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Gala fund-raiser a success

BY CARYL AUSTRIAN
 Dispatch Correspondent

Gala 2000, the dinner dance held on March 25th to benefit the *Dispatch*, was a terrific success, netting over \$20,000 for our hometown newspaper. Thanks to 160 businesses and individuals who donated money and auction items, as well as the 128 people who attended the spiffy event in JoAnn's Ballroom at the Carriage House Inn, the *Dispatch* will continue to bring you regional news each month, even

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In front of Ben Jones's magnificent backdrop depicting the lovely nighttime skyline of Emmitsburg, dynamic auctioneer James Trout exhorts the Gala guests to bid on a beautiful patio furniture set, ably displayed (in part) by Bob Preston. *A Dispatch Photo*

'New forest' to be planted on Frederick County farm

BY CARYL AUSTRIAN
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When Elizabeth Prongas, a longtime resident of Rocky Ridge, saw a Farm Service Agency notice in the *Frederick News Post* some time ago, she recognized a possible opportunity. For years she had hoped to create a "New Forest" on part of her property. And this month, weather permitting, the planting of that forest will begin on Beaver Branch.

Some eight acres of Mrs. Prongas's property will soon be planted with 3200 tree and shrub seedlings, under the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which is administered through the Frederick County Farm Service Agency. The main purpose of these plantings is to halt erosion by establishing a riparian barrier. As the plants grow larger and establish root systems, they will serve as a filter to reduce harmful runoff, such as farm waste and chemicals, into the stream and improve the existing habitat for birds and small animals.

Beaver Branch runs into Owens Creek, which runs into the Monocacy River, which in turn connects with the Potomac River, a principal source of drinking water, so water quality is extremely important. And as most of us know, the Potomac empties into Chesapeake Bay, where for years' extensive efforts have been under way to remedy adverse conditions resulting from decades of dumping pollutants upstream.

Mrs. Prongas explains how the "New Forest" project developed. "My husband bought the property of about 365 acres in 1954 with a partner. It reminded him of the area of Greece where he grew up." (Although Harry Prongas was born in the U.S., he lived in Greece from age 5 to age 11, and then came back to the U.S. to live with a cousin.) "When I met him in 1962 (they married in 1970)," she said, "I had no idea that almost 40 years later I would have this opportunity to begin a forest project.

"My husband loved animals and
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'Cares About Kids Day' set

A staff report

Stricken by the tragedy of the spate of children shooting children and saddened by the scenes of memorial fences, Pastor Donnie Cardwell of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church wondered why the community couldn't do something to show our kids that they are cared about before a tragedy occurs. On May 5 the Emmitsburg community will have an

opportunity to do just that. The town office will declare May 5 to be Emmitsburg Cares About Kids Day.

Emmitsburg Cares About Kids Day will be held at the community center gymnasium. It is expected about 800 students will take part in the activities which will be held in the morning and afternoon. The Blue Sky Puppet Theater will present a 30-40 minute program on self-esteem at

(See EMMITSBURG CARES on Page 2)

SNL announces Jubilee takeover

A staff report

Steve Trout and Lorne Peters of the SNL Food Group announced at the recent meeting of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association that they will be taking over the ownership and management of the Jubilee grocery stores in Emmitsburg, Taneytown and

Thurmont. They expect final settlement to be within thirty days. Currently they operate and manage Trout Food Markets in Woodsboro and Libertytown.

Mr. Trout emphasized that the new operation will be community oriented. "I believe in the people who live around the store," he

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Letters to the Editor

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

Mission is to revive community

Is not the challenge in Emmitsburg, as in so many small towns in the country today, to re-establish a sense of "community" which, after all, had been the central unifying element since the town's origin and which today seems largely absent? Family is essential to health of the home and the well-being of its family members. Community is essential to health of the town and the well-being of its citizens.

That papers have a reporting function, we all know; however, more fundamental is the subtler role of a paper: its mission. A paper's greatness should be measured by how well or poorly it accomplishes its mission. For instance, the *Dispatch* should be the driving force, the catalyst in reviving the "community" in Emmitsburg and surrounding areas (and from very much of a newcomer's prospective, is doing just this). To the degree that this is achieved, important issues such as economic development, growth, preservation, environment, etc. will have greater citizen participation, and decisions growing out of that activism

will be more sensible and better for the greater community both now and in the future and not simply for the benefit of few for a moment in time. A "community" is a place where its residents care so deeply about their homes, that its borders go beyond their own house and the lot and street that it sits on, to extend outwardly to encompass more people and area, ultimately including the town itself. The goal, it would seem, would be to get back to the place where issues larger than those that affect us in our individual spaces again become important to us and we feel a sense of personal ownership and responsibility toward involving ourselves in the debate and decision processes of town issues.

I fully recognize that this is much easier written about than achieved, but most good things are that way, are they not?

Sam Castleman

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Jubilee

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told the *Dispatch*, "and we want to support the non-profit organizations and community groups in town to help them grow and prosper." Special services, such as charge accounts for non-profit organizations, will be reinstated.

Mr. Peters, who formerly worked for the Fleming Company which owned Jubilee markets, said that providing the best quality produce, meats and seafood are top priorities. "Good perishables, high quality, and community ori-

entation will be our hallmark," said Mr. Peters.

The stores will continue to be operated under the Jubilee name and current employees will stay on, though Mr. Trout said they will be evaluated. "We will keep those who want to be part of the team," he said, "and who believe their first job is to the customers." Mr. Trout, who grew up in Graceham and graduated from Catocin High School, said "It's good to be coming home."

Emmitsburg cares

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each session.

From 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. pre-K- 2 from Emmitsburg Elementary School and K - 3 from Mother Seton School will attend the activities.

From 1:20 - 2:20 p.m. grades 3 - 5 from Emmitsburg Elementary School

and grades 4 - 8 from Mother Seton School will attend the activities.

A paper chain of links carrying each child's name and statement of why they feel appreciated will be assembled by each classroom. These will be used to decorate the gym.

Town News...

TOWN MEETING: MARCH 6

School Expansion

Sister Mary Catherine Conway, principal of Mother Seton School, briefed the councilmen at the March 6 town meeting on the impending 12,000-square-foot expansion of the school. According to Sr. Mary Catherine the proposed expansion is expected to cost \$1.5 million and the school has already raised \$728,000. Funding has come from Friends of Catholic Education (\$100,000) and additional funding is expected to come from alumni, friends, benefactors and the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The expansion will add two kindergarten classrooms, a classroom for pre-kindergarten, a science lab and a large multi-purpose room to be used for art and music classes. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for May.

Town officials pledged some support but the exact figure will be discussed in closed sessions and presented to the public for a vote at a future meeting.

Skateboard Park

Town Manager David Haller told the *Dispatch* that Mr. Leo Hobbs of Emmitsburg is making the final arrangement for when the construction of the ramps for the skateboard park will begin. They anticipate this

will happen in the next two or three weeks. The town has contributed \$2,500 for the materials.

Other business

Town manager Dave Haller presented a draft contract that has been presented to Mount Saint Mary's College on an agreement to connect the water systems of the college and the town of Emmitsburg. According to Mr. Haller the contract calls for a payment rate of \$2.40 per 100,000 gallons. The connection is seen as beneficial to both parties, especially in terms of water emergencies.

The commissioners also:

*voted not to change the voting hours on Election Day as requested by the town's election judges, from opening at 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.;

*agreed to declare May 5, 2000, as "Emmitsburg Cares about Kids" Day (see story on page 1 of the *Dispatch*);

*re-appointed 4 current members of the Parks and Recreation Committee for a two-year term: Carolyn Miller, Ann Gingell, Tina Kerns, and Bill Jones;

*re-appointed 3 current members of the Streets and Transportation Committee for a two-year term: Dianna Snow, Denise Warthen, and Kenny Howard; and

*appointed Sara Mill as an alternate for a five-year term to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Town Election Day April 18

Election Day for Emmitsburg will be Tuesday, April 18, 2000.

Last day to register to vote is April 4, 2000. Ballots can be cast at the Town office, 22 East Main Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Candidates must file written applications for candidacy with the Town Clerk no later than 7 business days prior to the date of election. A write-in candidate must file a certificate of candidacy with the Town

Clerk. Write-in certificates shall not be filed after noon (12:00 p.m.) on the fourth day preceding election.

All candidates names will be posted on the Town bulletin board in the way in which they appear on the certificate.

There will be an opening on the Town Council for one three-year Commissioner for this April 18, 2000 election. Those having filed to date are incumbent Commissioner Phil Postelle and Frank Henry.

Pastor Cardwell is heading up a committee including Sister Ann Adele, Rev. Margaret Dodds, Sr. Mary Catherine of Mother Seton School, Wanda Severance, of Emmitsburg Elementary School, and

Karen Major representing home schools.

Local businesses and clubs will help to defray costs. According to Mayor Carr the town will assume incidental costs of the project.

Conservationist and planner to address EBPA

Edward L. McMahon will speak to EBPA members at their April luncheon. A planner, lecturer, and author, he is the director of the American Greenways program at the Conservation Fund. Mr. McMahon is a co-founder and former president of Scenic America, a national non-profit organization devoted to protecting America's scenic landscapes.

Over the past 15 years Mr. McMahon has drafted numerous land use ordinances and regulations. He has organized successful efforts to acquire and protect urban parkland, wilderness areas and other conservation properties. He has written and spoken widely on the topics of tourism, conservation, land use planning, and historic preservation.

In addition Mr. McMahon writes a regular column in the *Planning Commissioners Journal* and is the author of over 150 articles and eight books. He has also written and produced a series of education filmstrips for Random House and is a winner of the 1999 Chevron Conservation Award. He has appeared on numerous national news programs including *Good Morning America*, *ABC News*

Prime Time, *NBC* and *CBS Nightly News*, *CNN*, and other networks.

Those concerned about the topics of tourism, parklands, historic preservation, and protecting our natural resources are invited to attend the EBPA luncheon at the Carriage House Inn, JoAnn's Ballroom, Tuesday, April 18th at 11:30 a.m. Reservations requested but not required. Cost is \$10.

Refugee family to be resettled in Emmitsburg

BY PAUL HARNER

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches has decided to sponsor the resettlement of a refugee family from the Balkans area of Europe into Emmitsburg. This decision came after meetings with members of Trinity Methodist Church in Thurmont, who sponsored a Bosnian family in 1998, and representatives of the Refugee Resettlement Sponsorship Program for the Church World Service.

The members of Trinity recounted what to them was a very fulfilling experience and the Church World Service representatives noted the procedures and expectations. It is expected that it will be two or three months before the family arrives.

This will be a large undertaking for us and we are hoping to get support from the members of our community. Fortunately, we have two excellent Co-Chairmen, Mayor Bill Carr and Mr. Richard Dodds. We are currently in the process of staffing our committees: Housing (locating a house or apartment, furnishings, etc.); Life Issues (medical, dental, education, etc.); Necessities (providing clothing, food, household

necessities, etc.); Finance (helping find employment, fund raising, banking); Transportation (volunteer transporting, finding car, getting drivers license) and Communication (interpreters, tutoring, if necessary). If you, or you and your friends would like to serve on any of these committees, please call Mayor Carr (447-2782), Dick Dodds (447-2270) or Paul Harner (717 642-6202).

As many of you know, the Council of Churches' primary effort is helping those in our community in need. The refugee resettlement effort will in no way detract from that effort, either in manpower or monetary needs. But our Council feels that helping a displaced family move forward and giving them a chance to succeed is a worthy objective and one that should make us feel good about ourselves.

I've always said that I would never have traded place with anybody who grew up in any town other than Emmitsburg. It, like all communities, has changed somewhat over the last 50 - 60 years; but I know that Emmitsburg would welcome such a family and maybe, just maybe, the children would enjoy Emmitsburg as I did.



A Dispatch photo

FINANCIAL PLANNER SPEAKS AT EBPA - Ned Remavege (second from left), financial planner and broker with the Investment Center of Farmers and Mechanics Bank, spoke recently at the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association of the necessity of being a good steward of investment dollars. Mr. Remavege discussed a natural "doubling your money" cycle and the importance of planning vs. "luckup." "Going 'back to basics' a couple of times a year is important," he said. "Now is a wonderful time to invest; we have a responsibility to enhance what we are doing for our self and future generations." Others shown from left are Pam Bolin, branch manager of Farmers & Mechanics National Bank; Steve Trout of Trout Markets; the Rev. Donnie Cardwell, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church; Lorne Peters of Trout Markets; and Emmitsburg Mayor William Carr.

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Dispatch goes online

BY MIKE HILLMAN
Dispatch correspondent

The *Dispatch* may be a small-town newspaper, but we are thinking big! Now you can read us anytime, anywhere via the Internet at www.Emmitsburg.net.

The primary goal of www.Emmitsburg.net is to provide current Emmitsburg residents, and folks around the world who wish they were Emmitsburg residents, a portal to the latest news and information on the Emmitsburg area. Whether you're looking for breaking news, local school sports scores, information on upcoming events, or just want advice on how to care for a sick cat, you will be able to get it at www.Emmitsburg.net.

Given that we are a newspaper first, and web site second, we've tried to recreate the "feel" of a newspaper. We've pulled out all the stops to ensure that even the most novice Internet users will find this site easy to use.

The site provides users easy online access to the latest edition of the *Emmitsburg Dispatch*. Readers can also access past editions and articles stored in our archives.

Given that each edition usually has over thirty articles in it, we wrestled with how best to show the list of titles for all past articles. We realized that if we just gave you a list, it would soon become unmanageable. So instead, we grouped articles of a similar nature into specific categories, like histories, humor, current events, etc.

Being readers as well as writers, we added what we hope you will think are three nice features. First, the writer's byline at the top of each

article, is a hyperlink to a short biography of the writer, just in case you want to know something about them. Second, at the end of each article is a link to the list of other articles written by the author, making it easier for you to enjoy more of his or her work. Third, we've linked each article to the original edition that contained it, just in case you are interested in reading other stories written in the same time frame.

One of the principal reasons for developing this site was to fill a gaping hole in the Emmitsburg area news services, namely, the timely notification of late breaking or emerging stories of community interest. While a web site is an excellent platform for getting the news out, it's limited in that, unlike a newspaper that is delivered to your doorstep every day, we require you to actually log in to read us. While we would like you to log in every day, we realize that we don't have enough new stories to bring you back day after day. Instead, we will offer our readers a free e-mail notification service to let them know about breaking news and or when new editions are posted to this site.

Lastly, we're very proud of our close working relationship with the Emmitsburg Historical Society. If you click on the Emmitsburg Historical Society link, you'll be transported to their section of Emmitsburg.net where you can read past historical articles, submit your own, or engage in an online dialogue with other Emmitsburg history buffs.

It's the hope of the Emmitsburg Historical Society that information collected via the *Dispatch* web site will help in their efforts to produce an updated history of the Emmitsburg area.

Easter will soon be here, but the yolks on me.



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"100 Years Ago" will return as soon as the microfilm of the *Chronicle*, which has been sent to the Maryland Sate Historical Society to be copied, is returned to the Emmitsburg Library.

Abuse issues subject of presentation April 17

Two very important issues, Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention will be the topics discussed by Kim Scott, Community Outreach Specialist of Heartly House Domestic Abuse Services. The program will be held Monday, April 17th at the Emmitsburg Elementary School from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the music

room. Information about child sexual abuse, including Frederick County statistics related to domestic abuse, will be presented. Topics to be covered include signs to be aware of, what to do as parents or concerned adults, and services available to parents and children. A question and answer period will follow the discussion.

Kim Scott has several years of experience presenting information about sexual abuse in a public forum. Please come to this unique presentation to become more personally informed about these difficult issues.

For more information please call Bill Derbyshire, Catocin CASS Coordinator at 301-447-3611.



A Dispatch Photo

The Emmitsburg Branch Library began a new program "Babies with Books" on March 21 to strengthen the relationship between babies, libraries and books. The program will meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 10:30 a.m at the library. Activities will include baby games, rhymes, and songs for you and your infant. The program is for babies from birth to 24 months of age. Attending the first session from the left are Teri Lowry and daughter Amelia of Hagerstown; Cindy Blank, children's librarian; and Tonya Long and son Joshua of Carroll Valley.

Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Christy and Ernest Fannin, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Feb. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Eiker Jr., Emmitsburg, a daughter, Feb. 28.

Keri Finnegan and Jamar Dodson, Emmitsburg, a son, Mar. 24

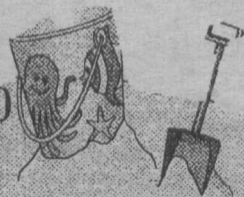
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St. Catherine's Employee of the Month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for February 2000 was Stacey Davis. Stacey has been employed as the Activities Assistant since August of 1999. According to her co-workers, Stacey was chosen because she has been a great asset to the Activities Department. Stacey's friendliness and thoughtfulness make her deserving of the honor. Stacey's creativity has also resulted in many new programs for the residents. She greatly deserves this honor.



STACEY DAVIS

Callie's Collectibles offers a wide variety of gift items

A staff report

A year ago Callie's Collectibles opened its door on West Main Street in Emmitsburg. Alice Humphrey and Dick Gladhill are appreciative of the town's response to their new shop. The community has been warmly welcomed by a pleasing and varied display of items that could satisfy the person looking for "that special gift."

Alice and Dick started with items placed on consignment by vendors in the local area and added items that they picked up at auctions. When the shop opened, 32 vendors displayed their creations. Today over 90 vendors provide items for the shop. According to Dick, 80 percent of the items in the collection come from vendors within a 50-mile radius of Emmitsburg, the other 20 percent are items they pick up at auctions around the region. "Our stock is constantly being added to," said Dick. "We add new, clean out the old and then add more new-old things," he laughed.

There is a wide range and variety of items: clocks, glassware, toys, old tools, baskets, weather vanes, candles dolls, bears, copper items, crocks, bird houses, wreaths, and enough jugs to make a good-sized band.

Next to the Christmas section,

which is open all year long, there are wool sweaters and vests made by a local vendor who raises the sheep, spins the wool and knits the garments. Time spent browsing in Callie's Collectibles could easily lead the shopper to "just what I was looking for."

The atmosphere is cozy and relaxed. You might run into Stormy, the sales dog of the day. "One day some customers came in and turned around to start out. Stormy went over to greet them. They stopped to pet him and ending up looking around the store and bought \$100 worth of items," explained Dick. Good dog.



Alice Humphrey

Callie's Collectibles

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Gala 2000

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more efficiently than before.

The monetary success of the event was important, of course, but just as notable was the community spirit electrifying the ballroom as people circulated around a room nearly filled to capacity, greeting old friends and meeting new ones. Contributing to the festive atmosphere were Emmitsburg Mayor Bill Carr and wife Chata and past Mayor Robert Preston and wife Ginny, as well as 6th District Rep. Roscoe Bartlett and wife Ellen, *Frederick News-Post* president and publisher George Delaplaine and wife Betty, and Mount St. Mary's Coach Jim Phelan and wife Dottie.

Attendees were welcomed to the ballroom by a stunning scene — a silhouette of Emmitsburg's skyline, featuring its church spires backed by a starry sky. That was appropriate because as Main Street's loyal mascot Willowby often remarks in his letters to the *Dispatch*: "Emmitsburg [is] a place where you can still see the stars." The skyline silhouette was created by Ben Jones, noted



Dispatch Photo

Vern Keilholtz (left) chats with Earl Rice at the Gala.

Hagerstown artist and the pastor of Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church, who also served as master of ceremonies. His painting, "Wagonload of Flowers" was one of the four special items in the live auction which followed the dinner. In that part of the evening's program, James Trout, auctioneer, was entertaining as well as efficient in coaxing very satisfactory bids from those vying for the items.

In keeping with the evening's newspaper motif, a black, white and red décor, signifying newsprint (as well as the old descriptive phrase for newspapers — "black and white and read all over") was reflected in black tablecloths over white tableskirts, as well as the spectacular centerpieces on the thirteen tables. Each one featured the banner from a different U. S. newspaper, including the *Dispatch*, and attendees received their table assignments according to the name of the newspaper. The *Dispatch* was in good company with the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and other world-class papers! A cornucopia fashioned of newsprint holding each banner was surrounded by red carnations and greens, accented with blocks of antique wooden type mounted on stalks. Thanks to Flowers for You for the centerpieces and to the committee members who supplied the newspapers and the type blocks (from an antique shop in Frederick).

The outstanding job by co-chairmen Becky Jones and Audrey

Glass was possible only with the inestimable assistance of the following committee chairs and members:

Invitations: Annetta Rapp, chair; Ann Marshall, Delores Henke, Elizabeth Prongas, Jim and Diane Hoover, Jef and Bev Fitzgerald.

Program: Chata Carr, chair; Susan Schwartz, Ruth Richards, Margaret Dodds, Robert Preston, Pat Howes Bell, Eric Glass.

Auction: Linda Junker, chair; Shirley and Charles Dillon, Alice Boyle, Rita Carroll, Ann Gingell, Stacey and Carl Griffiths, Paul Harner, Mike Hillman, Sue Sanders, Jane Counsellor, Linda Postelle, Becky Clarke, Jean and Bo Cadle.

Billing: Stacy Keilholtz and Becky Kile, co-chairmen; Stacey Griffiths, Pam Bolin.

Publicity: Jean and Bo Cadle, co-chairmen; Caryl Austrian.

Finally, publishers Jean and Bo Cadle wish to sincerely thank all the people — donors, workers, attendees — whose support and assistance for Gala 2000 showed that they really care about their community and its regional newspaper. Kudos and accolades to all!!

Special thanks to Gala sponsors and contributors

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Gala co-chairmen appreciate town spirit

Ever since I left Emmitsburg years ago to go off to school I've come back to town as a visitor. I love this community. Perhaps it grows from good childhood memories of a loving and stable life with my family Sam and Mayme Hays and brothers Tom and Bob. I'm very grateful for the opportunity through the *Dispatch* fundraiser to become a part of the community again, not as a visitor but as an active participant. Thank you to Bo and Jean for your gift of community spirit, to Audrey Glass for your enthusiasm and willingness to share a partnership to produce the gala, to a wonderful group of people who formed the fundraising committee to do the work and to all of you who supported the idea with your services and items for the auction, your financial contributions to the paper and your valuable time to attend the event.

With gratitude and appreciation,
Becky Jones



Dr. Gary Kubala, Mike and Audrey Hillman, and Bill and Myra Derbyshire compare notes during the Gala's silent auction. *A Dispatch Photo*



MSM's Coach Jim Phelan (center) presents his autographed basketballs to highest bidders Alan Duncan (left) and Mike Cuseo (right). *A Dispatch Photo*

The big night has come and gone, the decorations are packed away, the party dresses have been relegated to the backs of the closets, and we're left with cherished memories and a sense of awe of just how much people working and having fun together can accomplish. How do you say the thanks you feel to so many contributors, donors of auction items, committee members, and those people with special talents that so willingly pitched in to help? And how do you express your appreciation for the Emmitsburg spirit that prevailed and inspired us as our plans were coming together? I cannot adequately write the words, so I hope that the continuation of our beloved *Dispatch* will be the reward and thanks for the generosity of everyone who made the Gala such a great success.

Thank you to everyone who shares my affection for this community of Emmitsburg.

Audrey Glass

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ST. ANTHONY/OLMC NEWS

BY ANN MARSHALL
Dispatch Correspondent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church each 2nd and 4th Monday from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Make a Joyous Sound to God. Bells are needed to be rung during the liturgies on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday. If you have any small bells which you can contribute, please drop them off at the Parish Office. They will be rung along with the church bells during the singing of the Gloria.

Dining's out. Two major fundraisers at St. Anthony's are being discontinued. Our famous dinners in July and October are a thing of the past. This decision was made by the Pastoral Council at its February meeting after hearing a report that the cooking and dining areas in the hall need major improvements in order to meet health code regulations. The two dinners raised approximately \$6,000 each year. Millie Valentine, co-chair of the Fundraising

Committee, thanked all those who have faithfully donated time and goods to making those events successful. New fundraising efforts begin with a money drawing in June. Millie asks for suggestions (maybe something new and different?) for a fall event.

Speaking of eating, your participation in Operation Rice Bowl during

Lent helps the poor and hungry. Seventy-five percent of our contribution goes to Catholic Relief Services for overseas assistance and the remaining money helps the poor in our own diocese. Rice bowls are small fold-up cardboard boxes for sacrificial giving and are found in the rear of the church.

Congratulations. Our Lady of Mt.

Carmel Parish also welcomes into the Catholic Faith Community Jarryd Austin Rosenberry, son of Kenneth and Jennifer Rosenberry, who was baptized on February 27, 2000.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel welcomes into the Catholic Faith Community Kayla Rose Luhn, daughter of Thomas and Kim Luhn, who was baptized on March 19, 2000.

ROCKY RIDGE NEWS

BY EMMA KEENEY
Dispatch Correspondent

Happy birthday wishes to Loretta Glass, Bonnie Eyer, Carrollton (Toot) Houck, Michelle Dinterman, Lori Angleberger, Kevin Albaugh, Sr., Doris Sharrer, Shirley Greene, Betty Moser, Mary Louise Peomroy, Marlene Danaher, Russel Ohler, and Jeremy Shields.

Anniversary wishes to Franklin and Marie Stambaugh, April 7th; Harold and Lois Late, April 24; James and Loretta Glass; and Kenneth and Gloria Frushour.

Congratulations to Anthony Harris, who took a gold medal for first place in Region VI, USA VICA 2000 Trade Skill Contest Carpentry Event held at Washington County Technical School on Saturday Feb. 19, 2000. This achievement made Anthony eligible for the exciting state competition in Baltimore, where he competed on March 25, acquitting himself well among a large number of competitors.

On Saturday, March 18, students from the Career and Technology

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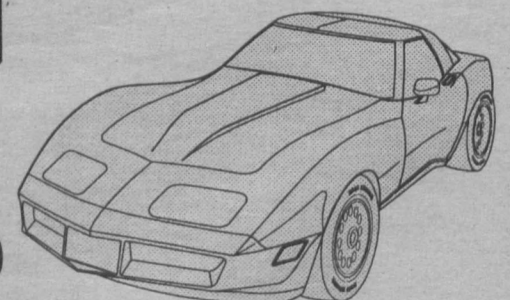
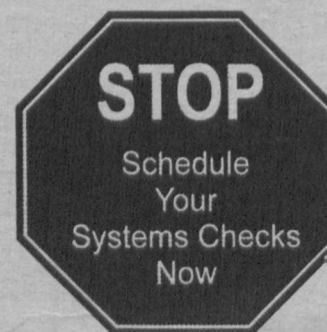
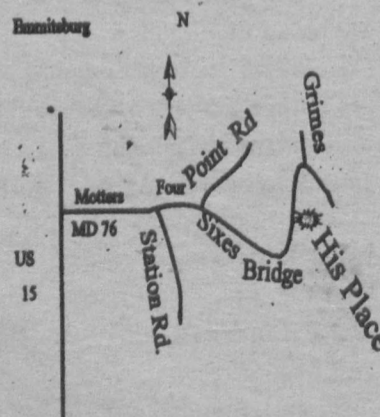
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VIGILANT HOSE NEWS

The Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) has a busy April planned! The Annual Seafood Bonanza will be held April 20-21 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the firehouse. Plan now to attend this activity featuring sandwiches and platters of crab cakes, fried fish, fried oysters, as well as steamed and fried shrimp, and crab soup! All items are available for eating at the firehouse or for carryout.

On Friday, April 21st, in conjunction

with the Seafood Bonanza, the VHC Auxiliary will be sponsoring their annual Food Sale at the firehouse. Be sure to pick up some delicious baked goods and candies just in time for Easter! The food sale will begin at 11:00 and will end when all the items are gone!

The April VHC Auxiliary Old Fashion Bingo will be held on Thursday, April 27. This is a change from the normal night, which is the third Thursday of

the month. Due to the Seafood Bonanza, the bingo night had to be moved to April 27. Mark your calendars and plan to attend an enjoyable evening of bingo. Children are welcome at our Old Fashion Bingo Nights!

The VHC's Spring 300 Club will be held on Saturday, April 15, at Mother Seton School beginning at 5:00 p.m. If you are a current ticket holder, your tick-

et seller should have contacted you by now. Tickets are \$30.00, which includes the cost of a buffet meal and beverage.

The goodness of the true pun is in the direct ratio of its intolerability
... Edgar Allan Poe, 1849

Rocky Ridge

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Center competed in the Builders Olympics at the Home Show at the Frederick Fairgrounds. Anthony Harris and Melissa Sharrer were on the first-place teams in carpentry and landscaping, respectively.

Mt. Tabor Church News

April 20 - A Seder meal will be served in the Activity Building at 6 p.m. Please sign board in the church if you are planning to attend.

April 21- The Mt. Tabor Sunday school will present a **Good Friday service** at 7:30 p.m.

April 23 - The Mt. Tabor Youth groups will have an **Easter Sunrise service** at 6 a.m.

May 10 - The "Willing Workers" will sponsor **Family Fun Night**. The committee is composed of Kathy Sixx, chairman; Linda Shields, Pauline Duble, Rosie Stambaugh, Nancy Summers, Emma Lou Harris, Burneda Russell.

Fire Company Basket Bingo

The Fire Company will hold Basket Bingo on May 7. Tickets are \$10 a person. Extra cards will be available at the door. Baskets will be filled with goodies.

Eighty Thanks

Albert Stambaugh would like to thank everyone who sent cards for his 80th birthday—he received 80 cards. He was surprised and happy that so many people thought of him. The cards were really appreciated.

Church of the Brethren News

Happy birthday to Catherine Stover, April 5; April Smith, April 19; Lynn Ott, April 13; Pam Kilcoyne, April 18; Nancy Glass, April 7; Terence Free, April 2; Dorothy Baker, April 21; and Erma Black, April 3.

Anniversaries: Leon and Catherine Stover, April 7; Orville and Erma Black, April 16.

An **Easter sunrise service** will be held on Easter Sunday.

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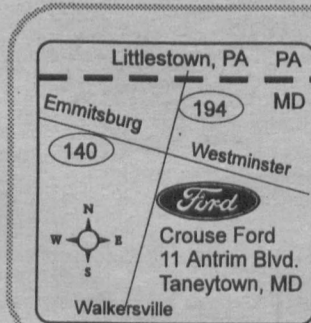
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Women raise house and conscience in Honduras

BY ANGIE BRADLEY AND
JANET SPRINGER

On January 24, the two of us boarded a flight to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. We joined a group from the UCC Catoctin Association organized by the Rev. Gerry Hanberry of Glade Church in Walkersville. The association is in partnership with the Inglesia Bethel Church in El Progreso, Honduras, with the goal of rebuilding houses in Finca Ocho, a small farming community located in the middle of a banana plantation. The community had been destroyed by Hurricane Mitch.

We believed that building a house would be our main objective and accomplishment. After ten days of living and working to accomplish something bigger than the self, the house building became a metaphor for the relationships we built with our peers, the people of Finca Ocho, and the members of Inglesia Bethel church. If I were to pick one word to describe the trip, it would be *enlightenment*.

When we arrived at the airport in San Pedro Sula, we were greeted by unfamiliar people who had such joy in their eyes when they saw our group. At that moment we knew we were in for much more than building a house. Touring Finca Ocho, we noticed that the people there possessed a sense of pride and community despite the devastation left by Hurricane Mitch. We visited the homes, school, and churches that were flooded. We could still see the 12-15-foot flood lines on many of the buildings. We were told that people stood on the roofs of these buildings awaiting rescue.

While building the house we worked side by side with the future home owner and others in the village who had had homes built for them. The kids also were proud to be involved in helping their neighbor. For eight days we swept the ground with a broom made of tree leaves, hand sifted sand for cement, mixed tons of

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cement by hand, filled between the cinder blocks as we placed each row of block, dug a hole 5' by 10' to fill the foundation and carried all the dirt via wheelbarrows until we finally put the roof on, installed the wood windows and doors, and laid the cement floor.

We had been assured that our presence would bring to these people hope and a feeling of worth knowing that people from so far away care about them, renewing their faith in humanity. We were told that when we touched the people in the village we would be sending love, and when we sent love we would in turn receive love from these people. How true it was. The man for whom we built the house would come each day to shake our hands and thank us for being there. The children would walk by and reach out their hands and touch us while calling our names. And when we touched their arms or shoulders in return, their smiles would radiate through us and leave an everlasting impression of

their happiness, wellbeing, and feeling of hope.

So we completed our building project and delivered the medical and school supplies that we brought to the children of Finca Ocho. Many thanks to those of you who contributed to our collection. We regret that you were not able to see the smiles or feel the gratitude of the children upon receipt of your gifts. You made a difference in their lives.

However, there is still much work to be done in Finca Ocho. Many houses need to be built (about twelve hundred dollars per

house), children need school and medical supplies and scholarships for continuing education: books and maps in Spanish, band-aids and neosporin, and money (\$400 per child per school year). Send supplies or donations to help the people of Finca Ocho to Glade United Church of Christ; Honduran Partnership, P.O. Box 236, Walkersville, MD 21793. For information, call 301-845-6773. Thank you for sharing our experience.

Janet Springer is a member of Incarnation UCC, Emmitsburg.



Janet Springer, far right, with a local family in Honduras

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LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, April 1

Chicken BAR-B-Q at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Building from 10:30 - till. \$5.50 per dinner.

Sunday, April 2

A Spring Concert of Rogers and Hart music presented by the DePaul Street Singers will be held in Saint Aloysius Church Hall, South Queen Street, Littlestown, Pa., at 3 p.m.

Saturday April 8

Helen Thomas comes to the Mount. The author of *Front Row at the White House* will speak at 2 p.m. in the O'Donnell Lecture Hall in the Seminary building. A White House reporter for United Press International since 1961, Helen Thomas has the honor of being acknowledged for the first and last questions at any presidential press conference. Her talk will feature a behind-the-scenes look at current and past administrations. She will be available to autograph copies of her book, which you can purchase at the Mount's book store.

Saturday, April 8

Giant Yard Sale-Lunch/Bake Sale will be held from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., sponsored by St. Joseph's Parish at the Parish Hall in Emmitsburg. Household items and clothing,

homemade baked good, soups and sandwiches. Something for everyone. All are welcome.

Saturday, April 8

A Spring Craft Bazaar sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Rte. 550, Sabillasville, Md., will take place from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Featured are soups, sandwiches, variety of pies, desserts, and baked goods. Soups by the quart and gallon to go.

Monday, April 10

Thurmont Aglow will hold their monthly meeting at the Mountain Gate Restaurant. The buffet begins 6:15 p.m. and costs \$7. The meeting begins at 7:05 p.m. This month's program is skits and a roundtable discussion "Who is the Proverbs 31 woman? Could that be me?" For reservations call 301-271-4346 or 447-2283.

Monday, April 10

Meet Patricia Gaffney, the author of *Saving Graces*. The meeting, sponsored by the Emmitsburg and Thurmont branch libraries, will be held at Mt. St. Mary's College, ARCC Reception Room at 7 p.m. (Registration is required.) She will describe the experience of writing the story of four women whose friendship sees them through many

of life's ups and downs. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Thursday, April 14

A Dessert Tea to celebrate National Library Week from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Library Activities room. Sponsored by the Friends of the Emmitsburg Library. Everyone is invited.

Sat. & Sun., April 15 & 16

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection during this Easter season: Frederick Church of the Nazarene, 7899 Opossumtown Pike April 15 at 7:00 p.m. April 16 at

3:00 & 7:00 p.m. For any further information contact the church office by calling (301) 663-6271.

Wednesday, April 26

Card Party sponsored by the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens will be held at the Senior Center, 300 South Seton Avenue at 6:30. It is open to the public. Pinochle and "500" will be played. Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$2. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. For informa-

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The Lions Need Your Help

BY DAVE MARTIN

Mark your Calendar:

Community Day is July 1!

Theme: Celebrating the Century, Marking the Millennium

Honoring: Emmitsburg's Greatest Generation

In order for this year's Community Day to be a special and memorable day we need participants as well as observers to help us carry out our theme "Celebrating the Century and Marking the Millennium."

July 1 is exactly the midpoint of the millennium year 2000. This year marks 85 years since WW I, 55 years since the end of WW II, 50 years since the beginning of the Korean war, and 25 years since Vietnam. We need to reflect and thank all who enable us to gather and celebrate their contributions toward saving our democracy.

We need citizens lining the parade route, and citizens in the

parade to help make this day a memorable one. Here's how:

Schools can produce programs and make displays based on the theme or honorees;

Churches can recognize members who served in the wars by conducting special ceremonies;

Businesses can display photographs and exhibits of the Theme or Honorees;

Businesses can decorate their storefronts with bunting, flags, or streamers;

Civic organizations can participate in the parade or have a display;

Citizens can decorate their homes;

Citizens can dress up as heroes of the 20th century or the millennium and attend the parade and evening program;

Parade participants can dress as 20th-century or millennium heroes.

Tentative events include: Displays, Programs, Flyovers, Reunions, Photographs, Games, Mile Run, Parade, Evening Program, Music, and Fireworks.

Contact any Lions Club member with your thoughts, ideas, or suggestions.

Vigilant Hose, Rosensteel team up for new engine/tanker fund drive

The Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) is in the process of conducting its annual Fund Drive. Residents of the Emmitsburg Community should have received a letter from the fire department. The department will be replacing a 30-year old piece of equipment (Engine 64) with a new Engine/Tanker, to be placed in service around May 1, at a cost of approximately \$350,000.

Rosensteel Studios, of Emmitsburg, will provide, at no

charge, a sitting at their studio and one 8 x 10 print to any donor of \$35.00 or more during this appeal.

Should anyone want to be contacted personally about the fund drive, please contact the Vigilant Hose Company at 301-447-2728.

Your support in this endeavor will enable the company to continue to provide exemplary service and protection to the Emmitsburg community.



Craft Show & Easter Egg Hunt

Bring a camera and sit on Bunny's lap
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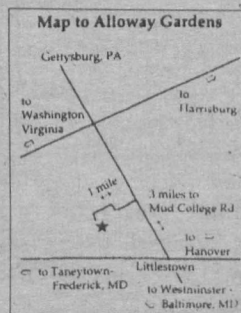
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tion call 301-447-6253 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Friday, May 5

Basket Bingo will be sponsored by the Catoctin High School Safe and Sane Committee, to be held at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds

Activities Building. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. They include 20 games, all baskets have at least one accessory. There will also be raffles and special games. For tickets call 301-898-9702 or 301-271-2326.

Saturday, May 6

Flower and Plant Sale to benefit the Emmitsburg Library will be held on the Community Center lawn from

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 6

A yard and bake sale will be held by the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens 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 6

Family Fun Night sponsored by the Frederick County Parks and Recreation Council will be held from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the gym of the Emmitsburg Community Center.

Thurmont Senior Center

The Thurmont Senior Center announces its trip schedule for the year 2000. These trips are open to the general public, all ages. Trip sheets containing detailed information are available at the main desk in the Center or call 301-271-7911. Day trips require a reservation deposit of \$5 unless otherwise noted. Overnight trips require a large deposit as shown on the trip sheet along with the itinerary. Copies are available at the main desk and can be picked up between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. or call 301-271-7911 to have them mailed to you.

Sunday, June 11: Day trip - Baltimore, Md., Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, "Star Spangled Spectacular."

Saturday, June 24 - July 1: Showboat *Branson Belle* Dinner Cruise, approximately seven shows.

Saturday July 15: Day trip - Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Saturday Aug 12: Day trip -

Georgetown/Washington, D.C., Tudor Pl., Filomena Ristorante and barge ride down the C & O Canal.

Friday, August 25 - Aug. 29: Vermont and New Hampshire.

Tuesday, Sept 19 - Sun., Sept 24: Louisville, Ky., National Quartet Convention, Southern Gospel music and sightseeing in Kentucky.

Wednesday, Sept 27: Day trip - College Park, Md., Aviation Museum, 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant and Goddard Space Flight Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 18: Day trip - King of Prussia, Pa. Lily Langtry's "Glitz on Ice" (Restaurant and Showplaces).

Friday, Nov. 17: Day trip - Berkeley Springs, W.V., the Country Inn, Tom Netherton, veteran of the *Lawrence Welk Show*.

Sunday, Dec. 3 - Dec. 6: One Hundred Miles of Lights (Virginia).

Saturday, Dec. 9: Day trip - York, Pa., Wisenhaven Dinner Theater, *Fruitcakes*, the musical.

NEIGHBORS

BY KATE WARTHEN

Dispatch Correspondent

Mr. George Baker has been spending some time in Florida.

Mayor and Mrs. Carr have returned from Florida where they visited relatives on an island off the coast of Naples.

Congratulations to Cathy Dillon, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Dillon of Toms Creek Road. Cathy was married in a beautiful wedding in St. Joseph's Church. Best wishes to Cathy and Andrew Cupulo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams have returned from a 10-day vacation in Florida where they visited many friends and relatives.

Cathy Ariza is spending the last two weeks of March in Peru. Cathy will climb the mountain at Machu Picchu. Cathy is the strength trainer at the Senior Center. Hurry home, Cathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cliber and their young daughter Lanie, have moved into their new residence on St. Anthony's Rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Derbyshire have moved into their new home on Black Road near Thurmont.

Elizabeth Prongas, Natalie Williams, and Kate Warthen spent a day shopping in Bethesda recently.

Laura Mary Warthen celebrated her ninth birthday in March. Mark Warthen, her father, celebrated his 38th birthday on March 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cuseo have returned from a visit to Florida. They spent some time watching the baseball teams in spring training.

Ellen Warthen and her sister Lori, attended the flower show in Philadelphia on March 5.

The Senior Citizens have just returned from a trip to Allenbury Theater. They attended a dinner and theater performance.

Mrs. Hope Mahony's daughter is visiting her from Ohio.

Miss Joan Boyle visited in town recently. Joan is a volunteer at Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve.

Mr. Gary Baker is the architect hired to do the addition to the old O'Donohue property near Mount Saint Mary's College. The property is known locally as Bella Vista.

Departure

Father Wright will be leaving the Saint Joseph's Parish at the end of this summer. We will miss you, Father Wright.

Music

Father Schaum is directing a musical group, the DePaul Street Singers, who will be performing the "Sounds of Spring" in Littlestown, Pa., on April 2 at 3:00 p.m., in the St. Aloysius Parish Hall.

Sandy Soffe is teaching voice to the students of dance at the Linda Elower School of Dance in Thurmont.

Miss Leah Adelsberger and Deirdre McCarthy play the cello. They will perform at a wedding on March 25 in Frederick.

Miss Megan Adelsberger competed with her dance group from the Elower-Sicilia Studio of Thurmont. The competition was held in Stevens Hall at Towson State University on March 18th. Megan won three medals and a scholarship to dance at Las Vegas, Nevada, this July. Megan's Platinum Medal was for her lyrical dance, her Gold for Hip Hop, and Bronze for Jazz.

A wonderful evening of Irish music and song by Mr. Brian Coughlan was enjoyed by a full house in the media room of the library

Library

At the last board meeting of the Emmitsburg Library, the board decided to have a Flower Mart sale and festival on May 6.

The Emmitsburg Branch of the Friends of the Library boasts 17 new members, thanks to the computer classes held by Dave Martin aimed at teaching Emmitsburg patrons the rudiments of computer know-how. We hope that all new members will use the library and the internet access.

The library will hold its annual tea on April 13th from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Please come and enjoy the afternoon tea. Treats are made by local volunteers.

The next Book Club meeting will be on April 14th at the library. The book to be discussed will be *To Kill a Mocking Bird*, by Harper Lee.

There is a new Story Time for infants 0-2 years old in the Emmitsburg Library. Story Time will be held every third Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. with the new children's librarian, Cindy Blank reading the stories. New mothers are encouraged to take advantage of this special experience for their little ones.

College Cultural Scene

Mount Saint Mary's College has an impressive array of cultural events scheduled for April. Residents should

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The Evolution of a Master Gardener

take advantage of these events.

BY MICHAEL HILLMAN

She was right, the studio was cold, but I was so mesmerized at her image on the monitor that I hardly gave it any notice. When I saw Audrey's name on the opening credit for *Garden Thyme*, a chill went down my back. For half an hour, I stood and watched as she and Carol Morton discussed the science of forcing bulbs, providing tips and how-to's to the unseen audience tuned in on the Community Channel of Gettysburg Cable TV. She had come a long way from the little 6-foot garden patch she tilled when we first meet.

When I first met her, Audrey was serving as the head nurse at the University of Pennsylvania's New Bolton Large Animal Hospital, located just outside of Philadelphia.

While apartment life puts a natural limit on the amount of gardening most apartment dwellers can do, the limits did not hold in Audrey's case. A six by 4 foot plot of land outside her office soon became her garden away from home. In comparison to the types of plants she tends today, that original garden really wasn't much, but at the time, it was all she had and as such, she treated each and every plant as if it were worth its weight in gold.

After our marriage, we moved to a small delapidated tenant farm just east of Emmitsburg. While the farm wasn't much to look at, it held promise for a gardener who had been held hostage for much too long.

As soon as the weather warmed, she began to plant. A flower here, a plant there, a bush or two over there. It looked organized to me, but then again, I couldn't grow a weed if my life depended on it. Throughout the summer and into our first fall, she added plants and flowers of all shapes and sizes around the house and its

numerous tenant buildings.

But it seemed that for every plant or flower she put into the ground, one came out of the ground. She was forever fussing, trying desperately to get the right mix, the right colors. Her aim was to have something growing everywhere, but more often than not, one section would be in full bloom, while another was devoid of all color. Frustrated with her inability to achieve her goal, she began to cast about for help.

A old friend told her to seek out the help of a Master Gardener. Shortly thereafter, Audrey noticed a article in the *Gettysburg Times* soliciting recruits for the Adams County Master Gardener Program. It was almost too good to be true. She returned home from the first meeting bubbling with anticipation. While she didn't think she would get much out of some of the things that were included in the curriculum, such as composting, tree maintenance, or eatable flower gardening, she was nevertheless impressed.

Unsure where she was going with it all, I stood back and watched. Soon a pattern began to emerge. Each class was almost always followed by a visit to Alloway Garden in Littlestown. She would arrive home with the car full of plants covered in the class.

While the diversity in Audrey's garden was growing, the organization was still lacking. Not surprisingly, the solution would soon come via the Master Gardener program. Quite frequently there were talks by national, if not world, experts in specific fields. And just when Audrey needed it most, the program hosted a workshop with Dr. Nuss of Penn State, a garden design expert.

For weeks she worked on a design for six major garden beds, including a 100 ft by 60 ft formal English garden. Dr. Nuss was impressed, but not as

impressed as Audrey was by his suggestions for her plans. As she carried out his recommendations, and the gardens took shape about her, she began to yearn to learn.

With the encouragement of her fellow Master Gardeners, she enrolled in some night courses at Longwood Gardens just outside of West Chester, Penna. While the evening round trips were hard, the knowledge she gained enlivened her. Soon she was purchasing so many plants at Alloway that they were forced to list her as a principal asset on their corporate tax returns. One course led to another, and soon. Eventually she broke down and signed on to pursue a Certificate of Merit in Ornamental Horticulture.

Each course was packed with information, and each required an excruciating amount of dedication to pass. For days before each exam, she crammed like a college student, even pulling all nighters the night before. The more she read, the more she wanted to read. When she walked into her first gardener meeting, she had less than a handful of gardening books. Now she has so many that I'll probably have to forgo a simple bookcase, and instead add a new addition to the house just to hold them.

But Longwood was not her only source of knowledge. The more Audrey learned at Longwood, the more she was able to learn from her fellow Master Gardeners. Soon she was consulting with the composting guru about how to set up compost bins. She got expert input on what type of chipper/shredder to buy, and

she even got conned into beginning worm farming by the group's worm mistress. Every Master Gardener had a speciality, and Audrey tapped into them all. Soon they were not just fellow Master Gardeners, but friends.

Today, her gardens are breathtaking. The plants bloom in sequence as if choreographed by a master. When the butterflies arrive from South America, the butterfly garden is there to greet them. Red flowers galore stand waiting to nourish hummingbirds upon their arrival. Her gardens are havens for bugs, bees, birds and countless other treasures often missed in a hustle and bustle world. It's no longer a surprise to see cars stopped in front of the house as their occupants gaze at the brilliant display of flowers and foliage. The gardens are always the first stop and last stop for all visitors to our little farm.

Like other Master Gardeners, she relishes the opportunity to share what she has learned: giving lectures or workshops to aspiring Master Gardeners, helping plan community gardens, telling a husband how best to trim a tree, serving meals made of eatable flowers, or simply hosting a weekly TV Program called *She loves it*.

Audrey loves being a Master Gardener. She loves the comradeship and intellectual stimulation that Master Gardening brings. Becoming a Master Gardener has allowed her to live her dream. I am happy for her. My life is much, much richer with a Master Gardener than without one.



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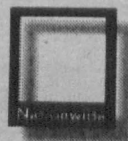


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New Forest

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was concerned about the increasing threat to the environment, and Harry and I always enjoyed the stream area. It's been a sanctuary for deer, birds, and small animals as well as a pasture for horses and cows." She adds: "You could say the New Forest is a memorial to him." (Dr. Prongas, who was a history professor at Frederick Community College, Mount St. Mary's, and Hood College, died in 1992.)

After her husband died, Mrs. Prongas became a Master Gardener through the Carroll County Extension Service and decided to "become very aggressive in seeking information about the environment and what it was possible to do with this property." The area that will be improved to become the New Forest already looks somewhat like a park, and includes a rock outcropping as high as a house resembling a cave, she explains. However, trees in the area have been breaking because of ice storms, and a big hickory came down two years ago because floods washed away the soil around its roots, she points out.

Within the next few weeks, the 3200 tree and shrub seedlings, supplied by the Maryland Department of National Resources, will be planted within a 150-foot strip on either side of Beaver Branch for 5400 feet along its banks, targeting areas where erosion is taking place or is likely to occur. Each seedling must be staked and enclosed in a shelter to prevent deer damage. Almost all of the seedlings are native plants. "The only exception," Mrs. Prongas says, "is the pin oak, a native of the Eastern Shore, but still a native American tree." The Sierra Club advised her on this part of the project. The plan calls for four acres of trees and four acres of shrubs.

Under the terms of the cost-share agreement with CREP, Mrs. Prongas will pay 13 percent of the initial reforestation cost of approximately

"My husband loved animals and was concerned about the increasing threat to the environment, and Harry and I always enjoyed the stream area. It's been a sanctuary for deer, birds, and small animals as well as a pasture for horses and cows. You could say the New Forest is a memorial to him."

Elizabeth Prongas

\$9,000 with the State of Maryland paying the remainder. The contract, which runs from January 1, 2000, to September 30, 2015, also requires Mrs. Prongas to maintain the plantings. "It's a big responsibility for someone my age to oversee this project because I have to work closely with CREP and FSA Forestry Department foresters. The project has involved many phone conversations and there are many forms to fill out — I have to justify everything."

Why is the project called the New Forest? One needs to go back to before World War II — as long ago as the Norman conquest — to fully appreciate the origin of the name. Mrs. Prongas's mother was English, but married an American. When Mrs. Prongas's father died at an early age, her mother took her two daughters (Mrs. Prongas's sister lives in Frederick) back to England, where they survived the blitz during World War II. When she was a child, Mrs. Prongas visited several times an area called the New Forest in Hampshire on the southern English coast, where her mother's family lived as early as 1200. Mrs. Prongas's first visit to the New Forest as an adult was in 1989. She went to the Hampshire Bureau of Records in Winchester and purchased two books that contain the names of all the persons known to have lived in the area since 1244; several of her relatives are listed.

According to a web site — www.hants.gov.uk — maintained by the Hampshire County Council, the New Forest was originally commanded in 1079 as a deer hunting area by William the Conqueror. Although "the term 'Forest' in a medieval sense was a legally defined area . . . it was not necessarily a wooded area in the modern meaning — nearly half the New Forest is open heath, grassland and bog," the site says. In fact, England's New Forest is a large recreational area, and a 1998 brochure Mrs. Prongas obtained recently from a friend advertises many visitor attractions (including Burley Bike Hire, which offers "bratmobiles" and "muttmobiles") as well as historic buildings, gardens, vineyards and farms. The New Forest Museum and Visitor Center contains exhibits about the Forest's history, traditions, characters and wildlife, the brochure tells us.

One of Mrs. Prongas's concerns was using the name "New Forest." But upon contacting the Hampshire County Council via e-mail, she learned that they had no objections. "We wish you every success with your venture," they said.

It's unlikely that the New Forest in Northern Frederick County will ever reach the proportions of its British namesake, but future generations will be able to enjoy Mrs. Prongas's contribution to the preservation and beautification of the county when her "New Forest" becomes a reality. "There is a lot of work to be done," Mrs. Prongas emphasizes.

What would please Mrs. Prongas even more than bringing the New Forest project to fruition is participation in the conservation effort by her neighbors and others in Northern Frederick County. If you would like to know more about preserving the environment through available state and federal programs, contact the Frederick County Farm Service Agency at (301) 662-1321, ext. 2, or write to the agency at 92 Thomas Jefferson Drive, Suite 240, Frederick, MD 21702-4383.

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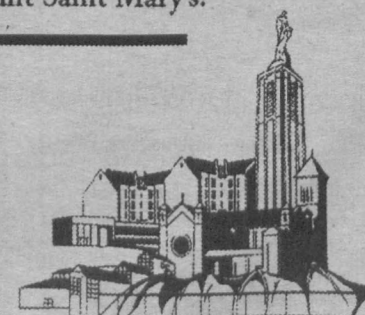
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Obituaries

Mr. David C. Frailey

Mr. David C. Frailey, a native of Emmitsburg, died February 25 at his home in Dallas after a long battle with cancer.

He was the husband of Lea Frailey, his wife of nearly 50 years.

Mr. Frailey was a graduate of Mount Saint Mary's College and a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma.

He began a lifelong pursuit of journalism-related activities as news editor with the Associated Press in Annapolis. His AP service was interrupted by a stint in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was assigned to the Public Information Office in Baltimore. After his discharge as a master sergeant, he returned to the AP.

He moved to public relations in a job for American Airlines at their Washington, D.C. office in 1948, subsequently serving as regional public relations manager in American's offices in New York, San Francisco, Boston, and Chicago.

He moved up to system director of public relations in 1963 and in 1972 became assistant vice president and acting head of public relations. He was elected vice president by American's board of directors in 1973.

In that position, Mr. Frailey spearheaded American Airlines' public and media relations activities for the last decade of his nearly 40 years with the airline.

After his retirement in 1984, he spent seven years as an adjunct professor of journalism at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and worked as a public relations, communications, and editorial consultant. He also edited several books. He was a member of the National Press Club of Washington, the Aviation and Space Writers' Assn., and numerous other professional organizations.

Besides his wife Lea, he leaves a son, Stephen Frailey of New York City; a daughter, Joan Rosenzweig of Richardson, Texas; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Johnny Smith

Mr. Johnny Scott Smith, 44, of Federal Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Monday, Feb. 29, at Gettysburg Hospital.

Born April 2, 1955, in Gettysburg, he was son of Grace Plaine Smith of Taneytown and the late Thomas

Millard Smith.

He was a member of Grace United Church of Christ, Taneytown.

He was a truck driver for Ingersoll-Dresser Pump Co., Taneytown.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Catherine Ott of Emmitsburg; one daughter, Kerrie Romeril of Thurmont; one brother, Darryl Thomas Smith of Gettysburg; one sister, Wanda Smith of Littlestown, Pa.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held March 3 at the funeral home, with Deacon Charles Barnhart officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the Polio Society, 4200 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Suite 106273, Washington, D.C. 20016.

Mrs. Shirley Little

Mrs. Shirley M. Little, 64, of Motter Station Road, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Feb. 29, at Gettysburg Hospital.

She was the wife of John B Little, her husband of nearly 41 years.

Born Aug. 20, 1935, she was daughter of the late Walter Joseph and Lillian Wetzel Wilhide.

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

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are six children: Tim Little and wife Jean of Thurmont; Mary Lou Little, at home; Pam Bolin and husband Ed of Fairfield, Pa.; Tony Little and wife Jane of New Market; Scott Little and wife Sharon of Thurmont; and Ed Little, at home; ten grandchildren, Tiffany Little and Travis Little, both of Thurmont; Brandy Olin, Kimberly Olin and Josh Olin, all of Fairfield; A.J. Little, Tina Little and Linsey Little, all of New Market; and Sara Little and Emily Little, both of Thurmont; one sister, Lorraine Wivell and husband James of Rocky Ridge; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Little was preceded in death by her stepmother, Mildred Wilhide.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, March 4, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Michael J. Kennedy as celebrant.

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

Mr. Russell Hardman

Mr. Russell N. Hardman, 86, of Friends Creek Road, Emmitsburg,

died Saturday, March 5, at Waynesboro Hospital, Waynesboro, Pa.

He was the husband of Clara Brown Hardman, his wife of 53 years.

Born Oct. 30, 1913, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Clarence and Ida Tamer Hardman.

Mr. Hardman was a self-employed carpenter in housing construction, building numerous log homes in the area. Prior to entering military service he had worked at various saw mills in the area.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army from September 1941 to October 1945, in Battery C, 736th Field Artillery Battalion, and in Co. B, 386th Military Police Service Battalion. While in service, he was stationed in the Hawaiian islands after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Scotland, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

He received numerous medals including Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Ribbon, African-Middle Eastern Service Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific and European Theater Service Medals.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, James Hardman and wife Beverly of Friends Creek; one granddaughter, Nancy Hardman of Friends Creek; and two uncles.

Mr. Hardman was preceded in death by one grandson, Jamie Hardman.

Funeral services and interment were private with the Rev. Susan Haas Yatta officiating.

Arrangements by Stauffer Funeral Home, Thurmont.

Mr. Robert Kolb Sr.

Mr. Robert Elsworth "Bob" Kolb Sr., 75, of Longs Mill Road, Rocky Ridge, died Thursday, March 9, at

Frederick Memorial Hospital

He was the husband of Annie Elizabeth Kolb, his wife of 56 years.

Born April 18, 1924, in Creagerstown, he was a son of the late Charles Peter Mathias and Nettie Rebecca Ramsburg Kolb.

Mr. Kolb attended Calvary Assembly of God when able.

He was a long-time farmer, doing custom work for area farms as well as his own.

He was a devoted Washington Redskins football fan.

Surviving in addition to his wife are five children, Robert Kolb Jr., Delores Staub, Marlene Cook, Dennis Kolb and Mary Jane Putman; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Elizabeth Kolb Myers.

Mr. Kolb was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles Kolb, William Kolb, and Preston Kolb; and three sisters, Catherine Kolb Burdette, Ruth Kolb Martin and Nettie Kolb Remsburg.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Blacks Mill Road, Creagerstown.

Interment was in Creagerstown Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family c/o Pam Bolin, 1 Locust Trail, Fairfield, Pa. 17320.

Mrs. Louise Stackhouse

Mrs. Louise Alva Yingling Stackhouse, 84, of St. Anthony's Road, Thurmont, died Friday, March 10, at Citizens Nursing Home, Frederick.

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A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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She was the wife of Warren K. Stackhouse, who died Dec. 14, 1978.

Born April 24, 1915, in Creagerstown, she was a daughter of the late Paul and Frances Jenkins Yingling.

Mrs. Stackhouse worked at Cambridge Rubber Co., Taneytown, and retired from the Food Service Department at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg.

She is survived by two children, Warren K. Stackhouse and wife Peggy of Virginia Beach, Va., and Karen L. Matthews and husband Rick of Emmitsburg; three grandchildren, Warren K. Stackhouse III and Laura Hudson, both of Virginia Beach, and Jennifer L. Eckenrode of Emmitsburg; one great-grandson, Kelan Hudson of Virginia Beach and one sister, Elizabeth L. Reaver of Cardiff, N.J.

Funeral services were held on March 12, at the Skiles Funeral Home, with Warren K. Stackhouse Jr. officiating.

Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

Mrs. Vernie Harbaugh

Mrs. Vernie Pearl Givens Harbaugh, 79, of North Potomac Street, Waynesboro, Pa., formerly of Emmitsburg, died Saturday, March 18, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

She was the wife of Thomas C. Harbaugh, who died Oct. 18, 1974.

Born June 7, 1920, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Nina Ohler Givens.

Mrs. Harbaugh had worked at Freeman Shoe Co., Emmitsburg.

She was a member of Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waynesboro; a former member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg; and a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post 6658 of Emmitsburg.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas R. Harbaugh of East Berlin, Pa., and David E. Harbaugh of Waynesboro; and four grandchildren, Matthew Harbaugh of New Word, Pa., and Mark Harbaugh, Michael Harbaugh and Heather Harbaugh, all of East Berlin.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg with the Rev. Richard A. Seakes officiating.

Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Miss Christine Tokar

Miss Christine Betty Tokar, 77, of Lincoln on the Park, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, March 21, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born July 3, 1922, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Otto Antone and Betty Kretcher Tokar.

Miss Tokar was a member of the Auxiliary of American Legion Post 121, Emmitsburg.

She had worked at Knouse Foods Co-operative Inc., Orrtanna, Pa.

plant. She had been a care giver in the Emmitsburg and Fairfield, Pa. areas.

Surviving are one sister-in-law, Janet Tokar of Emmitsburg; two nieces; one nephew; and a number of cousins.

Graveside funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 24, in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, with the Rev. Margaret Dodds officiating.

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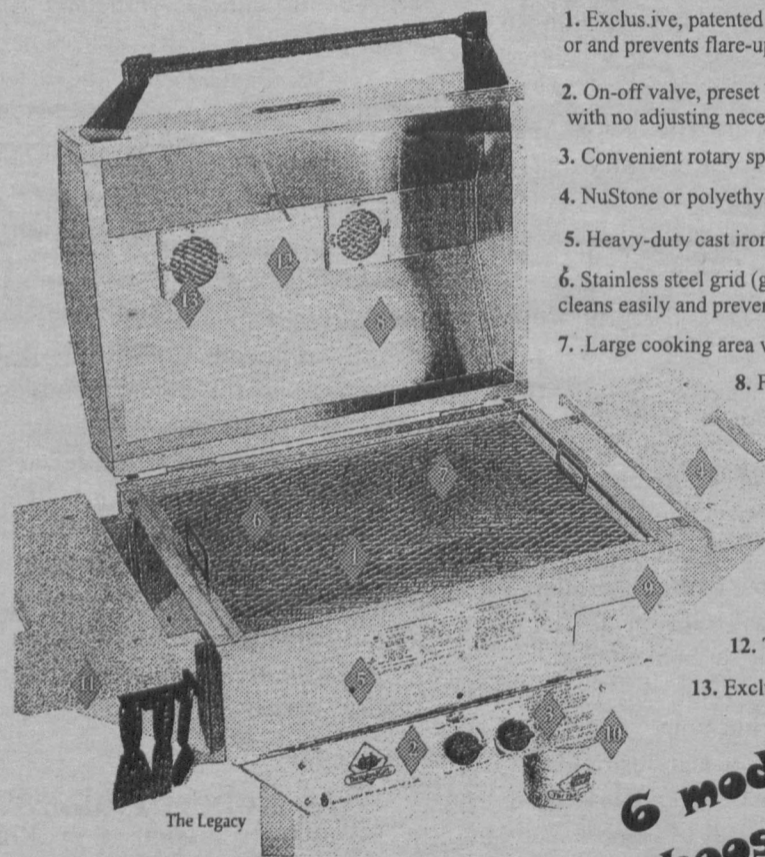
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Pre-owned prom dress sale



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The Catoctin High School Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored a pre-owned consignment prom dress sale during the week of March 20-25, 2000, in an effort to make the prom more affordable for students. Students modeled some of the gowns during the lunch hour period to promote the sale which was held after school each day and on Saturday, March 25. Over 160 dresses were on the racks to be sold and were priced from \$10 - \$100. Proceeds from the sale will be used for student activities. Modeling prom dresses they have selected from the SGA pre-owned prom dress sale are from left Jessica Cregger, a senior from Sablesville and Cheryl Feutz, also a senior from Sablesville. Behind Jessica is Penny Jurchak, attendance clerk at the school and co-advisor for the SGA, and behind Cheryl is Lauren Reid, a senior from Thurmont, SGA secretary and chairman of the prom dress sale.

FFA NEWS

CARRIE MULLER
FFA Chapter Reporter

The Catoctin High School FFA chapter will be busy in April and May. The spring bedding plant sales will be held on April 29th and May 6 and 13 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The spring Career Development Events will be held April 13 at the University of Maryland in College Park. Several teams will be sent to the events.

The floriculture team will compete at regional at Linganore High some time in April. The livestock and dairy judging teams will compete soon.

The Maryland State FFA convention will be held May 15-17 at the Ramada Inn in Hagerstown Md. Several teams will be sent to compete at the state level. They are Ag-Issues, Floriculture and Knowledge. The teams that receive first place will compete in the National contests in October.

National FFA week was celebrated February 20th-26th. The chapter attended services at Graceham Moravian church, had breakfast at Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, and then went roller skating at skateland. On Monday,

members met for lunch and went to the mall for shopping and to view the Ag week displays. Tuesday was official dress day and the members provided donuts and milk for the CHS staff. Wednesday students went to lazor storm for games and putt-putt. Friday night was bowling in Taneytown and Saturday night was a pizza party at Pizza hut in Thurmont. The chapter put a display in the town library window and had morning announcements each day recognizing some FFA history. The chapter also put a display in the agriculture week at the mall promotion at the FSK mall.

American FFA applications and proficiency applications were reviewed in February. The chapter has one American FFA candidate: Laura Keilholtz. The chapter has three proficiency applications: Laura Keilholtz, Kirra Pilson and Bryan Haines.

Kirra Pilson participated in the senior prepared public speaking contest on March 15th and placed ninth in the county.

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BY BECKY CLARKE, R.V.T.

Hello and welcome to spring! I apologize for not having articles in the last two issues for all the pet lovers! Also, thank you to all who have commented on the articles. If ever you have a particular subject you would like to hear about, please let me know! I would be glad to share whatever knowledge I might have on the subject.

This month I thought I might touch a little on the rabies virus, since we recently had a bad scenario occur with a raccoon in Emmitsburg. As this nice weather is approaching us, we are very likely to see an increase in our sightings of wild animals.

Earlier in March, as the weather was hovering around 70-80 degrees, a person came into our hospital with a raccoon which, they assured us, had been hit by a car. It was found lying alive but looking injured in the middle of the road somewhere in the Keysville Road/ Rt. 15 area. Now, mind you, this was mid-day, a time when raccoons, which are nocturnal, really shouldn't be out. Being an animal lover and figuring the animal was

suffering, the gentleman picked the raccoon up and delivered it to the hospital for care. Wisely, the gentleman had donned a pair of gloves and put the raccoon in a cage for transport, without ever having a whole lot of contact with it. Our entire staff is rabies vaccinated and very well trained about handling possible suspects, but still could not legally treat this wild animal. As it turned out, the raccoon died shortly after arriving, and was quickly sent to the Maryland facility for rabies testing. It was, of course, rabies positive.

This particular incident could have been life threatening for a lot of people. First, had the gentleman not worn gloves and had gotten the saliva or other bodily fluids on his hand or skin, especially on a cut or scratch, he might be getting some very nasty inoculations as we read this! (Not to mention the continuing threat of contracting the disease.) But an even worse scenario could have prevailed if the 'coon had not been in the "dumb" phase of the disease. It could have been in the aggressive stage and attacked his rescuer! This whole situation could have resulted in tragedy.

Wild carriers of rabies, primarily raccoons, foxes, skunks, and bats, may survive up to 20 days in the infectious state and can be very dangerous to humans and other animals. They will often attack viciously with or without provocation and may attack numerous other wild or domestic animals during this time. Just last summer, I witnessed a raccoon come up to my backyard fence and viciously start to scratch and attack my dogs through the mesh-like fence. One dog ended up with a tiny scratch on her nose before I could quickly call them off of the 'coon, once I heard the ruckus. Of course, my dogs had been vaccinated, but they quickly were boosted again! Unfortunately, by the time I had finished taking care of my dogs, the 'coon had disappeared into the field again.

When pets or humans are attacked by a rabid animal, the rabies virus is introduced through the wounds or scratches and moves to the nervous system. Symptoms appear within 2-24 weeks, although a 3-8 week incubation period is most common. Rabies symptoms are usually seen in 3 forms - "prodromal," "furi-

ous," or "paralytic" (or dumb) stage. In prodromal rabies, the animal is nervous and apprehensive. With the "furious" form, signs include convulsions, muscular incoordination, extreme irritability, frenzied behavior with or without foaming at the mouth. This is the form exhibited by the 'coon that tried to attack my dogs. And in the "dumb" form, as shown by the animal picked up on the road, there will be signs of depression or the animal may hide, or, as in this case, be paralyzed. Death usually occurs within 2-7 days.

The ways that we can help control the problem and the risk to exposure are the following:

- 1). Avoid contact with wild animals, especially if they are spotted during daytime!
- 2). Report any such animal to police or animal control **immediately**
- 3). Please, please have your animals vaccinated, even if they never go outside!

Cats are more likely to roam and come into contact with rabid wild animals, but all of us are at risk as you can see from the two experiences I (See PET HEALTH on Page 22)

FFA holds butchering event

BY CARRIE MULLER
FFA Chapter Reporter

The Catoctin FFA chapter recently held their annual butchering at the high school on Friday March 3 and Saturday March 4. The chapter butchered 12 hogs this year. There were 25 students and 30 community volunteers who helped this year. The students had to sell \$40.00 worth of meat in order to help at the butchering. The top five salespeople were 1) Paul Dennis, 2) John Forrest, 3) Jessica Valentine, 4)

Andrew Lenhart, and 5) Charles Stone. The chapter altogether raised over \$2000.00 to go toward chapter activities and events.

The Catoctin FFA chapter and the Catoctin FFA Alumni wish to thank the many community members for their support during the butchering. It took a lot of cooperative effort on the part of each member and we wish to thank everyone for help in making this such a successful fund-raiser. Thank you to those who supplied equipment or physical assistance on Friday and Saturday.



At the recent FFA butchering, from left Carrie Muller, Kirra Tilson, Jen Butler, Chrissy Firme, Davey Stonesifer, Jason Savage, Dawn Willard, and Paul Dennis warm their hands over pots of boiling head meat. A Dispatch Photo

Building Healthy Families

Warning signs of sexual abuse

A monthly column provided by the Emmitsburg Coalition for a Better Community (ECBC.)

Sexual Abuse is more common than most people think. It can happen in any community at any time and the perpetrator can be of any age, gender, or race or income level. Incidents of sexual abuse can occur once or repeatedly over many years. Children who have been subjected to abuse often suffer from serious and long-lasting psychological harm,

Sexual Abuse as defined by Maryland Law is any act that involves sexual molestation or exploitation of a child by a parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or responsibility for supervision of a child, or by any household or family member.

- Sexual abuse can be
- incest, rape, or sexual offenses in any degree
 - indecent exposure

- allowing children to hear or watch sexual acts
- using children in pornography

Physical indicators may include

- repeated symptoms of medical problems with the genitals
- painful urination, stomach aches
- sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy

Behavioral indicators may include

- depression, anxiety or loss of self-esteem
- isolation, seductive or aggressive behavior
- running away
- eating disorders, sexual problems

As with physical abuse and neglect, all people are required by law to report suspected sexual abuse. Maryland Law also mandates that health practitioners, police officers,

(See Healthy Family on Page 20)

Mother Seton News

BY VAL MENTZER
Dispatch Correspondent

"Gratitude is the language of the heart!"

"Match your praise to all God has done for you." (Tobit 13)

We are so grateful for the many blessings that come to our MSS Community through our pastors and parish communities, alumni, parents, grandparents, staff, students, and many other friends and benefactors - some unknown to us. We know that God loves cheerful givers and calls each one by name, blessing all for their kindness to our MSS Children. It is my gratitude and joy to announce that we now have \$943,702.00 toward our goal of \$1.5 million. Each and every gift contributes to reaching our goal. We are hoping that someone will send us that "big gift" to send us "over the top." It is our hope to set A GROUND-BREAKING DATE FOR MAY 2000! We count on your help! Thanks!

Irish Eyes Were Smiling when a real, live leprechaun (that had a rather strong resemblance to Dean Fitzgerald) came to visit the 1st & 2nd Graders at

MSS. This lucky leprechaun talked to the students about Ireland ... a little bit o' history, geography, folklore and even an Irish song! They even feasted on shamrock-shaped cookies! Yummy!

Students were then invited to participate in an Art Contest where they were to draw a leprechaun. The students artwork was judged by school representatives where the winners were announced at an Irish Dessert Buffet at the Shamrock Restaurant. The MSS school winners were Kathleen Scibelli and Nickolas Telenson. Congratulations!

And The Winner Is ...

Lots of competitions and lots of awards are being won at MSS! Once again, 8th Grader Zane Craig, winner of the school competition of the National Geographic Geography Bee, will advance to the Maryland State level of the Geography Bee. Zane was the Maryland winner last year and an 8th place national finalist! Good luck, Zane!

This year, 52 entrants competed in the Knights of Columbus DTP Awareness Poster Program. The three winners were; 1st Place - Alex Matijevic, 2nd Place - Grace Heiderman, and 3rd Place - Brittany

Rohe. Way to go!

American Mathematics Competition 1999:

Grade 8: 1st Place Award goes to Evan Wivell, 2nd Place Award - Nicholas Monacelli, and 3rd Place

Award - Nick Smith

Grade 7: 1st Place Award - Kevin Bowman, 2nd Place Award - Fred Whalen, and 3rd Place Award to Morgan Williard and Maria Arrington.



A "real, live leprechaun" came to visit the first- and second-graders at Mother Seton School.

Emmitsburg Elementary PTA Update

Mr. Ned Remavage of F&M Bank was the guest speaker at our recent PTA meeting. He gave tips on how to save money as well as investing money for the future. The PTA presented to Mrs. Sherman, EES Reading Specialist, books to assist students.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Gertrude Hawk Candy Fundraiser. It was a great success. With the proceeds, the PTA will be purchasing two computers for our school.

The PTA will serve a continental breakfast for grandparents of all Emmitsburg Elementary School students on April 12th. Grandparents will have the opportunity to have their picture taken with their grandchild, eat breakfast and visit the classrooms. The 1st Annual Spring Fling will be held on April 14th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the school. This event will include making crafts, games, and refreshments. Anyone interested in assisting should call 301-447-6160.



Emmitsburg PTA presents books to school. Pictured, from left to right: Wanda Severance, Principal; Elizabeth Shriver; Jeanne Sherman, Reading Specialist; Maranda Weddle; BarbMaly, PTA President.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 4, PTA Meeting, cafeteria 6:15 p.m.

April 12, Grandparents and Granola, 7:45 a.m.

April 14, Spring Fling, 6:30 p.m.

April 19 -24, Spring Break

May 5, Talent Show, 7:00 p.m.

Girl Scout spring registration set

It's that time of year again! Time for spring registration. If you are currently a registered Girl Scout or would like to be one, now is the time to register for the next school year. Did you know that Girl Scouting is the largest girl serving organization in the world? We in Emmitsburg are lucky enough to have all age levels available to our girls. The Community Center is a convenient, secure meeting place. We have caring, trained, adult volunteer leaders for every age level. For information, call the Frederick Field Office at 301-662-5106.

Cougar News

By Marlene A. Tarr, Principal, Catocin High School

Congratulations to our Academic Team for advancing to the Semi-Finals in the Baltimore *It's Academic* television program. The program will air on Channel 13 on April 29.

Congratulations to our Mock Trial team who made it to the County Playoffs for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to Bryan Haines, grade 12, Nicole Aiken, Kevin Favorite, and Bridget Sanders, grade 11, who were selected to present their research at the Maryland Junior Science and Humanities Symposium on March 10.

Congratulations to Matthew Puntigam, senior, and Sarah Yocum, Junior, who were named Frederick County Scholars at the Honors Banquet held at Hood College on March 13, 2000.

Congratulations again to Bryan Haines for being the Grand Prize Winner at the County Science and Technology Fair.

We are very proud of all of these students for their academic excellence.

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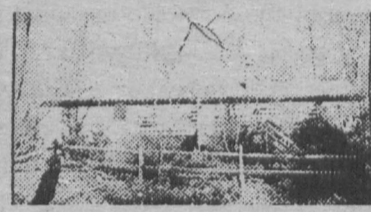
educators, and human service workers report any suspected abuse. All suspected sexual abuse should be reported to Frederick County Department of Social Services (FCDSS) at (301) 694-2464. Anonymous calls will be accepted.

Children who receive treatment from professionals are more likely to recover from abuse than those who do not. In addition to FCDSS, other agencies are available to provide support services or treatment to fam-

ilies or individuals who have been subjected to sexual abuse:

1. Heartly House (301) 662-8800.
2. Frederick County Hotline (301) 662-2255.
3. Mental Health Association (301) 663-0011, can provide a list of various counseling services available in Frederick County.
4. Local law enforcement agencies or the emergency room.

Next month's article: *Teen Drug and Alcohol Abuse.*



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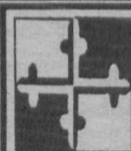
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GOAT TAILS

Catoctin Mountain thunderstorm catches 'goat woman' off guard

BY CHRISTINE (GOAT WOMAN) MACCABEE
Dispatch correspondent

BEATING THE STORM (last day of June, 1998)

Usually I am pretty good at judging how fast a storm is coming, and how much time I have before it gets here. We have lots of late afternoon showers and thunderstorms up here in the Catoctin Mountains throughout the month of June (with the exception of the drought, summer of 1999), and today was no exception. Late afternoon is the time of day I go up the hill to milk and to feed my goats their daily portion of grain. I can usually get up there, do what I have to do, and come back to the house before, or just as, the first few drops of rain begin to fall.

But today I was totally caught off guard. After a pleasant afternoon visit with a dear friend, I decided I was hungry. An early dinner would be nice, I thought, before going up to the goats. So, my daughter Marie started

the water for the spaghetti, and then she left the kitchen for me to finish the meal (so what's new?). As I prepared the food, mixing carefully cut up pieces of tofu with the sauce, I made two important phone calls, all the while totally oblivious of the darkening skies outside my window, and the storm-story they were telling.

A short while later I strolled out onto the deck with a plate full of food. As I ate, I admired the many wonderful pink flowers on my mimosa tree, and I watched expectantly for humming birds. I noticed the wind picking up, but it wasn't until I turned to admire the meadows and trees up behind the house where the goats live that I saw the sky. I became alarmed when I saw how black the clouds were and how quickly they were moving in our direction! I knew I had little time to act.

Gulping down a few more mouthfuls of my delicious dinner, I grabbed the milk pail and the coffee can with cleaning water, and ran up the hill. At least I'd made it to the goats before it

started to rain, I thought. But I knew I would be coming back in the rain. I'd not won the game of beating the storm this time, and somehow I sensed I might be up there longer than my usual 20 minutes...and I was right! For no sooner did I enter the safety of the shed than the wind picked up and the rain began to fall. Never in my life have I ever experienced such a storm. To calmly milk your goats while a hurricane-like wind and torrential rain blow full force against the thin walls of a tiny shelter is an experience to be had. While milking I kept turning my head to watch the wind-whipped trees in the upper five acres through the protective glass of the window. Out the opening on the downside I watched as rivers of water flowed down the bark of the huge ash tree which towered above our little shelter.

I was deeply moved by the contrast of the fury all around us and the utter peace and calmness in the milking parlor. I was thankful for the sturdily built shed and the mellow nature

of my goats who seemed oblivious to the pounding and the movement all around us. The effect was surreal.

Finishing up with the final cleaning of the milk stand, and making certain all three goats had extra food in their pans to keep them happy, I crouched down in one corner of the shed and prepared to wait out the storm. FLASH! - 1 second, 2 seconds...two miles away. Again!...three miles, then five. Knowing we were located directly under the tallest tree on the hill, I prayed the lightning would keep its distance, which it did. The warm, friendly breath of my goats and the smell of the hay had a soothing affect on me. I was almost disappointed when the rain stopped.

Duties were calling me down the hill, but I was reluctant to go. I didn't beat the storm today, but it didn't matter. I was happy to have participated in it instead.

Such is the stuff of life that creates delight and wonder, and memories to boot...and stories to tell!

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SOMETHING TO EAT

Roasted duck with thyme a 'best American' recipe

BY JACK DEATHERAGE JR.
Dispatch Correspondent

I love cookbooks. Libraries, bookstores, yard sales, mail-order catalogs, grocery stores, the Antique Mall, flea markets, the Internet and private collections have supplied me with cookbooks to amuse myself.

A favorite cookbook was purchased at a flea market. The book was a wreck, pages missing, covers replaced with plexi-glass and duct tape. Someone had valued that book! I bought it for 10 cents; now I'm looking for a good copy of it.

I suspect that *The New Settlement Cookbook* was printed around World War II. The copy I have explains how to clean a dining room and kitchen. How to prepare milk and foods for infants, and what should be fed to invalids. Obviously infants and invalids ate better then. Nothing came from a can of chemical soup.

Not having the cover or the first

Quilters

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS
Dispatch Correspondent

Mt. Tabor Church celebrates its 125th anniversary this year. For this event Mt. Tabor Quilters are searching for any quilt (or quilts) that were made or sponsored by Mt. Tabor congregation—either the Lutheran or United Church of Christ (Reformed.)

A quilt made in 1927 (a Willing Workers quilt) was given to the congregations several years ago. It bears the embroidered names of many, many people. This quilt will be on display during the celebration, and if there are other "memory" quilts, we would appreciate the privilege of displaying them also. If anyone knows of such a quilt, please call me at 301-447-6661 and let's talk about it.

At this time I am working on a "watercolor" background for the 125th anniversary year. Mt. Tabor Quilters and friends will applique motifs showing what the church means to them. The Church, Activity Building and Big Slide will be the dominant motifs.

Two of our quilters are appliquéing a block representing the Lutheran Church that will be added to a quilt being made by Friends of Carroll Lutheran Village for their anniversary celebration in 2001. Our block is a wreath of leaves with red and yellow rosebuds made in Baltimore Album style. The center of the block will show a line drawing of Mt. Tabor Church.

If you are making a memory quilt with a number of people making the blocks, take a tip from one who's been there. Specify the exact size of design allowable, the no-no's of material used, and always use an acid-free fabric pen for writing or drawing.

pages of the book, I suspect it was written for first-time householders. There was little reliable refrigeration at the time the book was written. Butter, possibly to keep it from spoiling, is applied to almost every sandwich. Of course the book explains what to put between two slices of bread!

At age six I knew there was more to cooking than my perfect open-faced concoctions of cinnamon and sugar on butter bread, and Mom was willing to teach me. She found a cookbook written for children. I've forgotten its title, but "South of the Border Hamburger" was the recipe we picked from it. I learned a lot from that recipe! We created the dish twice to make sure we were doing it right. Twice I ate one of the most disgusting dishes I've ever put together.

I learned I had to eat my mistakes unless they were likely to cause illness or death. More importantly I learned to read a recipe. If there are

flavors or ingredients I detest, I try to substitute something enjoyable. This juggling may have caused some recipes to be less than desirable, but it's saved me from having to eat dishes I know to be horrible.

From the shelves of the Emmitsburg branch of the FCPL, I recently pulled "*THE BEST AMERICAN RECIPES 1999*." I've learned not to call any recipe "BEST," but what do I know about upscale eateries?

Still the book is worth a hard look. I love roast duck and page 92 has a recipe I'm drooling to try:

One duck, salt and pepper to taste. Two tablespoons of chopped garlic and a small handful of fresh thyme sprigs.

Preheat the oven to 300 F. Remove giblets from the thawed duck along with any loose chunks of fat. Rinse with cold water, shake off the excess. Sprinkle the larger cavity with salt, pepper and garlic. Smear the sea-

sonings around the insides. Place the thyme in the cavity and make dozens of small slits in the skin with a paring knife. Be careful not to cut into the meat.

Place a cake rack inside a jelly-roll-type pan and set the duck, breast side up, on the rack. Place everything on the middle rack in the oven. *Every hour for 4 hours* take the bird out, pierce the skin with a knife and turn it over. After 4 hours raise the temperature to 350 degrees, drain the pan, salt and pepper the skin, and roast for another hour until the skin is crisp and brown. Remove from oven, let rest 20 minutes before tearing the bird apart. Save the fat in the fridge for sautéing taters or greens later.

Dark meat lovers should consume the bird in private. There's seldom enough for me let alone Wanda and Jack. Fortunately they don't care for duck. Wanda gets mad at me for eating the skin, then bellyaching about indigestion for days afterward.

Pet Health

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have mentioned. Regardless of where you reside, rabies vaccination is the most practical way to prevent this deadly disease from wreaking havoc on your pets and family.

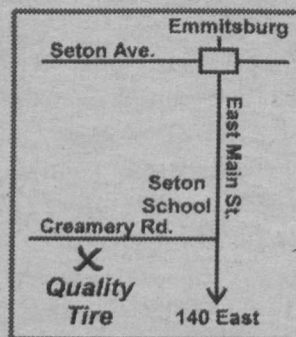
In summary, rabies is a viral disease affecting the central nervous system of mammals, including humans. In fact, this is the believed cause of Edgar Allen Poe's death. And, as I have experienced personally, the threat of this disease may be lurking as close as your backyard. I believe that Emmitsburg is going to see an increase of wild animal rabies cases this year! So please, if your pets are not vaccinated for rabies, have it done immediately. We don't want to see an increase of rabies in our domesticated animals or in humans.

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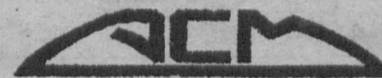
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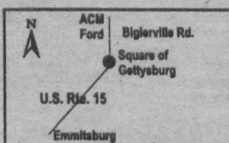
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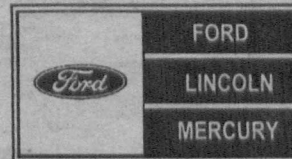
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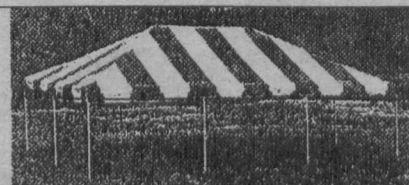
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