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Gaining Strength from One Another

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Mayor clarifies action in school proposal

By Mayor William Carr

The most recent meeting with the Frederick County Board of Education held on April 20th was attended by Emmitsburg commissioner Phil Postelle. It became apparent from the discussions that the Emmitsburg request to begin to bring middle school students back to the community would be defeated. In order to keep the issue open Commissioner Postelle decided to withdraw our proposal before a formal vote was taken by the BOE.

This move was a strategic withdrawal. We will continue our campaign of "Give us back our kids."

The help of every citizen is needed and will be sought in the future.

Our community has been dealt a severe blow by the BOE decision. Emmitsburg needs its children to be educated in their own community. We deserve it and will use every available resource to accomplish this important goal for the Emmitsburg community. In June of 1997 we started an active effort to be able to educate our children in our own community. That effort continues and will continue until we accomplish our goal.

Extensive research has been

made by many people here in town and in other localities such as Baltimore and Cincinnati to clarify and develop support for our cause. Visits were made to other schools organized around the K-8 administrative scheme. Educators supporting the K-8 approach were consulted. Fiscal matters were studied. Opinions from a segment of Frederick County teachers support our belief in the K-8 system. State and county officials were consulted. The response in every instance was overwhelmingly in favor of what we are trying to do.

We shall regroup and continue our efforts.

Interfaith Housing describes self-help housing program

Staff Report

On Monday, April 20, an overflowing crowd mostly from Emmitt Ridge and Silo Hill gathered at Emmitsburg's public workshop to hear a presentation from the Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland Corp. The non-profit corporation is currently negotiating with the Sunshine Development Corporation for 13 sites in Emmitt Ridge and 10 sites in Silo Hill in which to initiate a self-help housing program in Emmitsburg.

Interfaith's self-help programs are designed to give low-income families an opportunity to build and own their own homes through a combination of making a down payment by "sweat equity" and mortgage funds from Rural Development/USDA federal departments. Interfaith's self-help housing is a home ownership program, not a rental program, as was proposed to the Emmitsburg community in the past.

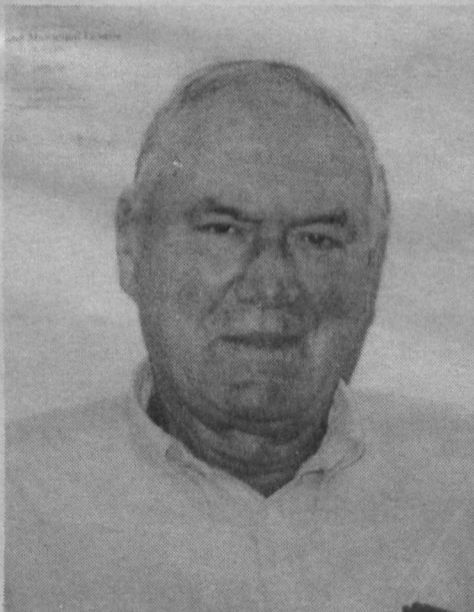
Interfaith Housing spokesperson Kay Shultz presented information describing recently completed projects in Taneytown and Brunswick. "The homes built are of comparable value of homes in the surrounding areas," said Ms. Shultz. "Typically the homes are valued from \$118,000 to \$124,000."

Ruby and Donnie Osborne from Brunswick shared their experience of becoming new homeowners through the program. Invitations to visit and inspect self-help projects were offered. "One of the things I think you'll see is that the programs have increased in equity, and improved the strength and stability of the community," said Interfaith director Jim Upchurch.

The descriptive presentation of the self-help program included discussions of financial arrangements, property values, upkeep, and floor plans of typical homes. An honest, frank, "family-like" discussion airing residents' needs, concerns, fears,

Please see HOUSING on page 3.

Winners in the Town Election



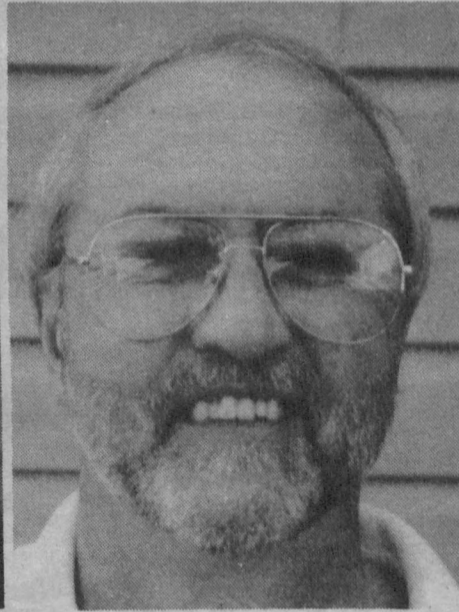
Mayor William Carr

"This was a great election for the community. I am as pleased as I can be. I am enthusiastic. There is a lot of good work we can do and I am looking forward to working with commissioners Haller and Boyle. We have to wrestle with the town budget and I am sure deal with concerns and issues that each of the newly elected commissioners brings to the table. One thing for sure I will continue to press forward on the school issue."



Commissioner Pat Boyle

"The first order of business is to establish the town's budget. After that I plan to work on the plans and ideas that are related to the major points in my platform: youth activities, town growth, and education. I am looking forward to working with the commissioners and the mayor, taking a little bit of time to get acquainted with everything and then taking it from there."



Commissioner David Haller

"I'm very happy to be serving the people of Emmitsburg and want to thank them for their support during the election. I am anxious to get started.

"We have to get the budget in shape and approved.

"Then I hope to work closely with the Planning and Zoning committee in reviewing the town's comprehensive plan that was recently submitted. It is an important document that points to our future."

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

On Feb. 12, 1998, a beautiful, warm 78-degree day, the Lions Club of Emmitsburg built a porch and ramp for us.

I am confined to a wheelchair and Charles uses a walker. Because of the steps neither of us has been out of the house since last July.

Now, because of the generosity and help from the Emmitsburg Lions Club, we can get to the doctor.



Please print this picture because we'd like everyone to know what the Lions have done for us.

Thank you,
Florence and Charles Brauer.

Working together

On behalf of Mount Saint Mary's College, I'd like to thank the Rev. Ben Jones and the congregation of the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church for their warmth, hospitality, and fellowship during the recent Palm Sunday service.

At the service, Dean Carol Hinds, student Mary Ashe Mahr, and the college chorale in words and music expressed their appreciation to the church members for their generosity in endowing the school with a scholarship for local residents.

It was great to see Jerry Griffin, 90, and now living in a senior residents' complex in Silver Spring, drive up from Washington with his grandson, Christian, for the event.

When he lived in this area, Jerry was instrumental in developing the scholarship. Recently he wrote me a note and said, "I hope this friendly and rewarding association between the college and the Emmitsburg congregation will continue and flourish." The students particularly enjoyed meeting the church members and eating the delicious food that they had prepared for a special lunch after the service.

Part of the Mount's mission is to serve the local community.

By working together, the Mount and the community can enrich life in the Emmitsburg area.

Ross Peddicord
Mount St. Mary's College

Northern Frederick County Jaycees are official

Emmitsburg, Thurmont, and surrounding areas, are now organized as a chapter of the Maryland State Junior Chamber of Commerce. The chapter will be known as the Northern Frederick County (NFC) Jaycees. The organization develops personal and leadership skills through local community service and organizational involvement while expanding the Jaycee movement.

One project currently in progress is tutoring children in the Emmitsburg and Thurmont elemen-

tary schools. The chapter will also participate in the Covered Bridge Society's Roddy Road Pavilion dedication on Saturday, June 20 from 1 - 4 p.m.

Officers for the chapter are Pres., Vickie Grinder; Internal VP, Laura Lewis; External VP, Rebecka Ridenour; State Director, John Wright; Treas./Sec., Stacey Wieder, Director, Dean Fitzgerald, and Public Relations Dir., Lori Zentz.

All monthly meetings are held at the Cozy Restaurant at 7:30 p.m. For info. call 301-271-4301 and ask for Vickie.

Town News...

EMMITSBURG CITIZENS MEMORIAL

The new Emmitsburg Citizens Memorial will be unveiled on Memorial Day as part of the Phase II kickoff in the Community Park. The Nature Trail will encircle the memorial and will consist of beautiful plantings from the Emmitsburg Garden Club. A rest area to sit and enjoy the wonderful view of the mountain and the memorial itself will be provided.

The first three citizens to be honored on the memorial are the late David L. Copenhaver, Gregory A. Hollinger and Thomas L. Topper. Dedication ceremonies will be held

on Memorial Day at 3:00 p.m. in the park following a parade and citizens' walk to the Memorial. The walk will begin at Silo Hill Road and will end at the Memorial.

The Emmitsburg Fire Department and Emmitsburg Ambulance Company are generously donating funds to help with the memorial.

Refreshments will be donated by the Vigilant Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary.

With the help of the Town and all the wonderful citizens of Emmitsburg, we will preserve forever in our minds and hearts the memories of our citizens.

ONE-PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

In the Community Park on May 9, 1998, to benefit the Parks and Recreation Fund.... \$50.00 entry fee.

Drawing for times to play will be held on May 2nd in the

Community Park. The tournament runs from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m..

PLEASE come out and have a good time. Thank you again for helping to support our town parks.

Clifford Sweeney, Commissioner
Parks and Recreation

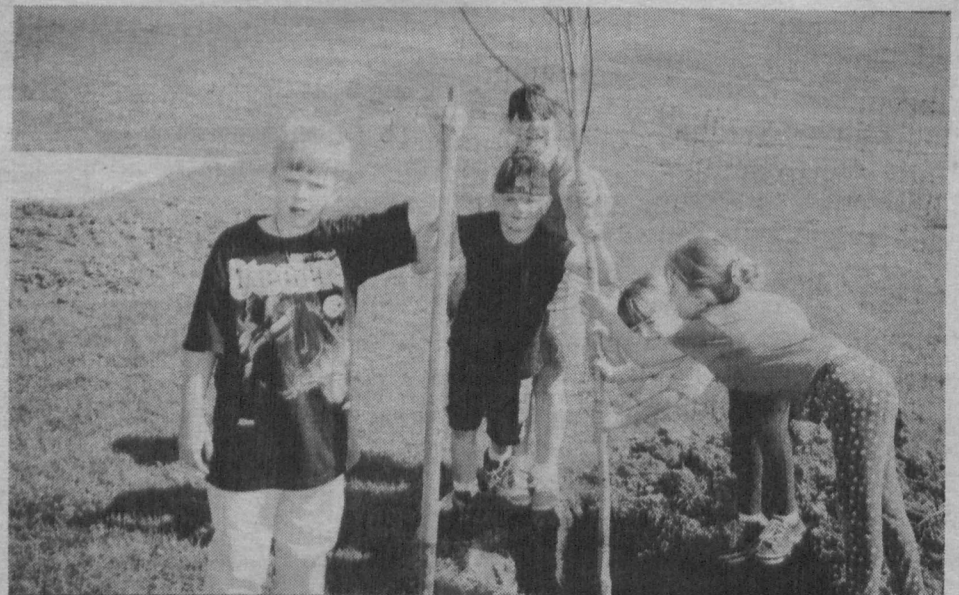
COVERLETS

Emmitsburg Town Coverlets are now being ordered for 1998. After receiving 25 orders we will then re-order another 100 coverlets. All proceeds benefit the Parks and

Recreation Fund. Orders are being taken at the Town Office or by any Parks/Rec. Committee member.

Thank you once again for all your support and help with the town's parks.

Arbor Day Activities



Mrs. Urban's and Mrs. Miller's 3rd grade class from Emmitsburg Elementary School give a hand with planting trees on Arbor Day. From the left Justin Sizemore, Ben Nicholson, Abbie Dawson, Savannah Crummit and Jess Chaney are making sure they they "get 'er right."

A Dispatch Photo

CANDIDATES SPEAK AT FORUM

By Dianne L. Walbrecker

The first Ask The Candidates forum was held Saturday, April 18th, 3 days before the Emmitsburg town election for Mayor and two Commissioners. Five of the six candidates took advantage of the opportunity to present their ideas and answer questions from the citizens who attended the event.

William Cadle, *Regional Dispatch* editor, facilitated the discussion. "Politics are the way we plan where we're going as a community. I appreciate the process and the people who run for office," he said as he invited the candidates to state their ideas.

Pat Boyle, a successful candidate for Town Commissioner, emphasized the need for the Town Office and Planning & Zoning regulations to be friendly to existing and new businesses.

William Carr, the incumbent mayor, spoke of the need to bring businesses to town to help ease the 16% debt load now being carried. He praised the efforts of the town staff and pointed out that their working conditions are not the best.

Tom Gingell, candidate for Town Commissioner, discussed the need for improvements to the water system and asked parents to get involved in sponsoring activities for the town's youth.

David Haller, who won the second Commissioner slot, pointed out the need for the town to manage money efficiently. "We also need a more friendly environment between the citizens and town staff. We need to

review the conflicts that occur and establish guidelines for resolving those conflicts in the best interest of the citizens and the staff," he said. He also suggested forming a blue ribbon commission to address the needs of the town's young people.

Jim Hoover, candidate for Town Commissioner, opened by saying, "Emmitsburg is a great little town that just needs a few changes. It needs a user-friendly government in order to attract more businesses, it needs to bring back the middle school, and to improve traffic."

After the formal presentation by the candidates, Cadle opened the floor to questions from citizens. Lori Rubeling asked David Haller to explain how the CYA Football program worked in Thurmont. After Haller explained the program, Boyle added that the Parks & Recreation Committee would like to develop both football and soccer fields in Emmitsburg. "We have enough kids for teams," he said.

When asked about programs other than football, soccer and baseball, Jim Hoover responded that the town could contact the YMCA of Frederick to help establish other types of events for teenagers, such as a party night at the pool or at the gym in the Community Center.

Willis Johnson said the debt and the water program should be the town's primary concerns. "Nothing will help the youth of our community unless and until we take care of the first two problems. What steps are being taken to fix the water situation,"

promise not to put in a rental property program, Interfaith Director Upchurch responded, "I ask that you don't ask us to deny persons of low income an opportunity to have good housing. It goes against what we believe. We will delay pursuing a rental program for two years and continue to look for other sites. We will not build against a community's wishes."

Mayor Carr asked the residents of Emmit Ridge and Silo Hill to meet individually and discuss the program, to check on facts, and continue the process. Home owners sought assurance from the council that existing planning in the two developments not be altered, especially in developing the access road in the Emmit Ridge development. "We will stick by the plans we have accepted," said Mayor Carr.

Reading Day at Emmitsburg Elementary School



Joe Scott takes his turn reading to the students at school. Reading day emphasizes the importance of reading by having members of the community share their love of books.

A Dispatch Photo

he asked.

Mayor Carr responded, "Our tax base has not kept pace with inflation and we need to raise it. One factor in raising it is to get our schools back. But we can't hold up progress while we're trying to get our schools back. We need to work with what we have," he said. "One way is to improve communication within the Town Office and we need the Town Council to participate on a broad scope. We need team work," he noted.

Cadle wrapped up the forum with a homework assignment to the citizens present: "Just go back and talk with your neighbor about the issues you heard raised here today. Talk about what's important to you and the town."

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Housing

and suspicions of the program occurred.

Of primary concern to the residents of Emmit Ridge and Silo Hill was the effect such a project would have upon their property values. Equally apparent was the distrust of and lack of information from the developers of these two subdivisions in the areas being considered. When purchasing their properties they were told by developers of future plans for development and the housing restrictions and requirements within the development. "The rules are being changed and what we have been led to believe is not so," said one concerned resident. "We have to protect our investments," she said.

The direction of the discussion veered to the specter of "rental housing" and that the self-help program would only "open the door" for rental programs. When asked to

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Commentary: A perspective

When someone is asked to describe or characterize our village, the term "bedroom community" generally occurs within the first sentence or two. Classifying people by this BRC concept results in classes of people: long-term residents, commuters, and outsiders (those who come here to work). Each of these classifications takes on varying degrees of separation, of energy, of influence when applied to the interactions within the town.

Moving around town in the role of an observer gives one the opportunity to collect data and to form from them an impression that should be shared.

In every organization, club, church, on governmental committees, in newly formed businesses there is a vibrant mix of these three types. To recognize the differences among them is easy. What is wonderful is that these differences do not bring automatic opposition among issues raised in the discussion of problems to be solved. There is healthy conversation. Throughout all

100 Years Ago "In this place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

Christian Mumma Dead

May 7, 1898 - Mr. Christian Mumma, an aged citizen of near Rocky Ridge, departed this life April 28, aged 76 years, 1 month and 12 days. A widow, one daughter and two sons survive him to mourn their loss. His funeral took place from the German Baptist Church at Rocky Ridge. Elder Thomas Kolb preached the sermon and gave a very practical discourse from the text, "Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations." Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. Keilholtz, Jacob Miller, J. Ogle, W. Miller, J. Late, W. H. Fox.

Town Elections

The annual election for a burgess and six commissioners to manage the affairs of Emmitsburg during the ensuing year was held at the Firemen's Hall, on Monday last, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2

p.m. No particular interest was taken in the election, only one ticket being in the field. The number of votes cast were 48. Mr. Wm. G. Blair was elected Burgess. This makes eleven consecutive years that Mr. Blair has been elected to that position. The commissioners elected are as follows: F.A. Maxell, Wm. Morrison, Oscar D. Frailey, George T. Gelfwicks, Victor E. Rowe, and F.A. Diffendal.

At the head of the ticket was the words, "Lime Stone Ticket," which conveyed the idea that the ticket was composed of men favorable to placing lime stone on the streets, and it is hoped that any efforts they may make in that direction will be crowned with success.

One of the very first things that should claim the attention of the new Board of Commissioners is the condition of the alleys. They are badly in need of attention. The commissioners should also go in a body to the bridge over Flat Run on Gettysburg Street, and view the old garbage pile at that place, which is not a very inviting spectacle.

Yer out!

May 12, 1898 -At a game of ball in Fairfield one day last week in which Mr. Sam Barton was engaged, the ball struck Mr. Barton on his mouth, breaking his false teeth. It was a dear throw to him.

No show

On account of the war with Spain President McKinley will hardly be at Gettysburg on the 30th of May.

Pig-Pens and Politics

May 19, 1898 -The annual crusade against hog-pens has begun in Hagerstown. The policemen report that the number of pig-stys is not decreasing, and that many of them are in a very filthy condition. Several years ago the secretary of the State Health Board took the matter up and made several prosecutions, but since then no action has been taken.

In the past, city election have hinged on hog-pens, and as there is a very large number of voters who keep hogs, the candidates who are opposed to hog-pens have little show of success.

these gatherings and meetings of people one can see and hear these conversations bridging differences and exploring alternative solutions to mutual problems or the development of opportunities.

One new voice from an "outsider" reminded us of a venerable idea: that the three important pillars holding up any community are its churches, schools, and library. To these institutions I propose another—the loosely organized but equally effective group of individuals who are willing to make investments of resources and energies in this place they call home.

This body of people, who come from all three types are getting beyond opposition by learning new ways of overcoming differences and are building a great place to live.

Another observer (also an "outsider") pointed out a deep spirit moving through this place. It could be sensed and was difficult to name but it was there. It is interesting to speculate that if people could tap into this spirit that it might take form and at least be spelled E-M-M-I-T-S-B-U-R-G.



A perfect spring day. What more could you ask? Sunshine, Friends, Baseball and Hot Dogs.
Photo courtesy Lori Rubeling

Little League News

By Marta Hillis

The 1998 Emmitsburg Little League season has officially begun! Opening Day (April 18) was quite enjoyable. The sun was shining, the players were excited, and parents and friends filled the bleachers. A total of five games (3 major division and 2 minor division) were scheduled throughout the day.

The first game started at 10:00 a.m. with the Cardinals facing the Giants. Team players, managers, and coaches were introduced, the national anthem was played, and the Little League pledge was recited. The ceremonial first pitch of the season was delivered by Lisa Krom to Giants' catcher, Brandon Wastler. Lisa gives countless hours of service to the League as its registration coordinator (player agent) and concession stand manager. The League is fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer! The Cardinals posted a 20-2 victory over the Giants. The second game between the Red Sox and Orioles was a close one. The Orioles squeaked out a 10-9 win. Yankees vs. Dodgers was the final contest of the day on the diamond. The Yankees came out on top, 6-1.

Rob Stouter, Dave Bushman, Roy Wivell, Robert Biddinger, and Buck Wivell served as umpires for Opening Day. Thank you, gentlemen, for a job well done! Sayler's Stand was busy throughout the day. Volunteers from the visiting teams sold lots of hot dogs, soda, and candy. The first sno-cone customer of the year was Morgan Fields. Along with the usual 50-50 raffle, chances were sold for a decorative wooden duck crafted by Steve Wantz. The winner will be notified after the drawing on April 25.

Little League would like to thank Emmitsburg Glass Company for their generous donation of a computer. A thank you, also, to Becky Stouter for her help to Lisa Krom in entering player information on the computer.

The next Little League officers' meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the press box. All officers are encouraged to attend as a group photo will be taken at this meeting.

Thank you all, Little League volunteers, for your continued support. New volunteers are always welcome! See you at the ballfield!

To the community
of Emmitsburg,



The restaurant at 304 East Main Street has been here almost 8 years. We have undergone many changes over those eight years and feel that we are finally reaching our identity. Two months ago we made a menu change bringing us back to the deli style restaurant that people knew and loved us for. We also have decided that naming the restaurant "The Gourmet Grill" was a mistake for two reasons: "Gourmet" usually means expensive, and often, people think of "Gourmet" as weird or exotic. We are not expensive, weird or exotic. We believe in good, fresh, homemade, and reasonably priced food and beverages. With all this we are for the last time going to rename the restaurant to fit it's character.

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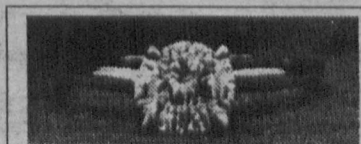
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Senior Citizen News

Senior Citizens News

By Linda Umbell

Spring is blossoming all around and what a good time to get out and come to the Senior Center! We are enjoying each other's company and participating in new programs.

The Seniors are building some new muscle and having fun doing it. Strength Training - Tues. and Thurs. at 1 p.m. Come join in.

Thanks to all who went on the bus trip to Rainbow Dinner Theater. The rain held off and the dinner and show proved to make for an enjoyable day.

The next trip is planned for the Totem Pole Playhouse to see *Grace and Gloria*, a comedy set in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. The date is June 20.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16: YARD AND BAKE SALE. It will be held at the center from 9 - 2 p.m.

Reminder: Lunch is served Monday - Friday at 12 noon. We need the reservation 24 hours in advance.

If you have any question or concerns please feel free to call Linda at 447-6253.

Get out. Come on down and enjoy spring with us.

Family Barber Shop adds Salon

Emmitsburg Family Barber Shop and Salon on East Main St. is now a full-service family salon and welcomes Susan Swartz as the hairdresser.

Susan, the former manager of the Hair Cuttery in Frederick, has 16 years' experience in the field. Services will include Perms, Color, Highlights, Haircuts and Sets. A Grand Opening is scheduled for May 23. The Salon hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. Evening hours and chemicals are scheduled by appointment.

The barber shop hours are Monday, 9 - 5; Tues. and Wednesday, 8 - 5; Thurs. & Friday 8 - 7; Saturday, 7 - 4. For more information call 301-447-3660.



Jamie Reginer (l) and Susan Swartz

Lions Roar a Thank You!



The Emmitsburg 15th annual Health Fair was a huge success. This year 222 persons attended and 213 had blood tests. The Lions wish to give a special thanks to all the exhibitors, sponsors, and volunteers for their time and support in making the 15th annual health fair a reality.

Participating groups and organizations include: Alzheimer Support Group; Arthritis Foundation; Timothy Bringardner, DDS, oral cancer screening; CPI Printing, equipment; Carriage House, coffee, volunteers lunch; Emmitsburg Ambulance Corps, blood pressure screening; Emmitsburg Post Office, equipment; F&M Bank, pens; Frederick County Health

Department; Frederick County Sheriff's Department; The Gettysburg Hospital, blood test and grip strength; John C. Hagemann, D.C., spinal screening; Scott Henry, D.P.M., foot problems, Home Call, Inc.; Jubilee foods, doughnuts; Richard Kelley, D.D.S., oxygen saturation; Morningstar - A Perfect Gift; Mother Seton School Administration, building use and other; screening personnel and volunteers; Rutter's Farm Store, orange juice; St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Edward E. Sauble, Jr., glaucoma test; Lisa Spalding, C.M.T., massage therapy; Tri State Hearing; Villa St. Michael, wheelchair; Zurgable Brothers, miscellaneous equipment.

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Library News

Darrell Bateson, newly appointed director of the Frederick County Public Libraries, met with the Emmitsburg Branch Library Advisory Board during its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 16.

Mr. Bateson, barely a month into his new job, has been touring the county visiting libraries and meeting with various community groups to assess needs and garner support for the county-wide system. Frederick County is the 2nd fastest growing county in the state, yet ranks 20th out of 24 counties receiving funds for operations and development.

Libraries are governed by and receive money from the state. These funds are passed through the county commissioners.

"Growth of the county library system will depend upon our political effectiveness. We need to form partnerships with other groups and become more politically effective," said Bateson.

"There is strong community

interest in each of the local libraries and that is good," Bateson said. "But we must improve our ability to act as a unified body if we are to gain any political clout."

One suggestion for unification across the system is to disband the present Library Advisory Board scheme and replace it with a county-wide Friends of the Library group. The county group would be comprised of the presidents of local chapters. A Friends group would have more autonomy, be associated with a national organization and even be organized as a non-profit group to seek funds for development of the library and its programs.

"Each local library community wants to see the results of its work [volunteerism and fundraising] go to its library. A Friends of the Library group could be structured to ensure that this will be the case," Bateson said. "And there may be times when the local chapters may act as a single body to accomplish mutual goals such as political action or support."

Programs at Emmitsburg Branch Library

Emmitsburg Bicentennial, 1957, Tues., May 5, at 7:30. John Hollinger shows slides of the 1957 Emmitsburg Bicentennial in a program sponsored by the Emmitsburg Branch Library and Emmitsburg Historical Society.

Ancient Chinese Herbal Remedies, Sat., May 16, at 11:00 (registration required). Acupuncturist and herbalist Alice McCormick discusses ancient Chinese herbal remedies. Discover how you can use these remedies safely and effectively to improve your health and enhance your well-being.

History of the Land and People Mon., June 1, at 7:00. Michael Hillman, writer for the Emmitsburg *Regional Dispatch*, will discuss his efforts to document the history of the land and people of the Emmitsburg region. He will specifically address how to navigate the many public and private documents, and how to separate fact from fiction to create an accurate and readable historical portrait.

For Children:

May Preschool Storytime ages 3-5, May 6-28, Wed at 7:00 and Thurs at 10:30. Programs are: May 6 & 7 - Mom's Day

May 13 & 14 - Growing a Garden
May 20 & 21 - Howdy, Pardner - cowboy stories
May 27 & 28 - Ready, Set, Let's Read

Guinea Pigs, Saturday, May 30, at 10:30. Learn how to find the right guinea pig for you at the pet shop or cavy show. Find out how to feed, water, house, clean up, trim claws, and determine gender.

Clifford, the Big Red Dog comes to the library to kick off Summer Quest,

Join the fun with Clifford on June 3 at 7:00 p.m.. Bring your camera to get a picture of children with Clifford as they enjoy this special program.

Summer Quest begins Monday, June 1! Get ready for this reading program which offers incentives for children as they progress through a summer reading adventure.

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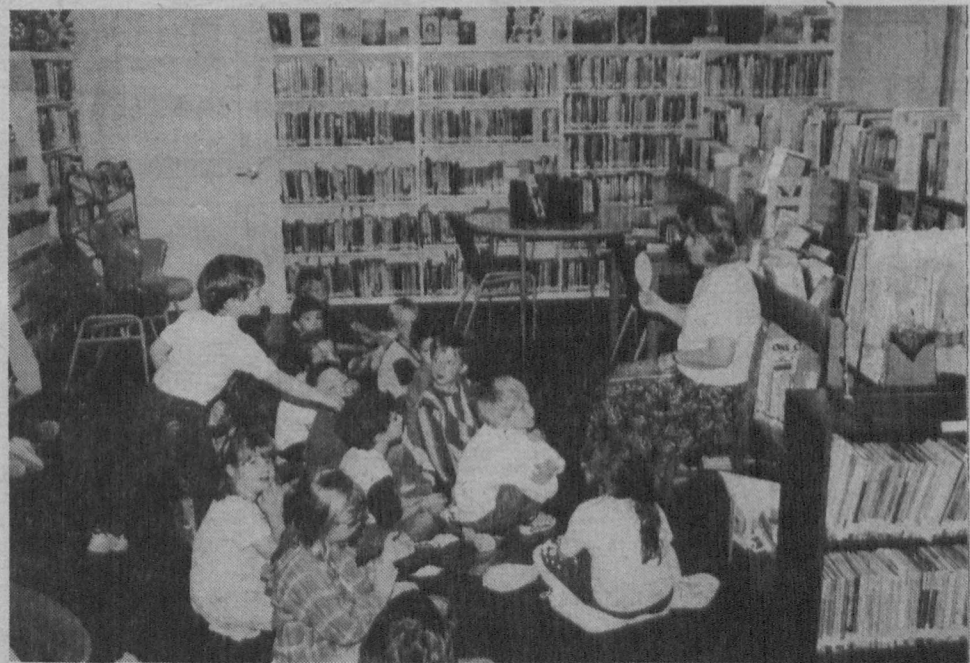
Dr. Meredith discusses dinosaurs at the Emmitsburg Branch Library.

A Dispatch Photo

Dr. William Meredith, professor of biology at Mt. St. Mary's College spoke to a group of students from the Emmitsburg Elementary and Mother Seton Elementary schools. Dr. Meredith described and fielded questions about dinosaurs.

The program was promoted by the recent discovery of a fossilized dinosaur footprint in a Silo Hill excavation. Dr. Meredith displayed another fossilized footprint that he has been guarding at the Mount for years.

As part of the day's activities local artist Elizabeth Prongas demonstrated techniques for the rendering of dinosaur sketches.



Meanwhile, across the hall, Kathy Link spins other fantastic tales to younger children at the popular "Story Hour."

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STONES FROM THE RIVER

A book Review
By Christina Stevenson

Stones from the River, a novel written by Ursula Hegi, is a compelling introspection of basic human differences and how they can form wedges between people and communities. The story is told through Trudi Montag, a dwarf, growing up in a small German town during World War II. Trudi tries stretching, "growing" pills, and high heels in an effort to be like everyone else until she finally gains self-acceptance.

What Trudi also realizes is that everyone shares differences; from her mother who was a victim of mental illness, to her friend Georg whose mother dresses him in feminine clothing, to the Jews Trudi and her father hide during the war. The personal story of Trudi is interwoven with a historical account of the

tragedies born from World War II. The people in her small German town are made up of Catholic and Jewish people who are friends, family, and business partners. It tells of how these relationships are changed forever with the ruinous Nazi regime. *Stones from the River* is both heartbreaking and triumphant. You will feel Trudi's agony of being different and later cheer as she embraces her difference.

Ursula Hegi fills each chapter with intriguing characters, history, and emotions telling a story which at the end will leave you with a refreshed perspective on our fellow beings. Ursula Hegi lived in Germany the first eighteen years of her life. She is also the author of *Salt Dancers*, *Tearing the Silence: On Being German in America*, and *Floating in My Mother's Palm*. *Stones from the River* is available at the Emmitsburg Public Library.

New pastor to be installed at UCC

The Reverend Margaret Dodds will be officially installed as Pastor of Incarnation United Church of Christ in Emmitsburg at a service to be held Sunday May 31, at 3:00 p.m. The installation will be attended by forty-one representatives of churches of the Catoctin Association, United Church of Christ.

The choirs of Incarnation Church and Grace U.C.C., Taneytown, will sing at the service.

Participants in the service will be Carol Bentson, Asst. to the Pastor, Rockville United Church; Rev. Darcey Otis, Pastor of Zion U.C.C., Arendtsville, Pa.; Fred Weiner, Pastor of Evangelical

Reformed Church, Frederick, Md.

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Incarnation United Church of Christ is located at 124 West Main St., Emmitsburg. The Sunday morning service and Sunday School are regularly held at 9:30 a.m.

Wyndcrest Antiques holds grand opening

Wyndcrest Antiques, 14409 Old Frederick Road, Rocky Ridge, Maryland, will have their Grand Opening Saturday and Sunday May 2nd and 3rd. There will be wine and cheese and door prizes.

Wyndcrest Antiques will be open on weekends. The Sat. hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and they will be open Sunday 12:30 to 5 by

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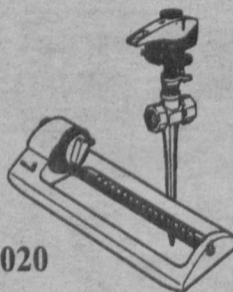


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Voice for Kids, a Frederick County child advocacy organization, is accepting nominations to honor those in our community who make a difference in the lives of our children. Child care providers, teachers, counselors, and volunteers strengthen our children's lives every day, and often do not receive the recognition they deserve.

June 1 has been designated in Frederick County and across America as a day to recognize those individuals and groups who go out of their way to take a "stand for children." The Stand For Children '98 Celebration in Frederick County will acknowledge these outstanding citizens on the evening of June 1 at Trunck Hall, 35 East Church Street in downtown Frederick.

If you know of an individual or group who you feel makes a significant contribution to the well being of children, call and nominate them. Nominations are being accepted through May 11 at the office of Child Care Choices, 301-662-4549. Call also for information on attending the Stand For Children '98 Celebration on June 1.

CADETTE TROOP 1088 NEWS

Cadettes, Spaghetti, and Stuffed Bunnies

Written by the members of Troop 1088

Emmitsburg Cadette Troop 1088 attended Chill Out at the Eisenhower Inn in Gettysburg. It was a weekend filled with lots of fun. Penn-Laurel Girl Scout Council sponsored this event. It was open to all Cadettes and Seniors in the Penn-Laurel area. This gave us the opportunity to meet lots of new friends. Over the weekend we chose four workshops that best suited each girl's interests. Kelly Brauer won a stuffed bunny the night we had a candlelight spaghetti dinner. Saturday night we had a local band play for us and afterwards a late night pool party. We are looking forward to going next year and having a wonderful time.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Steven (Sherry L. D'Agostino) Wickenheiser, a daughter, Mon., April 6.

Mr & Mrs. Karl (Patricia A. Baker) Kuykendall, a daughter, Tues, April 14.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Joan P. Muir) Williams, a daughter, Thursday, April 16.

Scouts clean up around lake



Cubs display the fruits of their labors at Rainbow Lake. Front row from left Matt Wolf, Michael Wetzell, Jack Deatherage III, Justin Sizemore, Amber Snurr, Mark Snurr. Back row: Mr. Wetzell, Joey Vitale, Mr. Sizemore.

Photo courtesy Jack Deatherage

By Jack Deatherage, Jr.

Rainbow Lake, April 20, 1998- Members of Emmitsburg's Scout Troop 1060 circled the lake, hunting litter. They braved muddy trails, slippery banks, poison ivy, and nasty briars. Beer bottles, cans, plastic cups, cigarette packs, and even disposable diapers were among the items they pulled from the bushes and the water's edge.

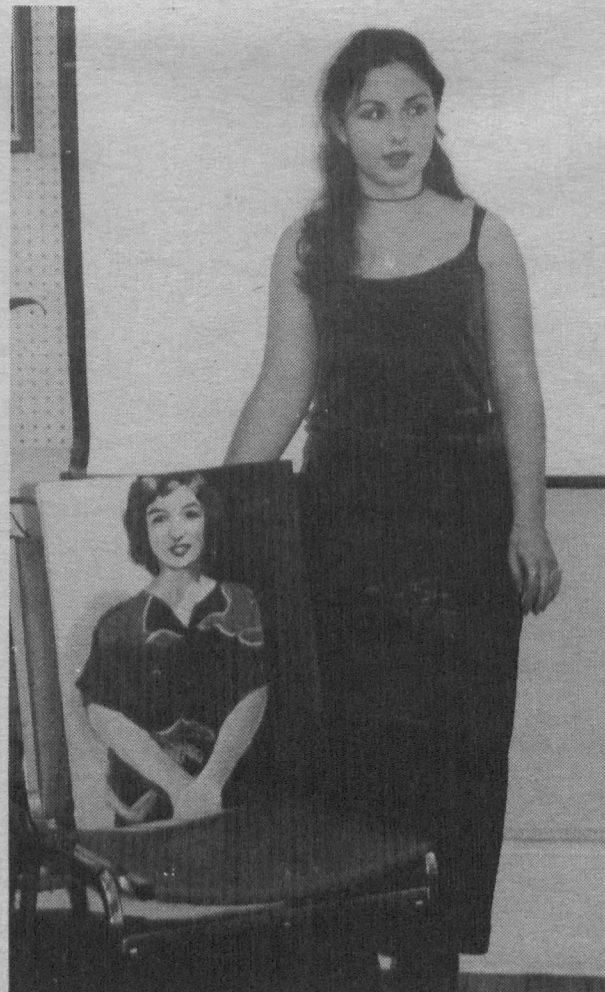
Handfuls of tangled fishing line,

some of it with hooks still attached, were probably the most dangerous items to local wildlife. Broken bottles were scattered near the paths along with discarded fish-bait containers.

Den leaders Jamie Sizemore and Mike Wetzell hope the boys will learn respect for the lake by helping clean around it.

Considering the amount of trash the kids picked up in two hours, someone needs to learn respect.

Student presents program to Arts League



On Thursday, April 9, Sarah Orner, daughter of Rebecca Pearl and granddaughter of Elizabeth Prongas, presented a special program to the Emmitsburg Arts League.

Sarah was one of several students from a tri-state area selected to participate in a special program offered by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Sarah's assignment was to choose an artist, speak about his life and style, show slides of his work, and then produce an original painting in his style.

Sarah chose to paint a portrait of her mother.

Sarah is a student at Urbana High School.

Sarah Orner displays the portrait of her mother, Rebecca Pearl, done in the style of American artist Wayne Thiebaud. A Dispatch Photo.

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House Tour - Linda Postelle continues her series on homes

that will be featured on the Emmitsburg House Tour, October 4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



THE MILL HOUSE, residence of Frank and Mary Louise Hoban, 12837 Harney Road, Taneytown, Md.

THE MILL HOUSE helps us celebrate Frederick County's 250th Anniversary even though it has a Taneytown address. It is right inside the Frederick County line on the Monocacy River. The house was built by a miller in 1840 who also built a mill that had been both a saw mill and a grain mill. While there were a number of mills in the area a house on site for the miller was a rarity, thus this particular house has been always known as the Mill House. The mill was in use until World War II and there are still remains of a crumbling wall. The actual lineage of the house is hard to trace but it appears on some early county maps and there is a record of its changing hands in 1869. It is thought to be part of the original "Frenchman's Purchase" when William Penn gave a land grant in this area that covered a considerable amount of property. However the boundaries of "Frenchman's Purchase" have always been in dispute.

Mary Louise and Frank Hoban had no intention of buying an old house out in the country when they came upon this house one day in 1975. They decided "Why not?" and moved in with their three young teenage children. The house had fallen on hard times and not much had been done in the way of modernizing and upkeep. But it was hard to resist a potentially lovely old home of German siding with the front door covered by a portico facing the Monocacy River. The house is beau-

tifully situated on a knoll.

There have been no additions to the original house although the original summer kitchen is now completely attached. This wing is a charming feature which has become known to the family as "Frank's Digs." It is a warm and friendly retreat for Frank. Above his study is a loft bedroom for guests filled with Early American antiques and colorful quilts. Previous owners raised their puppies in this room!

On the first floor is a large room the Hobans prefer to call the library rather than the living room because it houses the numerous books of their growing collection. There is also a formal dining room and a beautiful gourmet kitchen remodeled in 1981, complete with oak cabinets and a center island with a Jenn-air range and stove. There is a half-bath in the summer kitchen.

On the second floor there are three beautifully decorated bedrooms. A large fourth bedroom was converted into a very dramatic bathroom.

The Hobans' property consists of 18 acres on the Monocacy River. A stable was added in the 1940's. The perennial gardens are casual and inviting. There is a warmth in the house, on the porch, and in the yard which makes you feel welcome and glad to be there awhile.

Photo courtesy Linda Postelle

"Eye Of The Storm"

A three-bay Federal style building named "Eye Of The Storm," home of Larry & Carol Pavek at 101 East Main Street, Emmitsburg, is a home on the 250th Anniversary House Tour. The Paveks, living there only since September 1996, have decorated in an eclectic style, ranging from the formality of fabric-covered walls and Chippendale and Queen Anne style furniture to whimsical collectibles.

The house dates from circa 1840 and from all appearances may have been a tavern. "Modern" hardwood flooring on the first floor was most likely installed at the turn of the century. The original wide pine flooring is still visible on the second floor. The attic has been converted to a master suite and the flooring has been recycled as kitchen cabinets and east wall facing. Late 19th century hand-painted woodwork is displayed up the staircase and on the second floor. There is a significant amount of orig-

inal glass in the windows throughout the house. Antique hardware is on most of the doors and windows. The bare-bricked fireplaces, which add an interesting charm to the living room area and kitchen, were originally plastered. The fireplace in the living room was an added feature approximately 125 years ago.

You enter into a large living and dining area and on the east wall, you can still see in the plaster the shadow of the doorway leading to the adjacent property which may have been used as an inn. You proceed up two steps through glass doors to the kitchen. The house has two baths and four bedrooms, one of which is decidedly small.

After touring the entire house, including balcony and 3rd floor master suite, exit through the dutch-doored kitchen into the garden and enjoy!



"Eye Of The Storm" -101 East Main Street

Sketch courtesy Larry Pavek

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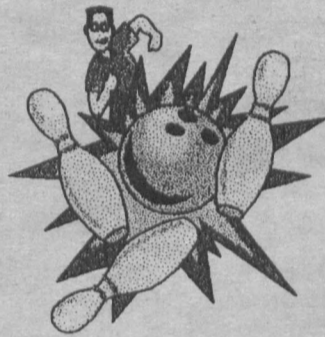
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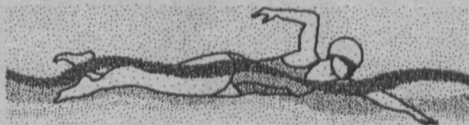
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Looking Ahead

Saturday, May 2

A **Bake Sale** will be held by the Elias Lutheran Church at Jubilee from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon to benefit the Jennifer Goetz Fund.

Elias Lutheran Church will also hold a **Flower and Plant Sale**, Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Post Office to benefit the Steeple Fund.

Tuesday, May 5

Emmitsburg Bicentennial, 1957, at 7:30 p.m. at the library. John Hollinger will show slides of the 1957 Emmitsburg Bicentennial in a program sponsored by the Emmitsburg Branch Library and Emmitsburg Historical Society.

Saturday, May 9

Luncheon/Fashion Show to benefit the Emmitsburg Branch Library will be held at 12:30 p.m. in St. Joseph's Hall. Casual Fashions by Weekender (Ultimate comfort, classic designs, wash & wear, sizes XS-XL). Door prizes. \$10 admission. Call Kate or Kathy at the library (301-447-2682) for tickets by May 6th. Please join us for an enjoyable afternoon and support our local library.

Monday, May 11

Women's Aglow meeting in Thurmont at Mountain Gate Restaurant. Buffet is at 6:15 p.m., Cost \$7. General meeting - 7:15 p.m. Pat Rudy will be speaking a special message concerning Mothers in honor of Mother's Day. Call for reservations: 301-447-2283 or 301-271-4346.

Saturday, May 16

Emmitsburg Senior Citizens Yard and Bake Sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, South Seton Avenue, rain or shine.

Saturday, May 16

St. Marks Church, Sabillasville, will hold their annual **Yard - Soup/Sandwich Sale** from 7:00 a.m. till... Soups: Ham & Bean, Vegetable, Chicken Corn. Sandwiches: Cold cut sub, Country ham, Regular ham. All proceeds go to the church's outreach committee to help the needy. To place an order call 301-241-3388 or 301-241-3388. May 12 is the last day to order.

Sunday, May 17

A **good old country breakfast** at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd. will be held from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Menu includes

pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, home-made biscuits, toast, sausage gravy, chipped beef gravy, pudding & hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, and hot apples. Also included are fruit cocktail, orange juice, and coffee. Adults \$4.50, children 8-12, \$3. If you are a member and show a paid up membership card for 1998 you get 50 cents off. For information call Godfrey or Florence at 410-751-1685.

Saturday, May 23

Borderline 4 x 4 Club Chicken Barbeque to benefit Emmitsburg Little League will be held from 11 a.m. to . . . across from the Getty Mart. \$5/platter-includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, applesauce, roll.

Saturday, May 30

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Saturday, June 6

Mt. Tabor Church Festival at Mt. Tabor Park, (home of the GIANT SLIDE), Rocky Ridge, MD. Entertainment by Country Christians - Singing for the Lord. Music begins at 7:00 p.m. Homemade food - soup, sandwiches, ice cream, pie. Games for ALL ages.

Good Neighbors

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Rocky Ridge News...

By Emma Keeney

Belated good wishes: Happy Birthday to Jeremy Shields. Congratulations to Harold and Lois Late on their 45th wedding anniversary.

Birthdays for May: Happy Birthday to Rosie Stambaugh, Pauline Duble, Amber Humerick, Amy Burrier, Regina Dinterman, Eleanor Ohler, Erin Hobbs, Patsy Wetzel, Paula Smith, Robert (Bob) Peomroy, Charles Keeney, George Moser, Dale Sharrer, Dale Shields, Jerry Martin, Ben Sanders, Josh Ballew, Wesley Burrier.

Anniversaries for May: Congratulations to Ronnie and Diane Hahn, David and Michelle Dinterman, Bill and Regina Dinterman, Bernie and Dawn Hobbs, Charles and Emma Keeney.

The Mt. Tabor youth group sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt on April 11. Many children enjoyed the activities. The winners were: Group 1 (young children that needed someone to help them find eggs): Most eggs - Shawn Gee, Lucky egg - Corey Reed. Group 2 (three and four-year-olds): Most eggs - P.J. Smith, Lucky egg - Chelsea Gelwicks; Group 3 (five to seven-year-olds): Most eggs - Corey and Amanda Weddle, Lucky egg - Bradley Wiles; Group 4 and 5

(ages 8 through 12): Most eggs - Jenny Gillespie, Lucky eggs - Tiffany Free and Janice Gillespie.

Family Fun Night will be held Saturday April 25th 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 \$10.00 a person which includes 3 cards for 20 games, 2 special games and door prizes. There will be raffles and extra cards available at the door. For tickets you may call: Linda Northrup (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.

The Mt. Tabor churches will sponsor a festival on Saturday, June 6 from 5 p.m. till 10 p.m. at Mt Tabor Park, Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, Md. Sandwiches, soups, pies, ice cream will be available. There will be games for young and not so young, including a giant sliding board. Music will be provided.

Rocky Ridge Fire Company News

The Frederick County Fire and Rescue Association present the Everett Gaver Award to Helen Burrier

Mount Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

Mt. Tabor Quilters seem to be in a time warp, someplace between 1800 and 1930. We like the traditional quilt patterns made with geometric pieces of fabric such as Flower Garden, Wedding Ring, and Stars. Of course, we also include a little appliqué work also. Today's fabrics bring a new and exciting image to these old designs, but we still "ooh and aah" over quilt tops made in the 20s and 30s. Since the ages of our group cover a wide range—from under 40 to nearly 80—it can't be said we are just nostalgic.

Most of us read several magazines devoted to the art of quilting and have a personal library of quilt books. Favorite publications are those that feature older patterns and have articles written by and about other quilters' and stories about origins of quilts.

Several popular quilting magazines have advanced the theory that quilting in America thrived in the 20s and 30s, but became dormant in the 40s, and is just now having a revival. I don't agree. The quilters were always there; they just didn't get mag-

azine coverage. We had ladies' aid societies at churches, senior citizens' groups, needlework clubs, and individuals who found quilting a very rewarding craft.

Following World War II, traditional quilters found it very difficult to purchase cotton fabrics. The new trend was "man-made" fiber from chemicals woven or knitted into fabrics. These fabrics did not work well in quilts. However, a lot of serviceable quilts were made during this time. Mt. Tabor Quilters have finished tops made during this era and, although they will never win blue ribbons, they are very pretty quilts. They represent the love of creation, love of family, and the thriftiness American quilters have always demonstrated through their work.

We are a curious nation, eager to try "new and improved" things. Editors are working very hard to bring us new ideas and revive old ones to challenge our creativity. But, as I said, Mt. Tabor Quilters are in a time warp doing what we love to do in the old-fashioned way called piecing and quilting traditionally.

of the Rocky Ridge Fire Co. for her community involvement and dedication to her fire company. Robert Mumma was inducted into the association hall of fame. Bernard (Bun)

Wivell received an award for outstanding service to his fire company. Tom Myerly received the outstanding service award for his service to the company as a fire policeman.

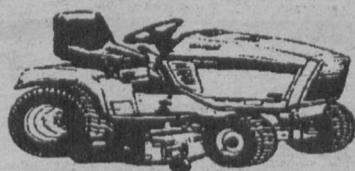
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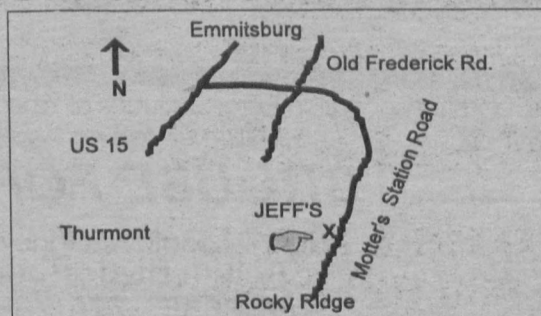
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Cougar News

by Marlene A. Tarr
Principal Catocin High School

A number of activities are scheduled in May and June. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 - 8. The PTSA is planning a lavish spread on the afternoon of May 6 to recognize our hard-working teachers.

To make it more convenient for our volunteers, Volunteer Appreciation will be held several times in May in conjunction with other activities: May 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the Library/Media Center; May 13 at 7:00 p.m. during the Art and Music Festival; May 27 at 7:00 p.m. during the Athletic Awards. Volunteers are asked to let us know which time is best for them so that their certificates are ready.

The annual FFA Banquet Ceremony will be held on May 7 at 7:00 p.m.. Reservations are required. The Spring Art and Music Festival is set for May 13 at 7:00 p.m. On May 14, at 7:00 p.m., a presentation will be made concerning the upcoming High School Assessment Program. This information session is open to the public and will provide "all we know to date" on high school assessment. The National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society will induct new members on May 26 at 7:00 p.m.. Spring Sports Awards will be held on May 27 at 7:00 p.m. The prom will be held on May 30 at 8 p.m. at Mt. St. Mary's College. School will be closed on May 22 for Staff Development and on May 25 for Memorial Day.

Departmental Awards will be presented during two assemblies on

May 29. Students in grades 11 and 12 will be recognized between 8:10 and 9:30 a.m. Students in grades 9 and 10 will be recognized between 9:50 and 11:10 a.m. parents are invited to attend.

Message to Seniors will be on Sunday, June 7 at 2.00 p.m. in the auditorium of Catocin High School. All awards, scholarships, and appointments will be made at

this time. Graduation will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, in Knott Arena on the campus of Mt. St. Mary's College. Admission is by ticket only.

Undergraduate exams will be conducted on June 10 during regular class periods. June 11 is exam make-up day. *Only students needing to take an exam should attend.* June 12 is exam review day and the last

day of school for students.

Cougar News will take a break over the summer but will return in the fall. Many thanks to all of you who have provided support to students, staff, and programs over the last year. Without community involvement, we could not begin to meet the needs of our students. We appreciate your time, effort, and endless support.

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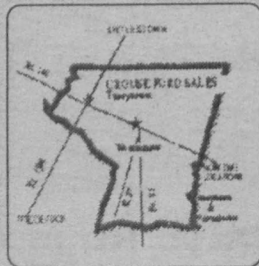
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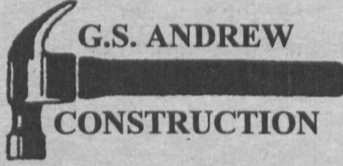
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ST. ANTHONY/OLMC NEWS

Memorial Flowers, given in loving memory of those deceased, decorated the altars in both parishes for Easter season. This is a traditional giving which brought 68 donations from congregation members at OLMC and 104 from St. Anthony Shrine members.

Confirmation '98 for Both Parishes will be held on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Anthony Shrine Church with Bishop P. Francis Murphy, Western Vicar, presiding. Dinner for Confirmation students and Bishop Murphy will precede the ceremony at 5:30 p.m. in St. Anthony Upper Hall. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the dinner. The final Confirmation practice will be at St. Anthony's on Tuesday, May 12, at 7 p.m.

First Eucharist Mass will be held on Sunday, May 3, at St. Anthony's. The first ten pews on each side of the Church will be reserved for the First Communicants and their families.

Welcome to New Members. At the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday **Charles Newman and Robyn Collins** were received into the Catholic Faith. Also welcomed into full participation in the life of the Church community were **Susan Favorite, Kelli Maze, Tom Fry, and Wanda O'Brien.**

A Spaghetti Dinner to recognize and honor the many volunteers in both parishes who donate time and talent to benefit the faith community was held at OLMC Parish Center on April 25.

The Basket Raffle, initiated by Millie Valentine (who says she didn't have a clue how it would "fly") was held throughout April and was a huge success, showing a profit of over \$3500.

The Religious Education Committee, an advisory group which identifies religious education needs and recommends policies to the pastoral council, is seeking new members for the '98/'99 year. Please call 301-271-4099 if you are interested in this rewarding ministry.

Congratulations to New Babies! St. Anthony Shrine Parish Community welcomes into the Catholic Faith **Angela Nicole Beckett, Melissa Lynn Matthews, and Jordan Michael Reely** who were baptized on April 5, 1998. Angela is the daughter of Patrick and Rose Beckett-, Melissa is the daughter of David and Tracey Matthews; Jordan is the son of Christopher Reely and Karen Kreitz. St. Anthony's (which had a great month for babies) also welcomes **Brittany Michelle Bellison, Stephanie Marie Freniere, and Rachel Scott** who were baptized into the Catholic faith on April 19, 1998. Brittany is the daughter of Gary Bellison and Mary Vitale; Stephanie is the daughter of John and Deborah Freniere; Rachel is the daughter of Lelam Cable and Cathy Jo Scott.

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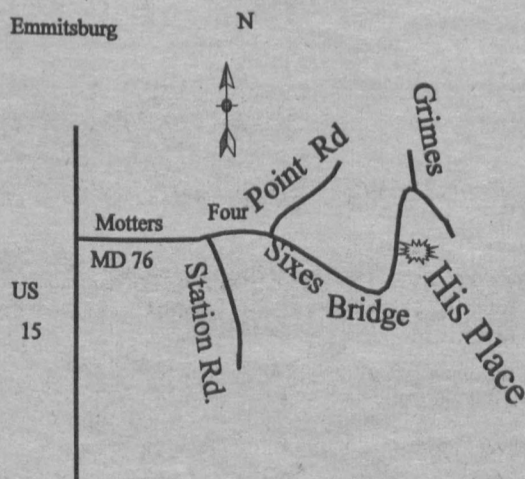
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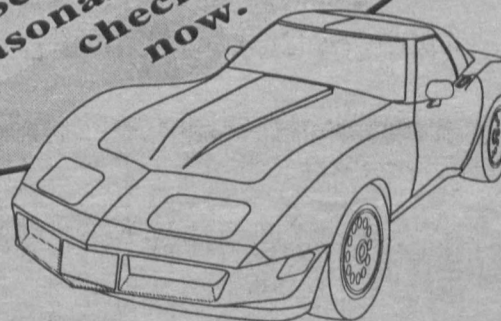
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An Ice Cream social

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Ruth Richards' Ice Cream Sendoff for the Guys of "Earth House"

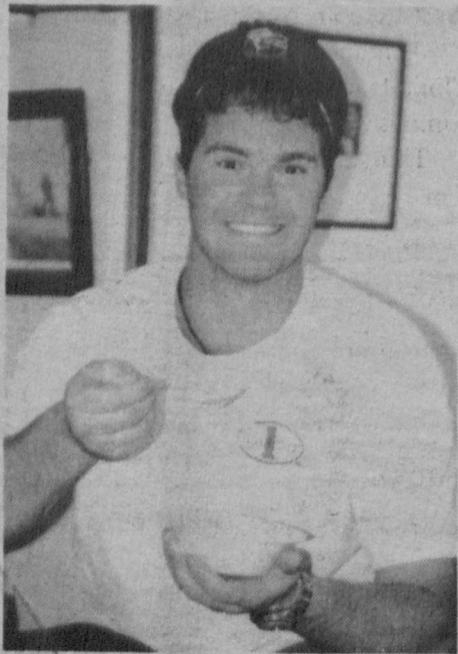
In a few months, Tim Burroughs will be serving in the Peace Corps in Paraguay. Tony Graziano and Ben Cronin will be employed by Aerotech, a firm near Baltimore-Washington Airport specializing in recruiting engineering executives. And Chris Keelty, an international economics major, will be investigating business opportunities in South America.

But on a recent Sunday afternoon, these men, and six of their roommates—Brian Bolger, Mike Cavallo, Shawn Harrity, Jim Eble, Aaron Nodar, and Dan Thomey—have drifted in from playing "Ultimate Frisbee" at Mount Olympics and are spending one of their last afternoons as Mount Saint Mary's College students at an ice cream social.

Say what?

A visit to Ruth Richards' house on Old Emmitsburg Road, less than a quarter mile from campus, shows that student life doesn't always have to resemble the Preakness infield.

Mrs. Richards, wife of the late Mount professor, John Richards, who taught at the school for 47 years, is feting these 10 guys—and



Chris Keelty

some of their girlfriends—at a "Make Your Own Sundae" party. It's Richards' neighborly farewell to the nearly dozen seniors who have occupied the house next door for the past two years. The guys reciprocated and have invited Richards to

attend a "goodbye barbecue" with their friends and families on Graduation Eve (May 16).

Such civility didn't always seem possible.

For years, "Andorra," the quaint cottage next door, was occupied by Mount faculty or administrative members and their families. During the 1800s, the basic log structure of the house had served as a stage-coach depot and then became quarters for a music professor.

Two years ago, the Mount embarked on a "Theme House" project, an alternative method of housing students in group homes, and refurbished "Andorra" for its student residents. The group of 10 guys, who enjoyed hiking the nearby mountains, adopted the environment as their theme and set up their new digs as the "Earth House." Across campus, the "Callahan House" was similarly outfitted for student use.

"I think everyone just knew that if anyone got wild and crazy and were thrown out of their house, we'd be the first to go," Keelty said. That's exactly what happened to another group who threw a beer blast for 80 in their first weekend at their house.

They weren't lucky enough to have Ruth Richards as a neighbor.

When the music got a little loud and activity a bit raucous at "Earth House," Richards didn't panic.

"I thought, 'Should I call campus security?'" she recalled.

If "Animal House" suddenly moved next door, that might seem the likely option to most people.

Instead, Richards, a lifelong teacher and devotee of educating youth, baked the guys a batch of cookies.

"I went over to visit them. No one was home. So I left the cookies inside the door with a note," Richards said.

A couple of days later, a delegation of four "Earth House" guys came to call. They remember being a bit sheepish. They wanted to know: "Was the music too loud?"

"Well, yes," Richards said. After that, for the next two years, a neighborly friendship developed and good manners prevailed.

Richards wrote the president of the college a letter complimenting the guys' behavior. When she visited campus for a lecture or to visit



Ruth Richards and Tony Graziano at farewell ice cream social.

Photos by Tim Bouroughs

friends, they'd see her and give her a hug.

In turn, the guys at "Earth House" became masters of the art of public relations. They moved in beehives and collected and sold honey, donating the money to environmental causes. They sponsored campus clean-up days. They emptied recycling bins. When world-renowned writer/philosopher/environmentalist Thomas Berry, author of "The Dream of the Earth," visited campus, they posed with him and had their picture taken. Now after four years in Emmitsburg, and two in "Earth House," they are about to fly off all over the world.

That means, Richards said, a whole new group of students will move in next door, "and I'll have to train them."

Not to worry.

Richards recently learned that come fall, the "Earth House" will become the "Fire House." In this instance, F.I.R.E. is an acronym for "Friends Inviting Religious

Experience." The formerly rowdy "Earth House" will be re-populated by a group of six guys who help out in the Mount's Office of Campus Ministry.

Richards seems hopeful. Her new neighbors might actually be heaven sent.

"Do you think," she quipped, good-naturedly, "they'll mow my yard and shovel snow?"

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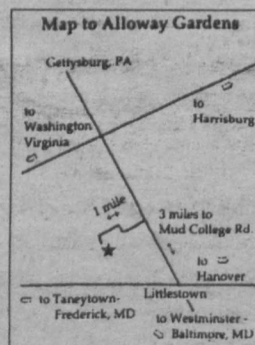
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Obituaries

Mrs. Gertrude Topper

Mrs. Gertrude E. Topper, 91, of 380 Tract Road, Fairfield, Pa., died Tuesday, March 31, at Heritage Valley Medical Center, Gettysburg, Pa.

She was the wife of Roger J. Topper, who died in 1990.

Born Aug. 26, 1903, in Emmitsburg she was the daughter of the late Frank and Mary Lingg Wivell.

Mrs. Topper was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Fairfield, and the Pennsylvania Council of Catholic Women.

Surviving are five sons, R. Francis Topper of Orrtanna, Pa., Joseph F. Topper of Baltimore, R. Leo Topper of Waynesboro, Pa., and Paul E. Topper and Donald I. Topper, both of Fairfield; four daughters, M. Regina Layman of Cape Coral, Fla., Patricia A. Hewitt and Miriam L. Barefoot, both of Fairfield, and Dolores E. Martin of Gettysburg; 48 grandchildren; 86 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Agnes A. Topper of Emmitsburg.

A Mass Of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael A. Messaro as celebrant. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fairfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 243, Fairfield, Pa. 17320.

Mrs. Constance Adelsberger

Mrs. Constance "Connie" Marie Clarke Adelsberger, 56, of Falling Waters, W. Va. died Sunday, April 5, at City Hospital, Martinsburg, W. Va.

She was the wife of Richard Leo Adelsberger.

Born Aug. 31, 1941, in Hagerstown, she was a daughter of Betty Stull Clarke of Frederick and the late Charles Clarke.

She was a graduate of Thurmont High School, class of 1959.

She was a typesetter for Quality Composition in Baltimore for many years.

Surviving in addition to her husband and mother are three children, John Cabot Adelsberger, sta-

tioned in England with the U.S. Air Force Natalie Anne Adelsberger of Falling Waters and Mark Eric Adelsberger of Westminster, a sister, Marsha Striner of Emmitsburg; and four grandchildren, Leeann Adelsberger, Tara Adelsberger and Chad Adelsberger, all of England, and Alexis Adelsberger of Ocean Pines.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg. The Rev. Michael J. Kennedy officiated. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Catherine Joy

Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth Walter Joy, 88, of East. Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Thursday, April 16, at Michael Manor Nursing Home, Gettysburg, Pa.

She was the wife of Austin Lawson Joy, who died March 5, 1997.

Born Nov. 8, 1909, in St. Anthony's, she was the daughter of the late John and Mary Josephine Hobbs Walter.

Mrs. Joy was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and an auxiliary member of the Legion of Mary.

Surviving are eight children, Patricia Ann Joy of Westminster, Barbara Jean Sanders, James Walter Joy and Thomas Eugene Joy, all of Emmitsburg, Mary Josephine Wivell of Columbia, Virginia Lee Johnson of Edgewater, Fla., Judith Elaine Smith of Gettysburg, and Vincent Wayne Joy, of Del Mar, Del.; 25 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Joy was preceded in death by two brothers, George Walter and James Edgar Walter; and one sister, M. Alice Mason.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 20. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Mrs. Joy's pastor, the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, as the celebrant. Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Community Fair

Plans for the 42nd annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show were discussed recently at a meeting held at the Thurmont Grange Hall. The 1998 show dates are September 11, 12 and 13, 1998, at the Catoctin High School in Thurmont, Maryland.

Officers elected were: President, Rodman Myers; Vice President, Robert Valentine; and Secretary, Robert Beavan. Other members of the committee are: Thurmont Grange -David Harman, Jean Myers, Cheryl Lenhart, and Myron Troxell; Emmitsburg Grange - Robert Wiles, Charles and Florence Brauer; Catoctin FFA - Jessica Troxell and Shaun Shrinier; Catoctin FFA Alumni -Helen Troxell, Karen Myers, and Denise Valentine. Historians are Sue Sanders and Patty Johnston.

Karen Myers of Thurmont had the winning logo to be used on our 1998 Community Show booklet.

Entry of exhibits to persons in the Catoctin High School area will be Thursday night, September 10, 1998, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Friday morning, September 11, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Premiums will be the same as the 1997 show.

Donations were made to Catoctin Safe & Sane, Thurmont and Emmitsburg Ambulances, and the Maryland Association of Fairs.

The community show will honor the Emmitsburg High School Alumni on their 100th anniversary. The community show will open on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. with the civic organizations flag ceremony program and the cake sale at 9:00 p.m. The dairy and goat show will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, followed by the 2nd annual decorated animal contest. Other events and their times and the premium list will appear in the

Community Show booklet to be printed and which will be located in area businesses around August 1st.

The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Granges, the Catoctin FFA, the Catoctin FFA Alumni, and the Maryland State Agricultural Fair Board.

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Mother Seton News...

Mother Seton School Student Council Donates to Up-County

The Mother Seton School Student Council recently contributed a \$400.00 donation to the Up-County Family Center in Emmitsburg. The students held various fund-raisers throughout the school year toward this effort. The Up-County Family Center's mission is to promote and provide, through mutual respect, opportunities that strengthen and

build healthy and positive family functioning for all. Every year the Student Council contributes time and donations for a special community service project.

This year, along with the Student Council's efforts, the Mother Seton School 7th graders volunteered their services at Up-County by working with the families and their children.



Mother Seton School Student Council Treasurer Ashley Lance, Secretary Shannon Connell, and President Caitrin McCarron are shown presenting the \$400.00 check to Up-County's Director Laurie Sheffield James and Child Development Specialist Jane Counseller. From the left are Mrs. Tina Fogle, Student Council Facilitator, Shannon Connell, Caitrin McCarron, Ashley Lance, Laurie Sheffield-James, and Jane Counseller.

Photo courtesy Val Mentzer.

OOPS!

In last month's article we acknowledged all of the winners in our Annual Science Fair—well, almost all! Regretfully, there were three omissions from the press release. We would like to recognize Morgan Maze, Samantha McCarron and Mrs. Murphy's 3rd Grade Class for their first-place finish in the Experiment category. Congratulations to all!

And To All a Good Night
It was a very good night for the

"Marching" Right Along

Here are the Mother Seton School Raffle Calendar winners for the month of March:

1, David Benjamin; 2, Katie

Reed; 3, Mary Ann Yanus; 4, Sr. Regina Lindner; 5, Lottie Springer; 6, Daniel Fitzgerald; 7, Time Moore; Sr.; 8, M/M Joseph Hlavac; 9, Jerry Cool; 10, James W. Dukehart; 11, Cindy Ventura; 12, Rosemarie Rollins; 13, David C.

Students Contribute to Harvest for the Hungry Campaign



(Left to right): Katie Ware, Logan Strehle, Sister Mary Louise Brown, Adam Binder, Allison Wivell, and Andrew Lechowicz.

Photo courtesy Val Mentzer.

In conjunction with the United States Postal Service "Harvest for the Hungry" Campaign, Mother Seton School students collected 676 items of food.

From soups to vegetables, to macaroni and cheese, all of these foods were donated to the Emmitsburg Food Bank to help feed the needy in our local area.

Burkey; 14, Mike Hanning; 15, Brian Orndorff; 16, David/Amy Reynolds; 17, David Benjamin; 18, Ken/Regina Howard; 19, Greg/Doris Dorsch; 20, M/M David Hemler; 21, M. Virginia Emory; 22, Deborah

Gemmell; 23, Brenda Binder; 24, Lynne Schildt; 25 Sr. Cecelia Rose; 26, Vicki Ferrare; 27, Sr. Editha Piedmont; 28, John T. Lucas; 29, Sr. Ruth Morgan; 30, Sandy/Ed Zimmerman; 31, Joan Hobbs.

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