

# Covering the Emmitsburg Region

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## Community Center Rededicated



Cutting the ribbon at the rededication of the Community Center are, from left, county commissioners Ilona Hogan, Terre Rhoderick, and Bruce Reeder, former teacher Alma Jones, Mayor William Carr, Richard and Katherine Marsden, and commissioner David Gray. *A Dispatch Photo*

On Tuesday, March 24, approximately 150 people gathered for the Re-Opening Celebration of the Emmitsburg Community Center. The center, built in 1922 as a school, has recently undergone renovation to remove or abate hazardous materials and a construction upgrade to meet ADA standards by installing an elevator, additional bathrooms, and a new link between the old building and the auditorium.

To emphasize the connection between the building and the residents of the area, the new elevator addition was dedicated to Mary Higbee Hoke who has been associated with the building for seventy-five years as student, teacher, and champion of the library serving as librarian and as a member of the Library Advisory Board.

Speaking on behalf of the Emmitsburg High School Alumni Association, Vernon Keilholtz recalled Mary's career as a coach, a math teacher, the French teacher, the Latin teacher, and even the shop teacher. "We were all fortunate she shared her time and talent with us," Mr. Keilholtz said.

Plans for renovating the building, which is owned by the county, began in 1993 when it faced closing

because it was not compliant with standards required for public buildings by the American's With Disabilities Act. A local committee consisting of Jeff Fitzgerald, Phil Postelle, the late Tom Topper, and Mayor William Carr met with the county commissioners and forged a 2-step renovation plan to save the center which is home to 10 different agencies or organizations. "The center has been and will continue to be an important part of this community," said Mayor Carr.

In his remarks during the rededication ceremony, Frederick County Commissioner Bruce Reeder said, "I think it is great that we were able to keep this school building. It is a place for citizens in the northern part of the county to use and enjoy."

The building is the present site of the Emmitsburg Branch Library which is the oldest continuously used library in the county. The Emmitsburg High School Alumni Association donated \$125 to the Friends of the Library in honor of Mary Hoke.

Programs presently housed in the center are the library, senior center, CASS program, health department, food bank, arts council, Girl Scouts, visitor center, and resident troopers.

## ECDC visits north county

The Frederick County Economic and Community Development Commission met at Mount Saint Mary's College, on Wednesday, March 25, to hear presentations of economic and development concerns of the North Frederick County region. The commission, composed of business, civic, and government officials, is charged with oversight and promotion of the economic growth and development of Frederick County.

Marty Schillp, assistant to the president, Mount St. Mary's College; Philip Postelle, Emmitsburg Town Commissioner; and Richard Mays, Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Thurmont, presented overviews of their institutional and municipal plans and concerns.

"The Mount believes that development should not detract from the natural beauty of the Emmitsburg area," Schillp told the commission. "We are interested in joint ventures that will utilize our land holdings." A Mount land-use committee has been studying possibilities for the joint venture development of approx-

imately 500 acres east of the college. As of yet they are not committed to any project. "Any project must be complementary to the college, the people who live here, and those who visit this area," said Schillp.

Emmitsburg Commissioner Postelle told the commission that Emmitsburg is poised for growth. "We have the location and we have the land, both industrial and residential....In our newly developed Comprehensive Plan, we have a smart-growth guide to steer our development over the next 20 years....Put Emmitsburg on your fast-track growth list," Postelle urged.

Richard May, representing the Town of Thurmont, told the Commission that their town is interested in maintaining their current small-town image but are contemplating commercial zoning changes. "Thurmont's thrust is to achieve a balance between its residential and commercial growth....We want to see North Frederick County grow. We will all benefit," Mays said.



Mary Hoke receives plaudits from former students, residents, and dignitaries at the recent rededication of the Emmitsburg Community Center. The town honored her for her devoted service of 75 years by naming the new elevator structure the Mary Higbee Hoke Addition. *A Dispatch Photo.*



## Letters to the Editor

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

### Thank you

The family of Thomas L. Topper would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for cards, donations, food, masses and words of support and encouragement offered to our family during Tom's hospitalization and death.

A special thanks to our many neighbors and friends who visited our house giving constant support; the Vigilant Hose Company and Auxiliary; Edie Rinehart and Eddie Johnson for helping to create a beautiful and memorable funeral service; Carroll Manor Fire Department and Auxiliary for their help with the funeral and luncheon preparations; the faculty, administration and staff of Mount Saint Mary's College; and many friends from the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Association and Advanced Life

Support Program. Our most sincere gratitude to the Skiles Funeral Home and to the Kittinger family for their kindness and support.

Tom was a symbol for many of what is good about living in a small town. He will be remembered for his many friendships, and his love for others. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and the entire Emmitsburg community.

"A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam. And for a brief moment its glory and beauty belong to our world. But then it flies on again and though we wish it could have stayed, we feel so lucky to have seen it."

With sincere appreciation,  
Sharon, Alison, and Lindsay Topper  
The Topper and Danner Families  
Emmitsburg

### Disclaimer

An article in a recent issue of the *Frederick News-Post* reported that the Vigilant Hose Company was bequeathed \$200,000 by an unnamed woman.

Art Damuth, president of VHC

told the *Dispatch* that no such gift was ever received by the company. "As of today I have not been able to discover any information about the alleged gift," said Damuth. "It is important for the people in this area to know that we have not received such a gift."

### Historical Accuracy

In the interest of historical accuracy in this 250th Anniversary Year, may I correct the house tour article by Linda Postelle in the March issue of the *Dispatch*.

My husband and I purchased

from Harry Prongas the main house and some acreage of the "Sam Hays Farm" in 1965, not the late 1960's.

Enjoying your paper for all the local interest.

Betty W. Pue  
Rocky Ridge

## Town News...

### Building a livable community

#### Qué paso Emmitsburg?

If you took some time to think about ways to improve your neighborhood, to make it more livable and attractive, what would you suggest? More trees, flowers and green space? Playgrounds and public meeting spaces? Better pedestrian and bicycle access to our local transit station? Attractive and convenient shops and services? A clean and safe environment?

There is a growing recognition that communities know best what will make public space most attractive to its users and surrounding neighbors. Quality Community Surveys is a Maryland sponsored program that recognizes the value of what the community thinks. Quality Community Surveys is a name for a new planning technique known as the Visual Preference Survey. Professional architects and skilled facilitators will lead residents and merchants in a discussion of actual

and possible neighborhood conditions. As participants rank and discuss various styles and features of neighborhood design (aided by a slide presentation), patterns of community preference emerge, allowing neighbors to arrive at a consensus vision for their community. Quality Community Surveys challenge us to think about how architecture and the built environment relate to our *quality* of life and our sense of *community*.

David Whitaker, Frederick county planner assigned to the town of Emmitsburg, recommends that residents of the Emmitsburg Community avail themselves of this opportunity; especially in light of the upcoming adoption of the Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 25 and will be held in Frederick. Time and location are to be determined. For information contact Beth Robinson, MTA, at 1-888-218-2267 (toll free) or Jim Gugel, AICP at 301-694-1144.

### Notes from the March town meeting...

- commissioners agreed to place a sign on the two parking spaces in front of the town office stating free parking only for town office business, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
- Parks and Recreation reported that advance orders are being taken for the Town Square afghans;
- commissioners appointed Diane Walbrecker as a full member on the Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission; and
- the motion to assign one parking spot per each unit on Welty Ave. for the hours of 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. had a tie vote and was referred back to the Streets and Transportation Committee for a solution.

### A PROCLAMATION FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WEEK APRIL 20-24, 1998

Whereas, the Town of Emmitsburg was founded in 1757 and incorporated in 1825; and

Whereas, Maryland is home to 156 other municipalities and municipal residents comprise over one third of our State's population; and

Whereas, municipal government represents the most responsive form of government, with citizens being able to directly access their elected officials; and

Whereas, municipal government fosters a strong foundation for government service and cooperation at the county, state, and federal levels of government and elected officials are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence for their residents; and

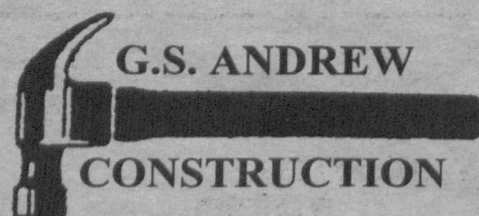
Whereas, the Town of Emmitsburg, like many other municipalities, enhances the quality of life for its residents by providing community services, by providing recreational facilities, and by maintaining natural, cultural, and historical sites and structures.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Town Council, does hereby proclaim the week of April 20 - 24, 1998, as MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WEEK IN MARYLAND, and join the Maryland Municipal League in celebrating the success of municipal government throughout the State.

Signed Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Emmitsburg.

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# More candidates submit platforms for upcoming election

## PAT BOYLE FOR COMMISSIONER Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland

### BIOGRAPHY

Pat Boyle is a life-long resident of Emmitsburg. Having grown up in Emmitsburg and raising his own family here, Pat has become a well-known and well-liked figure in town. He is a product of our schools, having gone to elementary and high school in Emmitsburg and graduating from Mt. St. Mary's. Pat has a deep and sincere understanding of the Emmitsburg community and its citizens.

During his 65 years as a resident of this town, Pat has been active in the community. He was a partner in his family's food store for 25 years, giving him the unique perspective needed to understand the concerns of local businesses. He served on the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals and as the town's Zoning Administrator, giving him the ability to balance the needs of the town and those of our businesses. He has also dedicated much of his free time in coaching baseball and other youth activities in Emmitsburg. He currently serves as the Vice President of the Parks and Recreation Committee, showing his deep commitment to the children of Emmitsburg. Pat Boyle is dedicated to serving his community and preserving its fine and unique way of

life.

### PLATFORM

**I. Education:** Fight to bring back the middle school. "Our young people cannot develop a sense of community and pride in our town if they are spending their formative years elsewhere. As commissioner, I will work with the mayor and other officials to see that our children come home."

**2. Growth:** Provide better economic opportunities for our citizens. "We need to attract more businesses and light industry if we are to provide employment for our young people and strengthen our economy. As a commissioner I will work with businesses and other town officials to see that Emmitsburg can become a prosperous community without taking away the small-town charm."

**3. Youth Activities:** Improve the recreational facilities. "Our young people have to occupy their free hours. As a commissioner, I will work to complete the comprehensive park plan and to make needed repairs and improvements to our pool. I will also look into the possibility of building a skateboard park so that skateboarders will have a fun place to skateboard and stay off our busy streets and sidewalks. I will also explore other recreational opportunities."

Emmitsburg will hold an election April, 21, 1998, for the office of mayor and two commissioners' seats. To date, William H. Carr has filed as an incumbent candidate for mayor. **James Hoover, Patrick Boyle, Thomas Gingell, Rosario Benvengi, and David Haller** have filed for commissioner seats.

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

All candidates have been invited to share their views and answer questions from the audience at a Meeting of the Candidates to be held on Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. until noon in the auditorium of the community center. Refreshments will be served.

## ROSARIO BENVENGI: CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION FOR TOWN COMMISSIONER

### 1998 POLITICAL PLATFORM

**I.** Emmitsburg must obtain a middle school for this community in order to compete with other municipalities in the economic market. The base of all structurally sound and economically thriving communities consists of elementary and middle schools.

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with state Senator Timothy Ferguson, who has agreed to work to obtain funds for a middle school here. As for the county commissioners and the Board of Education, I ask them to understand the economic importance of a middle school in Emmitsburg. With the cooperation among state, county, and local agencies, the addition of a middle school can and will be accomplished.

Emmitsburg must continue to strive for economic growth and the securing of new businesses for a tax-stable economy. The residents of this community must not be called upon to continue to pay higher taxes. There must be a balance between residential and business taxation.

**II.** The growing population of young adults and their lack of opportunities within the limits of Emmitsburg result in increased antisocial behavior and crimes detrimental to the quality of life.

1. Update the present curfew for young adults.
2. Adopt a zero tolerance policy and accept nothing less than full punish-

ment of the law in all cases being prosecuted.

**3.** Establish neighborhood watch groups to assist our law enforcement agencies in doing their job.

**III.** I feel the way to solving the problems facing the young adults in today's society is to understand how they feel.

**1.** Hold a joint meeting of parents and the young adults of this community to share concerns.

**2.** Provide a separate meeting between the council and youths to allow the young adults to voice their concerns.

**3.** Offer young adults the opportunity to see how local businesses operate.

**IV.** Provide the youth of Emmitsburg with more activities:

**1.** A safe area within the town park for youths to use as a multipurpose park for skateboarding, rollerblading, a possible roller hockey league.

**2.** A movie theater to provide entertainment and job opportunities for residents.

**3.** Lighting for the community pool to allow the pool to be enjoyed in the evening.

**4.** Jobs for our young adults, such as maintenance and beautification of parks.

In closing, I am appealing to the citizens of this community to speak out and take control of your government. Tell your elected officials what you expect from them and hold these officials accountable to your needs; they must understand that we as elected officials work for you, the tax-paying citizens. By working together, we can and will make Emmitsburg a strong and thriving community well into the twenty-first century.

## DAVID L. HALLER: CANDIDATE FOR EMMITSBURG TOWN COMMISSIONER

### BACKGROUND:

**RESIDENCY:** 700 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, Maryland (since 1989) (Life-long resident of Frederick County)

**MARITAL STATUS:** Married, with one son

**MILITARY STATUS:** U.S. Navy — Honorable Discharge (1970)

### PROFESSIONAL:

**EMPLOYMENT:** President, Haller Associates, Inc., Surveyors & Engineers, Frederick, Maryland (Since 1985)

**LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS:** Licensed Land Surveyor; Licensed Realtor; Certified Real Estate Appraiser

**MEMBER:** National Association of Real Estate Appraisers; National Association of Realtors; Maryland Society of Land Surveyors; Frederick County Association of Realtors

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Frederick County Affordable Housing Council

Chairman, Land Use Sub-Committee (1994-1997)

C.Y.A. Football Chairman of the Board of Directors (1997)

C.Y.A. Football Vice President (1998)

Frederick High School Stadium Renovation Committee;

Contributing Contractor — Site Design & Layout

### PLATFORM:

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2. Improved public water system.
3. Local evening police coverage.
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## "A funny thing happened on the way to the forum."

**When you got there — It Was There!**

For the first time in a long time the community now has a public meeting place with potential for all of us in this region. The Greeks, bless their little laurel wreaths, recognized the informational power of the stage and built amphitheaters that became the centers of social comment and life's drama. This long before William Shakespeare penned his line about all the world being a stage and each playing his part. More recently Egyptian architect Fahey, commissioned to design a new village—replacing an ancient one—moved it from its former site in the Valley of the Kings. He considered the needs of the villagers in the new village and anchored it on a Mosque and, you guessed it, an amphitheater.

It is significant that on Tues., March 24, the Emmitsburg region regained a mighty tool for the development, growth, and enjoyment of

## 100 Years Ago "In this place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

### Nearly had him

April 1, 1898 - A tramp caught in the act of pilfering a Western Maryland freight car loaded with merchandise was locked in the car by a brakeman, and an officer summoned over the telephone. When the officer arrived, and the door opened, it was found the tramp had worked his way through the bottom of the car and escaped.

### Successful entertainment

Miss Ruth Hoke's department of the public school gave a very successful entertainment in Gelwicks' Hall, on Monday evening last, before a large and appreciative audience. The pupils performed their respective parts in a very creditable manner, which showed that their teacher, Miss Ruth Hoke, spared neither time nor pains in preparing them for the occasion.

The programme rendered was as follows: Our Country's Flag, School; Recitation, The Lost Chord; Dialogue, The Ghost in the Kitchen; Recitation, Spring Rhyme; Singing, Old Kentucky Home; Recitation, The

Battle of Life; Dialogue, Bessie's Grandmothers; Dialogue, North, East, South, West; Singing, Come to the Meadow Land; Recitation, The Reason Why; Dialogue, The Art Critic; Dialogue, Military Discipline; Recitation, Little Jack; Singing, Swanee River; Recitation, Vacation Time; Dialogue, Mother Goose, Entertainment; Dialogue, Philomathean Society; Banjo and Mandolin Duet; Singing, Boat Song.

April 8, 1898 - On Tuesday, Mr. Wm. H. Harbaugh, of near this place, shot a pigeon which turned out to be a carrier pigeon. The band on one of its legs was marked, K 63030. Mr. Harbaugh saw the pigeon on his barn, and, in the snow storm which was prevailing at the time, thought it was an owl.

The Pennsylvania Mason and Dixon's Line Commission, consisting of Messrs. W.E. Hewitt, J.R. Windoeph, and S. W. Moyer, were in Gettysburg last Saturday, where they met to confer with Major Isaac B. Brown, of Harrisburg, Assistant Secretary of the Interior. This commission was appointed to sketch and restore the markers on the line which divides Pennsylvania from Maryland.

### Death of Mr. Joseph Byers

April 15, 1898 - Mr. Joseph Byers, an aged, respected, and well known citizen died at his home, "Pleasant Farm," near town on Monday evening, after a brief illness, in the 75th year of his age. On last Saturday Mr. Byers was stricken with a stroke of paralysis.

For a number of years he was one of the most prosperous farmers in this district. But being possessed with a disposition to accommodate all who were in need and who asked his assistance finally caused him to sustain heavy financial losses, from which he was unable to rally.

He was a democrat of the old school, and always took an active part in the affairs of his party. He was a member of the Democratic District Central Committee for a number of years. He was elected a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, and at one time received the nomination for county commissioner but failed of election. He was also at one time a member of the Board of Directors of the Emmitsburg Railroad Company. He was a member of Massasoit Tribe, No. 41, I.O.R.M., and was buried with the honors of that association.

our community—a community center with its own forum. It was a motley crew that pulled together and accomplished this achievement. They should pat their heads for surely there is a laurel wreath there. Thank you all, from A to P—architects, planners, politicians, plumbers, painters.

As always on such occasions a ceremony broke out. Dedications were made, comments were given, and people recognized—it was nice. And, it was the largest group of people that has gathered indoors in town for a long time (not counting funerals.) There were warm greetings and smiles. People stayed, visited, chatted, and talked.

On the very first day of its official political existence the local auditorium took a step toward fulfilling its destiny serving as a gathering place for people. A place where information in its many and diverse forms—from plays, concerts, meetings, and games—can be shared in a humane way.



## Ambulance Company celebrates 50th anniversary



Frederick County Commissioner David Gray presents a certificate of congratulations to the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company in honor of their 50th anniversary. Participating in the ceremony during the recent banquet are left to right, Commissioner Iona Hogan; Ann Messner, chief of Company 26; Larry West, president; and Commissioners Gray and Bruce Reeder.

*A Dispatch Photo*

Members of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company celebrated the 50th anniversary of their founding with a banquet held February 28 at the Thurmont American Legion Hall. A large number of members and guests attended.

Chief Ann Messner reported that in 1997 the company made over 900 calls, averaging 75 calls a month. Frederick County Commissioner Bruce Reader, liaison to fire and rescue services, told the gathering that Emmitsburg's rescue squad had made the most calls in the county last year. Thurmont followed in second place with 890 calls, Brunswick was third (821 calls), and Walkersville fourth (708 calls).

The Rev. Susan Yatta, pastor of the Emmitsburg Elias Lutheran Church, conducted a memorial service, during which the late Dave Copenhaver and Tom Topper were remembered. Larry West, president of the company, told the gathering that the tragedy of Dave's and Tom's deaths was devastating and the morale of the company had suffered, but "we will overcome," he said.

Sharon Topper, Tom's widow, shared some of the memories of Tom expressed in the many cards and letters received by the family, which she said portrayed Tom as "a picture of a true EMS provider - a true vol-

unteer - and a symbol of what is good." Tom Topper had been chief of Company 26 for the last 10 years.

Following the installation of officers, awards and recognition were made. Kevin Tomayo was selected the EMS Provider of the Year; Certificates of Recognition were presented to Jim Wachter and DJ Ott; Life Memberships were given to Richard Wegley, Connie Burrier; Karen Ridenour, Robert Rosensteel, Jr., and Allan F. Davis, Jr. Sam Cool and Jim Kittinger were honored for 30 years of service to the company. The company's new award, the Dave Copenhaver Driver of the Year Award, was presented to his family.

The top responders for 1997 were Earl Greene, 359; Rick Sharer, 242; Kevin Tomayo, 241; Ronnie Sheeley, 234; Tom Topper, 203; Carl Gentile, 178; Kenny Smith, 146; Tracy Stambaugh, 138; Pat Sullivan, Sr., 124; Scott Stanley and Ed Little 120; Karen Sharer, 117; Kim Wetzell, 116; Denny Ott, 107; Ann Messner, 105; and Brenda Wachter, 103.

Following the awards ceremony, a video depicting the ambulance corps' 50 years of service to the community was shown to the appreciative audience. The video was produced by The Rosensteel Studio.

## Looking for special volunteers

According to Emmitsburg Ambulance Corps president Larry West, the company is setting its sights on training 20-25 new volunteers to fill out the ranks. "Becoming an Emergency Medical Technician offers volunteers a unique training opportunity and a real opportunity to make a difference in other people's lives," said West.

"Many people don't really understand what we do—EMTs are crisis intervention managers. They work to stabilize a crises situation that involves both the injured person and others. Ninety-five percent of the time our calls are simple routine calls that require only a minimum of emergency medical care and more situation management," said West. "Many people think that our work is all 'blood and guts' and that's not so," West said.

Chief Ann Messner said, "A lot of people still think that what we are doing is just first aid. That's far from the bigger picture. EMTs are capable of carrying out procedures at the scene that just a few years ago were only applied in the hospital emergency rooms."

"The training program is really special," said Messner. "Even if a person doesn't plan on volunteering they still learn important skills that they will carry with them for the rest of their life and I'm willing to bet they will use sometime."

The EMT Training Program consists of 125 hours of classroom work and a period of apprenticeship riding

the ambulance with a supervisor.

"The great thing is that the training is like a continuing education program; you're always learning. It's challenging and it's almost like joining a family," Messner said.

According to West the local company is interested in starting a class for 16-17-year-old boys and girls. "We've seen EMT training have a real positive effect on kids self esteem," West said.

"Sometimes the training is a little more extreme than the kids have run into, but it's not something they can't do."

Ambulance companies in the state are constantly monitored and those who cannot provide the service are being shut down and private companies are put in their place. Accordingly there is no difference in the training between the volunteer and non-volunteer companies. The big difference is cost. Many private companies have base charges of \$700 plus mileage for transport service. "People are not aware that insurance companies and HMO's often do not fully cover the cost of the service," Messner said.

"We need to think about the future of the company and the kids are part of that future," West said. "We think that there are 20 special people out there who will join us in providing free emergency and ambulance service to the area. The alternative is pricey," said West.

Lions Club announces ...

### Community Day

Saturday, July 4, 1998

Theme: Frederick County's 250th Anniversary

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## Senior Center News

By Linda Umbel

Spring has sprung and just as the seasons change, there are also changes at the Senior Center. We are starting with the new Strength Training Exercise Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. with Kathy Arizia, Certified Trainer. If interested call the Center (447-6253).

500 cards and bingo will now be on alternating Wednesdays starting with cards on April 1. (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE)

The Center will be offering the AARP-55 Alive Driving Course on Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 and 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The course is open to anyone 55 years plus. The cost is \$8.00 per

person. Pre-registration required.

The bus trip is filled and we will be leaving the Center at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 16th. Come early for a cup of coffee or tea.

Some of the Seniors have volunteered to read to the elementary school students on Wednesday, April 8th. What a great way to bridge the generation gap!

The Center will host a night card party on April 29th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Refreshment available. Cards start at 6:30 p.m.

We are open for suggestions on how better to serve the Senior Citizens of Emmitsburg. Please feel free to come in or call Linda Umbel at 301-447-6253, Monday thru Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 3 p.m.

## Room with a view

By Kathleen O'Connor

The Emmitsburg branch of the Frederick County Library will be coming up in the world—literally. The plans of the new county library director, Mr. Darrell Batson of Las Vegas, include moving the library to the top floor of the Community Center Building. It will be accessible by the elevator in the rear of the building and double the available space.

In addition to more room for book stacks, space will be set aside for art programs and a gallery. A children's room will allow for continued class visits and preschool story hours. For those interested in tracing family history, a new genealogy room will assist research. For those who like to browse and sip, a combination vintage bookstore, gift shop, and coffee shop will provide a place for local artists, library income, and a forum for cultural exchange.

Mr. Batson, successful with like projects in Nevada, now comes to benefit us with his many years of experience in both city and small town libraries. Besides increasing funding at state and local levels, he established a library foundation and grew partnerships between governments, schools, and businesses. Linking citizens to their library, he formed Friends of the Library associations and used bookstores.

All are welcome to continuing library programs, including workshops and speakers on special topics. The recent Spring Gardening Clinic conducted by master gardeners Rena Damskey and Elizabeth Prongas has grown a new group that will hold a plant exchange later this spring. On March 20, the reading and discussion series "Images of Romantic Love" began the season with Gustave Flaubert's *Madame Bovary*. Coming on April 29 is a Poetry Workshop conducted by poet Francis Smith, and on May 5 John Hollinger will review slides of the 1957 Emmitsburg Bicentennial. On May 16, herbalist Alice McCormick will discuss ancient Chinese herbal remedies. On June 1, writer Michael Hillman will address the historical intricacies of Emmitsburg land and people, and on June 24 historian Tom Humerick will give a detailed review of life in Civil War Emmitsburg, including special clothing, etc. For library programs, call (301) 447-2682.

A special program that is undergoing some changes is the library's Reader's Theater, whose members enact scenes from the plays of William Shakespeare for community school students. Over time, a fine set of Elizabethan costumes has been assembled. Those interested in developing their appreciation for Elizabethan drama are welcomed to

## Lions celebrate Charter Night



The Emmitsburg Lions celebrated their 15th annual Charter Night at the Carriage House Inn on Jan. 24, 1998.

Four new members were inducted by Zone Chairman Ralph Fisher (standing, left). Sponsor Lion David Martin introduces new members Joseph Ritz, Elizabeth Prongas, William Rapp, and James Hoover.

Photo courtesy Lions Club

the troupe.

A special welcome is made to drama students from Mount Saint Mary College where theater department director Kurt Blaughter and students will produce *The Who's Tommy*, a new version of the play by

Peter Townshend based on the 1969 rock opera *Tommy* by The Who.

This grand musical, with a cast of 40 and stage crew of another 40 students, will show April 23-25 and April 30-May 2. For ticket information, call (301) 447-5308.

## Library sponsors

### "Everybody Read" celebration

You are invited to an "everybody read" celebration on Thursday, April 23rd, from 9:15-6:00 p.m. Along with readings every hour, we will be displaying the dinosaur footprint from the archives at Mt. St. Mary's college. This will be an exciting community event and we are inviting students from Emmitsburg Elementary and Mother Seton School and all interested citizens. Dr.

William Meredith from Mt. St. Mary's College will be the speaker for the 9:15 a.m. group visit.

Celebrities will be reading during the day. There will be handouts and games and balloons. Look for handouts in the library. This is being sponsored in conjunction with National Library Week and Kraft Kid products. For more information call the library at (301) 447-2682.

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**(301) - 898 - 3030****Lindsey Green wins essay contest**

Lindsey Greene, daughter of Curtis and Shirley Greene and an eighth grade student at Thurmont Middle School, recently won the PTA essay contest. The children were given the prompt "Wouldn't it be great if..." Lindsey chose peace for her topic. She won first place at the school contest and from there the essay was sent to the county PTA contest where she also won first place. The essay is currently at the state PTA contest and she is anxiously awaiting the outcome.

Congratulations Lindsey.

**Births**

Stephanie Marie Freniere

Mr. and Mrs. John Freniere of Emmitsburg announce the birth of their daughter Stephanie Marie Freniere, born Feb. 11, 1998. Stephanie weighed 8 lbs, 4 ozs. The grandparents are Joseph and Beverly Scott and Robert E. Freniere. Dorothy Willard is the great-grandmother. Stephanie's sisters are Angie and Theresa and her brother is John.

Christina Dalesio and Jerry Marshall of Thurmont/Emmitsburg welcomed a daughter on March 11.

**"A Growing Idea"****Plant clinic held in library**

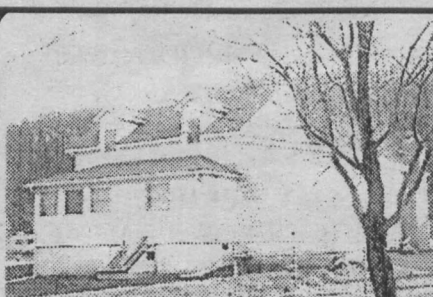
On Saturday, March 14, garden enthusiasts met in the Emmitsburg library conference room to talk with Master Gardeners Rena Damskey and Elizabeth Prongas. Information was given on growing techniques, augmented by numerous leaflets provided by the Carroll County Extension Office.

The participants asked for a con-

tinuing dialogue. A plant and seed exchange is planned for early April. For more information contact Elizabeth Prongas at (301)271-4459.

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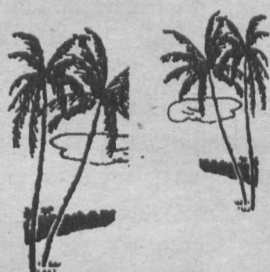
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## Sue Hottinger stars in Mount production

By Ross Peddicord  
MSM College

Mount sophomore Sue Hottinger wowed the critics last year when she played Beatrice in the college production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Now theater fans will get to see her star as "Mrs Walker," "Tommy's" mother in the Mount production of *The Who's Tommy*. The Tony Award-winning musical with a cast of 40 actors will be presented during six performances, April 23-25 and April 30-May 2, at 8 p.m. in Upper Flynn Hall on the Mount campus. The mainstage production is the centerpiece of the college's Spring Arts Festival.

Both Hottinger and her fellow student, Gerald Mood, who plays the role of "Tommy," were finalists this year in the Irene Ryan scholarship auditions at the American College Theater Festival in New York.

Hottinger, from Hatboro, Pa., is a Dean's list student at the Mount, majoring in German and English, and is undecided about pursuing a career as a professional actor. "I'd love to be an actress on Broadway, even in film, but I plan to finish school at the Mount first and then maybe go onto graduate school in theater," she said. Next year, Hottinger plans to spend a semester abroad, studying German at a university near Munich.

*Tommy* first appeared as a "rock opera" in the 60's, changing popular music at the time, and then was reprised by the rock group, The Who, on Broadway in the 90's. The Who's lead singer, Peter Townshend, wrote the newest version which follows the odyssey of the "deaf, dumb, and blind" Tommy, who was traumatized as a child, to his discovery of fame and fortune.

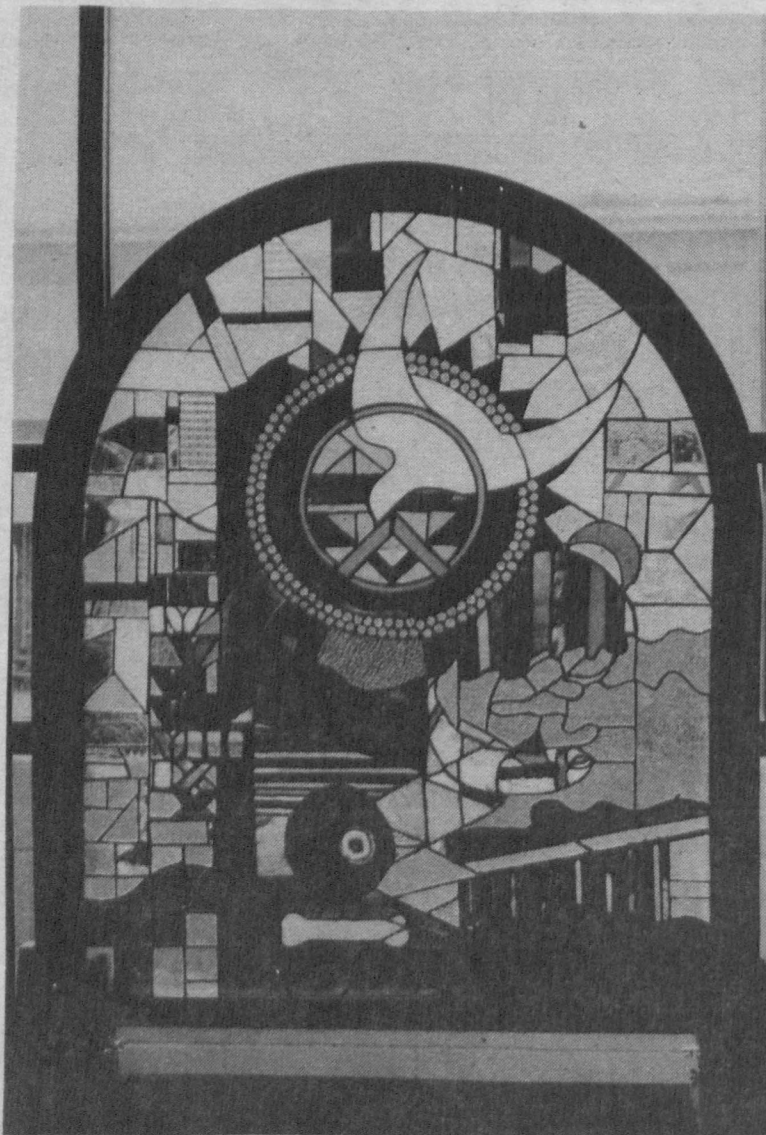
Other Arts Festival events, presented by the Mount's



Sue Hottinger

Department of Visual and Performing Arts, include a juried student art show and concerts by the college's chorale and band. Fr. Dan Nusbaum is chair of the department. The public is cordially invited to attend all events. There is no charge, except for the production of *The Who's Tommy*.

## Mount displays stained glass windows



The New Jerusalem Window (upper section)

A Dispatch Photo

Mount St. Mary's College placed on exhibit for the first time March 15-19, the five pairs of stained glass windows that were commissioned in 1995 for the Pangborn Hall Chapel on campus.

They will be on tour in Maryland and the surrounding area before being installed in the chapel.

The windows were designed by Father Robert Terentieff, assistant professor of art at the Mount, and were assembled by college volunteers - employees, students, and professors - using 7,000 different pieces of glass.

In "A Guide to the Windows," the New Jerusalem Window was designed as a symbol of the new creation when all things were seen as good, and what was left from the past was only a reminder of how things used to be.

"In the center of the window...is a dove descending on earth, representing the new creation. Around the dove there are three concentric circles. Each circle enjoys a different color - consisting of white, yellow and blue rondels - that highlights the meaning of resurrection and a new life.

"At the bottom of the panel is a dog bone which represents eternity. None of the five windows have images of human beings. But they are a riot of symbols, ordinary objects and animals that represent ideals formulated by human beings through time: boats and doves and roosters and even the dog bone."

## SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL at the MOUNT

(The public is cordially invited to attend all events.)

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

12.30 p.m. MOUNT BAND CONCERT, Knott Auditorium.

1 p.m. Art Exhibit Opening—ANNUAL SIMON GABRIEL BRUTE JURIED STUDENT EXHIBIT, Delaplaine Gallery, Knott Auditorium.

2 p.m. MOUNT HERITAGE CHORALE SPRING CONCERT, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

3:30 p.m. RECEPTION AND DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS, Delaplaine Gallery, Knott Auditorium.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

12: 10 p.m. BROWN BAG CONCERT, Bring a lunch and hear musical performances by Mount faculty and students. Upper Flynn Hall.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23 -SATURDAY APRIL 25

8 p.m. "THE WHO'S TOMMY" Tickets \$5, students \$4. Mainstage production in Upper Flynn Hall.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

3 p.m. STUDENT RECITAL Concert by instrumental and vocal students. Knott Auditorium.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30-SATURDAY MAY 2

8 p.m. "THE WHO'S TOMMY" Tickets \$5, students \$4. Mainstage production in Upper Flynn Hall.

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## Incarnation United Church of Christ welcomes new minister

Margaret Dodds was born on November 17, 1935, in Alabama, the daughter and granddaughter of Presbyterian ministers. She received her high school diploma from Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, D.C., and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wellesley College in 1957. She continued her education as a Fulbright Scholar at Oxford University from 1957-1958, then was awarded her Master's degree from Yale University Graduate School.

She married Rev. Richard Dodds, taught high school, raised three children and concentrated on school, church, and community activities. Their oldest child, Katie, is now living in Gettysburg; their second daughter, Betsy, is living in Seattle, WA; and the youngest, Mike, is living in Denver, CO.



Rev. Margaret Dodds and husband Richard

Rev. Dodds had assumed she would again be teaching high school after her children were grown, but instead answered a call to the ministry. Her preparation and education

for the ministry were through three very different seminaries. Quoting from her profile, she attended Andover-Newton where she "enjoyed the rich diversity of the network in the Boston Theologic Institute"; Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, where "I had superb church history teaching and relished the singing tradition"; and Howard University School of Divinity, where she graduated in 1984 "after a two-year immersion in the passion for powerful preaching and joyful 'Amen!' of Black worship."

Rev. Dodds was ordained in 1984 by the United Church of Christ into the Potomac Association of the Central Atlantic Conference. Her husband served as the Associate Conference Minister for the Chesapeake and Potomac Associations in the early 1980's.

From 1984 until 1993, Rev. Dodds served as Associate Pastor at the Rockville UCC where she shared full ministry of pastoral care, worship leadership, and monthly preaching. In August 1993, both

Rev. Richard and Margaret Dodds accepted a call to Yorkshire, England, to a group of four small churches so that they could survive and thrive by sharing scarce clergy and supporting each other. Rev. Dodds notes that this task has been morale-building in time of institutional decline. They returned to their home in Fairfield, PA, in November of 1997.

"Over the years I have come to love the Church even more than I did when it first challenged and channeled my youthful idealism. While I grieve for its shortcomings and blindness and lost opportunities I know that in every community, large and small, its quiet witness brings salt and yeast and light. Perhaps not always dramatically, with marches and demonstrations. Maybe it is the women who take two buses to visit the hospitals, or bake endless cakes and serve cups of tea by the hundreds to raise money for a new organ or feed refugees in Bosnia. There the Church is. There is my homeland."

## Take Our Daughters to Work Day

On April 23rd, girls' dreams will once again mean business on the 6th Annual Take Our Daughters to Work Day. Millions of girls aged nine to fifteen will accompany parents, relatives, teachers, and friends of the family to learn first hand about what goes on in the American workplace.

Take Our Daughters to Work Day helps ensure that our daughters remain powerful, resilient, and self-confident throughout their teen years.

Recent research on girls' development indicates that girls face particular risks at adolescence. Girls tend to turn their confusion and anger inward with devastating consequences. Rates of alcohol and substance abuse, sexual abuse, eating disorders, depression, and unplanned pregnancies are alarmingly high for adolescent girls. It is at this time when girls struggle to maintain self-confidence and a positive self image.

For many girls adolescence is a time of crisis. Did you know?

- Girls make between 4.5 times more suicide attempts than boys.
- Twice as many girls as boys experience depression.
- AIDS is rapidly becoming the largest killer of young women.
- 18% of girls in high school are at a serious risk of eating disorders.

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- 11% of girls ages 15-19 become pregnant each year.
- 51% of rape victims are under the age of 18.
- One in every 3-4 teenage girls has been sexually abused.
- 40% of high school girls have a negative body image of themselves.

Girls need additional support to help them. Take Our Daughters to Work Day gives adults, both men and women, a lively interactive way to support girls' strengths and talents when girls need it most.

Ask your place of employment to participate in Take Our Daughters to Work Day and to form a committee to plan the day's activities. Girls can sit in on meetings, perform office or technical tasks, help teach classes, provide customer service, offer a youth perspective to organizational problems, and learn about the variety of skills and opportunities that are open to them in your particular field. Follow school district guidelines to receive an approved educational absence for your girl.

If you would like more information about how you, a young girl, or your place of employment can participate, contact Jan Sullivan Dockter at the YWCA of Gettysburg & Adams County at 717-334-9171.



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## Emmitsburg House Tour

Linda Postelle continues her series on homes that will be featured on the Emmitsburg House Tour, October 4, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The house tour is part of the 250th Anniversary celebrations occurring throughout Frederick County.



The home of John and Kathy Marshall, 706 West Main Street, was one of the oldest school buildings in Frederick County.

Photo courtesy of John Marshall

John and Kathy Marshall purchased a dream project when they bought the old house at 706 W. Main Street. Their house was originally built in 1879 as the third public school in Frederick County. Students entered through double doors into a foyer. There were two winding staircases, one to the left and one to the right. High school age boys went up one set of stairs. The other was used by the girls. However the upper level was one big room. Children in the lower grades were taught in one big room on the first floor. A cupola adorned the roof, but this was removed about 1900. The building was used as a school for just 12 years. Then it became a Masonic lodge for another ten years.

Around 1900 the house was purchased by the Kugler family and remained in their family until 1989 when the Marshalls purchased it as a young married couple. It was purchased from the estate of Goldie Kugler. Nothing had been modernized in the last three or four decades. The room which had been the kitchen had nothing in it except a garage sink. Insurance couldn't be obtained until the place was rewired. But the

Marshalls knew they had found a project which would take years and yet be the home they wanted. They knew they could do much of the work themselves.

As they worked on the renovations they found dozens and dozens of old marbles in out-of-the-way places and discovered a really old baseball bat in an inaccessible crawl space. School blackboards had been covered with wallpaper. They chose to restore one of them in a guest room and now invite guests to add their signatures in chalk. Graffiti was found in the attic with a child's signature and the date 1888 marked on the wall.

The house is now a home to Kathy, John, and their young son. The first floor consists of the original foyer, one remaining winding staircase, living room, dining room, music room, kitchen, back staircase, and a half bath. The second floor contains three bedrooms, a laundry room, and two baths. They chose to expose the bricks on one wall in the living room. This wall is three bricks thick which is equal to a 12" thick wall. Ceilings are 13' high on the first floor.

## Fair Dealing Farm

Fair Dealing Farm, Rocky Ridge, has been the home of the Damskey Family for the last six years. It has also been known as "Peace and Plenty Farm" but since there are several of those, Rena and John decided to adopt the original name of the farm. The lovely two-story traditional home was built of brick and German clapboard by German immigrants about 1856. The entire house is original and there have been no additions. The bricks, as well as the random-width sycamore flooring, were made on the property. As is traditional to conserve heat, there are no windows on the north side of the house.

The house was once used as a tavern and the property has also been a dairy farm. In the 1960's the bank barn blew down, but the pump house remains and is now Rena's arts and crafts studio.

The floor plan is very functional for family life. There is a parlor, a dining room, a family room-kitchen, a pantry for Rena's canned goods, and a bath on the first floor. The dining room now boasts, above the chair rail, a beautiful Rufus Porter-style mural painted by Rena a year or so ago. Upstairs there are three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The

house has three working fireplaces. A full basement with stone walls has a cement floor.

Rena and John enjoy their acreage to the fullest. The kitchen garden, perennial gardens, and heather beds are breathtaking. Their dogs and cats are right at home in the house and gardens. Horses and chickens can also be found on the farm. In fact it was their daughter's love of horses that brought them to Fair Dealing Farm. They decided that as long as they were going to own horses they might as well have a place for them of their own. Rena researched barn styles and picked one for the horses. John and his sons built the shell for her and then Rena designed and built the interior structure herself.

Fair Dealing Farm even enjoys its own ghost story. It is said that during the Civil War there was a skirmish on the farm during a wedding. Soldiers broke in and the bride and the minister were killed. There have been many owners of the farm since then. Several times the story has been repeated that ghosts of soldiers and the minister have been seen. However the bride has never appeared. Has the Damskey family seen any ghosts? "Well, there have



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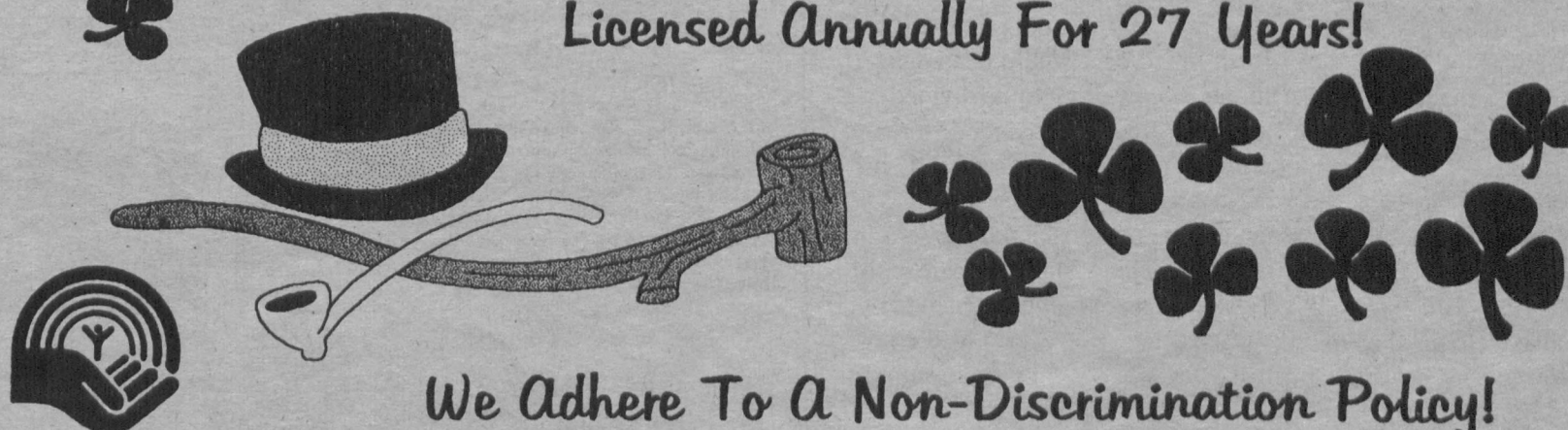
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# A very personal history

## Main Street—Bits and Pieces

By Ruth O. Richards

A few days ago a friend and I went to Emmitsburg for lunch. I paused as I got out of the car when I realized that no one was in town, no one that I could see. There weren't even very many cars parked on Main Street. Where is everyone? I jarred myself awake and realized that the year is 1998 and not 1940, when I first began to get acquainted with Emmitsburg.

As I pick through my memories I am finding shops and businesses and the people who owned them. I am remembering people whom I would see at these places of business and meet as I walked down the street. Where did we begin to become a part of this place? We began with the bank. After all a town has to have a bank, doesn't it?

On the Tuesday after Labor Day, 1940, John and I headed for the Farmer's State Bank, now "Farmer's and Mechanic's Bank," to open an account. (How could we open an account? We had no money.) But we did open an account that day. There we met the three employees: Frank Weant, Alice Roddy (Shorb), and George Wilhide. I don't remember his title but it was obvious that George was THE BANKER. We got a warm welcome from all of them and answered all the questions we were asked "What brought you to Emmitsburg? Where are you from? Where are you living?"

George Wilhide and his wife, Margaret, lived a few doors from us and nearly every morning we saw George as he walked to work: dark suit, white shirt, and a snap-brimmed hat. He was the very essence of a business man, a good person to take care of our money.

After we concluded our bank business, we went to the Post Office and rented a mail box and chatted with the Postmistress, Mrs. Coombs, who also welcomed us to Emmitsburg. We saw her nearly every day when we went to pick up our mail, most of which was from home. Being in a new and strange place made mail very important to

us.

As we settled in, I began to notice the personality and personalities of Emmitsburg. Emmitsburg was a busy place. No matter which day or time of day there were always people standing in small groups, talking. There was shopping to be done, errands to be run, and along with these activities there was news to be disseminated, advice to be given and received, secrets to be revealed. Everyone had something to talk about.

Emmitsburg was a clean town, I noticed. The pavement outside each house was swept every day. No sweeper looked more elegant than Mrs. Patterson, our landlady. A woman of about 55, she kept herself immaculate, hair in place, heels, a touch of rouge on each cheek and lips, earrings, and of course a clean apron. She enjoyed giving her opinion of the subject of the day. Another sweeper who helped to make the town look clean was Mr. Matthews. He tidied up the walk in front of his store where household appliances and furniture were sold. (We bought our first refrigerator from him in 1941, and our first TV in 1951.) He was a dear, genial man, immaculately dressed in dark suit and white shirt. Did he have a watch chain across the front of his vest? My memory says he did.

I soon learned that Monday was the day to make vegetable soup. All the houses on the street gave out the aroma of vegetables and beef cooking. I like vegetable soup and I soon joined others at the butcher shop to buy a soup bone. There were two Bollinger meat markets in town, one Dory's and the other Roy's. Dory's was the nearest to me so there I shopped. At times the carcass of a fresh-killed beef would be hanging in the shop waiting to be divided and sold. I don't remember ever seeing a pig's carcass, but I did on occasion see a pig being fed on table scraps in a back yard or two in the alley behind Main Street. Surely those pigs were being fattened for consumption. However, I also know that pork was not sold in the summer time.

Meat was a commodity that required the forfeiting of ration stamps during the war, but my

memory is vague about that. I don't even know whether or not a soup bone required a stamp. Nevertheless, I and others had our vegetable soup on Monday.

It didn't take much rubber-necking to keep track of the sick as they made their way to Dr. Cadle's office where illnesses of a personal nature and of others were completely aired. There was always time to hear from each waiting patient as there were no scheduled appointments. First come, first served regulated the patient consultations. "Next?" And then on to Houser's Drug store to get a prescription filled, where there was a recounting of that same illness that required the prescription. Who doesn't like to tell the world about a new ailment or a new symptom? And in a small town everyone is a good listener.

In the fall, homesickness would wash over me. Everyone, everywhere was preserving the fall harvest. All the essence of spices that made up chili sauce, catsup, pickles, applesauce—turmeric, allspice, dill, cinnamon, nutmeg—filled the air, and brought back memories of

my mother's kitchen where as long as I can remember I helped in this task. I peeled the tomatoes, cut the corn, put the apples through a food press, washed the jars, and I must confess I hated those boring tasks. That labor served me well, though, as it was my schooling for preserving food in my own kitchen, where it was more fun!

These "Bits and Pieces" of Main Street have emptied my mind for now, except for an anecdote on the light side of life. Occasionally, a group of men, John Hollinger Sr., Guy Baker Sr. Gene Hardman, John and others, would drive either to the Bay or to Conowingo Dam for a day of fishing. On one of these trips, Gene Hardman caught a very large fish. I wish I could remember the kind of fish, and where it was caught, but it was a "prize" to behold. As soon as the party got to the east end of Main Street, Gene got out of the car and walked the entire length of the street holding his fish at arm's length. "Why?" you might ask. You guessed it. He wanted the entire town to see his fish and to hear the details of his landing it. Why not? It was a lovely fish story. True, too.

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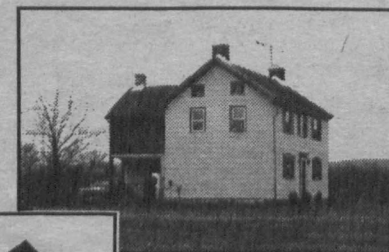


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## Equestrian Operation Relocates in North Frederick County

By Mike Hillman

The Mid-Maryland equestrian community got a big boost in March when Fair Hill Equestrian Events, Inc., announced that they would be relocating from Fair Hill, Maryland, to the new Menfelt Equestrian Center south of Thurmont, Maryland. A non-profit corporation, Fair Hill Equestrian Events promotes and conducts amateur-oriented equestrian sports.

The organizers of Fair Hill Equestrian Events are not associated with the promoters of the Emmitsburg Equestrian Center.

Fair Hill Equestrian Events acquired a reputation impressive enough to make their Fair Hill facility a potential site for the Olympic equestrian events if Washington, D.C., were to be awarded the Olympic games. The relocation of Fair Hill Equestrian Events to Menfelt was made in part to capitalize on the growing Equestrian community in the mid state area, and followed a year-long, in-depth feasibility study.

Following the announcement, the Menfelt Equestrian facility, owned by Mike and Dale Claybaugh, has turned into a major construction site. Menfelt made a big splash in the event circuit last year when it premiered a sporting Novice through Preliminary course.

Work on an Olympic-level course, which was under way at the time of the announcement, has been put on hold to allow the construction crew to concentrate on an Intermediate course, which is one level below the Olympic level. Following the completion of the Olympic-level course, work will begin on a steeplechase course and permanent stabling sufficient to house 100 horses.

The equestrian events that will be held at the new facility will be sponsored by a wide range of Frederick and Thurmont based businesses.

Based on their 12 year track record, Fair Hill's move to Menfelt will bring at least one-half million dollars in business to the

Frederick/Thurmont areas per year. Additional equestrian activities which are being planned will triple, if not quadruple, this amount. In addition to the additional business that will come to local businesses, such as hotels, restaurants, and hardware stores, it is expected that land prices will appreciate rapidly, as farms are acquired by others for additional equestrian facilities.

Fair Hill's first horse trial at their new Menfelt facility will be on April 11 and 12, and is free to the public. To get to Menfelt, take U.S. Rte.15 south to Mr. Natural's, just south of Thurmont. At Mr. Natural's, go west 1/4 mile.

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## Looking Ahead

**Saturday, April 4**

**15th Annual Emmitsburg Lions Club Health Fair** will be held from 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the Mother Seton Elementary School. For more information contact George Rosensteel at 301-447-2562.

**Sunday, April 5**

**Mount Saint Mary's Chorale** will sing at the 11:00 a.m. service of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church, West Main Street. All are welcome.

**Sunday, April 5**

**Coram Nobis Dance Company** presents "Were you there?," a dance interpretation of the passion and death of Christ, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Eliz. Ann Seton, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Sunday, April 12**

**Easter Sunrise Service** sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches will be held at the Grotto of Lourdes at 6:30 a.m. Rev. R. Benjamin Jones will lead the service.

**Monday, April 13**

**Women's Aglow Meeting** will be held at Mountain Gate Restaurant, Thurmont. Buffet is at 6:15 P.M. General Meeting at 7:15 P.M. Cost for Buffet \$7.00. Call for reservations by April 10, 301-447-2283 or 301-271-4346. Come and bring a friend. Speaker: Local Board President Diana Wetklow. Diana Loves God, and wants EVERYONE to know Gods LOVE also.

**Saturday, April 18**

**A Candidate's Meeting**, sponsored by the EBPA and the *Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch*, will be held in the Community Center gymnasium from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. Candidates for mayor and commissioner will respond to issues facing the town. Questions will be taken from the audience. Residents are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

**Sunday, April 19**

**The Emmitsburg Ambulance Co.** will sponsor a basket bingo to benefit the Amy Eyler Van Fund. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. and games start at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 for 20 games. There will be a non-smoking section available. For more information, call Mary Lou Little at 301-447-2073 or 301-447-6626.

**Sunday, April 19**

**Taneytown Rod & Gun Club's good old country breakfast** will be held at the club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd., from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Menu is pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, home made biscuits, toast, sausage gravy, chip beef gravy, pudding & 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 will get 50 cents off. For information call Godfrey or Florence at 410-751-1685.

**Tuesday, April 21**

**Emmitsburg's election** for mayor and two commissioner's seats will be held from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the town office.

**Wednesday, April 29**

**The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens evening card party** will be held at the Senior Center, 300 S. Seton Ave. at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public. Pinochle and "500" will be played. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$2.00. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 301-447-6253 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**May Basket Lottery**

**The Elias Lutheran Church** will be holding a Basket Lottery for the month of May. For more information or to purchase tickets (\$5 ea.), contact Polly Kittinger, 717-337-3265, Lucille Valentine, 301-447-2405, Vickie Smith 898-7770, or Nita Shank 301-447-3045.

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Thurs., April 16, 8:30am - 12:00pm

Thurs., April 30, 8:30am -

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**Thurmont Clinic Location:**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church  
Parish Hall, 103 North Church  
Street **Appointment:** (301) 694-3733

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Thurs., April 30, 1pm -4pm

**Gettysburg Clinic Location:**

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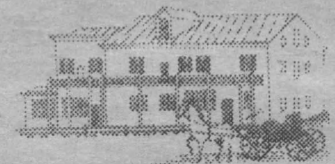
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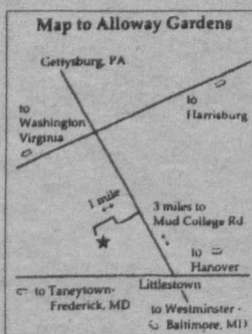
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## A big guy with a big dream

By Michele Cuseo

Emmitsburg resident Brian Dugan is a big guy with a big dream. Brian, age 24, wants to play professional football. A far-fetched dream? Not for him.

On this particular March day, Brian is spending time working out at the Mount St. Mary's gym, socializing with coaches and students, occasionally flashing his dynamite smile.

It's hard not to notice Brian, not just because of his friendly personality, but because of his size. There's no getting around it, this man is large. People who know him say he's at least 6' 7" and weighs 250 lbs., although he claims to be only 6' 4" and 224 lbs.

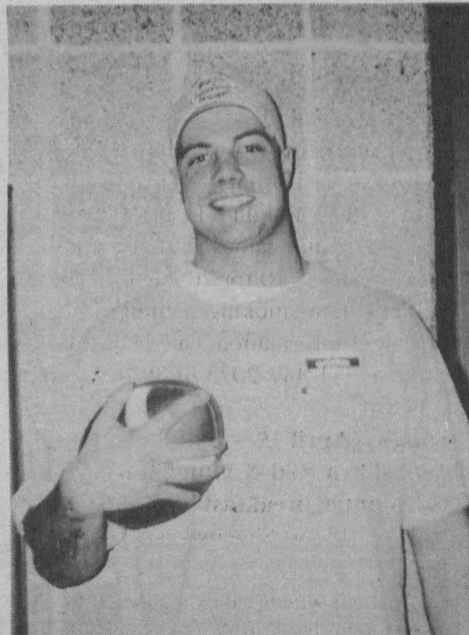
Brian has been working out daily for about 3 to 4 hours, sometimes longer, lifting weights, running, catching footballs. He's currently preparing for what's called a "combine" or a "workout" which involves pro-football hopefuls joining together in one location competing in events such as the 40-yard dash, vertical catching footballs, running football "routes," and practicing scrimmages. These events are visited and evaluated by representatives from the pro-football teams and are usually sponsored by commercial businesses like Gatorade or METRX.

Brian started playing football

with the local Catoclin Youth Association (CYA) in the third grade because it was fun. By the time he was a senior at Catoclin High (class of 1991), he was an outstanding player, being named MVP of the team, and making All-Conference and All-State for small high schools.

Brian then attended West Virginia-Wesleyan (a NCAA Division II College), majoring in physical education, but did not play football in his freshman year. Brian says he needed to concentrate on his college studies and also had a hand injury. In his sophomore year, Brian joined the football team as a "walk-on" and ended up starting in every game. He played his favorite position, wide receiver, making MVP of the team, All-Conference for the Inter-collegiate Athletic Conference, and was offered a full scholarship for the next two years.

Things only got better for Brian during his junior year at WV-Wesleyan. His talent as a wide receiver exploded on the college football scene. He made All-Conference, All-American, and was ranked 5th in the nation in receiving yards per game. Pro scouts started coming around to watch him and he was invited to his first "combines." Brian received the same awards his senior year and was invited to attend the Snow Bowl in Fargo, North Dakota. Only four players from the East Coast (and four from the West



Coast) are invited to attend this Division II All-Star game held each year. Over 50 pro scouts attended to watch and interact with the players. The Snow Bowl players had two practices a day, answered questionnaires, took I.Q. tests and psychological tests. The craziest activity, Brian says, was on "pro-day" in which the players were paraded around wearing just shorts in "meat-market" style while the pro-team reps measured and evaluated each player.

Being exposed to the pro-football market enabled Brian to attract a sports manager/agent (yes, like Jerry Maguire). Brian's agent then made arrangements for him to go to more combines, introducing him to the right teams and people. Brian did play a while for a pro-football team in what's called arena football,

which is played indoors. Brian spent a month playing for the Albany, New York, Firebirds. Having trained for offensive receiver, Brian found it difficult having to also play as a defensive player for the Firebirds. After a month of giving it a try, Brian was released from the team and returned to WV-Wesleyan to take a position as a graduate assistant football coach for his old team. It was during his coaching days at WV-Wesleyan that Brian came to the realization that he still wanted to pursue his dream of playing pro ball. Working on his Master's Degree could wait, but you're only young once, Brian thought.

So, starting this March/April with family and friends cheering him on, Brian will travel to combines in Fresno, California; to Chicago, Illinois; and El Camino, California.

What advice does Brian have for young players today? "Don't give up on your dreams and don't let other people tell you that you can't do it. Work hard and don't be lazy with the books 'cause you have to be able to balance school and football."

Brian ended up with a Business Management Degree from WV-Wesleyan which may serve him well if he pursues his other dream—sports manager/agent.

Whether being a player or managing a player, "Show me the money," could be part of Brian's future dialogue.

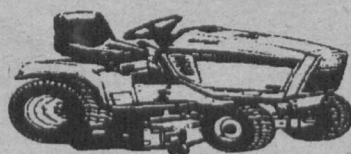
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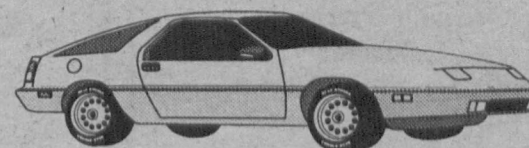
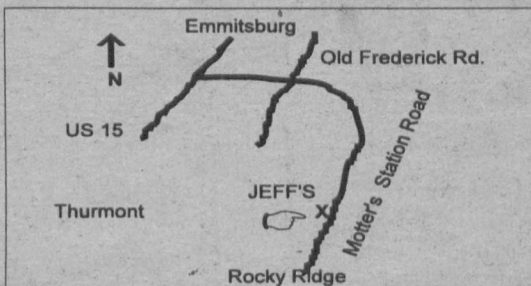
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## Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

### Congratulations

Happy Birthday Wishes to Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, Loretta Glass, Bonnie Lou Eyler, Carrollton (Toot) Houck, Michelle Dinterman, Lori Angleberger, Kevin Albaugh, Doris Sharrer, Shirley Greene, Mary Louise Peomroy, Marlene Danaher.

Happy Anniversary Wishes to Franklin and Marie Stambaugh on their 47th anniversary, April 7; James and Loretta Glass; and Kenneth and Gloria Frushour.

### Fire Company News

Family Fun Night is held every Saturday night at Rocky Ridge Fire Hall on Motters Station Road. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Early-Bird Bingo games start at 7:00 p.m. Delicious food will be for sale.

Rocky Ridge Ladies' Auxiliary is sponsoring a Basket Bingo on May 2, 1998. The tickets are now available for \$10 a person which includes 3 cards for 20 games, 2 special games, and door prizes. There will be raffles and extra card available at the door. For tickets you may call Linda Northrup at (301) 447-6714, Tammy Smith (301) 271-3739, Teressa Kaas (301) 271-3781. Games will begin at 6:30 p.m. The doors and kitchen will open at 4:30 p.m.

### Church of the Brethren News

Evangelist meeting: March 29-April 5, led by Brother Steve Fodor. Easter sunrise service will be held.

Happy birthday wishes to Erma Black, April 3; Lynn Eyler Ott, April 13; Steve Wolfe, Teena Speak, April 21; Adrian Ott, April 29.

Happy anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Norval Eyler on their 52nd anniversary, April 11, and to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Eyler.

### Mt. Tabor Church Opportunities

Quilting every Tuesday and Tuesday night: April 7, 14, 21, and 28th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Everyone who wants to quilt is welcome.

April 5: Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church - Pastor James Russell will have Palm Sunday worship with Holy Communion.

April 9: Seder Meal will be held in Activity Building at 6:30 p.m. Please sign board if you are planning to attend.

April 10: The young adult class

will present the Good Friday service at 7:30.

April 12: Rev Rosemary McCombs Maxey, Mt. Tabor U.C.C. will have Easter Sunday worship with Holy Communion (9:30). Shirley Sharrer's Sunday School class will present some of the history, as well as many old pictures of the Church, Sunday School, Park, etc. Attend services and see

how many people you can identify in the pictures.

### Student Recognition

Kathleen Ballew was chosen to perform in the Elementary School All-County Chorus at Linganore High School on March 11.

Josh Ballew has qualified to participate in the State Geography Bee on April 3. He won the Thurmont Middle School geography bee and then took a written test to qualify.

## MT. TABOR QUILTERS

By Inspector 13

Yours truly thought a trip to central Alabama would surely be rewarded with a lot of new, regional quilting ideasto bring "up North." However, my daughter and I had to drive over 50 miles just to find a quilt fabric shop.

The Wal-Mart store in town has

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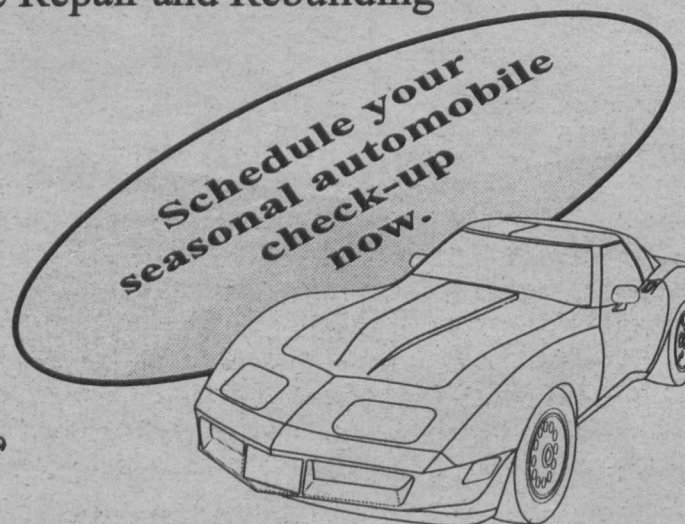
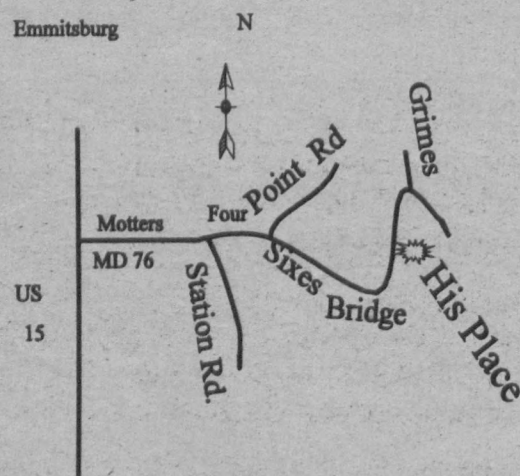
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fabric, but they do not carry designer fabrics or quilting patterns and instruction books. However, the Quilters' Workshop in Birmingham is like fabric shops in our area with a wide variety of materials and "tools of the trade." In addition, it is a delight to walk around and look at the finished wall hangings on display.

My trip produced no new ideas, no local patterns, and no interesting quilting stories. "They"

do quilt at the Senior Center, wherever that is, but since I had just had hand surgery, I did not try to go.

From time to time different members of Mt. Tabor Quilters have been asked if we have classes for "wannabe" quiltmakers. We've always tried to encourage them, but for some reason, they never follow through. This is unfortunate because old-fashioned quiltmaking is a tradition that shouldn't be lost.

Modern quilters are producing

some outstanding works of art, but just how cozy can an "Irreverent Sunflower" or an "Inter-Galactica Star" be? Are they quietly comforting, colorwise or patternwise? The answer is probably "no." They are eye-catching, vivid, maybe faddish, but definitely not a family friend like a good old "9-Patch" or "8-Point Star in Blue."

One thing I've learned, because of the surgery, is that if a person really wants to make quilts, she'll

find a way. Anticipating the surgery, I taught myself to stitch and cut out pieces with my left hand. I'm no expert lefty, but I wanted to work on quilts. *Determination—not skill—is the key word.*

## ST. ANTHONY - OLMC NEWS

By Ann Marshall

**The Joint Pastoral Council** will meet in St. Anthony's Upper Hall at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, to discuss parish business and to finalize plans for a potluck dinner to be held on April 25 to honor parish volunteers.

**Youth Choir Practice** will be held at OLMC Parish Center on April 1, 8, and 15 at 7:00 p.m. The choir is preparing to sing at the Closing Mass for Religious Education which will take place at Thurmont Middle School in Sunday, April 19, at 9:15 a.m. All classes will participate in this special Mass celebration and all parish families are invited to attend.

**The Blessing of Easter Food** will take place on Holy Saturday, April 11, at 12 noon. Bread or any other food to be served at Easter dinner may be brought to St. Anthony's Church for the blessing.

**The Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on the grounds at St. Anthony's on April 11, following the blessing of food at noontime. Children are asked to bring baskets and to gather in front of the Church. They will be assigned age groups and will have parish youth/adults to assist them in the hunt. There will be prizes for specially marked eggs.

**Permanent Deacon Information** for anyone interested in learning more about this ministry is being provided by the Archdiocese of Baltimore through a series of information sessions. For details, please call the Pastoral Personnel Office at 410 547-5427.

**Post-Abortion Outreach** is being sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Parish in Frederick. Women who have been affected by the pain of an abortion experience meet regularly for mutual support. Inviting a counselor from Catholic Charities to facilitate the meetings is an option. Confidential inquiries may be made by phoning Leah Huber, 301 662-8495.

**Congratulations to New Babies!** St. Anthony Shrine Parish Community welcomes into the Catholic faith **Samantha Catherine Nigida** who was baptized on March 15, 1998. Samantha is the daughter of Stephen and Christine Nigida. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Community welcomes into the Catholic faith **Allyson Watson** who was baptized on March 15, 1998. Allyson is the daughter of Robert and Tonya Watson.

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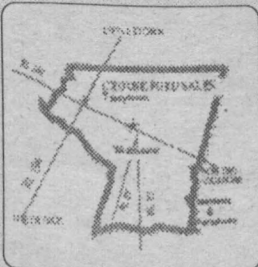
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## Land changes in rebel colonies

By Mike Hillman

As the tensions between the English and the American colonists began to deepen, the English, following traditional warfare tactics, began systematically to occupy the major cities and their immediate surrounding countryside. The Colonial Confederacy, aware of the vastness of the continent, set about securing the interior of the country. With interior supply and communication routes free from British attacks, Washington settled down to fight the superior British forces in the only way he could, in a war of attrition. With the fighting confined to the coastal plains, life in Stony Branch Valley continued on unabated.

Nevertheless, many still wished to support the Colonist Army. Michael Smith, the first blacksmith in the valley, served as a Private in what was called the German Regiment, seeing action at General Washington's defeat at the Battle of White Plains, New York. John Patterson also served as a Private. Henry Groff, who served in the Calvary, saw action outside of Philadelphia. Lastly, Mathias Zacharias II, according to family folklore, was present at the siege of Yorktown and subsequently acted as one of the guards escorting the Hessians captured there as they were moved to York.

Those who were unable to join the Colonist army joined the local militia. The militia provided local security against possible small-scale British attacks, thereby allowing the small regular American Army to concentrate its efforts on attacking the main elements of the British Army. Many farmers in the valley, flush with new farms and young families, opted to support the cause in this way, including John Crabbs, who served as a Corporal in Emmitsburg's own "Game Cock Company," and Lucas Flack, who served as a Sergeant in what was called the "Flying Camp" Battalion. However, not all able-bodied men answered the call to arms. Abraham, David, and Henry Whitmore, Philip Miller, Henry Lynn, and Jacob Crist were all fined by the "Committee of Observation" for failing to enroll in the local Militia. For those that could not, or would not actively fight on the side of the rebellion, due to age or affinity, an oath of allegiance to the cause was required, typically to their new state government. This was conceived of as a way to demonstrate their loyalty to the Revolution. Someone who swore the oath was a "juror." Someone who refused to swear was a "non-juror." Non-jurors came under suspicion of being loyalists. This label often led to harassment, fines, confiscation of property, or even expulsion from one's land. Unfortunately, it wasn't always simple to determine who was and was not a

threat to the revolutionaries' cause.

Not all non-jurors were necessarily loyalists. Quakers and German brethren refused to swear oaths of allegiance to any cause that would involve them in war. The Methodists also tended to refuse the oath based upon religious grounds. Because of the need to clearly identify loyalists and supporters of the revolution, revolutionary leaders allowed those who, because of religious doctrine could not swear an oath, to instead "affirm" their support for the revolution. Those Stony Valley farmers who publicly voiced their support for the revolution included Benjamin Whitmore Sr, John Whitmore, Andrew Oowler, Jonathan Hayes, and Nicholas Keffer.

Failure to take the oath resulted in penalties from simple fines to outright confiscation of lands. Daniel Daleny, a patron of the Crown, refused to take the oath, and as a result, lost all his lands, including Buck Forest. Today Buck Forest would encompass a large tract of the land south of Motter Station Road.

The decision whether or not to support a war effort is an age-old quandary. The families of the Stony Branch Valley had struggled to settle their lands, plant their farms, and raise their families. Many had left their homes in Europe for freedom from both economic and religious tribulation. They did not take lightly the disruption of the lifestyle they had worked so hard to secure. As we modern-day inhabitants of the Stony Branch Valley survey our lands, our lifestyles, our family security, it is not hard to imagine the sacrifices they contemplated as they struggled with the decision to support the colonies' war effort. But support it they did, some from belief, some from social pressure, and some in fear of reprisal.

In spite of the war, or because of the war, new settlers continued to arrive in the valley. Among those arriving in the midst of the Revolutionary War were the last of the original founding families, the Troxels and Martins.

John Peter Troxel, the patriarch of the Troxel family in Stony Branch Valley, was born in 1719 in the Rhine area of Germany. One interesting tradition of this time period was the German tradition of giving children traditional saints' names at baptism, which were not the names by which they were known. Thus it was not uncommon, if a family had a favorite saint, for all the children of the same gender, to have the same first name, though they would be known and sign documents with their middle name, which, needless to say, makes historical research of this time confusing at best.

'Peter' Troxel immigrated to America with his parents in 1737. On landing at Philadelphia, the Troxel family preceded to the German Settlement in

Egypt, Pennsylvania. Remarkably, the house the Troxels built in Egypt in 1744 still stands today. Thanks to the efforts of many concerned citizens, it is now completely restored — a historical monument to a historical time period and family. Following the death of Peter's first wife, Anna, in childbirth in 1750, Peter married Catharine Schreiber, and over the next 29 years, they would be blessed with 9 more children. In 1776, Peter, then an accomplished miller of grain, joined the German migration headed for the rich farmland of the south, settling just south and east of the present Tom's Creek Bridge.

In Troxel family folklore, two stories have been passed down through the years about the Troxels and the genesis behind the name for Tom's Creek. In the more chivalrous one, the Troxels are credited with purchasing their land from the Indian Tom, from whom the well-known creek supposedly derived its name. In the other, the Troxels were accompanied on their move into the valley by an Indian named Tom, whose name was then later applied to the creek which ran through their farm.

Alas, neither story is true. The earliest official use of the name "Tom" as the designation for the creek that drains the Emmitsburg region, known to this author, is in a 1761 deed between Martin Earnest and Michael Stringer, for 31 acres of land just to the south of Tom's Creek Bridge, 16 years before the Troxels ever set foot in the valley. When the Troxels did finally settle in the valley, they bought their land from Christian and Sara Keffer, not the Indian Tom. The 400-acre farm, which was known as "Chance Medley," went for a whopping £2,450, a 300% profit for the Keffers in just three years!

In Emmitsburg history, the Troxel family is most remembered for being the builders of the first mill at Tom's Creek, near the junction of Tom's Creek and Flat Run. Credit for this achievement goes to Peter's eldest son, John Troxel. Born in 1747, John married Elizabeth Martin, sister of Mathias Martin, who had married John's younger sister, Anna. The Troxel fami-

ly members were also key players in the building of the Elias Lutheran Church, which closely resembles their old church in Egypt, Pa., most notably, the church's altar, which is an exact duplicate. Peter Troxel Jr. is credited as the architect of the church's steeple, the stone of which was drawn from a small quarry on hill on Mathias Zacharias's "Single Delight," overlooking a long-forgotten log church.

Mathias and Anna Martin, the founders of the Martin family in Stony Branch, participated in the Troxel move into the Stony Branch valley, purchasing for £900 from John Patterson, 204 acres adjacent to the new Troxel homestead. The progeny of the Troxels and Martins have played a long and colorful role in the shaping of the Stony Branch Valley. It is often said, half jokingly, that one should watch what one says because you can never be sure if you're talking about family. In fact, almost everyone who had not moved into Emmitsburg can somehow trace some part of their family tree to these two families.

Interestingly enough, in spite of the fact that the colonies were in rebellion and resources were scarce, the offices of the government still functioned, including the land offices. One practical unknown scribe, unable to procure a new ledger during the war, made do with what he had and recorded all the land transactions in the back of a old ledger. Because of this person, the record of land transactions in Stony Branch goes unbroken.

In 1777, John Diggs, acting as executor of his father William's estate, sold 115 acres on the northern side of Tom's Creek, just above it where it enters the Monocacy, to Isaac Hornacre for £155. Unfortunately, little is known of Isaac Hornacre, so little can be written about him. Following the death of Jacob Shiyer in 1778, Shiyer's daughters Susanna Forney, Elizabeth Ott, and Catharine Dotters, sold Shiyer's 130 acre "Stony Hill" estate to their sister Hannah's son, Samuel Singer, for £550. The price difference between these two similarly sized tracts of lands undoubtedly reflects, in addition to the

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presence of some type of home, the fact that Shiher's "Stony Hill" was adjacent, at the time, to a wagon road that connected the Tom's Creek Valley with the "civilized" world down South.

In 1778, Benjamin Whitmore sold to Jacob Thomas his 96-acre tract of land, called "Benjamin's Adventure," just north of the Monocacy and east of Stony Branch Creek. In 1787 John Adams Forney divided his land in half, selling the northern half, upon which Bill Kuhn's new house sits, to Catherine Marker for £100, and the southern half (now part of Richard Valentine's "Black Flint Farm") to Lawrence Olar. With her purchase, Catherine became the first woman in the valley to own land outright in her own name.

In 1779, Jonathan Hays and Andrew Owler traded slivers of land which would today be on the opposite side of Grimes Road from their main farms. With this information, we can pretty well date the formation of the county lane that would someday become Grimes Road. Supporting this conclusion are references in deeds to a "Wilson's Ford" named after Joseph Wilson who owned the land to the east of Jonathan Hays, his father-in-law. Joseph Wilson was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Wilson, who settled in the area around 1733, 24 years before William Emmitt appeared on the scene. The original Wilson homestead, known as "Wilson's Fancy," was located on Flat Run, on what is today the southeastern portion of Emmitsburg.

In 1787, in return for certain guarantees, Philip Miller passed on to his sons, Henry and Philip, the ownership of his lands, which included everything on both sides of Sixes Bridge Road, from Grimes Road to Sixes Bridge. They were to school and support their sisters, Sophia and Catharine. However, Philip was not long for the valley. In 1789, Henry Miller bought outright 205 acres from his brother Philip. Philip then sold the remaining 100 acres to Jacob Crist for £184.

The most interesting, yet one of the smallest land transactions that occurred in Stony Branch in this time period was the sale of 5 acres from Mathias Zacharias II to a Henry Boyer. Located just to the north of the then

Thomas property, now Valentine property, it held a strategic crossroad for the valley. Through it, one could go south on the road that parallels Stony Branch Creek down to the Monocacy, or go north towards the new mill built by John Crabbs, and if necessary, on to Emmitsburg. Travelers also could go west, up a sloping incline, where the path joined up with a wagon road adjacent to Stony Hill that would take them to Frederick and beyond. One could also go east, following the new lane between the Owler and Hays farms, the present Grimes Road, cross the Monocacy at Wilson's Ford and head to parts east.

These paths trodden by many a traveler 200 years ago, were still in use within recent memory and are still plainly visible today. One can only wonder of who has traveled these almost forgotten paths, and of the wonderful, rich stories that were told as they were lazily transmitted. It was on this crossroad lot, that in 1789, the community of Stony Branch erected a log church, the first and only church in Stony Branch Valley. The history of this church is shrouded in mystery, a mystery this community should consider well worth uncovering.

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## Obituaries

### Mr. Clay Green

Mr. Clay Lamar Green, 66, of West Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Monday, March 9, at his residence.

He was the husband of Ann Marie Kelly Green.

Born April 14, 1931, in New Midway, he was a son of the late Clay Z. and Anna C. Renner Green.

He was employed in the family business as a baker at Green's Pastry in Emmitsburg, and at Village Bakery in Leesburg, Va., for many years. He retired from the bakery of Manchester Super Thrift.

He was a coach for the Emmitsburg Little League for 12 years and a member of the Vigilant Hose Company of Emmitsburg for 25 years.

He was a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving in the Korean War.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Cynthia E. Harbaugh and husband Martin Jr. of Taneytown; a son Jeffrey W. Green and wife Shawn of Reston, Va.; four grandchildren, Robbie C. Copenhaver and Martin Harbaugh III of Taneytown and Kevin Green and Jessie Smith of Reston; a sister, Thelma L. Freeze of Kensington, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Sarah Green of Emmitsburg; and nieces and nephews.

He will be remembered by special friends Charles T. Copenhaver and Bill and Rachel Wivell, all of Emmitsburg.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harry Jason Green.

Funeral services were held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Larry

Eby officiating. Interment in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, 1730 N. Market St., Frederick, Md. 21701.

### Mr. Wilbur Ridge

Mr. Wilbur Daniel Ridge, 74, of Scott Road, Emmitsburg, died Friday, March 13, at College View Center, Frederick.

He was born Dec. 28, 1923, in Emmitsburg.

Surviving are one daughter, Judy L.R. Downin of Gettysburg, Pa.; one sister, Rachel Wantz of Emmitsburg; two grandchildren, Kathy Marlow of Roscoe, Ill., and Jason Downin of Fairfield, Pa.; two great grandchildren, Jared Marlow and Nicholas, both of Roscoe; one nephew, John Eckenrode of Kissimmee, Fla.; and several cousins. Private services were held at the convenience of the family.

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## Mother Seton School News

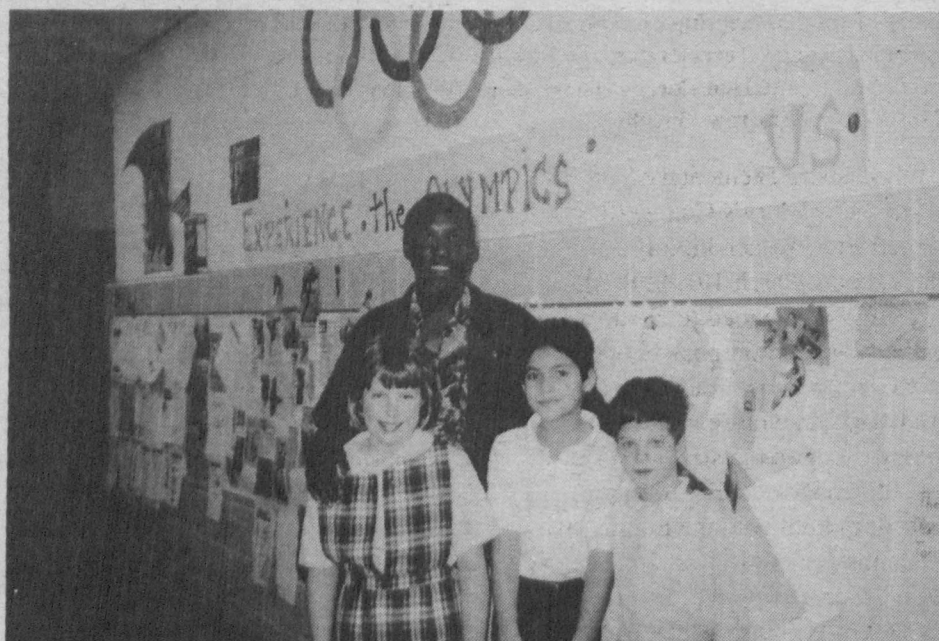
### By Val Mentzer A Gold Medal Learning Experience

The Fourth Graders at Mother Seton School understand what it means to "Go for the Gold." Upon the conclusion of their unit studying the 1998 Winter Olympics, they were visited by Mr. Peter Rono, gold medal winner of the mile run in the 1988 Summer Olympics held in Seoul, Korea. Mr. Rono, currently a graduate student at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg,

taught the students that hard work, dedication, and treating others with respect are a winning combination.

Growing up in Kenya, Mr. Rono ran to and from school every day. As a young boy, he aspired to being a gold medal champion. He also valued being a scholar. His determination and work ethic brought him to the highest pinnacle in sports, an Olympic championship.

Mr. Rono plans to run in the 2002 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

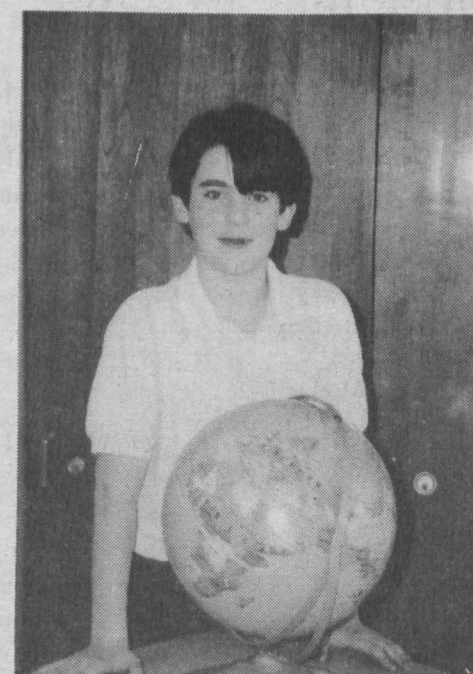


Kate Robinson (l), Luis Kohlway, Jonathan Adams share a golden experience with Olympic Gold Medal winner Peter Rono. Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

## Craig advances to state finals

Zane Craig, 6th grade student at Mother Seton School, has qualified to participate at the state level of the National Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society and Sylvan Learning Centers. Craig won the school-level competition and recently qualified to be one of only 100 students in the state of Maryland to compete for the state championship on Friday, April 3, 1998, at Montgomery College, Germantown, Md.

The winner from each state and territory will advance to the national competition, which will be held May 19 and 20 at the National Geographic Society headquarters in Washington, D.C. The final round will feature Alex Trebek of *Jeopardy* as the host and it will air on local PBS stations.



Zane Craig

## It's Fair to Say ...

Congratulations to the following Mother Seton School 1998 Science Fair First Place Winners:

**Collection & Display** - Amanda Durski, **Experiment** - Emily Herring, **Demonstration** - Andrew Lechovicz, **Behavioral & Social** - Jennifer Krebs, **Chemistry** - Lauren Dorsch, **Biology** - Barbara McCarron, **Botany** - Morgan

Williard, Becky Smith, & Tasha Thomas, **Engineering** - David Reese, George Connell, **Environment** - Jared Rogers, Virginia Bates, **Meteorology** - Sean Ferrare, **Physics** - Jennifer Armstrong, Adam Portier, **Medicine & Health** - Anthony Durski, **Biochemistry** - Richard Mowl, **Microbiology** - Andrew Beck.

## Calendars, Calendars! Get Your Calendars Here!

Don't miss out on purchasing this 1998 school calendar! With winnings every day of the week and great photos of all the students to boot, please call the Mother Seton Development Office at (301) 447-3165 or the Main Office at (301) 447-3161. This is a great way to support our school and get a chance to win \$1,000.00 on Easter and Christmas! Here are the monthly winners:

### January:

Stacey Keilholtz, Renee Fitzgerald, Russell Eberhart, Joyce Miller, Dallas McNair, John Conway, Sister Mary Ellen, Lulu Turner, Beth Miller, Connell Family, Jeanne Glenny, M/M Orndorff, Dean Gigous, Beverly Shockey, George Hemler, Sr., Jenet Hess, Margaret Smith, Karen & Sr. Regina, Fr. Dietzenbach, Sister Marcella, Polly Knox, George

Stabb, Sue Long, Sister Ambrose, M/M Stitely, Janice Wenck, Christine Behrendt, Sister Laura, M/M Myers, Sister Virginia, M/M Tom Yanus

### February:

Walt Humphreys, Jr, Chelsey O'Brien, Sister Mary Eugene, M/M Norville Welty, Charles Hartdagen, Chester Trzcinski, William Kohlway, Amy Thompson, Virgie Valentine, Patricia Wolfe, Shelly Small, Sister Bertha, M/M Orville Arnold, M/M Brian Bowman, Billy Little, Ann Perry, M/M Tom Baran, Chester Trzcinski, Sister Clare Marie, Sister Editha, Stephen Crutchley, Howard Fogle, Bob/Joyce Howes, Charles Spalding, Kevin Faughn, Deborah Gemmell, Hope Goldsborough, Stephen Messner.

## Winners of poster contest



Fifth grade students from Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg display prize winning posters celebrating Faith, Hope, and Charity. The winners of the poster contest are from left Tim McKenzie, John Smith, Emily Hemler, and Evan Wivell. The contest was co-sponsored by St. Joseph's Provincial House, Villa St. Michael, and St. Catherine's Nursing Center the week of February 16-20, in preparation for the Third Millennium of Christianity and as a prelude to the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Christ.

Photo Courtesy St. Catherine's Nursing Center



## Little league news

By Marta Hillis

### Opening Day Soon

Hey baseball fans! You will soon be able to enjoy watching America's favorite pastime in Emmitsburg. For the next few weeks you'll notice managers and coaches practicing with their new and returning players on every field in town. They'll be preparing their teams for action on April 18th, Opening Day of the 1998 Little League season. The softball division games will begin April 25. Mark your calendars for these sports events.

While registering your son or daughter (in February or March) you should have received a Joe

Corbi's pizza form for our first fundraiser. Please remember that order forms and money are to be turned in to your child's team manager by April 4. Pizzas will be delivered on April 25. Little League greatly appreciates your selling efforts.

We are still in need of umpires and T-ball team managers. If interested, please contact Bill Wivell at 447-3766. We hope for cooperation with Little League families and friends in helping out in the concession stand and press box. It takes a community of volunteers to run our Emmitsburg Little League program. Join our volunteer community today!

See you at the ballfield!

## News from Cadette Troop 1088

Our troop has been very busy lately and will continue to be busy until the end of the school year.

Thanks to the Emmitsburg Lions Club for the donation to buy paint. We were able to buy enough paint to paint our room in the Community Center. The girls from our troop helped, along with the girls from Brownie Troop 1079 and their leaders. We were able to get this done in time for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the building.

We had a great cookie sale and the profits are being put to good use. The girls have decided they would like to go to Savannah, the birthplace of our founder, in the summer of 1999. The girls will have to do some extra fundraising to go to Savannah. We will be selling Gianni's pizza kits in April and candy bars. Please support the girls if you possibly can.

In May some of the girls are going on a camping weekend called Rainbow Connection. They have decided to go to Hershey Park and take a Walking Ghost Tour of Gettysburg. They will also be at the Frederick Keys game on Scout night.

They celebrated Girl Scout Sunday at the M. Tabor United Church of Christ in Rocky Ridge, the church of their leader. Each girl

had a special part in the service. Whether it was collecting the offering, being acolytes, reading scripture, or ringing the bell, they all had a good time and made our service special. Their help was greatly appreciated.

In the Cadette program the badges are much harder to complete. As a troop, the girls have earned three badges so far this year: Career Exploration, Cookies and Dough, and From Dreams to Reality. Some girls have also earned badges on their own. Through those badges they have explored their world in the future. They have been examining what their life will be when they are adults.

With service projects being an important part of the scouting program, we have had many planned for this year. We stuffed stockings for the Salvation Army, helped with the Lions Club Christmas party, helped serve dinner at New Midway Fire Hall, provided "victims" for a mock disaster drill at Rocky Ridge Fire Hall, and will help at the Open House at Endless Summer RV's in May. Please remember, if you are in need of help, let a Girl Scout know so we can plan a service project to help you.

## New working partnership formed



Signers of the Partnership Declaration seated around the table, from left, are Wanda Severance, Terri Zigler, Joe Purello, Janine Sherman, Lisa Wilson, Ronnie Voigt, and Tom Porch. Students are Brittany Trout, Samantha Valentine, and Andrew Wright.

A Dispatch Photo

Emmitsburg Elementary School and Mt. Saint Mary's College formally executed a Partnership of Education on March 19, 1998. The partnership is intended to create a common sense of purpose between the two institutions. The objectives are to maintain a close working relationship between the staff and students of MSM and EES, to implement the School-to-Careers initiative, and to implement the School System Improvement Goals.

Specific activities include the following: MSM will host fifth grade School-to-Careers tours; MSM will continue to participate in the Emmitsburg Elementary Career Fair; EES will host both student teachers

and "Junior Block" students in Children's Literature and Child Development; students from the Mount will work one-on-one with local students as part of the field study, "Stars Program"; and MSM students will volunteer instructional time and will tutor students after school and volunteer their time at EES PTA activities.

Principal Wanda Severance will continue professional seminars for Mt. Saint Mary's students on Effective Schools/School Improvement.

Max P. White, Partnership Supervisor, expressed his appreciation for and the enthusiasm of this local partnership.

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## Cougar News

By Marlene A. Tarr  
Principal, Catoclin High School

The spring sports season has started! Plan to come out to watch our students compete in baseball, softball, tennis, and track. The Empty Bowls Banquet and Ethnic Diversity Festival will be held on April 6 at 6:00 p.m. This is an event which is sponsored by the Catoclin feeder schools. Tickets are available from April Wells at 301-271-7406 or at the door. This year's musical, *Hello Dolly*, will be performed on April 24 and 25 at 8:00 p.m. each evening. It promises to be a wonderful performance! A week-long art show will be on display throughout the school during the week of April 20-25. Arrive early for the musical to allow time to stroll through the exhibits.

The publicity regarding schools in the northern part of the county continues. The support shown by citizens in the community has been wonderful and is greatly appreciated! Support has come from parents of children at all three levels as well as from grandparents! Because of this support, the classroom addition was moved up a year. While the projects are currently listed together for Fiscal year 1999 (July '98), it is still

not official. Neither the CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) nor the funding for these two additions has been approved. We continue to need your help! There is no reason to make this a two-phase project. Make it clear that we want both the classroom and the gym additions.

Please consider speaking at the County Commissioners' Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, at Governor Thomas Johnson High School. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. However, in order to speak early, plan to arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 to sign the speakers' log.

In addition, we need people to write letters to the Governor seeking the necessary funding. Frederick County has not received as much funding, for capital improvements, as other counties. Without additional state funds, our projects are in jeopardy. Please write letters to Governor Parris Glendening, State House, 100 State Circle, Annapolis, Md. 21401. Send a copy to the Board of County Commissioners at Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church St., Frederick, Md. 21701. Time is passing quickly. We must act now. The budgets for next year will be finalized very soon. Many thanks for your assistance.

## Elliott announces scholarships

Delegate Donald B. Elliott, Member of the House of Delegates, District 4-13, announces the establishment of four one-year scholarships to be awarded to four senior high school graduates from his district. These scholarships will be available to graduating seniors during each year of his term in the House of Delegates. The scholarships will be based on the applicant's academic record, involvement in extracurricular activities and any other criteria as determined by the Scholarship Committee. The amount of the scholarships is based on the undergraduate fee charged by the University of Maryland subject to increase in tuition and fees and is applicable to any public or private four year college or university in the State of Maryland. Seniors interested in applying for the District 4-B

scholarships should submit a letter of application which includes an outline of extra-curricular school and civic participation; the college or university that the senior plans to attend; and the reason the applicant wishes to be considered for the scholarship. An official transcript of grades, together with a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or school principal should accompany the application. In addition, applicants should be sure to include their home telephone number, social security number, date of birth and polling place where their parents vote.

Applications should be forwarded to: Mrs. Betty Caricofe, Box 1110, Union Bridge MD 2179 1. The deadline for scholarship applicants is May 15, 1998. Winners will be announced after May 31, 1998.

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## The Fairfield Inn

By Sara D'Amelio

If I had to describe my dining experience at the Fairfield Inn in one word, that word would be "hearty." The atmosphere was comfortable, the food was filling, and the desserts, especially the homemade black raspberry pie, were substantial.

The Fairfield Inn is a quaint, romantic restaurant and working inn filled with history and charm. The inn, comprised of three adjoining buildings that date as far back as 1757, became a restaurant in 1970. It is located in the heart of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, nestled amongst the other historic buildings on the town's Main Street.

I entered the Fairfield Inn and noticed that it is divided into four separate dining areas, including a smoking section next to the well-stocked bar. Each section was equipped with its own wood-burning fireplace, and one section even had a working bread oven. As I toured the inn, I could feel and hear the creaking planks under my feet and got a sense of just how much history these white, nicely-decorated walls embodied. Antiques and old-fashioned pictures decorate most of the inn. In one of the dining areas are remnants of correspondence between the owner of the inn and Mrs. Eisenhower, who used to frequent the inn when she lived in Gettysburg.

Visiting the inn for a Saturday afternoon lunch, I was able to enjoy the inn's home-style cooking at slightly lower prices than those on the evening menu. We sat in the smoking section, next to the unused player piano, and marveled at the number of antique lanterns that hung from the walls and ceiling. The room had the feel of a hunting lodge down to the deer's head trophy which was displayed above the dormant fireplace. The non-smoking sections have a less rustic, more romantic feel to them.

We were greeted by Rose, our server, and she suggested the house specialty of chicken and biscuits. I took Rose's suggestion, and my friend ordered, for \$6.95, a crock of French onion soup, a slice of homemade spinach quiche, and a glass of Chardonnay. The chicken and biscuits came with either two vegetables or a tossed or spinach salad. I opted for the tossed salad

with a side of the house dressing, sweet and sour poppyseed.

After we ordered, Rose brought us a delightful basket filled with two banana nut muffins, two warm homemade biscuits, and a selection of butter and margarine. The muffins were a bit chewy, but the biscuits were delicious and filling. The next course to arrive was the tossed salad and the French onion soup. The salad was a typical iceberg lettuce mix sprinkled with a few red onions; the dressing was nothing special. The soup took the spotlight at this course. A crock of hot French onion soup filled with large chunks of bread and covered in melted provolone cheese—it was flavorful and satisfying.

Next came the main course. Chicken and biscuits is like a slippery pot pie except more organized. Atop two homemade biscuits rests the shredded white meat of one breast of roasted chicken nearly drowning in chicken gravy. The dish was presented with one lonely piece of parsley. The entrée was appetizing, and there was not so much that I did not have room for dessert. The quiche was an adequate slice although served almost too hot and without garnish on a bare white plate.

Dessert was by far the most fun and delicious part of the meal. Rose gave the most enthusiastic endorsement to the mocha ice cream ball rolled in pecans and drenched in hot fudge, so I ordered that. We also selected a slice of the black raspberry pie. Both desserts were deliciously filling. The pie fit the meal better. This particular pie embodied what the word "pie" should mean to dessert. Its filling was an enticing dark purple color and had a smooth texture and tartness. The crust was made from scratch. It was a large slice and each bite was an experience of pleasure. I would definitely recommend the pie.

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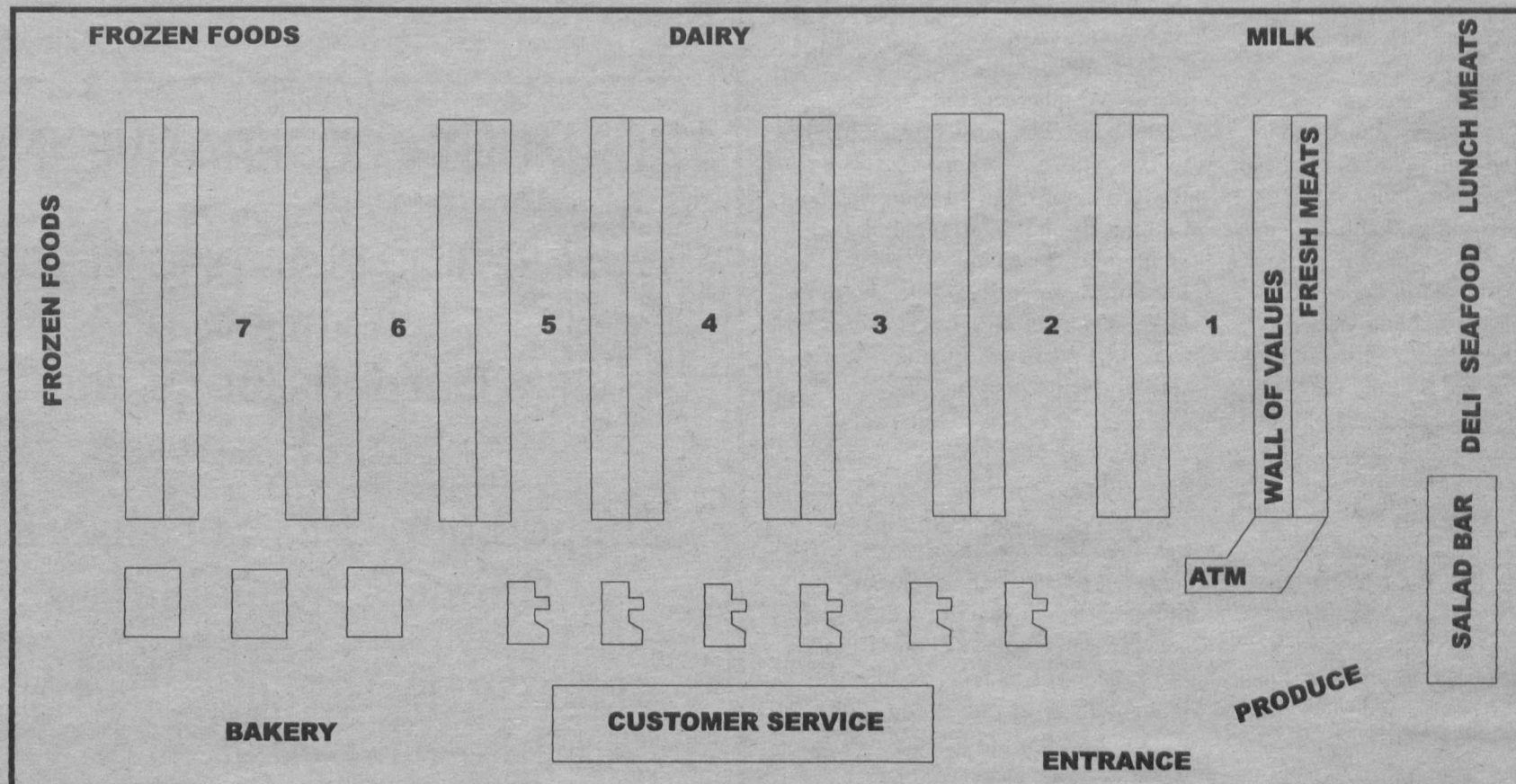
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