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Citizens' Memorial Dedicated



Commissioner Clifford Sweeney (center) and chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee tells the Memorial Day gathering of Emmitsburg residents at the Citizens' Memorial that this is a place where you can come "to sit and remember those who have given so much to the town." The first three citizens to be honored with stone markers on the memorial are the late David L. Copenhaver, Gregory A. Hollinger, and Thomas L. Topper.

The memorial was designed so names can be added to it over the years. Any family wishing to place a memorial should contact the town office. Landscaping of the memorial was by the Silver Fancy Garden Club. Participating in the dedication program was the American Legion honor guard, the Vigilant Hose Company, and the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. Refreshments were served by the Vigilant Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary. *A Dispatch photo.*

Water search continues

Editor's note: The water supply of Emmitsburg has been a pivotal issue for the town. Having adequate water to supply approved home building sites and to entice developing commercial interests is absolutely crucial.

The town council has successfully worked on the problem and a grant from the state of \$497,750 and one of \$804,250 from the county has been approved. According to Gov. Parris Glendening, Emmitsburg residents will benefit from new groundwater sources, a new water storage tank, and a new water treatment facility.

To get the big picture of what has occurred and what can be

expected to happen. The Dispatch encouraged town manager Yvette Kreitz to give a complete description of the project so that town citizens would understand the complexities of completing projects. The following is the latest official information as given by the town manager

The search for water continues.

By Yvette Kreitz

The Town of Emmitsburg, under the direction of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and BCM Engineers, Inc. (formerly Smith Environmental Technologies), has been actively pursuing the use of groundwater for

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From Rookie to Professional

By Kathleen O'Connor

It was the first game of the season. B.J. was up to bat and Ann Messner was wearing another of her many hats—Mom. A cool evening it was for a game, and no night lights, but at least it was not snowing as I have seen it do on opening day at Tiger Stadium! I munched on a very good hamburger, watched the game, and chatted with Ann as she kept all four children, our conversation, and the game completely in view.

She has been involved in emergency services since she graduated from high school. At first, she was only an observer on emergency runs for the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company (EAC). Later, she received her emergency management training (EMT) through Frederick County at the Maryland Fire Rescue Institute at the University of Maryland. She became a Cardiac Rescue Technician and an Emergency Management Instructor. Ann is now the Chief of Security at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, and also the Chief of Volunteers at the EAC, where she was once a teenage rookie. She has moved into the field of college security because her skills are so transferable and so needed where hundreds of students come and go weekly.

When she first married, Ann and her husband would make the emergency runs together. Then, when she



Ann Messner

began to have their children, she knew she would have to cut back her emergency services work for a while. Childcare was not a major problem because grandparents and other relatives were ready to assist the young parents. However, some safety factors did matter. The special equipment and suits would no longer fit the pregnant mother. In addition, belted rides in the speeding ambulance also presented the hazard of being thrown from her seat and injuring both herself and their baby in case another vehicle did not give right-of-way. Moreover, it was no longer possible or recommended that Ann lift the heavy stretchers, for such an exertion might induce early labor.

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New Venture for Emmitsburg Area

In an effort to bring new business and industry to the Northern Frederick County Region, Brian Duncan, Director of the county's Economic Development Office, announced a proposed venture which could bring biotech industries to the Emmitsburg area. The announcement was made during the Economic and Community Development Commission Board meeting on Wednesday, May 27, at

Winchester Hall. The project is still being researched but would be a collaborative venture with Mount Saint Mary's College, Frederick County, and a number of private groups.

Mr. Duncan feels that Frederick County should be aggressive in attempts to attract Biotech firms to the area. Marty Schilpp, Assistant to the President

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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.

Really annoyed

Maybe it's the spring weather, maybe it's hormones, whatever it is I don't like it!

During the last week of April someone or somebodies went on a vandalism spree. First a neighbor had the rear window of his pickup truck's cap smashed to pieces. His neighbor had window flower boxes torn from their holders and carried off. The next neighbors had every single plant pulled from their vegetable garden (a garden admired and commented on by many of us).

Someone has been tearing the signs off the newly renovated Community Center's lobby door. And I hear another vehicle across town had a window broken out this same week.

I've been thinking for years of setting large flower pots on either side of our street windows. I thought flowering vines growing up the wall would really spruce up the look of our home. Now I wonder if the idea is worth the cost and effort.

One neighbor suggested a surveillance camera focused along the street to catch the vandals, but rumors has it the last vandals caught by police were set loose with little or no punishment. The arresting officer was rewarded for his efforts with two hours of paper work for doing a good job.

A brother of mine visited the Mid-east during the Gulf War (curtesy of the USAF), he suggested we do as the Arabs do and remove a hand from the thieves and vandals. I think that is a bit extreme, but not by much. Another solution might be an electric shock collar such as are used to control willful dogs. It could be wired to sensors implanted in a vandal/thief's brain and would shock them senseless every time the thought of committing a crime entered their heads.

That wouldn't work though. A functioning brain would be required and I doubt these people share one between the lot of them.
Jack Deatherage, Jr
Emmitsburg.

Arson of course...

[Mary Saffer's shed burned to the ground May 14th]

My orchard prevented me from seeing the fire (Thank God!), since I was resting from garden work and had just replaced my large garden hoe in time to get it burned up a few hours later. That and my nearly perfect self-propelled mower, weed-eater, sprayer, and all my garden tools, containers for fruit and vegetables, and many storage items...all gone. The firemen were wonderful, but everything was completely engulfed before they arrived.

Arson, of course...thieves had taken much before—even one storage kitchen cabinet. Surely those who kept borrowing from me have more than I! And, I have done nothing to others to cause this continual "lifting" of my property and plants. At least four of my clematis were taken, leaving deep holes which even a well-trained dog would cover.

Just two weeks before, my four

window boxes were taken from the front of my house having in them many plants carefully tended all winter to save buying new ones that I can scarcely afford.

Saddest of all, the best young workman I have ever employed was falsely jailed on suspicion of arson. Mrs. Warthen and I could attest to his every minute that day. He was always kind and respectful, and was the very first to offer me help, giving me all his tools, which I refused since he has even less than I.

I wish to express my appreciation of the Rev. Mary Margaret Bittle who kindly supplied me with a gift of four nice tools.

My thanks also to some "angel" who quietly left two window boxes on my porch. Too small for my front brackets by over a foot, they are most welcome and useful for other growing needs.

M. Mary Saffer
Emmitsburg

Town News...

Council approves use of Antique Mall parking lot for skateboard park

At the May 19 public workshop, commissioners voted to accept Commissioner Phil Postelle's offer to use the parking lot of his business, the Antique Mall, as a skateboard park. It will be open after business hours from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week. Opening night will be June 12th.

This action followed the presentation of a petition to the town council at their May 4 meeting by Chris Rose and Kenny Gentile, students at Catocin High School. The petition included the signa-

tures of people who were in favor of a skateboard park in Emmitsburg. Many of the petitioners expressed a willingness to help with raising funds for insurance, the students said.

It's been agreed that the ramps and jumps (called pipes) will be built by the students. The Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) will provide the insurance, and adults will be chaperones.

In other workshop business, the commissioners approved the site plan for the proposed 24 self-storage units on the Antique Mall Corporation's property.

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at The Mount, reports that this is a project which has the Mount community excited. "This type of venture is a win-win situation. Our students get exposure to the growing research industry, the college makes productive use of its land holdings, and industry and monies are attracted to our region." While still in the early stages of planning, the initial proposal would have a small campus like park located on Mount land holdings. The park would include a common research facility and a number of smaller office modules to be leased to biotech firms.

The Frederick County Chamber of Commerce has created a BioTask Force, chaired by Mr. Lynn Shanton to assist in attracting the biotech firms; to the area. Mr. Shanton feels that the Emmitsburg area is a natural fit to the biotech industry with the US 15 corridor providing access to cities in Pennsylvania and Maryland, as well as the region's proximity to Fort Detrick as a research hub.

While this project remains in the early stages of planning, it is an exciting possibility for economic growth in the northern reaches of Frederick County.

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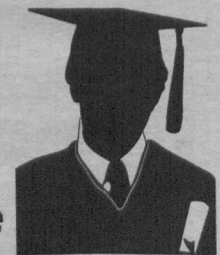


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Partnership experience great at Emmitsburg Elementary

By Lisa Wilson

I have worked with Mrs. Adams' third-grade class at Emmitsburg Elementary all year, thanks to Joe Purello, Community Service Director at Mount Saint Mary's College. He had informed me during the previous summer that he was given a grant to hire work study students to work with different literacy programs. Some employees worked in the Catocin Community Clubhouse tutoring middle-school students, some worked with elementary school tutoring programs, and others of us, including myself, were placed in Emmitsburg Elementary School so that we could work with students who were in Reading/Language Arts class during our scheduled time.

First semester, I was placed with Mrs. Adams' classroom because I wanted to work in the mornings three days per week and she was having Reading during those times. I also did private tutoring with an

Emmitsburg Elementary fourth grader one afternoon a week in order to strengthen her reading comprehension. Amber and I formed a very good relationship due to our tutoring sessions. She and I still keep in touch through occasional cards and letters. She comes from a large family, so I think the individual attention really helped her. The third-graders in Mrs. Adams' classroom became attached to me very quickly, and this made me feel needed and wanted.

Due to an additional scholarship I received for second semester, there was a chance that my work study would be taken away. I was very disappointed because going to Emmitsburg Elementary was one of my favorite things to do during the year. I talked with one of the Financial Aid administrators at the Mount and told him how much I would really miss that class, and he assured me that I could keep the

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Elizabeth Prongas (l) presents best-of-show award to student JoAnn Gallizzo during the recent MSM Art Exhibition.

BALTIMORE NATIVE AWARDED 'BEST IN SHOW' AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S ART EXHIBITION

A Mount Saint Mary's College senior from Baltimore recently was awarded the Frederick County Art Club's "Best in Show" Prize at the Simon Bruté Annual Student Art Exhibition.

The Bruté Exhibition featured Mount Saint Mary's student artwork

ranging from paper creations to watercolor and pen-and-ink drawings.

Amy Gallizzo, a 1995 graduate of Seton Keough High School, received the top prize and \$50 check for her fabric art titled, "Indian Rest." Elizabeth Prongas of the Frederick Art Club presented the award to Gallizzo, daughter of Tom and JoAnn Gallizzo.



Ann Clinton accepts the 1998 JC Penney Golden Rule Education Award for her work with the Up-County Family Center, and a \$1,000 grant for the organization from JC Penney Manager Warren Richards (left) and Baltimore Ravens Executive Vice-President David Modell (r). Photo courtesy Up-County

Ann Clinton - dedicated volunteer

As an avid reader herself, Ann Clinton is very aware of the impact the ability to read has on a person's life. In order to make reading a reality for previously non-literate adults, Ann devotes up to twelve hours of volunteer service a week at the Up-County Family Center to teaching adults to read. Ann's volunteer work at Up-County involves traveling twice a week from her home in Jefferson, Maryland, to Emmitsburg, a round-trip distance of seventy miles. Previous to her volunteering, Up-County did not have a literacy program. It is especially important that this service be offered to the people of northern Frederick County as few services are available in this area. Up-County provides transportation and childcare to those who participate in the literacy program.

Ann presently works with three literacy students, two of whom she has tutored for over two and a half

years and who are making remarkable progress in learning to read. Ann actively seeks assistance from the Literacy Council of Frederick County, continually tries new teaching methods, and is currently involved in searching for computer software to help her students learn. Often Ann goes beyond the classroom setting in order to reach out to her students when they have a family problem or a special request. Ann will visit students at home when they fail to attend classes at Up-County. Her ability to motivate students to continue their education, despite whatever obstacles they may experience, is outstanding. Ann has taken the time to help one of her students apply for a library card, register to vote, and obtain medical services.

Ann's generosity with her time and talent has endeared her to her students and has had a profound effect on their lives. One of her students has said learning to read has made him feel different inside. He said that now he is a "somebody," instead of just a "nobody."

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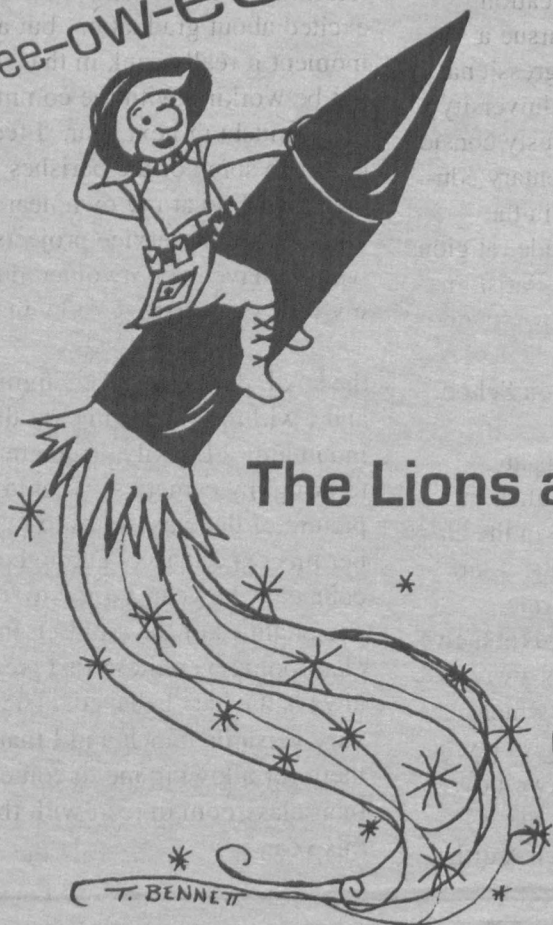
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from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

Mt. St. Mary's Lost

June 6, 1898-On the afternoon of Memorial Day, Mt. St. Mary's College Base Ball Team and the Bucknell University Team, of Lewisburg, Pa., played a very interesting game on the college grounds, near town. It was an off day for the Mountaineers, while the Bucknell team was in good shape and played a strong game. The score was Bucknell -13, Mt. St. Mary's - 1.

June 6, 1898 - Children's Day services will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. This service will take the place of the regular Sunday morning services.

An ice cream and cake festival for the benefit of the M.E. Church will be held at the residence of Mr. Geo. Six on West Main Street, Saturday evening, June 18. The public is cordially invited.

While a man in Pennsylvania was

plowing with a span of horses on Milton Sultzbach's farm the ground suddenly gave way to a depth of fifteen feet, engulfing the horses which were rescued with difficulty. It is thought that a large cave underlies the farm.

The ladies of the Lutheran Church will serve ice cream, strawberries and cake this Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening, in the building owned by Messrs. Frizzle and Gelwicks on the Square, formerly Adelsberger's tin store.

June 17, 1898 - Miss Lottie M. Shulley, has a pink stock, in full bloom, which contains 290 flowers. It is beautiful.

A party recently stole 14 guinea eggs out of a nest belonging to Mrs. Wm. Hellemena. The party was seen taking the eggs, and is known. Mrs. Shelleman says unless the eggs are brought back or paid for, she will bring suit. The nest was about 100 yards from the house.

A number of people are complaining of gaps in chickens being very bad this spring. Who can give us a good remedy through the *Chronicle*?

June 27, 1898 - One Graduate at the Emmitsburg High School

An interesting program well rendered—Music, Essays, Address—Presentation of Diploma.

"Every person has two educations: one which he receives from others, and one, more important, which he gives to himself." Gibbon

The first annual commencement exercises of the Emmitsburg High School were held in the Public School Building on Tuesday evening. Mr. E.L. Boblitz, school examiner for Frederick county, presented with a few appropriate remarks, a diploma to the graduate, Miss Sarah Miller, in the name of the Board of School Commissioners.

The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest to the pupils and patrons of the school, and this, the first exercise of the kind ever held in connection with the [end-of-year] closing of the High School, will not only play an important part in the history of the school, but will also have much to do in creating a deeper interest and enthusiasm among the pupils, who will look forward with pleasure to the day when they, too, will occupy the same position and receive a share of the encomiums which were bestowed upon the lone lady graduate.

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Commentary

The King Solomon Solution

New tightly crafted laws and ordinances do not always float well in the uncharted waters of the human psyche. Precise legal definitions do not always effectively address core problems. Legislation is often scoffed at or scorned. We are--world-wide--a scheming collection of loop-hole finders. Mostly because we try to maximize our own benefits.

Often the intuition and feelings of ordinary people get discounted in the solving of legal and community problems. Yet these attributes are exactly the starting point used by negotiators, mediators, therapists, who are given the task of resolving situations between parties in conflict after it is found that applying the strict letter of the law doesn't work.

An exciting legislative opportunity for Emmitsburg lies in one of the files at the town office. There are three dormant versions of the Noise Ordinance gathering dust because the definition and resolution of annoying noise defied acceptable legal description. These drafts

attempt to precisely list annoying crimes—what is one man's lawn-mower is another man's annoyance—and punishments—a good talking to by the deputies or a rap across the knuckles with a fine. But, these proposed ordinances can't get off the commissioner's table when brought before the public. There may be some justice in this.

What would happen if the process of conflict resolution between the two clashing parties were included as the first step by a newly developed noise ordinance? After all, the problem is the combatants, that is until they start lobbing grenades at each other.

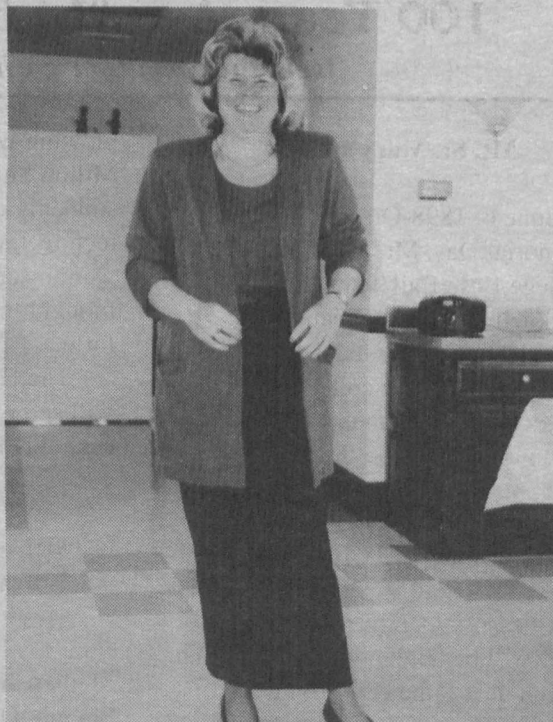
Why conflict resolution? Because conflicts often turn into a contest of winners and losers and result in poor solutions with negative outcomes for all. At least 50% of the people stay mad. We lose a healthy community environment.

Isn't this what we are collectively seeking, a healthy, positive environment in which to live comfortably with our neighbors and raise

Fashions for the library

The Friends of the Emmitsburg Public Library held a Fashion Show Luncheon Saturday, May 9, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hall. The luncheon was catered by GT's in Cascade, Maryland, who served, a delicious meal to the guests. The benefit raised \$340 for the library.

Barb Mort, fashion consultant from Weekenders, presented the fashions. The clothes were modeled by Elizabeth Prongas, Annetta Rapp, and Cathy Link from the library with other models provided by Weekenders.



Kathy Link models at the first Fashion Show Luncheon sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

We wish to thank the following area businesses who donated door prizes: Artistry, Carriage House Inn, Civil-La-Tea, Emmitsburg Pharmacy, Emmitsburg Video, Flowers For You, Joanne's Cut & Curl, Jubilee Supermarket, Pizza Hut, Quality Tire Service, Silo

Hill Exxon, Subway, Weekenders, West End Market, and Willow Valley Farms.

A big thanks to St. Joseph's for use of their beautiful facilities and to everyone who attended. Plan to attend next year's Fashion Show Luncheon.

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I am a double major in Political Science and Philosophy with a minor in Theology concentrating on Religious Education. Although I do plan to pursue a Master's Degree in Congressional Politics at the Catholic University next fall, I am also seriously considering obtaining an elementary education degree sometime in the future. I taught third-grade religious education at Mt. Carmel Parish in Thurmont for two years, and worked as an intern for a sixth-grade religion class in Mother Seton School this past Spring.

Working with the kids at Emmitsburg made me realize that I will really miss working in the classroom with young students. I am originally from Glen Burnie, Maryland, which is approximately one hour, fifteen minutes away. I am a graduating Senior, which means I will be returning to my home in a few weeks. Two boys, Chad and Ronnie, asked me if I would come back to teach fourth-

grade next year so that they could be in my class. (I explained to them that things are not that easy). When they said this, it made me really think about the fact that I will not be returning to the Mount. I have been excited about graduation, but at that moment it really sank in that I will not be working with the community of Emmitsburg next year. I feel closer to some of the parishes in this area than I do at my own near home. Due to various service projects with which I have been involved during my four years here, I know many people in this area. I grew fond of the small community of Emmitsburg and I will miss my home on the mountain. Luckily, I remembered to bring my camera so I could get a picture of the class so as to remember this experience. Throughout the course of the year, I grew to love the personalities of the children in that classroom, even those that were not always the best behaved. They are a very versatile bunch and I thank them for allowing me to come to their classroom to read with them this year.

Jumping for Heart



Jumpin' Jacks and Jills from EES are (left to right) April Smith, Mike Wetzel, Megan Bradshaw, Ben Rose, and Kayla Krietz. Photo courtesy Betty Brownley

On March 3, 1998, students from Emmitsburg Elementary got the jump on heart disease. They jumped for an hour and a half, raising almost \$4,000! More than 100 children, ages 7 to 11, participated in the 15th annual Jump Rope for Heart. Six children raised \$100 or more each! Third grader Mike Wetzel raised the most in the school!

Jump Rope for Heart is a program designed to teach participants about the benefits of regular exercise and a

healthy lifestyle, while promoting teamwork and building school spirit. The event emphasizes the importance of a healthy lifestyle, including proper nutrition, exercise, not smoking and controlling high blood pressure. This event is sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance to benefit the American Heart Association. Monies raised support research and educational programs to fight cardiovascular diseases, our nation's #1 killer.



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Currently, the Town utilizes a combination of groundwater (three wells) and surface water (Rainbow Lake). Unfortunately, our present water treatment facility, which was built in the early 1960's, has had difficulty processing our existing water demand, and cannot contend with the additional demands of a growing town. It is time to furnish a system that will take Emmitsburg into the future.

At the outset, the Town Council considered the replacement of this facility with a new treatment building which would continue to process our surface water. However, the operation and management costs involved in the treatment of surface water, and the more stringent state and federal guidelines, made it extremely costly to the Town and its residents.

It was therefore deemed by MDE that groundwater was the best option and the Town Council concurred, and it was concluded that the Town needed only one well which furnished 80 gallons per minute (g.p.m.). Under

this proposal, the present treatment facilities would be eliminated and replaced with a much simpler chemical treatment building. A 100,000 gallon storage tank would then be added to supplement the existing 500,000 gallon tank.

Since that determination, the Town has proceeded with its quest for groundwater. BCM selected six potential well sites on the Town's watershed property. These sites were subsequently reviewed and approved by geologists and hydrologists from MDE. And then the search began!

Unfortunately, the hunt has not been as successful as we had originally hoped. But we remain optimistic. To date, the Town's well drilling contractor has drilled three wells. All three have fallen short of what was sought. Test Well #1 had excellent water quality, but only furnished 40 gallons per minute.

During the drilling of Test Well #2, the driller experienced very poor ground conditions and the rig collapsed. A mud-rotary rig had to be used instead of the standard air-rotary rig. This slowed the project down, and cost extra money. In the end, it was found that Test Well #2 only produced 21 gallons per minute. The water quality on this well also met

the drinking water standards, but failed to meet that 80 gallons per minute requirement. We needed to look elsewhere.

We had better luck at Test Well #3, when we found out that it produced approximately 75 gallons per minute. However, the water was extremely muddy and had to be pumped for quite some time before a slight clearing could be observed. BCM felt that some corrective grouting would clear up the water, which it did, slightly. But it was then found that the well depth dropped down to 200 feet, showing the signs of a supply problem. Since this is a wet season, this drastic decline was unexpected, and the engineer felt that this was not going to be a reliable well to meet our demand.

While this may sound a bit disheartening, we remained confident. Three potential well sites remain, and if they only produce a portion of what is necessary, there is a possibility that they can be combined to produce 80 gallons per minutes. Obviously, having one well would be better, but we're not out of the picture.

Money has been a critical factor. The total project is estimated at approximately 1.3 million dollars. We do have a \$497,000 grant from MDE, and we are presently going

before the state board to have those funds released. In addition, we are petitioning MDE for additional funds, and are currently applying for an \$800,000 Community Development Block Grant and USDA Rural Water funds to make up the difference.

We realize that every project runs into its share of glitches along the way, and we certainly have had our share. But we remain steadfast that the light is indeed at the end of the tunnel! Once we have the well(s), we will proceed with the building of the chemical treatment facility and storage tank. Then the well(s) will be tied in with our present three wells, and we'll be in business.

This system will provide a more reliable, cost-effective facility for the Town and our residents. In addition, it will have the ability to provide water for new development. Presently, there are over 400 undeveloped residential lots and a substantial portion of undeveloped business/industrial acreage that will have the potential to develop when water become available. This will increase Emmitsburg's tax base, and bring in increased revenue through the sale of water and sewer taps. Emmitsburg will be able to take a well-deserved step forward into the future.



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Summer Quest begins June 1.

Every child who registers receives a folder and earns stickers by reading books. To complete the quest, readers need to read 10 books during the summer, or pre-readers can listen to 20. Win a prize in the mystery poster contest by guessing the magic spot. Be on the lookout for games, storytimes, and special activities.

To get started on your reading adventure, register at any FCPL branch, **pick up a Summer Quest folder**, and check out some good books! Summer Quest FINALE is on Aug 13 at 10:30. To attend, children must complete their folder and get a ticket from library staff.

For Children
Guinea Pigs, May 30, Sat. 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 June 3 at 7:00.

Summer Storytime, ages 3-6, but all ages are welcome, every Wed. at 7:00 & Thurs. at 10:30. Every week brings a different topic and activities.

For Adults

History of the Land and People, June 1, Mon. at 7:00. Michael Hillman of 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.

Emmitsburg in the Civil War, June 24, Wed. at 7:00. Tom Humerick, local Civil War reenactor and presenter of living history, talks about the life of a Civil War soldier as well as life in the Emmitsburg area during the Civil War. He will also show Civil War clothing and accouterments.

Friends of the Library forming book club

The Friends of the Emmitsburg Library invites the community to join a book discussion group held the second Friday of each month. The first meeting will be June 12, 1 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room of the Emmitsburg Library.

The book chosen for the first meeting is *The Horse Whisperer*, by Nicholas Evans

The meetings will be informal in comfortable surroundings where you can speak freely. There will be no specified leader.

Expect light refreshments and good company.

The library will arrange for extra books if you need a copy. For information call 301-447-2682.

Boost the band

The Catoctin High School -marching band is in need of new uniforms and percussion equipment. This September will be the band's tenth year in the present uniforms. The Frederick County Board of Education does not allocate funds for band uniforms or equipment. Therefore it is necessary for the Catoctin High Band Boosters to make these purchases.

We, the Band Boosters, feel that the Band is an important part of the northern Frederick County community and is an organization in which we all can be very proud.

With the estimated cost of each uniform at \$300.00, we will need \$30,000.00 to purchase one hundred

(100) uniforms. New drums, cases and accessories will cost approximately \$10,000.00. Due to such a high cost we estimate that it will take us approximately 2 years to raise necessary funds.

If you wish to make a donation, you may mail a check, payable to Catoctin Band Boosters and mail to Catoctin High School 14745 Sabillasville Road, Thurmont, Md. 21788.

If you wish more information regarding our uniform drive, please contact Yvette Leith at (301) 271-3155, or Andy Cook at (301) 271-7406. Please remember, we cannot succeed without community support.

COMMUNITY DAY July 4, 1998

The village of Emmitsburg will celebrate the 250th anniversary of Fred. Co. commencing with the aromatic and succulent tastes of a **CHICKEN BARBEQUE** prepared by the dedicated and loyal members of the **BORDERLINE 4-WHEEL CLUB** & the **LIONS CLUB**, commencing at 10 of the clock.

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DEMONSTRATIONS of technical skills and **EXHIBITIONS** of the art of firefighting will be presented by the local **FIRE BRIGADE** from 2-4 o'clock.

At 6:00 of the clock, proceeding from the Doughboy Memorial there will be a

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PATRIOTIC & VILLAGE EXERCISES

will commence with dispatch at the conclusion of the parade. Our visitors are invited to join in this celebration of our county and country's heritage at 7:00 p.m. on the Community Center Greens.

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WWII Naval Amphibious Veterans Reunion

By Larry Noel

The 15th annual reunion of men from the naval amphibious force who served on small landing craft tank (LCTs) in both the European and Pacific was held in Louisville, KY, April 23-26, 1998. Larry Noel, 77, was in an LCT flotilla which carried in the first tanks to land on Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, on D-Day June 6, 1944. Noel has been appointed as historian for this group and is collecting experiences from these LCT men, photographs, so that a history of the LCTs role in WWII can be written. We already have identified all LCTs in the assault on D-Day and other vessels

as well as tank units and other army units. A recent book by Lt. Col. Richard S. Johnson, *How To Locate Anyone Who Is or Has Been in the Military* served as a tool and guide. Noel will share this information.

We are fortunate to live in an area only 65 miles from the new National Archives Center at 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Md. 20740-6001 on the University of Maryland campus. It houses among other records the WWII military records for all services.

Larry Noel lives at 8730 Hampton Valley Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, phone 301-447-2224.

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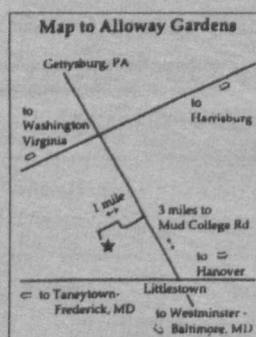
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Little League News

By Marta Hillis

The 1998 Little League season is moving right along despite a number of game postponements due to all of the rain in May. Regular season games are scheduled through the third week of June. Play-off games will follow. Please note the updated 1998 District tournament schedule:

Tournament of Champions

June 27-July 2

11-12 "A" All stars

July 15-24

9-10 "A" All stars

July 14

13 yr. olds (Junior League) All stars

July 9-18

14-15 yr. olds (Senior League) All stars July 6-12

11-12 Softball All stars

July 11-15

All star "B" tourneys are listed on the back of the 1998 game schedule.

Emmitsburg Little League would like to thank Borderline 4 x 4 club for their tremendous support. The local organization recently sponsored a chicken BBQ with all proceeds given to the League. This benefit for Little League was truly appreciated. Borderline 4 x 4!

The final fund-raiser for the season now in progress is a money raffle. Tickets may be purchased from players in every division. One ticket cost \$1.00 and six tickets cost \$5.00. The first prize winner will receive \$250, 2nd prize is \$150, and 3rd prize is \$100. Players need to turn in their money and ticket stubs to their team manager by June 15. The drawing will be held on July 4 at the Lions Club Community Day celebration. Thank you for your support in this fund-raiser. Good luck ticket holders!

Remember there are still lots of games ahead. Come on out and watch the action. See you at the ballfield.

Women Going It Alone

The Emmitsburg office of Behavioral Health Professionals is now offering group counseling for mothers and women who are struggling with their experience of being divorced, single parents, separated, or widowed. Health insurance and sliding scale are accepted and we will offer assistance in making child care arrangements. Participation will be limited. For information call 301-447-3690.

Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Jensen, a daughter, Jordan Andrea Jensen, born April 4, 1998.

Kathryn & Mark Imirie, a daughter, April 23, 1998.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph A. Cliber, a daughter, April 23, 1998.



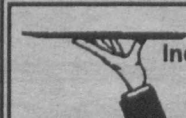
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Emmitsburg House Tour

Linda Postelle continues her series on homes that will be featured on the Emmitsburg House Tour.

The home of Bill and Chata Carr, 300 W. Main Street, Emmitsburg, MD will be open on Sunday, October 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Many long-time residents of Emmitsburg think of 300 W. Main Street as Doc Cadle's place. For many years this was the residence and office of the town's physician. The front door opened into a vestibule. A waiting room, examining rooms, and an office were through a door on the left. After Doctor Cadle moved out to Harney Road he rented the living quarters to tenants and the offices to professional people.

Bill and Chata Carr lived a little farther out of town in a very large, beautiful home next to his veterinary hospital. It was in that home that they raised their family and took care of elderly relatives. They had discussed the idea of moving into Emmitsburg to something smaller when there would be just the two of them. When Doctor Cadle's place came on the market, the Carr's found a home that would meet their needs and decided to make their "last" move. They hired Keith

Brown of Taneytown to be their contractor.

The Cadles had remodeled the house in the late 20's. The stairway was reversed in direction and a sleeping porch was added upstairs along the back of the house. The next-door neighbor complained that her view was cut off. As they shared a common wall, Doctor Cadle offered to let her build an extension of her house over into his sleeping porch so that she could add a window for a view. (Her daughter told the Carrs that this addition was no longer needed and so they reclaimed it for a bedroom closet.)

As the Carrs worked with renovations they had a plan derived from caring for their elderly relatives. The house would be a comfortable two-story home for them until they no longer cared to climb stairs. At that time the floor plan would make an ideal one-story conversion with the dining room becoming a bedroom. The vestibule was removed and what was the doctor's office is now a formal dining room, a hallway lined with closets, and a wonderful bathroom with an over-sized shower with built-in seating.

The kitchen was enlarged to a pleasant eat-in area with a view out onto the deck which has a beam and



The home of Bill and Chata Carr, 300 W. Main Street, will be on the Frederick County 250th Anniversary House Tour of the Emmitsburg area.

Photo courtesy Linda Postelle

glass roof complete with a ceiling fan. Beyond that, a step down, is their beautiful garden designed by Bill Gilbert of Fairfield, Pa. A brick walkway leads through perennial gardens. There is no grass for Bill to mow.

Upstairs the master bedroom was originally two rooms. A large skylight was added to the upstairs bathroom. In addition there are two more bedrooms and a den. One bedroom and den were the original sleeping porch.

Revival

Thurmont Church of God, 103 Apples Church Rd., Thurmont, Md., announces a Revival starting June 14-17. Rev. Alan Gerijack will be speaking. Starting time for the service on June 14, 6 p.m. Starting time for services June 15-17 will be 7 p.m.

Also Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service, 7 p.m.

For information call 301-271-2380.

Mount Campus Geared for Influx of Summer Visitors

By Ross Peddicord

Even though the students left in mid-May, the campus at Mount Saint Mary's College doesn't shut down during summer recess.

An estimated 10,000 to 20,000 people will either visit or stay on the campus during June through mid-August, participating in a wide range of activities such as sports and academic camps, conferences, retreats by businesses, organizations, and alumni and student-related events like the Alumni Reunion (June 5-7), Summer School, and freshmen orientation (June 13 and June 20).

The effect on the local economy, such as providing a stream of customers to area restaurants and gas stations, should be substantial, said George Gelles, the Director of Auxiliary Services, who is in charge of booking and organizing facilities for the events.

Renting out buildings and related facilities brings in more than \$1 million to the school as well as enabling

the institution to keep its food service and maintenance staff on duty year-round.

"For example, on the weekend of



George Gelles

May 23-24, we hosted part of a Gettysburg youth soccer tournament," Gelles said. "We housed 375 people on campus, used 9 different playing fields and hosted about 3,500 visitors a day for the Blue and Gray Soccer

Tournament."

Sports camps lasting either for 3 or 5 days are being held for boys and girls in basketball, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, basketball, softball, and karate. "At peak times, we'll have 1,200 people a week staying on campus," Gelles said. There is even a statewide baton-twirling competition scheduled on campus in June and July.

Among groups that meet and rent out dorm and classroom space are Overeaters Anonymous, the Mid-Atlantic Quilters Association, and a Northeast area antique car club.

"The summer program not only allows us to keep staff year-round and generate extra revenue, but it is also good public relations for the school and the community," Gelles added.

At the end of the first week of August, Gelles closes out the last of the summer programs. "That give us two weeks to re-clean and fix up the dorms and other facilities for the students, who are due back Aug. 23," he said.

IMMUNIZATIONS

The Frederick Co. Health Department is offering FREE childhood immunizations on June 9th, 1998 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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These periods, however, lasted for only nine months at a time, and Ann went steadily on with her emergency work. "Working as an EMT in a small town like Emmitsburg," she said, "you eventually receive emergency calls for friends and relatives. It's hard, but, while you're responding, you're only thinking of what you have to do. It comes automatically." Once her husband had to respond to a call for his best friend—who died. "It was very hard for him to accept. It may have been what made him decide to leave EMT work."

Again, in a small town, people come to know that you are there. "Sometimes," she smiled, "people would just call me at home. I would have to tell them to hang up and dial 911 and I would answer, especially so that the ambulance would be notified." But it was still not easy. "I was called for my own grandfather. I knew, when he went in the ambulance, that we had lost him, but I didn't want my grandmother to see my face because she might know then what I knew. She still had some hope for a little while. It was the doctor's responsibility to properly inform her. I felt awful about his death when I got home later, but while I was responding I was only thinking about what had to be done to save a life."

Brian Duncan speaks to EBPA

Brian Duncan, director of Frederick County Economic and Community Development Commission (ECDC) addressed the local business and professional group at its June meeting. The meeting was hosted by Mount President George Houston.

Duncan traced lightly over some of the history and highpoints of "economic development" in the United States, pointing out that the use of land was a major driving force. Today there are 15,000 economic development organizations competing for business which often move less than 10 miles. According to Duncan the incentive driving businesses to move has broadened from land and labor availability to a quality-of-life incentive.

In Frederick County the number

Saving lives is the mission of the dozen or so volunteers who serve with the EAC. About two thirds of the volunteers are men and one third are women. Several of these volunteers double as officers in the Sheriff's or Police Department, or other emergency professions. Besides the two ambulances, the service has a special equipment vehicle which has everything needed to save lives without being able to transport. (It was standing ready in evidence at the ballpark, in case a child might be injured on the field.) Soon the EAC will also have a new chief's car.

In addition to adult volunteers, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company has started a junior branch to begin interested young people early in EMT work. The volunteers may be from 11 to 18 years old. Becky Ott, a tall 6th grader, told me that she has passed the American Red Cross courses for both CPR and First Aid. She cannot yet go on runs with her mother, "But," she said, "I can help with work details at the base."

I think maybe the bases are loaded ... and someone named Becky is about to set off a home run. Does this sound like *deja vu*? Let's hear three cheers for our hard-working EMT volunteers!!!

of inquiries for relocation has been increasing. Currently the ECDC has received 131 requests for information regarding moving to the area. "This is important to the northern part of the county and especially to the linked Mount/Emmitsburg community," Duncan said.

ECDC is working on a strategic plan for economic development helping industries successfully relocate to the area. "Communities need to participate in the long-range planning," said Duncan.

As part of the strategic plan, ECDC will be working with the Maryland State Legislature in smoothing out some roadblocks to the development process and reduce the time needed to fulfill requirements.

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Looking Ahead

Saturday, June 6

Festival sponsored by the Mt. Tabor Church Joint Council at Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Food, games, giant sliding board, and music by The Country Christians.

Monday, June 8

Women's Aglow Meeting at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont. This is a special meeting where all men are invited for Father's Day. Jeff Shaw, Pastor of Thurmont Church of God, will be speaking on the family. Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Cost: \$7. General meeting: 7:15 p.m. Call for reservations by June 5: (301)447-2283 or (301) 271-4346.

Thursday, June 11

Parent Meeting for parents and children/teens with ADD/ADHD at the Emmitsburg Community Center's Library Meeting Room from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Help plan support groups in this area. Free. Child care provided. For information call CASS at (301)447-3611.

Saturday, June 13

Strawberry Festival and Yard Sale at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sabillasville, MD, beginning at 10:00 am. Soups, sandwiches, and strawberry desserts will be served.

Wednesday, June 24

An evening card party sponsored by the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens at the Senior Center, 300 South Seton Avenue, 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 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 27

Basket Bingo sponsored by Mt. Tabor U.C.C. at Rocky Ridge Fire Hall. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. For tickets or more information call Rosie Stambaugh - (301) 271-2649 or Vivian Martin - (301) 271-7858. Handwoven baskets purchased from Serrv-New Windsor.

UNITED IN LOVE CELEBRATION

On Saturday, June 13th, from 2:00-6:00 on the American Legion grounds next to the Post Office in the heart of Thurmont, Md., the Thurmont Ministerium and a citizens' steering group will sponsor the 3rd Annual United in Love Celebration.

In the spring of 1996, the Thurmont Ministerium responded to a presence of hate groups in our community by forming Thurmont: United in Love. Now, we rejoice in celebrating the growing presence of our citizens' claiming ACCEPTANCE to be a COMMUNITY VALUE.

On June 13th we will gather in the spirit of peace and love celebrating our human unity and diversity. Our keynote speaker will be the Rev. Allison Phillips, General Secretary of the American Missionary Association (the AMA) of the United Church of

Christ. The AMA had its origins as the now famous *Amistad* Committee. In 1839, this committee came to aid a ship of Africans who landed in Connecticut. It was this group of Christian abolitionists who forged the first Supreme Court civil rights victory in U. S. history. Local civil rights activist Edith Alford will be honored. Come early and stay to the end. Bring a chair. The day will be filled with beautiful music and exciting speakers. Food from local churches will be available for purchase.

Be a witness to God's love with your presence, as we gather in a closing circle of harmony and unity. Be a part of the spirit of the day!

Inquiries to:

The Rev. David Denham
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301-416-7199

Flag Day

Flag Day, Sunday, June 14th, is the official day to burn worn or tattered American Flags. Emmitsburg will host the ceremonial burning at 7 p.m. in Memorial Park behind the post office.

Francis X. Elder Post 121 and VFW Post 6658 will be the hosts. Thurmont's Edwin C. Creeger, Jr. Post 168 and Amvets Post 7 will also par-

ticipate in the program. Commander William B. Proctor of the American Legion Department of Maryland will be the guest speaker.

Anyone who has old, worn, or tattered flags to be burned may drop them off at any one of the posts listed above. They will be collected on Friday, June 12, in the evening and held until the ceremony.

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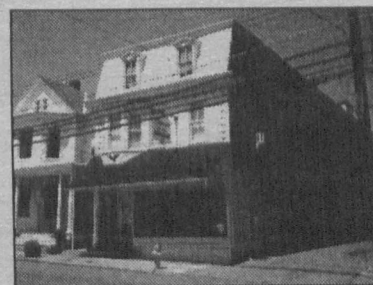
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Let's Talk About It

By Susan Star Paddock

Religion is Good for Your Health

Medical scientists working on prevention and healthy life-styles have discovered the connection between regular attendance at religious services, prayer, and health. Now Dr. Dale Matthews, professor at Georgetown University School of Medicine, has written a summary of the research in a provocative new book, *The Faith Factor* (Viking, 1998).

Dr. Matthews states that, based only on the currently available, peer-reviewed science, religious involvement will increase your chances to "stay healthy and avoid life-threatening and disabling diseases..., recover faster with fewer complications if you do develop a disease; live longer; encounter life-threatening illnesses with reater peacefulness and less pain; ...cope more effectively with stress, steer clear of ... alcohol, drugs, and tobacco; enjoy a healthier and happier family, life; and find a greater sense of meaning and purpose..."

Three decades ago the findings were scoffed at, but despite the skepticism and ever more carefully designed research, the same results keep rolling in. The most famous study was conducted in the coronary care unit of San Francisco General Hospital by Randolph Byrd, MD. Almost 400 patients were randomly assigned to one of two groups, those who would be prayed for by "born-again Christians" scattered around the country who did not know the patient, and the other "control" group who did not receive these prayers. Neither the patients nor any of the medical personnel knew which patients were in which group. The results were statistically significant as they were startling. Twenty-seven percent of the control group had serious complications while on the unit, compared to only fifteen percent of the prayed-for patients. On every dimension, from episodes of congestive heart failure to the use of antibiotics, the prayed-for patients did better.

A study of almost 92,000 residents of Washington County, Maryland found that those who attended worship services once a

week had significantly lower death rates from coronary artery disease. In 1995, Thomas Oxman, MD, found that in 232 elderly patients who underwent open heart surgery, the death rate for non-church attendees was nearly three times the death rate for church-goers. The only two instances when religion has shown a negative effect on health are when the religious sect avoids physicians and traditional health care; and when the religious leader demands strict obedience to his wishes.

Mental health is also affected by religion. Twelve-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous have proven the value of a spiritual approach in recovery from addictions. One study found that addicted men attending religious drug-abuse treatment programs were ten times more likely to stay abstinent a year after discharge as those in non-religious treatment. A 1990 study found that people with higher levels of religious involvement had significantly less depression. Men with no religious attendance scored twice as high on the depression scale. When recovering from mental illnesses, "prayer and Prozac" gets better results than medication alone. Even schizophrenics manage their illness better when they attend worship services.

Religion seems to help people cope with daily life at every age. Teens who attend church have fewer problems with drugs and alcohol. A study of 2,278 adults of all faiths found that regular church attendance was the best predictor of marital happiness. A 1992 study found that the elderly who attend services regularly are more satisfied with their life than they were fifteen years earlier. Religion also helps people face death. One study of terminal cancer found that the more religious patients had much less fear of death and, showed greater courage in dealing with their illness. Religion doesn't eliminate trouble on the road of life, but it certainly makes travel easier.

Susan Paddock, MSW, is the president of Behavioral Health Professionals, a group of psychiatrists and psychotherapists with offices in Emmitsburg Gettysburg, and Hanover. The Emmitsburg office includes Eugene Lon, MD, and Mary Lynne Ziegler, LCSW-C. Call 1-800-215-0073 or 301-447-3690 for information on services available.

The "Dinky" bell

By Marie Keepers Long

The "Dinky" bell, once the bell of the train engine called "Dinky," has been assigned a place of honor by the Sisters of Charity, the only group of women ever to own a railroad.

For those of you who do not remember the "Dinky," here is a brief history. The Western Maryland Railway was creeping from Baltimore toward Williamsport, Md., in 1868, shortly after the Civil War, and missed Emmitsburg by seven miles.

The Sisters of St. Joseph's Academy wanted a rail connection with the outside world. Their dream came true when the Emmitsburg Railroad was organized to build a branch connecting with the Western Maryland at Rocky Ridge. The Sisters provided more than half the necessary capital and accordingly became the majority bond holders of the railroad. They also donated a right-of-way across their property for the line.



The little engine that ran from Rocky Ridge through Motters Station to Emmitsburg was given the name "Dinky." It carried supplies and students to St. Joseph's, along with livestock and other freight into Emmitsburg. The railroad tracks ran on the east side of South Seton Ave., parallel with the present highway. The Emmitsburg Station stood across the street from the present Emmitsburg Community Center.

With the advent of trucking cutting deeply into the railroad's operating revenue, the seven-mile railroad closed down in 1940. The bell from the "Dinky" was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. John B. O'Farrell who returned it to the Sisters on May 23, 1994.

The bell, in storage until now, has been installed on the lefthand side of the entrance to St. Joseph's Provincial House, between the Basilica door and the entrance of the Provincial House. All are welcome to come view it.

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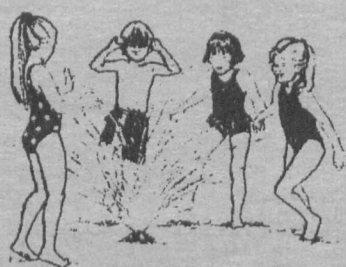
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Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

CELEBRATIONS

Birthday wishes to Verna Keeney, Michael Harris, St., Melissa Keeney, Shirley Sharrer, Katie Burrier, Lindsey Greene, Chris Wiles, Annabelle Houck, Tracey Eyler, Danel Hobbs, Jessie Wetzel, Donald Brown, Debbie Hahn, Robert Albaugh, Herman Beall, and Dennis Glass.

Belated birthday wishes to James Glass, Lamar Wagerman II, and Dave Shriner.

Anniversary wishes to Rosie and Eugene Stambaugh and to Richard and Josie Dinterman.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations to Philip Dinterman, who graduated from Franklin and Marshall College on Sunday, May 10th.

Congratulations to Vicky Keeney. The pinning ceremony for the graduating nursing class was held May 18th and the graduation service was held May 21 at Villa Julie College.

The Frederick County Career and Technology Center's awards banquet was held at the Holiday Inn on May 14th. Kevin Sharrer won the Senior Achievement Award in carpentry, a compound miter box. Kevin won many scholarships. He will be attending Frederick Community College. Anthony Harris won the First-Year

Student Achievement Award in carpentry. He also won a cordless drill.

Participation in the "Christmas in April" project was another achievement for Kevin Sharrer and Anthony Harris. They volunteered, along with 70 other youths from Frederick County. The organization once a year arranges donations of skill, time, and materials to improve the home of a qualified member of the community. At a house near Urbana School, the students and others repaired and replaced windows, repaired brick molding around them, painted the outside of the house, laid linoleum floor in the kitchen, put in smoke detectors, did landscaping and other home improvements. The youth were very tired, but happy that they could help someone have a safer, more comfortable home.

FUTURE EVENTS

Mount Tabor Church Joint Council will hold their annual festival on June 6th in the Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Homemade soup, sandwiches, pies also ice cream and drinks will be available. Fancy table, bingo, games for young and not so young, including the giant sliding board. Music by "The Country Christians."

The Lescalleet reunion will be held June 21 at 1:00 p.m. at the Taneytown Park, Pavilion 4. Bring a covered dish.

Basket Bingo sponsored by the Mt Tabor United Church of Christ will

be held at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall on Saturday, June 27. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Games begin at 6:30 p.m. \$6.00 per advanced ticket, \$8.00 at the door. Price includes a packet of 20 games, extra packets available. There will be special games, raffles, and door prizes. For tickets or additional information, contact Rosie Stambaugh (301) 271-2649 or Vivian Martin (301) 271-7858. Handwoven baskets purchased from Serrv-New Windsor.

The Park Board will be sponsoring their annual antique tractor pull on Sat., July 4th, beginning at 10 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be available.

FIRE COMPANY AND AUXILIARY NEWS

The Rocky Ridge Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support throughout our BINGO season. The firemen are sponsoring a TOOL RAFFLE on June 13. For tickets, please contact Wilton Smith at (301) 271-3739. The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a BASKET RAFFLE for the month of November, 1998. The winner of the BASKET RAFFLE will be determined by the Maryland daily evening 3-digit lottery number. For a ticket, contact Linda Northrup at (301) 447-6714, Tammy Smith at (301) 271-3739, or Teressa Kaas at (301) 271-3781. The tickets cost \$5.00. The Rocky Ridge Annual Carnival will be August 10-15, with live entertainment nightly. The parade will be Wednesday, August 12, starting at 7 p.m.

MT. TABOR QUILTERS

By Inspector 13

Mt. Tabor Quilters is not a group from any one church. All three Rocky Ridge churches are presently represented. People from churches in Cregarstown, Thurmont, Emmitsburg, and Wolfsville have joined us. However, it is not necessary to "belong" to a church to take part in the fellowship our group shares. Everyone is welcome. You might enjoy bringing a bag lunch and join us some noon.

Have you found unfinished quilt tops, or a box of blocks and cut pieces and don't know what to do with them? Perhaps you bought supplies to make a quilt, then didn't know how to complete your project. Bring them to us some Tuesday and we'll try to help you. Your problem might be beyond our expertise, but think of the fun we can have while sharing our time with each other.

Previously, reference has been made to the new-style quilters who have carried the craft to a new dimension—literally, fabric art. This is especially true of Japanese quilters who translate fabric into intricate pictures of animals, flow-

ers, landscapes. New quilters use a variety of fabrics—silk, tulle, lace, ribbon—and beads or other non-fabric items. Many of them enhance, or add detail, by using fabric paints. The results are spectacular!

But these projects are definitely solo activities and, although they are satisfying to the quilter, they also serve to separate another person from the fellowship of group work. The new quilters are carrying fabric art to a new high and are gaining fame as artists, but they are losing the camaraderie of the old-fashioned quilting bee.

Obituaries

Mrs. Bertha Compton

Mrs. Bertha Louise Compton, 74, of 9829 Rocky Ridge Road, Rocky Ridge, died Tuesday, May 5, at Frederick Memorial Hospital after an extended illness. She was the wife of Stanley J. Compton, her husband of 56 years.

Born Oct. 6, 1923, in Frederick County, she was the daughter of the late Carroll and Bertha Gartrell Reese.

Mrs. Compton was a Methodist.

She was formerly employed with Key Highway Shipyard, Baltimore, then moved to Carroll County where she and her husband farmed for 22 years in the Middleburg area. She was also employed with Cambridge Rubber Co., Taneytown. From 1962 to 1972, she was the owner and operator of Compton's Grocery in Rocky Ridge.

She enjoyed being a homemaker and playing bingo.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two daughters, Dale Wireman and husband Michael of Thurmont, and Deborah Lescalleet and husband Richard of Keymar; one brother,

William Reese of Westminster; one sister, Virginia Strine of Westminster; and three grandchildren, Tiffany Wireman, Rhonda Spielman and Travis Wireman.

Mrs. Compton was preceded in death by a son, Stanley M. Compton; a grandson, Michael A. Compton; two sisters, Edith Forney and Esther Reese; and five brothers, Wilbur, Francis, Chester, Walter and Raymond Reese.

Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co., P.O. Box 117, Rocky Ridge, Md. 21778.

Mrs. Bertha Klay

Mrs. Bertha Eyler Klay, 98, of Clarke Ave., Thurmont, died Friday, May 8, at Vindobona Nursing Home, Braddock Heights.

She was the wife of Walter S. Klay, who died in 1960.

Born April 14, 1900, in Eyler's Valley, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Nora M. Smith Eyler.

Mrs. Klay had been employed as a bank teller with Citizens Savings Bank and as secretary with Hammaker Memorials.

She was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Thurmont.

She was also a charter member of the Thurmont Senior Citizens.

Surviving are one daughter, Karen Klay Chapin of Ocean Park, Washington; four grandchildren, Tony Klay, Carol Klay, Walter Bercaw, and Mary Millin; and one great-grandson, Cody Millin.

Mrs. Klay was preceded in death by one son, Neal Klay; two brothers, Arthur Eyler and Lloyd Eyler and three sisters, Myrtle English, Vada Myers, and Mamie Hays.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 13. Interment in Green Hill Cemetery, Waynesboro, Pa.

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Cougar News

By Marlene Tarr
Principal, CHS

On June 1, Catocin High School will receive the Character Education Award from the Maryland State Department of Education. The recognition was earned for our effort to implement a strong peer mediation program and the Character Counts! initiative.

Five new classes are being offered in next year's schedule. AP Environmental Science, AP Probability & Statistics, AP Physics, German, and Sociology. We are very excited to be able to offer courses with such rigor to our student body.

New stage curtains were installed in time for our spring musical. The money for these curtains came entirely from community contributions. A special thanks to Bill Eyler who

approached community groups for support of this cause. Contributions were received from The Lions Club, Catocin Endowment Fund, CHS Athletic Boosters, CHS PTSA, CHS Drama Club, Catocin Area FFA Alumni, Mountain Gate Restaurant (Merle McCleaf), Thurmont Grange #409, Inc., and the Thurmont/Emmitsburg Community Show. We can't thank these groups enough for their generosity and support!

Littrell visits Emmitsburg



George Littrell

Candidate George Littrell, a Democrat, visited the Emmitsburg region May 5, 1998, to listen to voters and identify issues and concerns of the residents throughout this area. Littrell is seeking the seat in the Maryland State Senate in District 4, which includes portions of Frederick and Carroll Counties.

"The first step to solving a problem is to understand what the problem is," said Littrell. "That's why I'm here."

According to Littrell, governments work through coalition and team building. "This is the process I used in helping to bring about the completion of the Woodsboro by-pass—bringing the people together to work out solutions. And, being persistent," Littrell said.

Although not directly addressing the recent Board of Education decision in the reformulation of schools in the Emmitsburg area, Littrell said he supports the Neighborhood School concept backed up with regional representation. At the present time there is no member on the school board from this northern region of the county.

"Cost efficiency is only one ground rule on making decisions on where schools are built. It does not measure all qualities such as educating the whole child, a child's self-esteem, or creating strong bonds between a school, its students and community," Littrell said.

In the 1994 Maryland Senate Election in District 4 Littrell won 56% of the vote in this region, but was defeated by the vote in Carroll County. "I made some mistakes there by not getting started early enough," Littrell said. "I am working now to identify issues and develop support early through a foundation of voters over the entire election district. Shirley Morris is the local chairperson of Littrell's Voter Foundation. For information call 301-447-6380.

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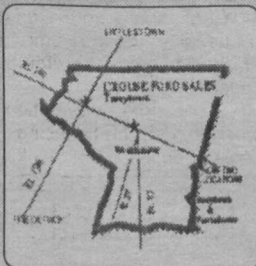
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The History Of Stony Branch Valley Part 4

The Whitmore and Close Farms

The 19th century in Stony Branch Valley is in many ways a history of dichotomies. Early in the century, Frederick County held the title as the most productive wheat-growing county in the nation. As a result the population, as well as land values, steadily increased. By the end of the century, however, the rich soil of the plains states had earned that area the title "the Bread Basket of the Nation," and bankruptcy sales of the much less productive farms in this valley were, sadly, much too frequent.

At the opening of the century, it was not possible to walk down the path of what became Sixes Bridge Road without seeing slaves toiling in the fields. By the midpoint of the century, however, abolitionists were gaining the upper hand, and manumission of slaves was becoming increasingly acceptable. David Morrison, who owned at least three farms in the valley, even went so far as to grant his slaves not only freedom, but also ownership of the land near to Tom's Creek Methodist Church, upon which they had toiled so long, thereby giving them the means to build their own futures.

Like many border states, Maryland saw many divided loyalties during the Civil War, and Stony Branch Valley was not immune. The Maxells saw two of their sons don the uniform of the Union; one of them gave his life for the Union cause. Against them rode their neighbor James Welty, who served as a Confederate scout during the

Gettysburg Campaign.

With the explosion in the population, and the frequent turnover in the ownership of land, the story of the valley becomes rather complex. I often found myself confused trying to follow the intertwining land exchanges and family relationships. I found that in order to make any headway at all, I was forced to concentrate on small discrete sections of the valley at a time, and only when I understood each of them, did I understand Stony Branch Valley. For the next few articles, I will follow this same logic, and will tell the history of specific farms and their owners in the 1800's.

For most of the 1800's, the history of the northeastern end of the valley, from Tom's Creek Bridge to Tom's Creek Methodist Church, is intertwined with the Troxel family. To the south, the century opened with the Biggses as the predominate landholders, and closed with the Valentine family in their place. The west and the heart of the valley belonged to the Zacharias family, and to the east, the Whitmores and Closes. The following is what I know of these latter two families.

Following the death of Benjamin Whitmore in 1771, his sons continued to live on the individual farms their father had willed to them jointly. As the sons approached old age, the joint ownership of the many family farms began to become a concern to the brothers. As they began to arrange their affairs for the future benefit of their families, it became necessary to formally divide the farms in order to obtain an equitable distribution of the jointly-held property. In 1798 the brothers sold their

holdings for cash to Peter Troxel, a friend and neighbor. Peter equally distributed the cash to the Whitmore sons, who immediately bought back land they wanted.

Benjamin Jr., the oldest son, purchased the largest amount of land (254 acres). The rationale for Benjamin's shaping his farm the way he did has long been lost to history; however, in many ways it affected the way the valley developed. As time passed and more and more of the virgin timber was cleared and farmed, the need for tenant farmers and laborers increased. The long ladle-like appendage that stretched to the west from the main body of Benjamin's farm proved too distant to be farmed; as a result, for a long time it remained uncleared. Because of its central location in the valley, however, it provided an ideal site for tenant housing, and by the close of the 19th century, no less than 4 houses, as well as the public school, were clustered on this little strip.

Benjamin, however, did not hold his land long. In 1799 he sold his land to Samuel and Henry Close. Unfortunately for us today, the Close family may have been many things, but documenters or writers they were not, so very little is known about them. In 1805 Samuel and Henry sold their combined holdings to Christian Close, whom history records as being a soldier of the

Revolution. In 1807 Christian sold the southern half of the farm, 118 acres, back to Samuel, who in turn, in 1811, sold it to a John Shorb, whose father Jacob had a decade before purchased the old Wilson Family farm just to the immediate south..

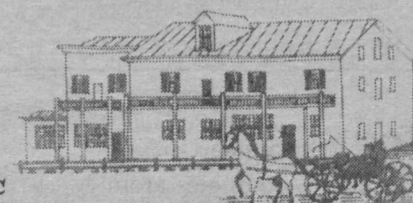
In 1831, the Close family once again obtained ownership of the southern half of the farm when Eligh Close purchased it from John Shorb, but not before John Shorb had sold the "Western Ladle" to a John Picking, who was amassing a large farm to the west of Tom's Creek. Upon Eligh's death in 1884, the farm became the property of his wife Adelaide, and upon her death, passed into the hands of James Grimes, in whose family it still remains.

The ownership and the boundaries of the northern half of the farm, 135 acres in total, are shrouded in mystery. All that is certain is that in 1828 Eligh Close sold the farm to Jesse Close. When Eligh obtained the land from Christian, and what the relationship was between these three men, has defied my best efforts to discover. In 1869, Jesse passed the farm on to his son John, who, upon his death in 1893, willed it to his "adopted" daughter, Carie Baumgardner. Upon her marriage to Lloyd Durn, the farm became known as the "Durn Farm."

In noting the relationship of Carie

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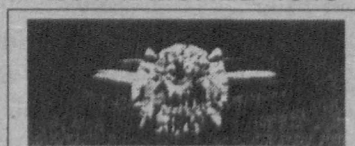
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Weaver Hits and Studies for High Average

by J.J. Sanford

Jennifer Weaver likes science, but it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that this Catoclin High School junior is a leader both on and off the field.

Weaver batted a .509 in 21 games this year to lead the girls softball team in hitting, en route to a 14-7 record and a berth in the regional finals last week. The only thing as high as her batting average is her grade point average, an equally impressive 3.8.

Though the team lost to Glenelg 6-1 in the final, her coach, Susan Weaver (no relation), said the team still had a "very successful season" playing in the competitive Mid-Maryland conference, and that she looks forward to next year when Jennifer and most of the team returns. The team will lose only 3 seniors, and coach Weaver said her team should be every bit as good as this year's team, if not better. This is the first year in four that the team hasn't made it to the state tournament.

But there's no time for heartache for Jennifer and her teammates. Just a couple days after the

season-ending loss, Jennifer joined the Heartbreaker's travel team, which began play Memorial Day weekend, and she's been busy with school work and other extra curricular activities, too.



Jennifer Weaver

A member of the National Honor Society, Jennifer's schedule is "pretty much full: between softball and other student activities. Though she's not likely to be found in a single "shop" class, Jennifer is involved in SHOP, Students Helping Other

People, and organization that holds fundraisers and serves food at shelters for needy people. She's a member of the F-Club and Fellow Christian Athletes, and also helps tutor middle school students.

Though a hometown girl, Jennifer is looking at 4 or 5 different colleges, "a little further away than the Mount," she said. And it's likely that her high averages (batting and GPA) will get her into a scholarship program on the Division III level.

But it's not all work, no play for Jennifer. An interview with her had to be cut short last Saturday because she had to go help set up for the prom at the Mount, and though she said she had a date, she wouldn't say who the lucky guy was. There are other beneficiaries of Jennifer's good will. She helps coach her sister Samantha's softball team and she's as proud of her sister as her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Weaver, must be of her.

"She's doing pretty well," Jennifer said of her kid sister, a pitcher who, she said, has 33 strike outs in 11 innings. Maybe it runs in the family? Jennifer said her parents both played ball, and she started playing the game 7 or 8 years ago because "my father thought I was too much of a girl," she said.

Other teams find her too much to handle. "On the field she is intense and very competitive," said coach Weaver, who has been coaching at Catoclin for 12 years. Weaver taught Jennifer in her Health and Strength Training class, and she said the same qualities that make Jennifer an honors student, are what make her an outstanding ballplayer. "She is bright and conscientious, and a leader by example," said coach Weaver, adding that her defensive abilities are equal to her hitting. "She's an aggressive third baseman."

Though Catoclin is a small school with less than 1,000 student, "we play in a tough league," said coach Weaver. "That's why we're so competitive in the post season." She went on to say that Jennifer's high batting average is all the more impressive because of the caliber of pitching she has faced. "We see some of the best pitching in the state," said Weaver.

In return they see some of the best hitting in the state.

ALIAS GRACE

A BOOK REVIEW

By Christina Stevenson

Anyone who has an interest in reading historical novels is in for a treat with *Alias Grace* by Margaret Atwood. *Alias Grace* is a novel, although it is based on reality. It tells the tale of Grace Marks, one of Canada's most notorious female criminals. Grace, a servant girl, was convicted of murdering her employer in the 1840's at the age of sixteen.

She was sentenced to life in prison and she entered the Provincial Penitentiary in Kingston in 1843. The trial was extensively reported in Canadian, United States, and British newspapers to which Margaret Atwood referred to while conducting research for the book. The press and public sensationalized the story much like, dare I say it, the O.J. Simpson trial of our time. The guilt or innocence of Grace Marks became a topic of debate among nineteenth century Canadians.

The story of Grace Marks' life unfolds when an American psychiatrist, Dr. Jordan, arrives at the penitentiary to analyze her. Through her conversations with the young doctor, Grace tells of her early childhood in Ireland to the hardships of being a servant and a member of the underclass in colonial Canada.

Grace carefully discloses details about the events that led to the murder but obscures important facts from Dr. Jordan. The suspense builds as Grace treads closer to revealing her involvement in the murder. *Alias Grace* will leave you speculating about the guilt or innocence of Grace Marks as did the Canadians of the 1800's.

The novel contains interesting historical items such as an excerpt from the *Kingston Penitentiary Punishment Book, 1843*, a report of the trial from the *Toronto Mirror*, November 23rd, 1843, and a sketch of Grace Marks as she appeared at the courthouse.

Margaret Atwood is also the author of *The Handmaid's Tale*, *The Robber Bride*, and *Cat's Eye*. *Alias Grace* is available at the Emmitsburg Library.

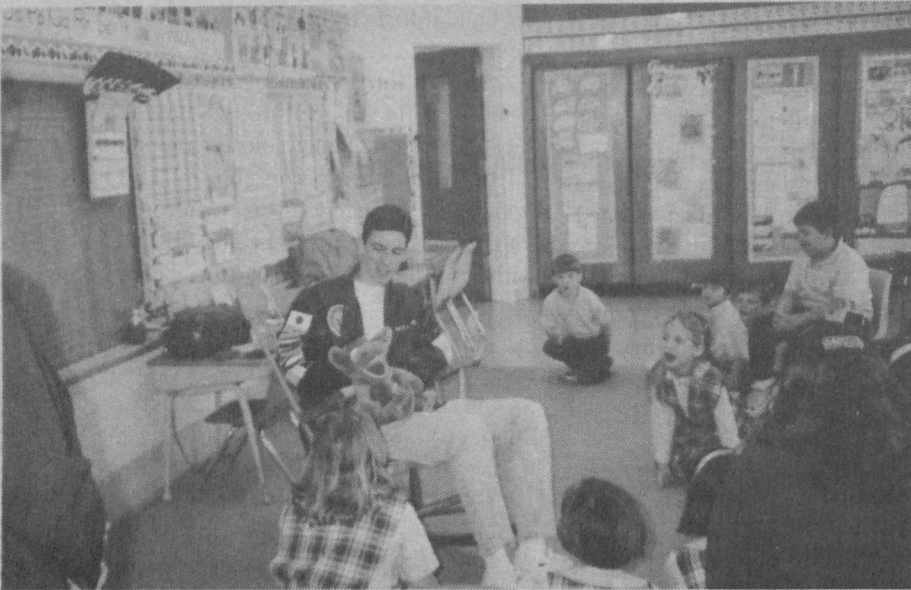
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to the Closes, I used quotes around *adopted* because upon her death in 1967, questions were raised about whether Carie had ever been formally adopted. Even more interesting, however, was the realization that the boundaries of her farm had not been officially surveyed since the division of the original farm in 1807. In spite of this 151-year lapse, the court-ordered 1967 survey was almost an exact duplicate of the 1807 survey, which goes to show how mature the science of surveying really is. Upon Carie Baumgardner Close Dum's death, her farm was broken up, with Joe Wivell obtaining everything west of Tom's Creek, while the eastern half was broken into 4 lots.

Benjamin Whitmore used the proceeds from the sale of his farm to purchase a new farm located on the

South East corner of Sixes and Keysville Roads. What happened to him and his family from this point on will be covered in later stories.

Henry, Benjamin Whitmore, Sr.'s third oldest son, took formal title to a 122-acre tract called "Whiskey Bottle," now owned by Joe Wivell, Sr. The following year, Henry expanded his landholding in the valley with the purchase of an additional 61 acres. (Bill Kuhn's "His Place" sits in the center of this tract.) In 1809, Henry sold "Whiskey Bottle" to John Picking, a newcomer to the valley, and soon after, sold the 61-acre lot to Jacob Schealy, the patriarch of the Schealy family in the valley. One hundred years later, Jacob's grandson James would become a key player in shaping the valley for the 21st century.



Remember Dolby?

As we previously reported, Dolby the Dragon was traveling the world and writing to Mrs. Miller's 2nd graders about his world adventures. Postcards, photos, stories—for months Dolby made himself known through written communication alone. Well, these students finally got their chance to meet this world traveler and best

friend. Dolby visited the classroom last month and personally recounted his journeys. The students were amazed finally to meet such a celebrity! They were full of questions and wonderment when Dolby shared his adventures from the comfort of the 2nd grade rocking chair! I'm sure Dolby will be remembered for a long, long time!

April showers brings a May flowering with \$\$\$\$!

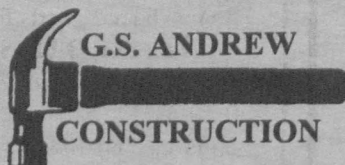
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Another year flew by very quickly! All of us at MSS extend a hearty congratulations to the Class of 1998! The graduation Mass and reception will be held at the Basilica at St. Joseph's Provincial House on June 2nd beginning at 7:00 p.m. Here is the list of proud graduates: Alex Adelsberger, Christina Beam, Tyler Boone, Eric Bowman, Joseph Burkell, Shannon Connell, Crystal Cool, Kim Eaton, Kathleen Emory,

Kristy Lynn Fasano, Steven Feeser 11, Amy Greene, Joseph Hallinan, Nicolette Hance, Stephen Harrington, Jennifer Hewlett, Joshua Hipps, Lauryn Hoff, Mary Knox, Mark Krebs, Rebecca Liddle, Caitrin McCarron, Michael Moore, Joseph Mossburg, Richard Mowl, Sung Jin Park, Rene Parks, Mark Rolfs, Patrick Ruffner, Zachary Smith, Thomas Taggart, Mary Ten Eyck, Tony Ventura, Meeghan White, Morgan Williams.

And The Band Played On....

Well, we thought the Mother Seton School Band's fourth consecutive number-one rating at the Annual Music Festival was impressive. How about *third in the nation*? School bands from around the country submit their concert tapes for a national adjudication. The Mother Seton Band placed third in the nation in schools with a student enrollment of 500 or less.

Congratulations to Mr. Dave Metcalf and band members!



It's in All Walks of Life... Once again our Mother Seton students participated in the Annual Walk-a-thon for Children's Cancer. Luckily before the two weeks of rain came, the MSS students walked several miles on a beautiful sun-drenched day to raise money for the many children helped by the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Oncology Center and the Children's Cancer Foundation, Inc. Thank you to the many families and friends of our students who supported this effort with pledges. So far the students have raised over \$2,500 for this cause.



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ST. ANTHONY/OLMC NEWS

By Ann Marshall

Confirmation '98 for Both Parishes was held on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Anthony Shrine Church with Bishop P. Francis Murphy, Western Vicar, presiding. The Confirmation Dinner which preceded the ceremony was arranged by Lorraine Wivell, Betty Kaas, Kinga Sluga, Amanda Lenhart, Linda Cavey, Peggy Kauffinan, and Joe and Nick Reed. The Confirmation Reception volunteers were Lloydann Kauffman and Jodi Trio. The Confimandi are:

St. Anthony Shrine

Chad Knox, Shivawn McCarthy, Bridget Sanders, Karen Walter, Andrea Wivell, Ashley Wivell, Sarah Wivell.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Maureen Delauter, Kelly Freshman, Krista Higgs, Katherine Joyner, Christopher Jurchak, Matthew Jurchak, Brandon Kokoski, Andrew Lenhart, Kyle Lewis, Sarah Metheny, Aimee Merriman, Matthew Topper, Abigail Whitney.

Father Michael Figler from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, who served the combined parishes as Deacon during the past year, has been ordained for the Diocese of Trenton, NJ. In a letter to the parishioners, he thanked them for their many kindnesses and for their farewell purse which enabled him to buy much-needed vestments.

A Special Youth Festival in honor of Frederick Co.'s 250th Anniversary will be held at Hood College on June 14, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Members of the parish

youth group plan to attend. Admission is free and carpools will be formed. Further information: Yvette Leith at 301271 40

St. Anthony Shrine Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 25. Tickets are now being sold for the main raffle with cash prizes up to \$300. Volunteers are needed for picnic preparation and operation. Call 301447 2928 with an offer to help make the picnic a success.

Twenty-two children from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony Shrine received **First Eucharist** on Sunday, May 3, at St. Anthony's at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Their teachers, Mary Jack, Judy Ridenour, and Debbie Wivell, congratulate them and also thank John and Peggy Offut and Diane Decker for enriching the celebration with their beautiful music. A pancake breakfast following Mass was hosted by Mary Ann Fry, Monica Garten and Christopher, Colleen and Brian, Yvette Leith and Mike and Wanda O'Brien.

The Religious Education Office is saying good-bye to several dedicated volunteers (who are leaving to pursue other interests and careers) with all good wishes and many thanks for their loving service to the families and children of our parishes. They leave big shoes to fill and Kathy Cashiola, coordinator of Religious Education, asks anyone interested in this rewarding ministry for the '99 year to call her at 301-271-4099.

Basket Bingo to benefit the Religious Education Program will be held on June 13th at OLMC. Doors open at 5 p.m. (refreshments available) and Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Cards are sold in advance only, three for \$15 dollars. Admission tickets are limited to 200. All baskets have protectors, some with lids and liners. Call Mary Jack 301 898 0876 or Judy Ridenour 3012712819 for ticket information. Parishioners are asked to donate baked goods for this event.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26 at OLMC Parish Center, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Please register your children and their friends by June 15. Fee is \$10.00 per child. Donations for daily snacks will be much appreciated. Call 3012714099 to offer your help and suggestions or to get further information. Seventh to 12th graders are especially needed to help with teaching, crafts, games, and preparing snacks.

Congratulations to New Babies! St. Anthony Shrine Parish Community welcomes into the Catholic Faith **Taylor Marie Garner** who was baptized Saturday, May 2, 1998. Taylor is the daughter of William and Joyce Garner and the granddaughter of William and Betty Garner. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel welcomes into the Catholic Faith **Robert Francis Hawkins** and **Courtney Allyn Kirby** who were baptized Sunday, May 17, 1998. Robert is the son of John and Diane Hawkins. Courtney is the daughter of Bryce and Kristie Kirby.

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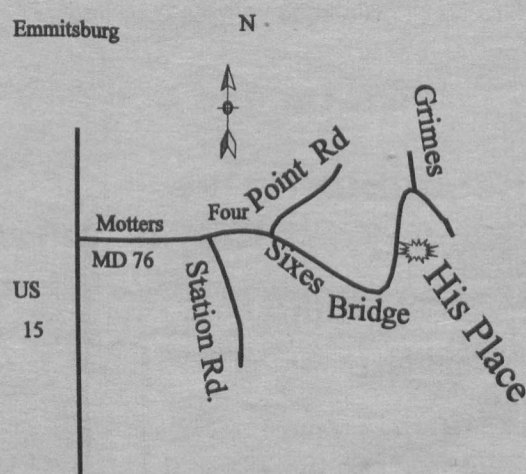
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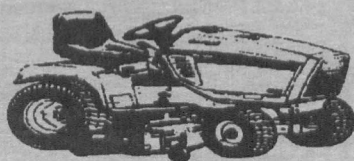


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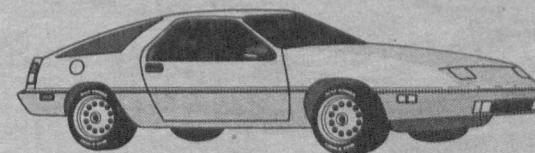
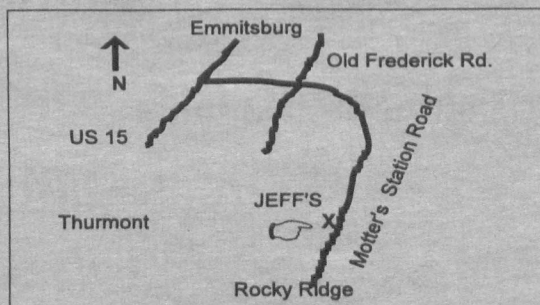
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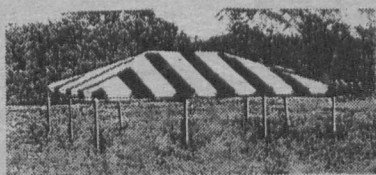


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