish with her pastor the Rev. Leo R. Tittler as celebrant. Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery.

### Mr. Gregory Hollinger

Mr. Gregory Alan Hollinger, 43, of South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, at his residence.

Born June 30, 1954, in Gettysburg, Pa., he was the son of John S. and Mary Therese Peters Hollinger of Emmitsburg.

Mr. Hollinger was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg; Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association; Knights of Columbus Brute Council 1860 of Emmitsburg, where he was the past grand knight; Vigilant Hose Co., Emmitsburg, where he was a member of the board of directors and a driver; and Sons of the American Legion, Post 121 Emmitsburg.

He owned and operated Emmitsburg Motors, Inc.

He was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School and Mount St. Mary's College.

Surviving in addition to his parents are one daughter, Paulena M. Hollinger of Emmitsburg; four brothers, John S. Hollinger Jr. of San Francisco, Calif., Bruce T. Hollinger of Carroll Valley, Pa., and William D. Hollinger and Steven M. Hollinger, both of Emmitsburg; and one sister, Sandra J. Feeser of Emmitsburg. Mr. Hollinger was preceded in death by a twin brother, Jeffrey S. Hollinger.

Funeral service were held Saturday, Jan. 24, with his pastor the Rev. Michael Kennedy and the Rev. Frank Kilcline, chaplain emeritus of the Vigilant Hose Co., as the celebrants. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Vigilant Hose Co., Inc., P.O. Box 171, Emmitsburg, Md., 21727. Arrangements were made by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

### Mrs. Mary Florence

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Stouter Florence, 92, of Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg, died Thursday, Jan. 22, at Gettysburg (Pa.) Hospital.

She was the wife of the late George David Florence.

Born Nov. 1, 1905, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late Felix and Mary Margie Hardman Stouter.

Mrs. Florence was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are a daughter, Rita Ortiz, of Emmitsburg; three grandchildren, Donna South of Emmitsburg, and Ronald Brian Burgenstock, and Robert David Burgenstock, both of Fayetteville, Pa.; a sister, Christine Welty of Ardentsville, Pa.; a half brother, Charles F. Stouter of Emmitsburg; and six half sisters, Margaret Valentine of Thurmont, Ethel Greenholtz and Edith Pskorus, both of Baltimore, Hilda Hanlin of Ohio, Anna Haley of Easton, and Ruth Wisotzkey of Gettysburg.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Haley, and three brothers, Bill Stouter, Stanley Stouter, and Martin Stouter.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Jan. 26, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy as celebrant.

Arrangements were made by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

### Mr. Lloyd Marshall

Mr. Lloyd Joseph Marshall, 86, of Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center.

His wife, Eva C. Marshall, died Sept. 6, 1989.

Born June 18, 1911, in Thurmont, he was the son of the late Joseph C. and Myrtle Forney Marshall.

Mr. Marshall was a baker at Mount St. Mary's College in his early years and a self-employed building contractor for many years. He was an avid sportsman and loved coon hunting and dogs.

Surviving are a daughter, Betty Marie Smith of Emmitsburg; a granddaughter, Tammy Swisher of Gettysburg, Pa.; a great-grandson, Cody Robert Swisher of Gettysburg; a sister, Marguerite Flanagan of Keymar; a brother, Merhle Marshall of Thurmont, and a sister-in-law, Lillian Marshall of Thurmont.

Mr. Marshall was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Marshall, and a son-in-law, C. Robert Smith.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 16, with the Rev. Susan Yatta officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

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## Looking Ahead . . .

### Monday, February 9

**Women's Aglow** meeting at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont. Buffet is 6:15 p.m. Cost for buffet is \$7. General meeting 7:15 p.m. Call for reservations by Feb. 6 - 301-447-2283 or 301-271-4346. Speaker Linda Lambert, pastor of the Thurmont Church of the Brethren. Her theme: Divine Benefits, Divine Power, Divine Nature.

### Wednesday, February 11

**Vanburgh String Quartet**, on tour from Ireland. The community is invited to attend this performance sponsored by Mount Saint Mary's College at 7:30 p.m. in Knott Auditorium. Admission free.

### Sunday, February 15

**A Good Ol' Country Breakfast** at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd. will be held Sunday, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, homemade biscuits, toast, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding and hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples, fruit cocktail, orange juice and coffee. Adults - \$4.50. Children 8 to 12 - \$3.00.

If you are a member and show paid-up membership card for 1998 you get 50 cents off. If the snow emergency plan is in effect, the breakfast will be held on February 22, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. For information call Godfrey or

Florence at 410-751-1685.

### Saturday, February 28

**Tom's Creek United Methodist Church Buffet Breakfast** (all you can eat) on Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg), from 6:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. featuring sausage, pancakes, home fries, chipped beef gravy, scrambled eggs, toast, fruitcup, coffee and juice. Adults: \$4.50, Ages 5-10: \$2.25. Bake & Craft Table available. Advance orders for sausage and pork chops can be made by calling (411) 756-6878 or (301) 447-2691.

### Tuesdays March 3-April 21

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Pre-registration is requested. Space is limited. To register or for more information about any of the STEP programs, please call Todd Crum at 301-631-3285.

STEP Teen will be held at Catoctin High School, Tuesdays, March 3 - April 21.

**Saturday, March 7**

**Elias Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg Annual Spring Supper and Craft Bazaar** starting at 1 p.m. featuring BEEF, TURKEY, & HAM with apple fritters, stewed tomatoes, mashed potatoes, filling, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, applesauce, and cake are also served with the meal.

Adults \$7.50, Children \$3. Children under 6 free. Carryouts - \$8.50.

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## Mother Seton School News

### Mother Seton School Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

By Val Mentzer

National Catholic Schools Week began on Sunday January 25th. This national recognition of Catholic Schools around the country brings many special celebrations to these schools.

Locally, Mother Seton School celebrated the past and the future with many activities and celebrations for the entire school community

On Sunday, January 25th, Pastor/Parish Appreciation Day began the week with special Letters of Appreciation written to the pastors and parishes for their continued support of education at Mother Seton School,

On Monday, January 26th, the school celebrated Community Day. The day began with a special flag raising ceremony at 9:00 a.m., The Mayernik family donated to Mother Seton School an American flag that honored their grandfather at his military funeral. Special invited guests and students attended this ceremony in the front of the school. The Mother Seton school brownie troop hosted this special event and 8th grader Mark Rolfs performed a trumpet solo. Also, students wrote special letters of thanks to the many Emmitsburg community leaders for their continued support of Mother Seton School,

The school Spelling Bee was held on this day at 1:30 p.m. Also, the classrooms were visited by a very special guest, our Foundress, Mother Seton.

On Tuesday, January 27th, Benefactors' Appreciation Day was celebrated with a special student production presented to our invited benefactors of Mother Seton School. Among the performances presented were the MSS school band, school chorus, and musical and poetic selections by the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. A light reception followed the program

Wednesday, January 28th, showcased the talents of our students with Student Day activities. A Talent Show for 4th - 8th grade was held from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and Beach Blanket Prayer Partner Bingo at 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 29th, celebrated Staff Day. A special Liturgy celebrating Catholic Schools Week was held at 9:00 a.m. A staff dinner hosted by the Mother Seton School Home/School Association was enjoyed by all later in the evening.

The week ended with a Staff Retreat at the St. Joseph's Provincial house on Friday, January 30th.

### Reaching out to those in need

Our school theme for this 1997 - 98 school year has been "Children First: Building a Civilization of Love." Throughout the year, our teachers, students, Student Council and families have been living out this theme through their activities and generous giving to the needy. Many of our classes participated in our "Make A Difference Day" where families and students donated books and supplies to needy children. Now, our 2nd graders are showing their generosity and global concern to the

children in war-torn Liberia. Mrs. Jenna Ott's and Mrs. Fran Miller's 2nd graders have filled their own care boxes with washcloths, soap, pens and pencils, and an accompanying letter with return envelopes to the children in Liberia. These boxes are being sent to the National Red Cross. We applaud all of the efforts of the teachers and families who are "Building a Civilization of Love" through their generous Christian efforts.

#### Courage

One small step up the mountain often widens your horizon in all directions.

-E.H. Griggs



Mother Seton sixth graders recently attended the Community Outreach Program instructed by Deputy Gerald Horner.

Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

### Learning To Say "No" Has Never Been More Fun!

The Sixth graders at Mother Seton School learned that saying "No" is not only essential but can be fun! That is thanks to Deputy Homer's informative and interesting style of presenting the C.O.P. Program - Community Outreach Program. This two-week long program teaches students about the

risks and consequences of drug use. Deputy Horner reinforced the importance of saying "no" to peer pressure and "yes" to personal achievement and self-respect. We thank Deputy Homer for his time and talents in teaching our students to say "no" to drugs! We also thank him for all the daily brain teasers.

### Congratulations to Our Published Authors!

The 1997 edition of *The Teachers' Selection - Anthology of Poetry* has hit the bookshelves at Mother Seton School and has done so quite proudly with two student authors among the selections! Here are two of the published poems by our very own 5th grade students:

"Leaving O.C." by 5th grader Andrew Beck  
As I left Ocean City,  
I put my head down in ungrateful pity

It felt so bad to leave this place,  
I had it written all over my face.

"At the Beach" by 5th grader Matthew Robinson

When you're on the beach, you feel the wind  
When you feel the wind, you smell the salt.  
When you smell the salt, you see the water.  
When you see the water, you want to cool off.



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## Covered bridges recall bygone era

By Debra Brownley

The first known covered bridge in North America was built in 1805 by Timothy Palmer, a Massachusetts millwright. It was erected over the Schuylkill River at Philadelphia, and spanned some 550 feet in length. At one time, there were believed to have been some 10,000 covered bridges in the U.S. At present, there are hardly more than 1,000 left throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Vermont, Oregon, New Hampshire, and 22 other states. Many covered bridges have turned into forgotten ruins, or have been washed away by floods. Others have been destroyed by fire, and some are being replaced by modern concrete and steel structures.

So, why were the bridges covered, anyway? Well, the most obvious reasons were to protect the bridge's underpinning from inclement weather, to prevent slipping when it rained due to the oils placed on the inner floor boards, to strengthen the structure, and to give the bridge a barn-like appearance, so

farm animals would be more apt to enter and cross the fast moving rivers at a walk.

Not only did the covered bridges resemble barns in appearance, but their timbers were marked, fitted, and assembled on the ground similar to that of a barn raising. It was the mastercraftsmen of the small-town community who were responsible for the workmanship of the covered bridges. The average bridge carpenter earned sixty-five cents a day, and that usually included three meals.

In many of the covered bridges, the intricately designed wooden trusses resemble that of lattice work, or arches found in a cathedral, and one bridge was even named Noah's Ark. There's a good reason for this, too. Many builders of churches were called upon to design the trusses. With our forefathers, craftsmanship and ingenuity, covered bridges have been known to last more than 100 years, while uncovered bridges last 15 to 20 years.

When we think of a bridge, we think of it as a means of provid-

ing safe passage over ice-clogged streams, fast-moving rivers, or other natural obstacles. Covered bridges were frequently traveled by farmers, livestock, citizens of the community, peddlers, circus parades, preachers, vagabonds, and posses. Later, they became common structures on railroads.

But covered bridges had other uses, too. Because of their large space and protection from the weather, covered bridges made the perfect meeting place for town gatherings. Troops also used them for blockhouses and drill halls, and covered bridges served as the backdrop for advertisements, announcements, signs, posters, admonitions, and graffiti.

Most bridges had a metal sign posted that read, "Walk your horses or pay two dollars fine," followed by the toll rates. Toll-takers would often change the rates at will, but most tolls averaged between one and four cents. Special rates were given to doctors, clergymen, and large families. Farmers seldom carried any cash on them, so charge accounts were common. Each time a farmer crossed the bridge, he scratched a deep mark into the wooden seat board of the old wagon to help him keep track of his account. However, the toll-taker would often not charge people, if it

was necessary to cross the bridge to attend church.

A few covered bridges continue to grace our countryside with a certain amount of romantic flair. At one time, covered bridges were known as "Kissing bridges" because a fella could steal a kiss from his girl while traveling through the darkness of the bridge. They were also called "wishing bridges" because wishes made while traveling through the bridge were believed to come true. But most covered bridges were named after the nearby town, or the community being erected nearby took on the name of the bridge.

Covered bridges are part of our American heritage, and mark an era between horse and buggy, and the automobile. So, the next time we drive through Jack's Mountain Road Covered Bridge and hear the wooden planks clanking, remember a time not long ago when the sounds of each hoof beat could be heard with a distinct rhythm as teams of horses pulled logging sleds and wagon loads of hay through the old covered bridges.

Suggested reading and source: Eric Sloane's *American Barns and Covered Bridges* (New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 1954).



Interior of Jack's Mountain Road Covered Bridge in Carroll Valley. Note the Burr trusses designed and patented by Theodore Burr in 1817. Photo courtesy Debra Brownley

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## New music CD to benefit autism research

Doug Benson, singer, songwriter, and founder of the Harvest Autism Research Fund, has released a new CD entitled *A Place On The Horizon: Songs To Benefit Autism Research*, all profits from which will be donated to autism research studies.

Benson is well known locally as a performer, producer, and award-winning songwriter, but more recently has turned his talents to the pursuit for a cure for autism, following the diagnosis of his son Drew. Drew, now 7, was diagnosed with autism in 1996, after 2½ years of misdiagnoses from various doctors and hospitals.

"Being suddenly thrust into this world can be very confusing at first," says Benson. "Parents aren't really sure where to start, because no one knows for sure what causes autism, and most doctors don't even recognize it when they see it. There are so many different theories out there, but nothing is proven at this point. My goal is to support new research and pilot studies, particularly those dealing with possible infec-

tious causes of autism. Often, pioneering researchers have difficulty securing funds until preliminary results are in. I believe their work is vital, and that clues from many areas will ultimately yield the answer."

The largely inspirational album, available on cassette as well as compact disc, is a collection of nine songs, eight written by Benson, with a unique vocal-piano orchestral pop sound. One song, "Questions for My Son," addresses the concerns of the parent of a child with autism:

"I see you cry. What do you feel? What secret things can't you reveal? I wish I had your feelings too, To understand what makes you you...." \*

"This is not a sad album, though," explains Benson, "in fact, the songs are designed to encourage people and instill hope, not just for those involved with autism, but for anyone who may be hurting." The opening cut, entitled "Beautiful River" begins:

"A beautiful river can be made of tears

That are shed by two friends who are sharing one fear,

And a beautiful river might also be joy

So the tears bring refreshing, as fear they destroy..."\*

Another of Benson's goals is to help bring autism awareness to the forefront. "The public in general knows very little about the condition other than what is portrayed in a movie now and then. The incidence rate is also much higher than most people realize, with estimates as high as 1 per 500 live births. This is an epidemic! And even with this high occurrence, funding for autism research ranks among the lowest of any developmental disorder. We need serious advocacy here, not just an occasional celebrity parent appearing on a poster."

Copies of *A Place On The Horizon* are available through the Harvest Autism Research Fund (non-profit) at \$10 per cassette, \$15 per CD plus \$2.00 shipping. Please send orders and inquiries to: Harvest Autism Research Fund, PO Box 356, Thurmont, MD 21788-0356 email: harvestrec@aol.com

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Doug Benson and son Drew

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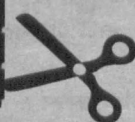
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## Cougar News

By Marlene Tarr

Last year we asked for community assistance in writing letters and speaking at a public meeting to help secure design funds for a classroom addition and a gym addition for Catocin High School. Because the community came out so strongly in support of these projects, design funds were appropriated. At this point, the architectural drawings for the two additions are nearly complete. Once the final draft is available, it will be on public display in the gym hallway.

This year's challenge is to seek approval for the construction funds necessary to actually start building these additions. Once again we need community support.

The current projection places the gym addition ready to use by September, 1999 and the classroom addition ready to use by September, 2000. But these projects have not yet received funding approval. Any delay to this schedule increases our overcrowding and places our technology capability farther behind.

Catocin High School's enrollment (as of October, 1997) put our building at 106% capacity (we were projected to be 103%.) in the year 2003. Catocin High School is projected to be at 120% capacity. We are already making plans to add our third portable classroom to ease over-crowding in the next school year.

Without the additions, students currently in the fourth grade will enter a facility surrounded by portable classrooms. Even now, we have inadequate space for the programs we have to provide. Imagine how we will look in 2003.

Tangled up in the classroom addition is our technology upgrade. In this area, we do not have equity with other high schools. Since we are scheduled for renovation "in the future," we are not eligible for the technology grants which are available to other schools.

We have no capability for distance learning, either. Students who want to take a specialized course have to travel to another high school (Walkersville or Frederick) to access a distance learning classroom. We have three computer labs. One is full of Apple II-E computers. One is an "eclectic collection" of various upgraded machines. Only one is truly capable of teaching the current technology. Because this lab is always used for classes, computers are not available to students or staff for special projects during the school day.

Please write letters to The County Commissioners, Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church St., Frederick, MD 21701 and to the Board of Public Works, c/o Gov. Parris Glendening, State House, 100 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, expressing your support for the classroom addition, technology improvements, and the gym addition. I fear that unless the community comes out in support of these projects they will be delayed. I thank you for your support.



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In 1993, the NBA coaches formed a partnership with the American Cancer Society to aid the funding of cancer research and increase awareness of cancer prevention among the fans of college basketball. Community based and community funded, Coaches vs. Cancer works to reduce youth risk of cancer by utilizing fan contributions to assist research, prevention education, and patient services of the American Cancer Society.

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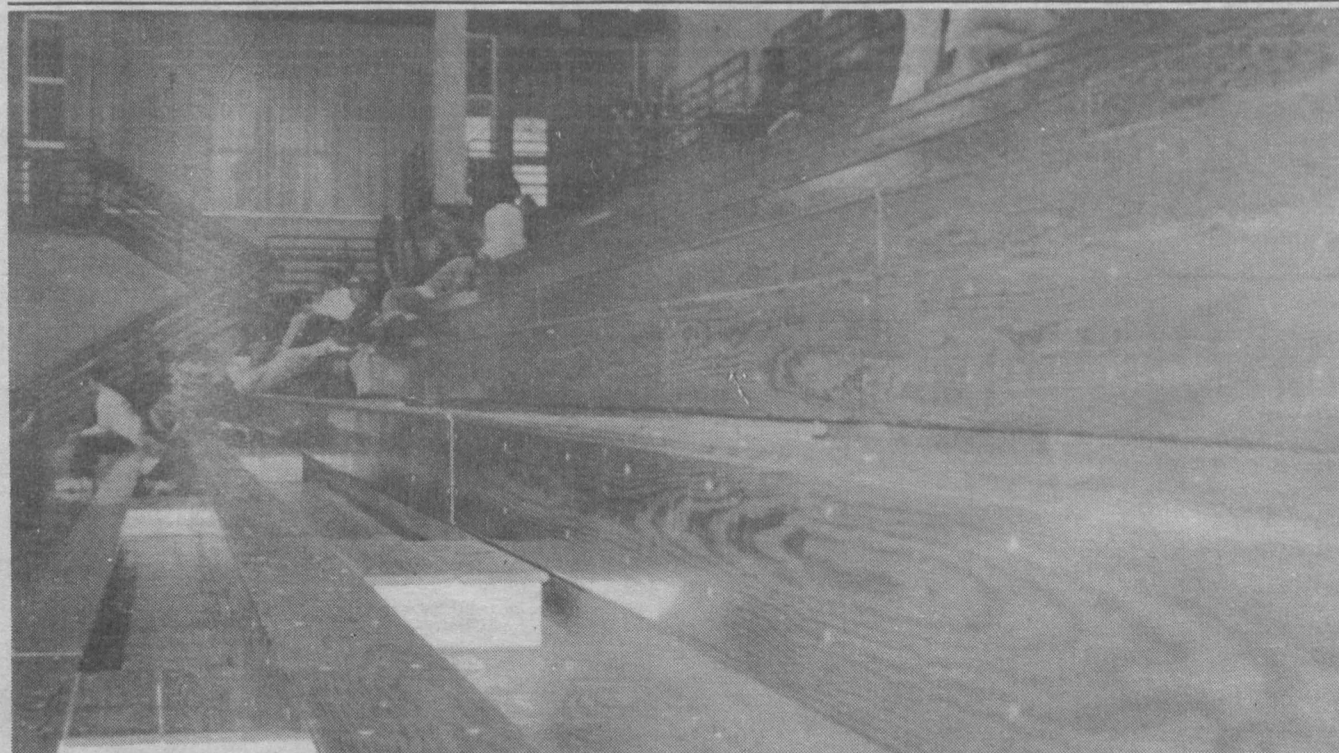
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# SPORTS



Plenty of seats remain available inside the Knott Arena for Mt. St. Mary's basketball.

Photo courtesy of Tim Burroughs

## MOUNT BASKETBALL SEEKS FAN SUPPORT

By Kevin Spradlin

Mount St. Mary's women's basketball coach Bill Sheahan has coached his teams to 21 or more victories 13 times and has never finished with a losing record in 16 seasons. For much of this season, the women Mountaineers were in a three-way tie atop the Northeast Conference.

But the program is proof-positive that the old adage "everybody likes a winner" isn't true all of the time. Around the area many people are slow to notice this talented NCAA Division I basketball team.

In spite of their excellent play, the women's team has averaged only 309 spectators per game

this season, about the same as the average for the last ten years, although better than the attendance last year: 281 per game. (Last year's low attendance may reflect last year's third-worst season this decade. At 15-13, it was Coach Sheahan's worst season in sixteen years.)

It is not only the women's program which is overlooked by local basketball fans. The men's games this year have attracted fewer fans than in the past. Although the men averaged 2,394 people at each game over the last ten years, the figure this season is 1,327 fans per game—the lowest since the 1980's.

In a recent interview, women's coach Sheahan speculated about the lack of fan support for the

women's team. He pointed out that the program, in its 24th year at the Mount, is relatively young.

"We would like to see more student support," Sheahan said. "The players try to encourage it, [but] we're still growing."

Sheahan pointed to various extracurricular activities, including participation in intramural sports and use of the Internet, along with jobs, as reasons why students and area residents are unable to attend regularly.

"There are so many things out there for the consumer," explained Sheahan, a three-time NEC Coach of the Year Award winner. "They'll come," he insisted. "There are just a lot of demands [on their time]."

## Defining area sports

By Kevin Spradlin

Many people often criticize their employers, insisting "Things would be different if I were in charge."

We assume, of course, that "different" would be for the better.

Well, I'm hoping to put a different spin on things. In this, the second edition of *Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch*



Sports, I want to take what is right from what my bosses are doing (yes, that can happen) and apply it to sports.

For a few years I have studied and practiced the art of sports writing for several newspapers. One of the most important aspects of modern journalism I found was the emphasis on community news. Citizens of each town, I learned, want to read about the people from their town.

How, I asked myself, does this community journalism apply to sports? There was an easy answer.

As I see it, Mount St. Mary's College sports are, as they should be, an integral part of the Emmitsburg community. There is no other NCAA Division I school within 45 minutes, and it costs so little to attend a game or two each week.

What is actually covered, however, largely depends on what you, the readers want. In the meantime, send an email to spradlin@msmary.edu or call the *Dispatch* at 301-447-6275.

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