

## Covering the Emmitsburg Region

# The DISPATCH

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Gaining Strength from One Another

May 1999

### Queens of the May



Past May Queens. of the Emmitsburg High School's springtime festivities. (Story on page 8) Shown left to right 1st row: Jeanne Sharrer, Leeanna Franklin, Darlene Brewer, Dottie Fisher; 2nd row: Gladys Valentine, Linda Keilholtz, Jane Bollinger, Top row: Bonnie Saylor, Margie Masser, Becky Naill, and Connie Seiss.

A Dispatch Photo

## CAFOs: the Good, the Bad, and the Beautiful

by Caryl Austrian

### Part I

Walking up a gradual incline toward the rear of Karen Kuhn's property in Rocky Ridge, past an animal pen where two goats gaze out at visitors and chickens ignore them, the first thing that meets the eye is the sun glittering off the roofs of several large metal buildings in the distance. It's a beautiful, breezy April day. Suddenly the wind changes, and it hits you—the overpowering stench of pig excrement immediately triggers the gag reflex. This foul invasion of the nostrils prompts a quick turn in the opposite direction, but of course it follows you.

The source is a large hog farm that has caused residents enough distress to band together in opposition to this undesirable neighbor and also to try to stop similar establishments from locating elsewhere in the area.

In fact, citizen complaints prompted the Frederick County Commission in March to approve a one-year moratorium on concentrated animal feeding operations, or CAFOs, of over 250 animals while officials and residents decide what to do about them. In addition to the one in Rocky Ridge, one is operating in Foxville, and another is under construction in Carroll County.

CAFOs, which are operating in many areas of the country, especially in the Midwest, are generally owned or run under contract by agribusiness giants such as Conagra or foreign corporations. The Rocky Ridge hog farm, or factory, as some observers prefer to call it, is owned by Rodney Harbaugh, who has a contract with Purina to raise the hogs until they are big enough to slaughter. Under typical contract arrangements, the large corporation

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## Commissioners Hoover and Sweeney reelected

Emmitsburg voters returned both incumbent commissioners, James Hoover and Clifford Sweeney, to the town council on election day, April 20th.

Mr. Hoover received 80 votes; Mr. Sweeney, 72, and Rosario Benvengi, 16. Out of 981 registered voters, 89 cast ballots.

The council voted at the March workshop that the candidate with the most votes would have the three-year seat and the two-year completion seat would go to the next highest vote-getter. The top vote getter also gets his choice of committee assignment.

Jim Hoover served on the planning and zoning commission during his last term, and says he wants to continue its work to keep the small town atmosphere as Emmitsburg grows; and also improve the traffic enforcement. Commissioner Hoover said he was very happy voters came out and supported him.

Clifford Sweeney, current parks and recreation commissioner, is looking forward to his new term. "We'll finish using the grant money to develop the second phase of the Community Park project," he said. "As the parks commissioner I've tried to bring the community together by having different events in the park throughout the year," Sweeney said.

Commissioner Phil Postelle, president of the council, said he was extremely pleased with the results of the election.

## Flowers for Main Street

By Frankie Fields

The Town of Emmitsburg and Silver Fancy Garden Club will be planting flowers in the Bradford Pear tree wells along Main Street on May 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This is a tremendous undertaking and we need many volunteers.

We will meet in front of the town office at 8:45 a.m., give explanations of what, where, and how to plant, and allocate areas. The town crew will help with additional dirt and mulch. Each volunteer should bring gloves, clippers, shovel, and a trowel. If you do not have these please come and the necessary items will be provided. This is an opportunity for high-schoolers to get some Community Service hours.

Anyone who normally plants

flowers in a tree-well is encouraged to continue. Please mark your tree-well so we will know not to plant that area. Also, we will need volunteers to keep all planted flowers watered. Anyone willing to do this please call the town office. Prior to the day of planting we will have a number on each tree so you can tell the town office which tree well you will be responsible for.





## Letters to the Editor

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

### A Tribute to Thomas Gingell (1918-1999)

On a cold Christmas Eve in the early 1970's my new neighbor, Tom Bollinger (the son of "old Tom," on Frailey Road), invited me to visit his relatives, apparently an annual event. One stop was at Uncle Tom Gingell's house on West Main Street, whom I had never met. I was amazed at the size of the kitchen and the number of clocks. But I soon was distracted by the stories being told of old Emmitsburg. I started laughing. He told of a relative who on a Friday afternoon had come off his farm into town to go to the local bank. As he walked in the manager yelled at him for tracking dirt in on his boots. So this farmer left and went back to his farm and rode his horse back into town and then up the steps of the bank and through the door. Once in the bank as he straightened up in his saddle, he called to the shocked manager: "Well are you happy? My dirty boots aren't on your @#%& floor!"

Tom Gingell made a lot of us laugh over the years. When he died recently the picture in the obit showed Tom laughing. The memories came back. The funny stories came first, but then the qualities of the man were recalled too.

In the mid 1980's, while I was mayor, a Town commissioner election was approaching, but no one seemed interested in running. So I thought if Emmitsburg was about to see a lot of changes in the coming years (Main Street, growth, etc.) it would be great if we could have a rock on the Council tied to Old Emmitsburg. That way as



**Tom Gingell**

Emmitsburg changed, it would remain rooted in its magnificent past. I asked Tom if he would be interested in running. He used some words that newspapers usually print as "#%!&" and then agreed. And so too did the people of Emmitsburg.

So Tom Gingell became a Town Commissioner.

He brought wit and wisdom to the Council. First of all the wit.

Tom Gingell was a realist. He saw some of us as dreamers (we thought visionary sounded better). When we jumped up and down with glee because we had been awarded a \$7M federal and state grant, he would note that he hadn't seen the first dollar. As we sharpened the scissors getting ready for the ribbon cutting of a new development that had just been negotiated, he observed that he had not heard the first nail driven. Of course Tom was right, there were miles to travel before changes would in fact happen. He would bring us all back down to earth, where further work needed to be done.

**See Tom on page 3**

### Knuckles down

My sister and I completed the marbles class at the community center. It was fun and I mean a lot of fun. Josh Sculley was the instructor. He taught us the rules of the game and let us make up our own games. On the last night Mr. Kimball from the Frederick County Knucklers club and the national boy and national girl marble champions visited our group. They showed us

marble shooting techniques.

I would like to say Thank You to Frederick County Parks and Recreation, Emmitsburg Town ommissioners, Mayor Carr and Josh Sculley for bringing a very fun activity to Emmitsburg. I hope that they have this program again next winter and that more kids come out to play.

**BRIAN HOOVER**  
Emmitsburg

## Town News...

### From the desk of the town manager...

1. At April's Planning Commission meeting Hess Enterprise's site plan was given a 30-day continuance to work out engineering and traffic details. This project proposes the construction of an 83-room motel and 90-seat restaurant between the Silo Hill Development, U.S. 15 and Md. Rte. 140.

2. The base patch work is almost complete and the resurfacing of eastern DePaul Street should begin within the next week.

3. The "Sperry Ford" building on South Seton Avenue is being renovated as office space. This work is being performed by Briggs Associates, which will be relocating to the site within the next month.

4. The Mayor and Commissioners will be approving the 1999-2000 budget within the next 60 days. To their credit they have made provisions to accelerate the repayment of the town's long term debt.

5. The owners of the Pembroke subdivision are presently submitting a redesign of the project. This redesign will include larger (0.5 acre) lots, that the developers hope will support larger homes. This project will be reviewed at the May Planning Commission meeting.

*David Haller*

## Committee meetings

By Diana Hoover

### Parks and Recreation Committee

Silo Hill Park has had mulch put in around the play equipment and is ready for lots of summer fun.

Commissioner Sweeney brought up concerns about children crossing Route 140 at the town square on their way to school. He questioned why there was no longer a crossing guard at the intersection. The town will be checking into the situation.

Mayor Carr invited everyone to come out and support Family Fun Night at the Community Center. It will be held on May 7, 1999, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. The town

sponsors this event. Frederick County Parks and Recreation members will be on hand to provide demonstrations and a DJ will be providing music. Door prizes will be drawn every half-hour and refreshments will be available. There will be lots of family activities throughout the evening:

6:30 - Music, food, facepainting, balloon animals (Throughout evening)

7:00 - Mighty fit demonstration

7:15 - Line dancing

7:45 - Games and relays

8:15 - Family aerobics

8:30 - Family dancing

We hope to see you there!

### Uninformed?

The April issue of the *Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch* was very interesting and newsy but the front page lacked what I consider the most important news of the month-- the town election date.

Election Day needs all the publicity it can get. Your paper is one of the best means of keeping the citizens informed. Less than 100 registered voters came out to vote. Was it because they didn't know when the election was held that more didn't turn out?

**LORETTA ADELSBERGER**  
Emmitsburg,

### May town meeting dates

All meetings are held at the town office and begin at 7:00 p.m.

Town council, May 3

Street and transportation committee, May 19

Parks and recreation committee, May 27

Planning and zoning commission, May 24



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But eventually things began to happen. As one development started he didn't like the method of construction that the developer was using. So he stormed up Main Street and out Frailey Road and started yelling at me as soon as his foot hit our porch. It was supper time. I came to the door and said I would go to the site right after supper: "But not now, because we had just put the bacon and eggs on." He seemed satisfied. But as he started to leave, he came storming back to our screen door and yelled in: "What the #@% are you having bacon and eggs for supper for?"

As the Main Street renovation was progressing up West Main Street, he told the Council later (he had a sense of humor about himself too), one day it was announced that the water would be turned off beginning at 10am for an extended period of time so new connections could be made. Tom wanted to be prepared. So about 7am he got two buckets and started filling them up with water from an old pump he had out near his garage and hauled them, slopping some, through the kitchen and up the stairs to the bathtub in the upstairs bathroom. Tom was going to be prepared for the water cut off. His wife, Jane, watched him make several trips and then suggested to him that maybe it would easier if he just turned the water on in the tub, since they had not turned the water off yet.

There never was an issue the

Town faced in the late eighties and early nineties of which Tom didn't know the background. With all the Main Street construction and the housing developments, he was a font of knowledge (he would have hated that phrase). Because he had worked a quarry, because he had worked construction, because he had worked for State Highway, he knew how things should be. Some of us were greenhorns. He was the one that made sure that nobody messed with Emmitsburg. Get it right, buddy, or get out. If some proposal was being presented to the Council with charts and graphs and two inches of documentation, Tom would sit down at the end of the Council table and if he said "humph," the proposal was revised before further consideration.

But it wasn't just know-how. It was also integrity that Tom Gingell brought to the table. He was one of the most honest, straight forward persons with whom I ever worked. He was intolerant of shoddiness, dishonesty, the waste of tax payers' money and foolishness. He kept you laughing, but he also kept you thinking.

Thanks, Tom, for all you did for old Emmitsburg, and for the new Emmitsburg, and for our funny bones.

BOB PRESTON  
Former Mayor  
Town of Emmitsburg

## Emmitsburg town deputies

By Diana Hoover  
Emmitsburg has a new deputy in town: Officer Willie Ollie. Deputy Ollie will be working with Deputy John Chance to patrol our town.

The deputies are concerned about traffic enforcement and the juvenile problem Emmitsburg is having. With warm weather upon us the deputies have been working on plans to curtail curfew violators and vandals.

Emmitsburg has a



Dupties Willie Ollie (l) and John Chance

juvenile curfew that is in effect from 11:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. (Ordinance .12.040).

The deputies have also been working with radar to slow some of the speeders through town.

## Opening day for Emmitsburg Little League

By Bill Wivell  
President of Little League

The Emmitsburg Little League Baseball & Softball divisions officially opened their season on Saturday, April 17. The weather made those who were in attendance think it was still the month of March due to gusty winds and chilly temperatures. However, the youth played ball as if it were the middle of June.

Due to decreased numbers of registration, two teams had to be dropped from the various divisions this year. The 9-12 year olds dropped a baseball team and a softball team. There are now officially 18 teams registered under the Emmitsburg Little League charter.

Throwing out the first pitch for the 9-12 year olds baseball season was Chad Knox. Chad is the son of Susan Knox and the late Jim Knox. Jim was the manager of the Yankees team for the past six years. As the crown listened to the announcer, the following was read. "Jim was not only the manager of a team but he was a dedicated person for the league. He put numerous hours in working on the field, helping with fundraisers and the picnic, whatever needed to be done. Jim enjoyed it all and he loved working with the kids and community. He had the right attitude—always said it's for the kids."

President Bill Wivell had it announced that the league has voted



Chad Knox throws out first pitch of 1999 Little League season.

to dedicate the entire 1999 Little League season to the memory of Jim Knox.

Playing the first game for 9-12 year olds baseball division were the 1998 season champs, the Yankees and their opponent, the Giants. The second game saw the Cardinals and Dodgers battle it out.

Opening day for the Minor League Division and the Tee-ball Division was Saturday, April 24. Watching those beginners is a special treat as they learn the fundamentals of hitting and running. The Tee-ball starting age is 5 years old.

All of the games are played at the ballfields located behind the post office. Games are scheduled every evening except Friday and there are also games on Saturday mornings and afternoon.

Senior League Division held their opening day on April 28 and their games are played on the new field located behind the Emmitsburg Senior Center beside the caboose.

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## 100 Years Ago "In this place"

from the *Emmitsburg Chronicle*

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1899-Straw berry festivals will soon be in order. Ice Cream Soda at Zimmerman's tomorrow. Don't forget to attend the entertainment at the Opera House tonight.

The people of Emmitsburg could get rid of a great deal of dust if they would sweep the street in front of their residences, and put the sweepings in a pile some place out of the way. We believe that some of our town farmers would willingly haul the sweepings away free of charge. Think this matter over and give it a trial. It will well pay you for your labor.

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1899 - On last Saturday morning quite a number of people swept the street in front of their residences and hauled the dust and dirt away. At one part of the town the street for an entire block was swept, and the benefits to be derived from this practice were

plainly noticeable.

### Interesting to Emmitsburg Readers

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 1899-We have been handed the first copy of a publication, at St. Joseph's, Mo., called *The Saint Joseph Union* of which James T. Motter, one of the sons of our fellow townsman, Colonial John D. Motter is the editor. The paper is a representative of the Laboring People, and is intended to centralize the voice of the Labor Unions, through a central labor council and "to educate the people to a better understanding of unionism in its proper relations to the betterment and uplifting of society and all its phases." In it we find an article headed:

"Rapidly Growing Industry and its Concerns of Mr. Clifford A. Taney, an old Emmitsburg boy, and the oldest son of our esteemed fellow citizen Edw S. Taney. Esq., we reproduce it in the *CHRONICLE* as of interest to our people. "The wonderful blue starch is an invention of Mr. C.A. Taney, and bids fair to be universally used, on its merits, and all his friends here will be glad to know that, in the natural course of business, it will be an inevitable bonanza for the inventor and the manufacturing company which has taken it in hand. Anyone can obtain a sample of the "Wonderful" by applying to Mr. E.S. Taney.

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## Our Children Are Crying.....Again!!!

by Lolly Polvinale

The story is the same, only the names change! The Serbs come rushing into a village and begin shooting. If you don't leave your home they will shoot you ...men, women, and children. They burn and loot the homes of the village. If you get in their way you will be killed! In another village, Momma & Poppa bundle their 4 children up in multi-layers of clothing, give them bread & cold sausage, and send them off to follow the others to safety? "God Bless You All" they murmur as their children depart! Will they ever see their children again?

Children, by the thousands, have been lost or separated from their parents, turning up in the refugee camps...tired, scared, sick and filled with despair. Unfamiliar with the food that is available, they fall ill, and sink deeper into their grief. Will they see their families again? Are their families still alive? As part of an "ethnic-cleansing," the Albanian Kosovars are being driven from their

homes by the thousands. Last count - 700,000 Kosovars have escaped to refugee camps across the border in Albania. What can we do so far away, and far removed from, yet another, ethnic/cultural conflict raging out of control? Prayer would be a good start!

The "little church with the big heart," as Fairfield Mennonite Church has been referred to, is collecting Refugee Kits to send to the homeless, hungry and isolated people of Kosovo. Mennonite Central Committee is spearheading an effort to send 30,000 refugee kits a month. You can contribute one item, an entire kit, or a donation for blankets. These items [only] are suggested for a kit:

4 bars-antibacterial soap  
1 13oz [minimum] plastic btl shampoo  
4 adult toothbrushes  
1 bx gauze pads [4x4]  
1 tube toothpaste [8 oz]  
1 hairbrush, comb, nail clippers  
4 new towels

1 roll - adhesive tape [10 yds or more]

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supplies the animals and feed, usually a product made by the corporation, and pays the farmer to raise the animals. The farmer receives a percentage, or perhaps a flat fee—the exact arrangements are not readily obtainable—for each animal. Mr. Harbaugh says he is very happy with his contract with Purina and that it has been financially beneficial. "I'm tickled to death," he said.

One of the principal challenges with CAFOs lies in the sheer number of animals—enormous compared with a traditional-sized farm—and the often ineffective methods used by hog-raisers to process and dispose of their animals' excrement. And produce excrement they do, to the tune of about 1.9 tons per year per animal, according to one environmental organization. Small wonder that the odor from their accumulated emissions easily surpasses the human toleration level.

Mr. Harbaugh ran a dairy farm for years in peaceful coexistence with his neighbors. After all, farms, by definition, come with a certain amount of smells, sights, and sounds. The problems affecting his neighbors began when Mr. Harbaugh decided about a year ago to go into the hog business in a big way. (Currently, Mr. Harbaugh says, he has about 2,000 hogs at his place, half the capacity of about 4,000,

because it's time to go to market.) When questioned about the odors from his farm, Mr. Harbaugh said, "I don't smell it." (He, like the rest of us who are more-or-less continually exposed to an unfamiliar odor over a period of time, is likely to be used to it by now.) He claims that while pigs smell different from cows, "They don't smell any worse." He says he is doing "everything we can" to minimize the odor.

Yet at least one very large CAFO, a dairy farm, has been operating peacefully on the Maryland-Pennsylvania border for over 200 years. Mason Dixon Farms has about 3700 Holsteins, and owner Richard Waybright, whose grandchildren are the ninth generation of the family, says he recalls only one complaint about the farm's odor, from a neighbor about a mile away who had moved to the area from Baltimore. "I told them they could go to the zoo and smell elephants," he quips. Farm smells are "like a woman's perfume," he adds. "You like some of them and you don't like others."

In addition to offensive odors, a CAFO can create some potentially serious problems. Detractors point to negative effects on (1) human health, (2) the animals themselves, (3) the environment and (4) the economy — that of the industry in

general and the independent family farm in particular.

**Effects on Human Health**

Hog excrement is generally collected in troughs, called "lagoons," under or adjacent to the sheds where the animals are housed, and often dispersed by spraying it onto fields—the farmer's own acreage or other farm property, if the owners agree—usually (but not always) to fertilize crops. Critics say airborne bacteria and chemicals from the spray irritate lungs, making breathing difficult, can affect heart rate, and if water containing these undesirable ingredients is ingested, it can pass along serious diseases and cause numerous unhealthy conditions. Add to these possibilities the fact that, says one environmental group, antibiotics and hormones fed to the animals (and then partly excreted) can produce drug-resistant strains that can end up in our drinking water and thus in us.

Probably the most notorious recent example of one type of this water problem is the 1997 pfiesteria outbreak on Maryland's Eastern Shore; runoff from nearby chicken farms was blamed as the probable cause of an extensive fishkill and widespread residents' health complaints. Mr. Harbaugh, however, says he is using the most modern methods to collect and process the

hog manure and that he is always looking for better ways to deal with it.

The Mason Dixon farm turns manure to its own advantage: it uses the methane created by cow manure to generate all the electricity used by the farm. "And what we don't use, we sell," notes Mr. Waybright. He explains that after the manure is "digested" for 30 days, the solids are separated out. The liquids are sprayed on the crops during the growing season. "And everything we grow goes into silage," he adds. "We have a holistic, synergistic approach" to the entire farm operation, he says. The farm even has a website (mdf@cvn.net).

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### FREE MEDICAL CARE MISSION OF MERCY

Mission of Mercy provides free medical care to anyone that is poor, homeless, uninsured or underinsured. Patients can make an appointment to see a medical doctor by calling the following number:

**Taneytown Clinic Location:**

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 44 Frederick Street  
Appointment-(410) 857-2999  
Clinic Hours:Thurs., May 6, 8:30am -12:00pm  
Thurs., May 20, 8:30am -12:00pm

**Thurmont Clinic Location:**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church Parish Hall, 103 North Church Street  
Appointment:(301) 694-3733  
Clinic Hours:Thurs., May 6, 1pm - 4pm  
Thurs., May 20, 1pm -4pm

**Gettysburg Clinic Location:**

Gettysburg College -Musselman Stadium West Lincoln Avenue  
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Thurs., May 27, 9am -4pm

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## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: Ezra Jack Keats Celebration

By Judy Ramoy Johnstone, Ph.D.

Children and their parents gathered at the Emmitsburg Library on April 10 to celebrate the life of award-winning children's author, Ezra Jack Keats.



Kit Bloom

Storyteller Kit Bloom entertained by sharing several of Keats' books such as *Pet Show*, *Jennie's Hat*, and *A Letter to Amy*. The children who ranged in age from about four to nine years old, participated in some of the stories. For example, each child selected a flower, feather, or other decoration from a bag and were called upon to come up and decorate "Jennie's" hat. They also received sticker awards for their toy animals who were judged in the pet show contest.

During the next activity, the children were allowed to select a Keats book from a choice of five different titles. Each child was given a bookplate to decorate and glue into the complimentary book.

Refreshments were served at the end of the celebration, and enrichment-activity packets were distributed to the parents. The activities, which were compiled by senior elementary education majors, are designed to be used after reading Keats' books and to extend ideas from the books

through art, drama, music, and writing.

Other groups from Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg Elementary School, and the Emmitsburg Child Care Center were sent special invitations to attend sessions at the library during the week of April 12. Students in the teacher education program at Mount St. Mary's College conducted storytelling sessions using props that they designed in order to tell stories written by Ezra Jack Keats. For example, some used flannelboard, puppets, and lap-top theaters.

The celebration was made possible by a grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation which is located in Brooklyn, New York. Cathy Link, Emmitsburg librarian, and Dr. Judy Ramoy Johnstone, Chair of the Education Dept. at Mount St. Mary's College, co-authored the proposal. Ezra Jack Keats, who died in 1983, was one of the first author/illustrators to feature an African American child as the main character. He also used a collage technique in his books and won the prestigious Caldecott medal for *The Snowy Day*. The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association to the most distinguished picture book published in the United States.

Subsequent evaluations of the program were consistently enthusiastic. A few of them follow:



Jessica Carlino, Alicia Bettino, and Emily Burger, senior elementary education majors at Mount Saint Mary's College, conducted storytelling session using props they designed.

A Dispatch Photo



Children and parents listen intently to story teller Kit Bloom at the Ezra Keats Celebration held April 10, at the Emmitsburg Branch Library.

A Dispatch Photo

"It was truly an enriching and enjoyable experience for the children—and for their parents/guardians! The storyteller really knew how to hold the children's attention and, moreover, she *involved* them in the actual stories. The children could then identify and experience the stories in a more personal fashion. As an educator, I applaud the good work of all the people responsible for today's activities. Showing our children that reading is fun is an important goal.

"It was nice to see Mt. St. Mary's and the Emmitsburg Library sponsor the Ezra Jack Keats storytelling. I enjoyed the stories as much as the kids. I hope there will be more sponsored programs like this one for the community to enjoy. This was such a treat." Denise Shriver

"The Ezra Jack Keats presenta-

tion was excellent. The children really enjoyed the storyteller and the activities. As a media specialist, I really enjoyed the presentation of the stories and got some great ideas for storytelling with my students. This was great for the community." Dana Byard

"The presentation of Ezra Jack Keats books was a nice event for my entire family to attend and enjoy. It was especially nice that the children were involved in the storytellings. This was an event my girls are sure to remember. Ezra Jack Keats is one of our family's favorite authors and illustrators. We have been collecting his books so we also were surprised and delighted that our children were given free books. Applause to Emmitsburg Library and Mount St. Mary's College." Pepper Bowins

## Home Depot contributes to local family with triplets

On Monday, April 12, the Home Depot in Frederick donated carpet, padding, and paint to Tommy and Jessica Cupp.

The donation was made to help the Cupps make a smooth transition from their current home on Hornets Nest Road, to a townhouse they are purchasing in Thurmont.

Jessica and Tommy are the proud parents of 19-month old triplet daughters, Sarah, Maggie, and Elizabeth.

Their move was scheduled for

late April and will cap several months of searching for a larger living space.

The Home Depot was contacted by Up-County Family Center home visitor Leslie Persse to help defray the cost of making such a purchase prior to the move. Mr. Brian O'Dwyer, Home Depot store manager, quickly agreed to make the donation.

The Cupps were delighted by the donation and are looking forward to being in their new home soon.



## Library Fashion Show



Phyllis Kelly, left, daughter of the late Sheila Chatlos, and Kate Warthen, librarian, reminisce over a scrapbook of the Emmitsburg Library at the Luncheon/Fashion Show held in JoAnn's Ballroom on April 10, 1999

By Annetta Rapp

The Friends of the Emmitsburg Public Library held their Second Annual Luncheon/Fashion Show to benefit the Library on Saturday, April 10. The event was dedicated to the memory of Sheila J. Chatlos, a life-long devoted supporter of the library, who died on February 10, 1999. Forty-eight women enjoyed a delicious meal in JoAnn's Ballroom at the Carriage House.

Fashions were provided by Weekenders and featured their spring line of casual mix and match, easy-care clothing. Models were

Jean Cadle, Bea Keilholtz, Cathy Link, Karen Meyers, Elizabeth Prongas, and Esther Robinson. Following the show, guests were given the opportunity to try on and purchase the clothes. Weekenders is donating 20 percent of their profits that day to the library.

Chata Carr and Kate Warthen welcomed the guests; and Co-Chairwomen. Annetta Rapp and Natalie Williams awarded the numerous door prizes donated by area merchants. Thanks to everyone who helped make the show a social as well as financial success.

Door Prizes were donated by **Papa John's Pizza**, Gettysburg; **Zurgable Bros. Hardware**, Emmitsburg; **Jubilee Foods**, Emmitsburg; **Designs by Natalie**, Carroll Valley; **Village Tuxedo**, Fairfield; **Mr. G's Flavor Freeze**, Gettysburg; **CPI Printing**, Emmitsburg; **Crouse's**, Emmitsburg; **T Video**, Emmitsburg; **Giant Food Store**, Gettysburg; **Flowers For You, Inc.**, Emmitsburg; **Paul's Pit Stop**, Emmitsburg; **Weekenders**, Hagerstown; **Civil-La-Tea**, Gettysburg; **Myers Radio & TV**, Emmitsburg; **The Calico Connection**, Fairfield; **Subway**, Emmitsburg; **Silo Hill Exxon**, Emmitsburg; **Pizza Hut**, Emmitsburg; **Medicine Plus**, Emmitsburg; **Emmitsburg Flowers and Gifts**, Emmitsburg; **Joannes Cut & Curl**, Emmitsburg; **Willow Valley Farm Market**, Fairfield; **Quality Tire Service**, Emmitsburg; **Carriage House Inn**, Emmitsburg; **Agway**, Gettysburg; **The Villa Gift Shop**, Emmitsburg; **Shear Expressions**, Arendtsville.

## CAFO from page 5

Another problem that can arise with CAFOs is disposal of carcasses. There is said to be a relatively high death rate, especially among hogs, and if they are buried on the farm property, unless the job is handled properly, the odors of decay join up with the rest of the noxious fumes to create an even worse situation for neighbors. Or carcasses can accumulate and create offensive odor—until they are shipped out to factories to be made into items such as dog food.

### Effects on Animal Health.

There is no shortage of materials depicting the cruelty to animals that can exist in CAFOs. Hogs, in particular, animal rights organizations say, suffer greatly. According to literature from those organizations, a sow is kept in a metal enclosure barely large enough to contain her and is expected to give birth and take care of her offspring without even being able to move about. The cage has a wire or concrete floor; no straw is provided as would be customary under normal farm conditions. None of the animals ever gets any exercise and an animal destined for the slaughterhouse is simply fed and monitored until it reach-

es the desirable weight.

Mr. Harbaugh says that, contrary to such reports, his animals are not confined to wire cages, but rather pens, where they can run around. Are they happy? "When we go in to feed them they run up to us and greet us," Mr. Harbaugh says.

Mr. Waybright of Mason Dixon also keeps his animals indoors. He explains: "We found out a long time ago that the animals do better if they don't pasture. It keeps them out of the hot sun" and has other beneficial effects. Are Mr. Waybright's cows contented? Not a sound was heard on a visit to his farm, while pigs on Mr. Harbaugh's farm, which apparently were being loaded onto a truck, were squealing like tortured children. "But that's really the nature of pigs. They don't like to be disturbed," one observer commented.

**Part 2 - To be continued next month: "Harm to the Environment," "The Economics," and "What is to be done?"**

*The Dispatch welcomes Caryl Austrian as a new contributor. Caryl writes from Carroll Valley.*

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## May Day Queens

### Memories Are Made of This

By Ruth O. Richards

The Vernal Equinox had passed. Days were getting longer. Signs of the arrival of spring were everywhere. Spring peepers could be heard. The yellow heads of daffodils were nodding in the wind. The robins were building nests, and the buds of the lilacs were bursting. As a favorite Golden Book of my children said, "Everything is in a hurry when it's spring!"

Throughout the years, from the Thirties until the closing of the Emmitsburg School in the Sixties, springtime was often greeted by a joyful festival there. With intricate May Pole dances and ceremonial crownings of May Queens, the school shared with the community the magic of the season. Turning backward in time, we can almost see and hear the special moments of preparation:

\* \* \* \* \*

For students and teachers alike, excitement is in the air. They are all getting ready for the May Day celebration.

"Under, over, under, over!" shouts Mrs. Scott, over the strains of "Country Gardens." What is going on? The sixth grade students are practicing the winding of the May Pole and Mrs. Scott isn't going to rest until it is done perfectly. The other elementary classes are practicing the dances prescribed by the Board of Education for the dance celebration in Frederick's Baker Park later in the month.

The members of the high school home economics classes have been working all year toward the day when each of the girls who has sewn a dress will walk across the stage in a Style Show that follows the outdoor crowning of the Queen of the May. When will she again have the auditorium stage to herself as she shows off her handiwork, pointing out the details that helped to make her dress beautiful? When will she ever again have a whole auditorium full of onlookers to admire her?

Finally, after all the practicing and the sewing, comes the day to choose a Queen—a senior girl, pretty, friendly, and cheerful. She will be chosen by the entire student

body. But it's a secret. No one except the chosen girl herself will know who it is. She must tell her mother, though. She'll run to the phone to tell her the news. She'll need a beautiful white dress. Where will she get it? Emmitsburg? Gettysburg? Frederick? Will she, or her mother, make it?

Who will be the Queen? Will it be Mamie? Leeanna? Becky? Jeanne? Or one of the other girls who is also beautiful, friendly, and cheerful? The Queen will have to choose her court, girls from her class, and these girls must have as escorts young men from the senior class, all dressed in their finest.

As the great day approaches, other boys will gather flowers from all over the county—armfuls of lilacs and any other flowers in bloom. They will set up chairs in the auditorium and out of doors. They will borrow a pastoral chair from one of the churches in Emmitsburg. Don't forget the artificial grass and the arbor. Oh, but these boys are busy!

At last, the time has come. Parents and grandparents, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles are all seated. The glee club sings; the band starts to play. Down the front steps of the school comes the beautiful Queen carrying a bouquet of fresh flowers, two first grade girls carrying her train, and behind them the court of the classmates that she has chosen.

As the Queen stands before the pastor's chair, now transformed into a throne, she is crowned by the Principal, sometimes with a wreath of flowers, other times by a creation of the Art Department. She sits. More singing. The stage is set. Let the festivities begin.

The festivities do indeed begin. Music is furnished by both the glee club and the band. The dances are performed by the elementary students, and as a finale, the May Pole is wound. The outdoor part of the celebration is over, and all of the celebrants and patrons accompany the Queen and her court into the auditorium for the Style Show. The Queen reigns over the Style Show from a corner of the stage. And to close out this memorable day, refreshments are served in the auditorium by the home economics classes.

\* \* \* \* \*

All of the May Day celebrations with a few variations continued through the years according to the above description. Altogether, there were twenty-three May Queens: six in the 30's, none in the 40's, 8 in the 50's, and 8 in the 60's. The first Queen was Mamie Kelly, 1932, and the last Queen was Connie Seiss in 1968. Connie closed out forever this welcoming of spring because the high school was moved to the present Catocin High School on the outskirts of Thurmont.

I asked Jeanne Sharrer Angleberger to contact as many "old" Queens as possible and ask them for memories of the occasion. Because most of these women had probably been in a previous May Day Style Show, I also wanted to know if they had made their dresses when they were May Queen. The answer to that question was "no." Most of them had bought their dresses in Gettysburg, Frederick, Hanover, or at Houck's on the Square in Emmitsburg. Of the others, one was borrowed, one was an altered borrowed dress, and one was made by the Queen's mother. Some of the Queens' memories follow:

Leeanna Franklin, '34, remembers that she was surprised to have been elected Queen. She also remembers that her picture as Queen was in the *Baltimore Sun*.

Janet Hoke Schmidt, '36, sent a

letter saying that the girls' basketball team won the Frederick County Championship that year. She also sent a picture showing Gladys Keilholtz and Jane Bollinger as two of her attendants.

Gladys Valentine Keilholtz, '37, remembers that she got her dress from a mail order catalog for \$5.00.

Phyllis Hahn Dickey, '39, especially remembers Mr. Jones, Charles and Jessie Eckenrode, and Mary Higbee.

Darlene Brewer, '53. Although Jeanne listed Doris Wastler as Queen for '52, Darlene said that her class revived the May Day celebration.

Becky Nail Kile, '59, remembers that the music for her processional was played from a recording through the first grade room's open window.

Jeanne Sharrer Angleberger, '62, felt very honored. May Day was sponsored by the Student Council as a climax to Courtesy Week. Jeanne was president of the Student Council.

Margie Masser Baker, '68, remembers being pleased her grandparents were there. She also remembers stumbling a bit as she ascended the throne.

Bonnie Saylor Hess, '66, remembers practicing in her winter coat. It was the first time she ever had her hair done in a beauty parlor.

Please see Queens on page 10



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## From the archives - By Amy Valentine

### Welcome to our town



Welcome to the *Dispatch's* photo archives. In future issues, I will be showing different aspects of life in Emmitsburg through photographs from our past as well as our present, providing a visual history of our town.

This photograph welcomes us to our town on what looks like a bit of

### QUEENS from page 8

Linda Keilholtz Umbel, '67, beamed when I talked with her. She was very excited because her mother had also been a May Queen. "The best things that ever happened in our school were May Day and *The Sound of Music* production."

Connie Seiss Hahn, '68, remembers that that day was the last May Day celebration. It was held inside because it rained.

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There have been many, many May Day celebrations over the years. The villages of England wound the May Pole every spring. In South Dakota when I was a child we hung May Baskets with flowers and candy on doors of our friends. Women in other places washed their faces in the morning dew so that their skin would be beautiful. And those that were chosen to be May Queen were just as excited in the days of long ago as were the Queens of Emmitsburg High School. As Tennyson so aptly wrote:

*You must wake and call me early,  
Call me early, mother dear;  
Tomorrow'll be the happiest time  
Of all the glad New-year, mother,  
The maddest, merriest day;  
For I'm to be Queen o' the May,  
mother,  
I'm to be Queen o' the May!*

[Please note: Jeanne Angleberger has given untold amounts of time in gathering the information about the May Queens. I could not have done this piece without Jeanne's unflagging energy and enthusiasm for the project. If I have omitted anyone who responded to Jeanne about that day, I apologize.]

#### May Queens

1932 Mamie Kelley (deceased)  
1934 Leeanna Franklin  
1935  
1936 Janet Hoke  
1937 Gladys Valentine Keilholtz  
1938 Nel Randolph Bollinger  
1939 Phyllis Hahn Dickey  
1940 48 No May Day Activities  
1949 No graduating class  
1950-'52  
1953 Darlene Brewer McCleaf  
1954 Thelma Bollinger Miller  
1955 Dorothy Fisher Favorite  
1956 Jane Bollinger Nolan  
1957 Myra Hess  
1958 Sue Eyster  
1959 Becky Naill  
1960 Shirley Hahn  
1961 Judy Kay Valentine  
1962 Jeanne Sharrer Angleberger  
1963 Sue McClain  
1964 Diane Null  
1965 Margie Masser  
1966 Bonnie Saylor  
1967 Linda Keilholtz Umbel  
1968 Connie Seiss Hahn

a chilly day. The lowest panel reads "Lions Club," and in small print lets passersby know the club meets on Mondays at 6:15 p.m. This particular photograph does not identify the girl. If you know who she might be, please contact Amy Valentine at 301-271-4251.

Thanks to Jason Sanders for sharing this photo.

Last month's photo has had one response as to who the woman may be. A woman from town thought she recognized her as Miss Annabelle Hartman, who owned and lived in a building in the center of town and was a school teacher in Baltimore.

### Employee of the Month



Brenda Eyler

Brenda Eyler was chosen Employee of the Month at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg. Brenda is presently employed as an activities assistant in the Villa. In this role, Brenda provides interesting and stimulating activities for the sister residents both in groups and on an individual basis.

Brenda was chosen Employee of the Month because of the outstanding way she accomplishes her work. Brenda is positive, up-beat and cheerful. Because of her enthusiastic approach she can usually elicit a response from the sister residents and brighten their day. Brenda is an excellent member of the activities therapy team.

### Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Shelly Stull and John Kermit McGlaughlin, Emmitsburg, a daughter, April 8.

Patty Skinner, Emmitsburg, A daughter, April 14

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## Local Housing Fair a success

By Joe Purello

The Frederick County Housing Fair was a great success. Approximately 80 individuals who visited signed in. We the organizers realize that a lot of folks did not sign in and estimate total attendance at about 120 people. While this number is less than the 200 who attended last year's fair in Frederick, this number in large part represents "new faces", people who have not attended the county housing fair before because it has always been held in Frederick."

Sr. Mary Kevin Callahan of Seton Center Outreach remarked how wonderful it was to see so many people from the northern county region at the fair. This result is very pleasing to the

Emmitsburg Housing Coalition (which I chair). It was our hope that having the fair in Emmitsburg would provide people in this area with the opportunity to explore the housing resource information that is available from the host of non-profit agencies represented at the fair.

Especially well attended were the workshops on Credit Issues and Home Ownership.

Special thanks are owed to Up-County Family Center for hosting the fair, St. Joseph's Church and Mt. St. Mary's for tables and chairs, FARE for food, and the Emmitsburg Housing Coalition and Frederick Community Action Agency for organizing the housing fair.



Diane Rehm, NPR Radio host and author, chats with Mount students during a reception at the home of Provost Carol Hinds

Photo courtesy Frank Burhman

National Public Radio celebrity Diane Rehm, host and executive producer of the internationally distributed *Diane Rehm Show*, recently greeted members of the community and Mount Saint Mary's students and faculty members at a reception at the Carroll Valley home of Carol Hinds, the college provost.

Rehm plans to be back this fall when the Mount, in con-

junction with the Barnes and Noble bookstore and publisher Alfred Knopf & Sons, hosts a book-signing and party for her after the release of her autobiography, *Finding My Voice*.

Rehm has several local connections. Her son, David, is a philosophy professor at the Mount and Mrs. Rehm herself serves on the Board of Trustees at Western Maryland College.

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## Henke Prize Established

A new prize has been established for a member of the junior class at Mount Saint Mary's College for distinguished study of French during his/her attendance at Mount Saint Mary's College.

The Professor Robert J.M. Henke Memorial Prize in French honors the memory of the late Professor Henke, who taught at the Mount from 1946-84. It was funded by a gift earlier this year from his widow (and 51-year Mount employee) Dolores Joy Henke, C'82, and their son, Dr. Robert J. Henke Jr., C'77.

The first prize was awarded at this year's Honors Convocation on April 25; members of the Henke family attended. The recipient this year was Bojana I. Kourteva from Sofia, Bulgaria..

The recipient of this annual Henke Prize is selected by faculty in the Department of Foreign Languages with the approval of the provost and in consultation with Dolores Henke and Dr. Robert J. Henke.



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## Looking Ahead

**Thursday, May 6**

**Mason-Dixon Fall Festival Committee Meeting**, JoAnn's Ballroom, Carriage House Inn, 8 a.m.

**Friday, May 7**

**Family Fun Night** sponsored by the town of Emmitsburg at the community center from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Music, food, dancing, games, door prizes. Everybody welcome.

**Saturday, May 8**

**The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens will hold their annual yard and bake sale** from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. This sale will be held in the Senior Citizens Center on South Seton Avenue. Food will be available as well as baked goods, flowers, and plants, rummage and white elephant goodies. There is something for everyone. Come and enjoy the day with us.

**Saturday, May 8**

**Emmitsburg Lions Club Chicken Barbeque**, South Seton Ave., across from Getty Mart. 11 a.m. until the chicken "flies the coop." Benefit to Lions community activities fund.

**Monday, May 10**

**Women's Aglow Meeting** at Mountain Gate Restaurant in Thurmont, Md. Time: 6:15 p.m. for buffet. General meeting 7:15 p.m. Speaker Fran Lance: "Sharing the love, healing power and deliverance of Jesus Christ." Cost for buffet \$7. Call for reservations by May 7: 301-447-2283 or 301-271-4346.

**Tuesday, May 11**

**Greater Emmitsburg Historical Society** will meet at Emmitsburg Library at 7:30 p.m. Speaker John Horner will trace the history of the Horner family in Emmitsburg from 1850 to 1940 and its role in shaping the town. Everyone is welcomed.

**Friday, May 14**

**The Catoctin High School "Safe and Sane" committee** is sponsoring a Basket Bingo at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds Activities

Building. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. Ticket price of \$10 allows you to play 20 games to win baskets with one or more accessories. There will be raffles for the Bankers Wastebasket, Odds and Ends basket and the Hamper. For information or tickets, please call 301-447-2854 or 301-27-3481.

**Saturday, May 15**

**Kick off Lions Club Fireworks Fund campaign.** Mail checks to Emmitsburg Community Fireworks Fund, Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

**Sunday, May 16**

**A Good 'ol Country Breakfast** at the Taneytown Rod and Gun Club, 12389 Shoemaker Rd., 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. Menu includes pancakes, buck-wheat cakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding & hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples. Also fruit cocktail, orange juice and coffee. Adults \$4.50, children 8-12 \$3. For information call 410-751-1685.

**Tuesday, May 18**

**EBPA Meeting**, Main Street Grill, 12 o'clock. Bill O'Toole will be our guest speaker. Subject Y2K— come learn what it may mean to you and your business.

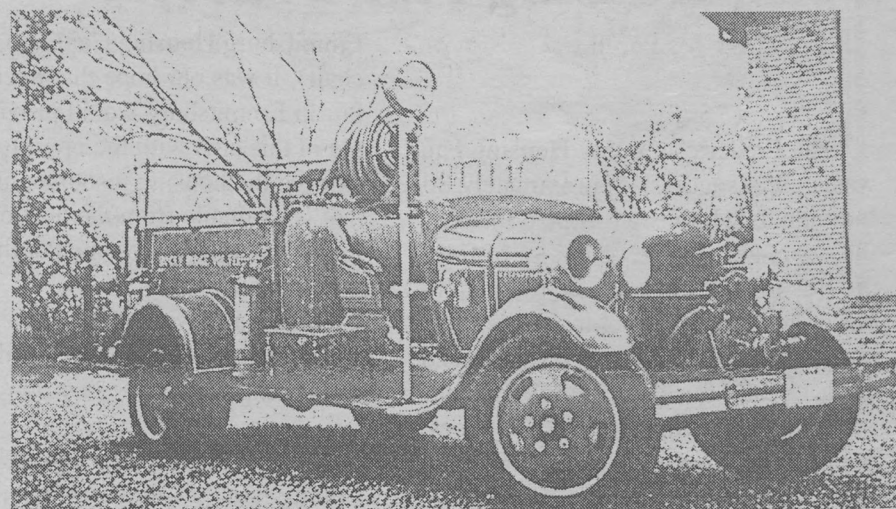
**Wednesday, May 26**

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

**Sunday, June 6**

**A religious Baccalaureate Service** will be held at the Grotto Chapel at 7:30 p.m. for the seniors of Catoctin High School. This service is sponsored by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and the Thurmont Ministerium and is attended by the students on a voluntary basis.

## 50th Anniversary



The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company is having an Open House on May 9, 1999, to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The open house will be from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and the program will start at 2 p.m. Please come and help us celebrate the last 50 years and help us look forward to the next 50.

Shown above is the company's first fire truck, a Model A Ford purchased from the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company in 1951 for \$1,000.

### Community parade

The Emmitsburg Lions Club cordially invites you and/or your organization to participate in the Community Day Parade, July 3 (rain date July 5.) The theme will be Century Count Down.

Please send your response by June 25, including type of entry (i.e. float, clown, antique vehicle, etc. to Emmitsburg Lions Club, Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. For more information call John Sanders, 447-3638; Herb Gingell, 447-6236; or Bob Gauss, 447-2222.

We must ask that all candy-throwing be discontinued. The concern for our children's safety has grown since a number of near accidents have been reported. We regret having to discontinue this practice.

### 2nd Annual Wellness Event

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For more information contact Francy Williams at the Way Station, 301-662-0099, ext. 205.

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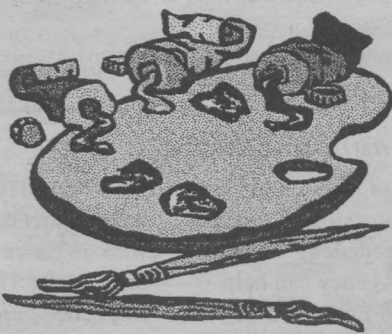
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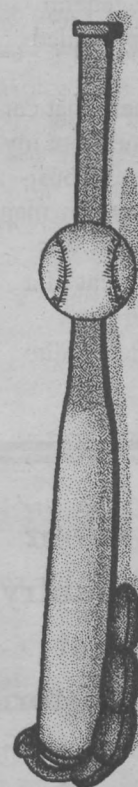


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Perhaps the compliment that carried the most weight came from my brother. He has his degree in business administration/ hospitality management and for many years was employed in the management of a country club near his home in Western Pennsylvania. He is quite

accustomed to catering various social events. He was very impressed with the professional handling of the evening from beginning to end.

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Tammy Lipon

## (Another) Pop Quiz

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New Resident Level (1 point each)

1. What is Zurgable Brothers?
2. What type of trees line Main Street (Rt 140)?
3. Who is Dr. Houston?
4. How many T's are there in the correct spelling of "Emmitsburg"?

Established Resident Level (2 points each)

1. Name the current Zurgable brothers. (1 point each)
2. What used to stand in the center of the town square?
3. Name the two creeks that merge with Tom's Creek
4. Who is Tony Orndorff?

Grand Parents Lived Here Level (3 points)

1. Name the original Zurgable Brothers (2 points each name)
2. How many tiers was the fountain in the center of town?
3. What type of trees use to line Main Street?
4. Who is Phil May?

Descendants of Original Settlers (4 Points each)

1. Before it was the Carriage House, it was known as the \_\_\_\_\_ Restaurant.
2. Before housing restaurants, the Carriage House was a what?
3. Where is Emmitsburg Junction?
4. Who was Ralph Lindsay?

Answers:  
New Residents: 1. Our local hardware store 2. Bradford Pears  
3. President of Mt. St. Mary's 4. Two  
Established Residents: 1. Jeff, Mark and Gary 2. A water fountain 3. Middle and Flat Run Creeks 4. Manager of Zurgable Brothers and future mayor of Emmitsburg  
Grand Parents Lived Here: 1. Henry, Maurice, and Roger 2. Four 3. Dutch Elm 4. The best Ford mechanic God ever created  
Settlers 1. The White House Restaurant  
2. A Cannery 3. In Rocky Ridge. The junction joined the Emmitsburg railroad with the Western Maryland Railroad. 4. Owner and Operator of the old Emmitsburg Feed and Farm Supply (a.k.a. Reynolds' Supply)

### Score:

- 7 points or less - Pretty bad, unless you just moved to town.  
8 to 16 - You are obviously new, but are making the rounds.  
17 to 30 - Pretty good. You've either lived here most of your life or are a history buff.  
31 to 44 - You are there! Please join us at our historical society meetings.  
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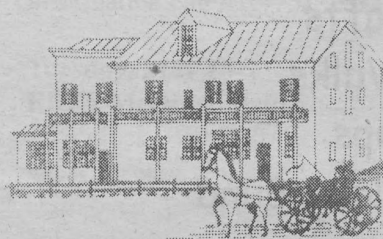
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# Obituaries

## Mr. Robert Stonesifer II

Mr. Robert Lee Stonesifer II, 25, of 2 East Main, Emmitsburg, died suddenly Thursday, March 25, at his home.

Born June 26, 1973, in Gettysburg, Pa., he was a son of Sharon Foglesong Stonesifer Yarborough of Thurmont and the late Robert L. Stonesifer.

Mr. Stonesifer was a truck driver for R.F. Kline, Frederick, and McDermitts of Gettysburg.

Surviving in addition to his mother are one sister, Cathy Yarborough of Thurmont; and maternal grandparents, Luther L. and Florence Foglesong of Hanover, Pa.

Mr. Stonesifer will also be remembered by a companion, Rhonda Finneyfrock of Thurmont.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 29, at the Skiles Funeral home. The Rev. Joseph R. Wright officiated.

Interment was in Keysville Union Cemetery, Keysville.

## Mr. Thomas Robert Gingell

Mr. Thomas Robert Gingell, 80, of W. Main Street, Emmitsburg, Md., died Tuesday, April 6, 1999, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, Md.

He was the husband of Jane Bollinger Gingell.

Born October 15, 1918, in Zora, Pa. He was a son of the late George Thomas and Mary Weller Gingell.

Mr. Gingell was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, Md.

He served in the U. S. Navy in World War II and was a member of the V.F.W. Post 6658 and the American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121, Emmitsburg.

He owned and operated Gingell's Quarry, Fairfield, Pa., for many years. He retired from the Maryland State Highway Administration.

He was a past commissioner of the Town of Emmitsburg.

He was a member of numerous antique automobile associations and steam engine organizations.

Surviving besides his wife are three children: Pinny Davis and husband Marty of Urbana, Md., Robert T. Gingell and wife Susan, Cascade, Md., Francie Thomas and husband Jeff, Frederick, Md.; four grandchil-

dren: Amy Bond, Waynesboro, Pa., Mollie Radonovich, Urbana, Md., Jennifer Gingell and Jason Gingell of Cascade, Md.; and one sister, Diane Small, Carroll Valley, Pa.

Memorial Services were held April 8, 1999, at the Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, with Mr. Gingell's nephew Paul Hoffman, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Mr. Gingell's name to Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, P. O. Box 465, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727 or Vigilant Hose Co., Inc., P.O. Box 171, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

## Mr. Leon Young

Mr. Leon Clyde "Pete" Young, of Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pa., died Wednesday, April 7, at his home.

He was the husband of Catherine Wenschhof Young.

Born Feb. 9, 1922, in Graceham, he was a son of the late Clyde Norman and Leatha Joy Young.

Mr. Young was retired as a mechanic from the Gettysburg Park Service after 20 years.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg; Elks Lodge of Gettysburg; Eagles Club of Waynesboro, Pa.; and AMVETS Post 172, Fairfield, Pa.

Surviving in addition to his wife are 12 children: Matt Young, Chaney Young, June Dick, Debra Sites, and David Timmerman, all of Gettysburg, Fred Young, and Terry Young, both of Fairfield, Linda Davis and Tina Ohler both of Thurmont, Beverly Myers of Hagerstown, Beverly Hess of Hanover, Pa., and Christine Dillon of Biglerville, Pa.; 27 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Jeanette Wiley of Graceham.

Mr. Young was preceded in death by one son, Joe Timmerman, in 1975.

## Mr. Lester Wastler

Mr. Lester Gordon "Bud" Wastler, 77, of St. Anthony's Road, Thurmont, died Friday, April 9, at York Hospital, York, Pa.

He was the husband of Anna Florence Stonesifer Wastler, who died July 23, 1994.

Born July 23, 1921, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Lester R. and Violet Ashbaugh Wastler.

Mr. Wastler was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army.

Following military service, he joined his father in the carpentry business.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening. He enjoyed working on the farm most with his close friends, John Davis and Bernard Welty and the late James Sanders.

Surviving are five children, Judith Carbajal of Arizona, James Wastler and wife Becky of Thurmont, Charles Wastler and wife Patty of Taneytown, Lena Stull and husband Donald of Lewistown, and Michael Wastler and wife Linda of Cascade; fifteen grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, M. Allen Wastler of Littlestown, Pa.; and two sisters, Doris Delmonico of Lancaster, Pa., and Carolyn Welker of Annapolis.

Mr. Wastler was preceded in death by two sisters, Lillian Kessler and V. Regina Frock, and one brother, Frank E. Wastler Sr.

Services were held Tuesday, April 13, at Skiles Funeral Home with the Rev. S. Scott Morgan officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

## Mrs. Mary Ausherman

Mrs. Mary LaFrance Ganz Ausherman, 79, of 10411 Rocky Ridge Road, Rocky Ridge, died Thursday, April 15, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

She was the wife of Maynard Lewis Ausherman Sr., whom she married June 11, 1938.

Born Oct. 28, 1919, in Waynesboro, Pa., she was a daughter of the late John Henry and Elleanor LaFrance Bowman.

Mrs. Ausherman was an active member of Keysville United Church of Christ, Keysville, for 50 years.

She was active with the Frederick County Homemakers and was a homemaker all her life.

She enjoyed playing bingo and

spending time with friends.

Surviving in addition to her husband are one daughter, Elizabeth Ammenheuser and husband John of Thurmont; two sons, Bernard Lamar Ausherman and wife Madeline of Elizabeth City, N.C., and Maynard Lewis Ausherman Jr. and wife Anita of Boca Raton, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two sisters, Rachel Horstkamp of Sarasota, Fla., and Mabel McCombs of Silver Spring; four brothers, James and Maynard Bowman, both of Damascus, Clarence Bowman of Orlando, Fla., and Thomas Bowman of Palm Bay, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews, including one nephew, Earl Edgar Ausherman, whom Mr. and Mrs. Ausherman reared, and his wife Sharon of Sykesville.

Mrs. Ausherman was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Albert, Charles and David Bowman.

Funeral services were held 1 p.m. Monday at Keysville United Church of Christ. The Rev. David Denham officiated.

Interment was in Keysville Cemetery, Keysville.

## Mrs. Patricia Horvath

Mrs. Patricia Horvath, 89, of Lincoln on the Park Emmitsburg, died Friday, April 16, at Piney Mountain Nursing Home Fayetteville, Pa.

She was the wife of John Horvath, who died in 1953.

Born Aug. 29, 1910, in Bronx, N.Y., she was a daughter of the late Nicholas and Vincenza Panza Santucci.

Mrs. Horvath was a member of St.

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## Charlie Irvin and the Appalachian Trail

By Pat Howes Bell

Cabin in Pennsylvania. Later on, during the months between his hiking segments, he began pitching in on repair projects.

At times, Charlie Irvin has worked with the National Park Service as a volunteer trail monitor, checking the condition of the trail, noting blazes, illegal dumping, deteriorating structures. But he has primarily participated in the work trips, first as a volunteer, later as an overseer, and now as district manager.

As a volunteer activity, the trips are very interesting and satisfying, according to Charlie. In addition to the good exercise and wonderful scenery, there is a sense of accomplishment of a necessary job well done. But the best part, he says, is the contact with the interesting people he meets, from all kinds of work backgrounds--men, women, couples, and even families.

The leaders are careful to announce the rigorosity of each trip, distance and type of terrain, as well as the difficulty of the activity. They also brief the volunteers on necessary supplies and check for problems with people who may not be up to the challenge of a particular day's effort. The main thing to remember, Charlie points out, is that volunteering for a work trip on the Trail is FUN--and seventy-five per cent of the workers are making repeat trips. They enjoy clearing away debris from the Trail, re-marking blazes, doing maintenance on shelters or cabins, as well as rebuilding some structures. Experienced trail buffs can sign on as "ridge-runners," who give information and first aid to hikers as needed. Each section has one, a sort of "angel" of the Trail, roaming up and down it looking for hikers who need assistance.

Relaxing on his deck overlooking a lovely rural landscape, Charlie recalls his childhood on the family dairy farm, during which participation in the Boy Scouts whetted his appetite for camping and spending time outdoors. During the years of working on the farm and later as a driver for Southern States, he continued to dream of outdoor adventure.

In 1969 he began what became a long, arduous challenge--the hiking of the entire 2,160-mile Appalachian Trail, which extends from Maine to Georgia, along the ridges of the

mountains. He began by picking up his hike on weekends, leaving his truck where he planned to come off the Trail and hitchhiking or having a friend drop him off at his starting point. Most of the time he hiked alone, averaging ten miles a day (four hours of hiking), although he has done twenty.

There were a number of appeals. The activity was very relaxing, to the point where cars and the phone scared him when he returned from some of his longer segments. He felt part of nature--unafraid of storms, so attuned to the place that deer walked right up to him. Charlie kept a journal of temperature, weather conditions, events that occurred, and especially the interesting people he met, a theme he returns to again and again. There were individuals from great distances away, such as South Africa and Britain, people who were for the most part friendly and helpful to each other.

The hiker can face difficulties, and even danger. However, if a hiker is injured, there is usually another along within a few hours, and the trail is rarely more than a few hours' walk to "civilization." Besides accidents, the most serious problem can be running out of water or food. Charlie admits that once he ran out of water for a day or so, then overdid the drinking when he came upon a waterfall. He learned to his dismay that all the warnings about the dangers of this overindulgence were correct--a very unpleasant physical reaction occurred some hours later!

As far as food supplies are concerned, Charlie has two recommendations for long hikes: peanut butter and sourdough bread. The peanut butter is an obvious solution to the

problem of the body's need for fat and protein. The sourdough bread was a terrific asset to Charlie in its delicious freshness when he baked it every night over the open fire or in the stove in a shelter. The lovely smell of baking bread attracted the other hikers, prompting offers to share and trade food items. He also warns the long-distance hiker not to underestimate the importance of an excellent backpack, balanced and constructed for maximum efficiency and comfort.

For the long-distance hiker, there are hostels near the Trail, some very cheap but good. Guidebooks are available listing all the amenities and facilities on and near the Trail. Mail can be picked up at post offices at towns where the hiker expects to come off the Trail for a rest or supplies.

An added pleasure and incentive for Charlie during the years as a hiker on the Appalachian Trail was his involvement with the CROP program, during which he raised an average of \$1500 to \$2000 per year for food for the hungry. One fourth of the funds donated through his efforts was earmarked for the "Carpenter's Table" in Taneytown, a charity close to Charlie's heart even today. He is also part of the Taneytown Caring and Sharing Ministries, as well as a member of the Taneytown Kiwanis.

Not only did Charlie complete the full Trail with a two-month stint in 1986 passing through Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, but he has returned since to hike some portions again. The most important result of his hiking adventures, of course, has been his dedicated service to the cause of Trail preservation. He speaks enthusiastically of the work and the workers, encouraging those who love good exercise

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It seems fitting that one of the most interesting and remarkable inhabitants of north-central Maryland should be claimed not only by two communities and two counties, but by two states. Charlie Irvin has an Emmitsburg phone number and a Taneytown zip code. However, he does most of his work in Pennsylvania as the Pennsylvania District trails manager for the North Chapter of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, a group of volunteers dedicated to the preservation and maintenance of the great north-south hiking trails which pass through our region.

At age 78, this dynamic leader, known to all fondly but respectfully as "Charlie," sets out nearly every weekend with groups of volunteers for work trips on the south-central Pennsylvania portion of the Appalachian Trail and its side trails, as well as the Tuscarora Trail, which runs from Hancock, Md., to near Harrisburg, Pa. According to his column in the Spring '99 issue of the North Chapter's newsletter, *News and Views*, this season's activities for volunteer workers will include building or rebuilding bridges and shelters, as well as remodeling and repairing other trail facilities. In addition to participating in the trips, Charlie is involved in meetings to coordinate the efforts of the overseers (work-trip leaders), to plan the season's projects, and to organize the outings.

Commitment to the preservation of the Appalachian Trail began for Charlie during the years when he was hiking the Trail. (He completed the 2,160-mile trip in sections, over a period of years.) As a hiker, he observed the valuable and interesting work being done on the Trail by volunteers and he appreciated what they were doing. On one leg of his hike, he helped build Hermitage



## Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney

### Celebrations

Happy Birthday wishes to Pauline Duple, Dale Sharrer, Dale Shields, Eleanor Ohler, Jerry Martin, Erin Hobbs, Rosie Stambaugh, Charles Keeney, George Moser, Amy Burrier, Robert (Bob) Peomroy, Josh Ballew, Ben Sanders, Wesley Burrier, and Patsy Wetzel.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Ronald and Diana Hahn, Bernie and Dawn Hobbs, David and Michelle Dinterman, Bill and Regina Dinterman, Charles and Emma Keeney.

### Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

During the worship service on March 21, Sarah Elizabeth Bohn was received into the Kingdom of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Sarah is the daughter of Richard and Stephanie Bohn, granddaughter of Richard and Gloria Eyler and Corrine Bohn. Her sponsors were Terence and Thelma Byart.

Sam Richard Eyler was received into the Kingdom of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. He is the son of Steven and Sharon Eyler and the grandson of Richard and Gloria Eyler and Larry and Marlene Paup.

On April 18, during the worship service, Megan Leigh Millison was received into the Kingdom of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. She is the infant daughter of Philip and Sheri Millison. Her sponsors were Daniel and Penny Whetzel.

### Mt. Tabor Youth Group

The youth group sponsored the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Winners were as follows, by age groups:

1-2: Lucky--Caroline Weddle; Most--Corey Reed.

3-4: Lucky--Korey Smith; Most--Sean Crim.

5-7: Lucky--Daniel Hobbs; Most--Maranda Weddle.

8-10: Lucky--Bradley Wiles; Most--Lacey Wolfe and Tiffany Free.

11-12: Lucky--Ben Sanders; Most--Kathleen Ballew.

### Mt. Tabor Family Night

Family Night this year will be held Wednesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Rocky Ridge Fire Hall. Bring a covered dish (with food). Place settings, meat, rolls, and drinks will be provided. Tickets are \$2.00 per person, five years of age and older. Tickets are available from Pauline Duple, Gloria Frushour, Carolyn Keilholtz, Burneda Russell, and Bonnie Sanders. Bring your favorite game.

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and good company to join him and the others on one of the many work trips coming up this spring and summer.

Steve Koeppen, president of the PATC North Chapter and editor of the chapter's newsletter, comments on Charlie's amazing energy and enthusiasm for his work, even at the age of 78, adding: "Each year for the past several years Charlie has said that he is going to retire from his position as PATC's Pennsylvania District trails manager, but as long as he still has a pulse, I don't believe that he will. But if he ever does, I've no doubt that it will take 2 or 3 people to replace him."

For more details about the work

trip schedule, call Charlie Irvin at 301-447-2848 or Pete Brown (peter.brown4@worldnet.att.net) or 410-343-1140 for Pennsylvania trips, or contact Mark Mitchell (mdtrail@yahoo.com) or 301-461-7048 for Maryland work trips. The North Chapter of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club has an excellent web site which includes a list and description of upcoming trips in both states: ([http://patc.net/north\\_ch.html](http://patc.net/north_ch.html)). An extremely complete and interesting, but unofficial, Appalachian Trail home page is available at (<http://www.fred.net/kathy/at.html>). The official web page of the Appalachian Trail Conference is at (<http://www.atconf.org/>).

## Mt. Tabor Quilters

By Inspector 13

Lancaster, Pa., was host to three quilt shows during the weekend of April 10th. A group of Mt. Tabor Quilters attended two of the shows. There was so much to see that it was impossible to visit the third show. These were not your typical "quilt" shows. Most quilted items displayed were miniature in size.

One show featured many feed sack prints. Having grown up in the "feed sack" era, this writer was amazed at the hundreds of sacks displayed for sale. The ways fabrics of this type have been used are numerous--aprons, children's dresses, bloomers, pillowcases, and more. One display was a quilt made of feed sacks--a "Sunbonnet Sue" in three dimensions.

For the uninitiated, "feed sack" prints were introduced during the years of the Great Depression in the U.S. According to Eileen Jahnke Trestain in her book *Dating Fabrics*, feed sacking "became commonplace during the Depression when fabric was dear." I have no verification to support my theory, but I have always thought that printed sacks, for animal and poultry feeds, were a marketing gimmick.

The fabrics were usually loosely woven of cotton thread and printed with designs similar to fabric by the bolt. Stores which sold feed often had sacks for sale at ten cents each. Today prices range from \$5.00 each to \$25.00 for a very rare sack.

## BUSINESS BREAKFAST

By Janet Santen

The Taneytown Business Breakfast was held on Friday, April 9, 1999 at the Thunderhead Bowling Center in Taneytown. Breakfast was available, buffet style, at 7:00 A.M. This month's guest speaker, Ms. Suzanne Dyer-Geer, Human Resources Consultant, discussed "Attracting and Retaining Good Employees."

Discussion was lively as Ms. Dyer-Geer pointed out that money is not the only reason that employees remain loyal to a company. The usual company perks were listed, e.g. vacation time, 401-K plans, health benefits, room for advancement and flexible hours. What were not so usual but did make sense were things like opportunities for training and education, parking, attractive and comfortable work areas, respect and consideration for employees and a friendly work environment that encourages

and rewards productivity and creative ideas. All other things being equal, good employees welcome the opportunity to grow and stretch themselves and will stay with a company that allows them to do this. And, last but not least, good manners go a long way in the workplace.

After the breakfast, in conjunction with Maryland Municipal Week, there was a bus tour of Taneytown. The tour visited the parks, city offices, and industrial site locations.

The breakfast, which is held on the first Friday of the month, is open to anyone who is interested in networking with other business owners in the Taneytown metropolitan area. If you would like to attend, contact the Economic Development Office at 410-751-1100. To make the meeting more enticing, the breakfast prepared by the Thunderhead Bowling Center staff is very good.



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## St. Anthony/OLMC News

by Ann Marshall

**A Study of Catholic Education Needs in Frederick County** is underway and local parishes are participating in the inquiry. There is a national increase in Catholic school enrollment and a 1997 study clearly demonstrated that both Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg and St. John at Prospect Hall in Frederick need to renovate and expand immediately. It further recommends that St. John's Regional Catholic School in downtown Frederick be relocated to a new parish which is planned for Frederick. The 1999 feasibility study seeks to determine the level of local financial support for these projects and for the building of a new Catholic school in the county.

**Memorial Flowers**, given in loving memory of deceased family members and friends, decorated the altars in both parish churches for Easter season. This is a traditional giving which brought 68 donations from OLMC and 138 from St. Anthony Shrine.

**A Handcrafted Lectionary** Stand has been donated to St. Anthony's by Ed and Helen Reaver. This is a beautiful addition to the altar furniture, a gift that is much appreciated.

**Confirmation Mass** and Reception this year was a joint ceremony with and at St. Timothy's Church, Walkersville, on Friday, April 23. Bishop P. Francis Murphy, vicar for Western Maryland, presided. Those confirmed from OLMC and St. Anthony Shrine are: Emily Gallenger, Stephen Harrington, Nicolette Hance, Morgan Williams. OLMC - Philip Cashiola, Luke Greffen, Mark Krebs, Amanda Lenhart, Michael Lewis Amy Mackley, Nick Reid, William Sullivan.

**Baccalaureate Mass** in honor of OLMC and St. Anthony's parish members who will graduate from high school, college, or university in 1999 was Saturday, April 24, at St. Anthony Shrine. Mass was followed by the Annual Appreciation Dinner, a fellowship gathering in St. Anthony's upper hall to congratulate the graduates and to thank the dedicated volunteers who do so much to keep the parishes going.

**Confirmation: Baptisms:** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish wel-

comes into the Catholic faith Matthew Daniel Cornell, son of Michael and Deborah Cornell, who was baptized Sunday, April 18, 1999, and Dylan Michael Hertel, son of William and Joan Hertel, who was baptized Sunday, April 25, 1999.

**St. Anthony Shrine Parish** welcomes into the Catholic faith Dalton Ahman Calimer, son of Steven and Leslie Calimer who was baptized

Sunday, April 25, 1999, and Kelsey Ann Mathias, daughter of Jarmison and Melissa Mathias who was baptized Sunday, April 25, 1999.

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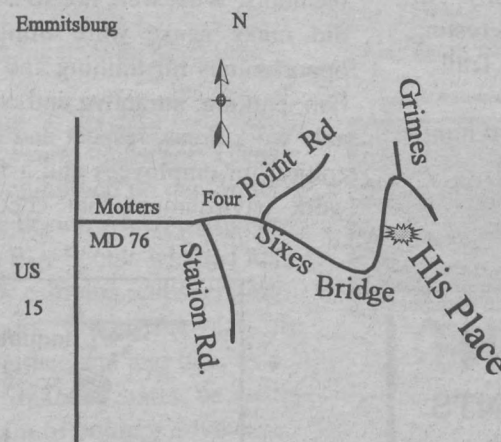
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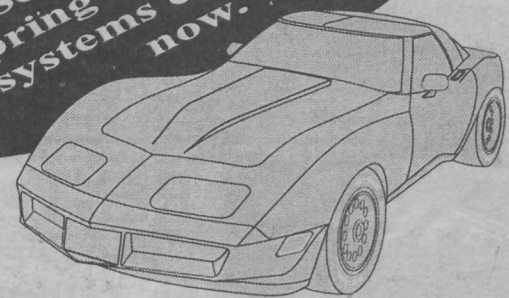
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## DeMarillac Center News

By Pat Howes Bell

The DeMarillac Center, an Emmitsburg-based outreach ministry providing individual and group counseling to post-abortive mothers and their families, as well as pro-life educational programs aimed at preventing future abortions, recently sponsored another remarkable evening of drama in a series of one-man (or one-woman) plays depicting the lives of saints.

*Thérèse: The Story of a Soul* was brought to life in a magical, mystical

way on the stage of Knott Auditorium at Mt. St. Mary's on April 16. A brilliant acting performance by Maggie Mahrt and effective technical assistance by Jessica Kroll drew the audience into nineteenth century France and the presence of an endearing young Carmelite nun who came to be known worldwide as Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, often called "The Little Flower." The onlookers were delighted with the simplicity and joy

of spirit of Thérèse and her words, which were taken from her autobiography, and moved by the pain and early death suffered by the saint.

The next local performance by St. Luke Productions will be *Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz*, with the founder of the Christian drama group, Leonardo Difilippis. The event is planned for early October and will also be a benefit for the DeMarillac Center.

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Mary-Lynne Ziegler, founder of the DeMarillac Center and Foundation, reports that one of the center's special projects, the Blanket of Love, has been made a division of the American Life League (ALL), one of the leading Christian-based pro-life organizations in the country, and will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Celebrate Life*, ALL's national magazine. The blankets, displayed in churches across the nation, are made up of memorial blocks, each individually designed to name and remember a child lost during pregnancy by miscarriage or abortion. The Blankets' mission is to provide an outlet for grief and a physical means publicly to mourn and remember each child. In addition, small crib-sized blankets will be made by volunteers and sold to support educational projects and other activities of the center.

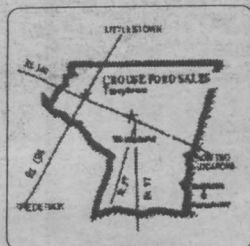
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## Emmitsburg Elementary School News

By Karen Adelsberger

Spring is in the air! You can see it on the kids' sunlit and windburned faces. In their classrooms, guppies and tadpoles swim in containers and show off their versatility. Soon little hands will be planting flower and vegetable seeds in plastic cups. Let's see what else is happening!

Don't miss the Student Art Show being held at the Emmitsburg Public Library throughout the month of May. Who knows, you may find a budding Van Gogh or Picasso!

The "Indiana Jones Jungle Challenge" has been a fun phys. ed. unit for all grades. Ask your children about the alligator swamps and snake pits they've had to endure.

First and second grades have been writing poetry. Here are some samples:

The grass is green in spring  
My Dad cuts the grass in spring  
The grass is short now.  
*Cody Ott*

The birds sing in spring  
The birds are pretty in spring  
The birds lay white eggs.  
*Terry McNair*

And looking forward to summer:  
We can go to the pool.  
You can jump and swim and play.  
The town pool is fun!  
*Ben Andrew*

Third graders have some school-work on display at McDonald's. Fourth graders in Mrs. Soisson's class wrote memory stories of the "best time" they ever had, while some students in Mrs. Reed's room performed a myth play. Fifth graders held "Market Days" where students ran their own businesses--a neat way to learn about economy first-hand. Every class is doing its best to stay on task this spring!

## Cougar News

By Marlene A. Tarr, Principal, Catoclin High School

A number of activities are scheduled in May and June. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7. The PTSA is planning a lavish spread on the afternoon of May 4 to recognize our hard working teachers.

To make it more convenient for our volunteers, Volunteer Appreciation will be held two times in May in conjunction with other activities: May 6 at 7:00 p.m. during the Art and Music Festival, and June 1 at 7:00 p.m. during the Athletic Awards. Volunteers are asked to let us know which time is best for them.

The Spring Art and Music Festival is set for May 6 at 7:00 p.m. The annual FFA Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held on May 25 at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required. The Prom will be held on May 28 at 8 p.m. at Mt. St. Mary's College. School will be closed on May 28 for Staff Development and on May 31 for Memorial Day. The Spring Sports Awards will be held on June 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Departmental Awards will be presented during two assemblies on May 27. Students in grades 11 and 12 will be recognized between 9:10

a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Students in grades 9 and 10 will be recognized between 9:50 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. Parents are invited to attend.

The Message to Seniors Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Catoclin High School. All awards, scholarships, and appointments will be made at this time. Graduation will be held at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, in Knott Arena, on the campus of Mt. St. Mary's College. Admission is by ticket only.

Undergraduate exams will be conducted on June 16 during regular class periods. June 17 is exam make-up day. Students needing to take an exam should attend. June 18 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

## Kids helping the Heart Association



left to right

Top--Jack Deatheridge, Camden Shorb, Samantha Cool, Justin Snedegar, Ben Rose; Bottom--Becky Peters, Mike Wetzel, Helen Droneburg

On March 3, 1999, students from Emmitsburg Elementary School got the jump on heart disease! They jumped for an hour and a half, raising \$5,000 for the American Heart Association! More than 100 children and parents participated at the school in the 16th annual Jump Rope for Heart. Eight children, pictured at left, raised over \$100 apiece. A fourth grader, Mike Wetzel, was our trophy winner for the second time in a row. He raised \$200 for the Association!

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 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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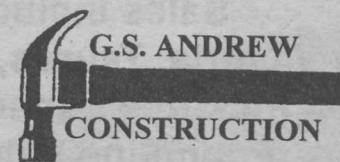
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## Mother Seton School News

By Val Mentzer

### Craig Wins State Geography Bee

Zane Craig won the Maryland State competition of the National Geography Bee on April 9, 1999, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The first round was the school-level bee at which students answered oral questions on geography. More than one hundred school winners, including Zane Craig, took written tests.

The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and BANK ONE, which operates more than 1,500 banking centers in 12 states and is the largest credit-card issuer in the nation. This year,

BANK ONE is giving each school that registers for the Bee a one-year membership in the National Geographic Society, which includes a subscription to *National Geographic* magazine.

The National Geographic Society and BANK ONE will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for Zane Craig and Mother Seton School Geography Bee Coordinator Mrs. Tina Gogle for the National Championship on May 24, 25, & 26. The national first-place winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship. *Jeopardy's* Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals.



### Planting Trees for Emmitsburg

Mother Seton School students planted trees to beautify the parks of Emmitsburg on Friday, April 23. The town commissioners and town manager assisted the students in this project. Many thanks for the help and assistance from the town officers of Emmitsburg.

### *Returning HOME...*

Our Mother Seton School community is mourning the loss of one of our most special members. Sister Regina Luckett returned home to the Lord on Friday, April 16, 1999. Sister's funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, April 20th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Basilica and Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Many, many friends, family and MSS students attended the Mass.

Sister Regina dedicated her life to the education of children. As a teacher and administrator, she was always respected and

loved by all who knew her. Her special gift of laughter and playfulness will be greatly missed by our Mother Seton School community. A close friend of Sister Regina described her as having "contagious joy." We were all blessed and enriched by her life, love, faith, and smile. Godspeed, Sister Regina.

To Sister Regina from a student at Mother Seton School: "God is right beside you. If you need any help just ask him a question, and you will see that he will answer it right away."

## MSS HONOR ROLL

### SECOND TRIMESTER - "A" HONOR ROLL

Crum, Sarah; Dorsch, Lauren; Furnia, Justin; Krauss, Cortney; Krauss, Samantha; Krebs, Jennifer; Monacelli, Nicholas; Scheider, Sarah; Shaffer, Virginia; Smith, Courtney; Turner, Laurita.

### SECOND TRIMESTER - "A-B" HONOR ROLL

Armstrong, Jennifer; Arrington, David; Arrington, Maria; Beck, Andrew; Binder, Adam; Binder, Alison; Bowman Kevin; Butler, Meghan; Carney Andrea; Cieslak, Mary Beth; Clonz, Sara; Craig, Zane; Demuth, Alexis; Durski, Amanda; Evans, Timothy; Evans, Tracey; Fitzgerald, Tara; Forrence, Christopher; Gaffney, Kyla; Gumble, Caroline; Georgoff, Nicole; Gossweiler, Gregory; Hallinan, Rachael; Hansbrough, Joe; Hawkins, Elise; Heiderman, Grace; Heiderman, Sarah; Herring, Katie; Hinman, Mike; Hourihan, Manley; Howard, Lindsey; Howes, Katlyn; Kelley, Patrick; Kennedy, John;

Knox, Bobby; Krauss, Nina; Lingg, Mark; Matijevic, Alexandria; Maze, Morgan; McCarron, Barbie; McKenzie, Tim; Mentzer, Tyler; Mentzer, Zachary; Monacelli, Patrick; Moore, Kevin; O'Donnell, Megan; O'Donnell, Shea; Patarini, Jesse; Patarini, Tony; Plucinski, Anna; Reaver, Ashley; Rippeon, Ashton; Robinson, Kate; Russell, Lindsay; Scheider, Brenda; Schwaner, Victoria; Smith, Donna; Smith, Nathan; Smith, Randy; Smith, Rebecca; Snyder, Neil; Swomley, Drew; Testa, Joie; Testa, Vince; Tippet, Tessa; Ware, Katie; Whalen, Fred; Whitney, Ben; Williams, Stacey; Williard, Morgan; Willis, Jessica; and Zier, Kelly.

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Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

She was also a member of Emmitsburg Senior Citizens.

She was an avid bingo player.

Surviving are three children, Robert Horvath of Little Ferry, N.J., Gerald Horvath of Dale City, Va., and Carol Spoonhour of South Mountain, Pa.; two grandchildren, Kelly Spoonhour of Waynesboro, Pa., and Chad Spoonhour of South Mountain; and one great-grandson, Jace Spoonhour of Waynesboro.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Mrs. Horvath's pastor, the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, served as the celebrant.

Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of the Good Shepherd, 1075 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, Pa., 17325-3199.

Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Olia Ann Ridenour Ohler Cool, 76, of Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, April 17, at her home.

Mrs. Cool was preceded in death by her first husband, Guy W. Ohler Sr., in 1959. She is survived by husband Donald Vincent Cool.

Born July 16, 1922, in Thurmont, she was a daughter of the late Guy A. and Sarah Grabill Ridenour Sr.

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

She was a past member of VFW Post 6658 Auxiliary, Emmitsburg, and American Legion Francis X. Elder Post 121 Auxiliary, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two sons, Guy W. Ohler Jr. and wife Connie of Emmitsburg, and Robert J. Ohler and wife Valerie of Thurmont; four grandchildren, John Ohler of Biglerville, Pa., Matt Ohler of Emmitsburg, and Joshua A. Ohler and Kimberly Dawn Hagan, both of Thurmont; two great-grandsons, Matt Ohler Jr. of Emmitsburg, and James Dylan Hagan of Thurmont; and eight brothers and sisters: Helen Sharer, Mae Fogel, Doris Ott, and William

Frank and Guy Ridenour of Emmitsburg, and Florence Hobbs and Mary Kuykendall of Fairfield, Pa.

Mrs. Cool was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles, James, and Clarence Ridenour; and one sister, Nancy Topper.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, April 20, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Mrs. Cool's pastor, the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy, served as the celebrant.

Interment was in Weller's United Methodist Cemetery, Thurmont.

**Mrs. Francis Topper**

Mrs. Frances Rae Harbaugh Topper, 66 of Four Points Rocky Ridge Road, died Friday, April 23, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

She was the wife of Clyde William Topper who died Jan. 31, 1999.

Born July 19, 1932, in Rocky Ridge, she was a daughter of Estella Long Harbaugh of Rocky Ridge; and the late Glenn Ivy Harbaugh.

Mrs. Topper was a member of St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg. She enjoyed being a volunteer at Seton Center, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to her mother

are eight children, Deborah A. Keeney and husband Jerry of Taneytown, Teresa L. Leister of Westminster, Catherine M. Glass and husband Robert of Hanover, Pa., Mary H. Reed and husband Kenneth of Gettysburg, Pa., Jacob W. Topper and wife Brenda of Fairfield, Pa., and Joseph I. Topper, Karen G. Topper and husband Rusty, and Jay A. Topper, all of Rocky Ridge; 15 grandchildren; four sisters, Doris Shriner of Graceham, Jenna Lee Ott of Emmitsburg, Glenna Wilhide of Thurmont, and Madeline Valentine of Georgetown; and one brother, Rodney Harbaugh of Thurmont.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, April 27, at St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg. Mrs. Topper's pastor, the Rev. Leo R. Tittler, served as the celebrant.

Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, 16150 St. Anthony's Road, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

Arrangements by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

**Mr. William Cummings**

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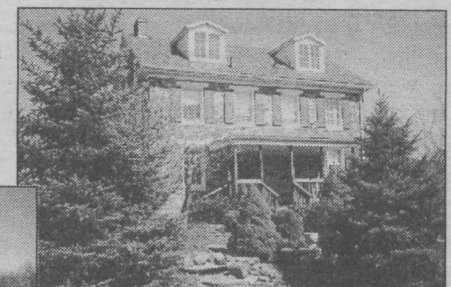
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# The Danger of Heartworm

By Becky Clarke

Most people have heard of heartworms, but very few really understand what they are or how they're spread. Because we know how important your dog's health is to you, we want to be sure you understand not only the danger of heartworm, but also how easy the disease is to prevent.

## A life-threatening parasite

Heartworm disease causes serious damage to a dog's heart, and can be fatal if left uncontrolled. Living in the heart of a dog, adult heartworms can grow up to 14 inches long. They clog the heart and major blood vessels, reducing the blood supply to the lungs, liver, and kidneys. Heartworms put stress on the heart and can cause organ failure, which can lead to death.

## Spread by mosquitoes

This harmful parasite is transmitted from one dog to another by mosquitoes. Female heartworms living in a dog's heart reproduce and release microscopic worms into the dog's bloodstream. When a mosquito bites an infected dog, it picks up these tiny worms in the blood and then passes them along to other dogs. Since any dog can get bitten by a mosquito (including those who never go outside), virtually all dogs are at risk.

## Signs of Heartworm Disease

Unfortunately, there are few outward signs of heartworm disease in the early stages. By the time an infection is detected, your dog's heart or lungs may have been permanently

damaged. As the disease advances, the dog may lose weight and stamina, and may develop a cough that worsens with exercise. Sometimes these symptoms appear suddenly and are usually an indication that the disease is advanced.

Protecting your dog is easier than ever. There's no need to expose your dog to the risk of heartworm disease when it's so easy to prevent. We recommend a once-a-month preventive called HEARTGARD. All you have to do is give your dog one tablet a month. You'll find this very easy, since most dogs love the chewy beef-flavored "treat." They are proven 100% effective if given accordingly. In addition to preventing heartworm disease, they also prevent and treat other intestinal parasites as well.

Remember, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. We can't overemphasize how true this is in the case of heartworm disease because it is very expensive to treat, not to mention life-threatening to your dog.

We feel this disease is very prevalent and easy to prevent, and we want to educate our clients about it. Remember, your dog must be tested before starting any prevention. Because of increased incidents of heartworm in our area, and due to the warmer winter months we are having, we recommend that you use the prevention year round for optimal protection.

Please call today for your appointment. Together we can get the best of the mosquitoes!

## Obituaries, continued from page 22

Mr. William Clay "Bill" Cummings, 43, of Rocky Ridge, died Sunday, April 25, at Frederick Health Care Center, Frederick.

He was the husband of Cynthia Mann Cummings of Frederick.

Born April 27, 1955, in South Charleston, W.Va., he was the son of William Francis and Mary Ellen Reynolds Cummings of Rocky Ridge.

He was employed as a forklift operator for Mount Airy Food Storage. He had been employed as a carpenter most of his life. He was a trained auto mechanic and held a Maryland State Power Engineer License.

In his youth he was a Boy Scout

and was inducted into the Order of the Arrow.

In addition to his parents and wife, he is survived by one sister, Karen L. Smith and husband Larry C. of Clanton, Ala.; and several nieces and nephews including one nephew, Lee Smith of Clanton.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 29, at Mount Tabor Lutheran Cemetery, Rocky Ridge. The Rev. James M. Russell, Pastor of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, officiated.

Arrangements were handled by Stauffer Funeral Home, Thurmont.



## National Pet Week

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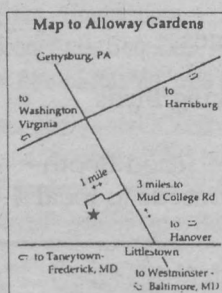
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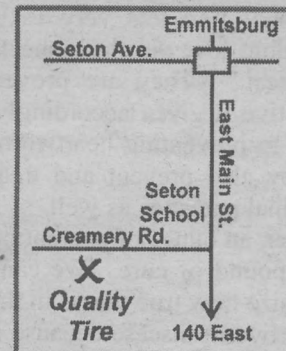
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