

A Dispatch Photo

Esmir Mrkanovic, daughters Irma, Ines, and Neijra, and wife Nahida rest on the steps of their future home. The Bosnian family was brought to Emmitsburg through the work of the Council of Churches and many volunteers.

## Bosnian family arrives

BY PAUL A. HARNER  
President, Council of Churches

Our adventure started on September 6 at the Baltimore Washington International Airport. Delta Flight 6127 had arrived from New York on schedule but after about 30 minutes we were still anxiously waiting at the gate. Suddenly, there in front of us was this beautiful family of five, not four as expected. Instead of two daughters aged seven and four, it was three daughters, one seven and two fours – twins. After a few concerned but smiling side glances, Mayor "Doc" Carr presented the family with flow-

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## Prayer services halted

BY RAYMOND R. BUCHHEISTER, JR.  
Dispatch Writer

On Thursday, September 14th, parishioners and pilgrims were met with locked doors at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg. The prior weekend, at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses, the news from the Archdiocese of Baltimore had been relayed to the parish: the Thursday night prayer service, at which Gianna Talone-Sullivan allegedly received messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary, would be discontinued at this time.

According to the Archdiocese, the Thursday prayer services "had primarily become a platform for promoting Mrs. Sullivan's alleged apparitions in a setting which suggests Church approval of both their authenticity and theological content." The prayer services had been occurring at St. Joseph's for approximately seven years and had drawn crowds of 600 to 1000 each week.

On Monday morning, calls began flooding the parish office of St. Joseph's, according to Shirley Dillon the parish secretary. "People were calling with different reactions but mostly to verify if what they heard was correct," she said. The parish received hundreds of calls, which gradually decreased but still continue.

Until recently the Archdiocese of Baltimore had taken a neutral view on the authenticity of Mrs. Sullivan's alleged apparitions. On the afternoon of September 8, the Archdiocese met with Drs. Gianna and Michael Sullivan. At the brief meeting, the Sullivans were handed an official statement which listed three directives from the Archdiocese.

No formal investigation was done or intended, but a

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Gianna Talone-Sullivan during an alleged apparition in 1994 at St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg. Photographed by Rosensteel Studio and printed with permission from the Rev. Alfred Pehrsson, C.M. former Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

## Mother Seton School breaks ground for addition



Kindergarten students participate in the Mother Seton School ground-breaking held September 14 for the 11,280-square-foot addition to the school.

A Dispatch Photo by William G. Meredith

BY VAL MENTZER  
A Dispatch Writer

What an exciting time in the history of Mother Seton School! With the need for additional space (420 enrolled for this fall), and to better serve our students in the new millennium, the "Celebrating Our Past-Building Our Future" expansion campaign hit a new milestone. On September 14, 2000, the official ground-breaking ceremony took place with nearly 600 people present. All of the Mother Seton School students, staff, families, and donors attended the ceremony, which also was the 95th Anniversary of the Canonization of our Foundress, St.

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## Letters to the Editor

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### Thanks for school supplies

The students and staff of Emmitsburg Elementary would like to say THANK YOU!!! to State Farm Insurance and Moore's Business Forms employees for their generous donations of school supplies for our students at Emmitsburg Elementary.

Also, THANK YOU goes out

to the Borderline 4X4 club for donating a Mongoose bicycle and \$100 for our Family Fun Night.

We appreciate your support of our program!

**Betty Brownley**  
Community Liaison

### United Way offers countywide services

The United Way reaches into the heart of Frederick County Communities according to the new interim Director Nancy Crum who was the speaker at the September 19 EBPA luncheon.

At the inception of the United Way in 1938, its fund-raising goal was \$15,000. This year it is \$2 million dollars. Funding comes through individual donations as well as corporate partners. "Funds raised in the past were often used to entirely fund local service programs; today United Way funds from 2% to 25% of the budgets of local projects," said Mrs. Crum.

"These funds assist in developing local projects in education, health, and housing.

According to Mrs. Crum there is an accountability process implemented by the United Way Citizen's Review

### Ground Breaking

Elizabeth Ann Seton.

The ceremony began with commentaries by Dr. Ronald Valenti, Superintendent of Catholic Schools; Ms. Krista McGowan, Chairperson of the MSS Board of Directors; Dan Hallinan, Chairperson of the MSS Expansion Leadership Committee; and Sister Mary Catherine Conway, Principal of MSS. Our 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grade students, led by Mrs. Cheryl Carney, performed "Gonna Build A Mountain." Friends Of Catholic Education Inc. presented a check for \$100,000.00 to Sister Mary Catherine. After the first ceremonial shovelful was complete, all of the students, staff and guests were invited to "dig in" and share in the Ground Breaking. Our HSA generously provided the refreshments for the event.



**NANCY CRUM**

Committee. This group visits funded projects and with the local staff reviews the project

To learn more about EBPA visit the EBPA section on [emmitsburg.net](http://emmitsburg.net).

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Our expansion will include two age-appropriate Kindergarten classrooms; an age-appropriate classroom for a future Pre-Kindergarten; a state-of-the-art science room; a large multi-purpose room for art, music, band and chorus; centralized administrative offices; a two-bed health room; a larger staff room, a variety of storage space; a new central front entrance; an extended driveway in front of school; a revised primary play ground, and an outdoor Kindergarten play area.

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

## Town News...

### Water problems corrected

A STAFF REPORT

Residents were told it was safe to drink the water on Thursday, September 28 following a two-day "precautionary boil water notice" enforced Tuesday, September 26. A pump had malfunctioned at the water treatment plant in the early morning hours causing high turbidity in the water supply.

The alarm went off at 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning indicating that the pump controlling the flow of one of the chemicals into the water was not working. Doug Wantz, superintendent of public works, arrived at the plant within 30 minutes to shut down the system.

He calculated that during that half hour approximately 3,500 gallons of water with a turbidity value of 23.0 got into the 500,000 gallons of water in the storage tank which has a turbidity value of .06. Further computing showed that the water turbidity was still well below the required turbidity value of .5, but the town is required by law to notify the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) after such an incident.

The MDE notified the Frederick County Health Department who put the "boil water notice" into effect and closed the town's restaurants until the situation could be rectified. The health department offered the restaurants the use of potable water tankers, which they chose not to use.

Samples of water were taken from various areas of the water system on Tuesday and Wednesday and sent to a certified laboratory for testing. Twenty-four hours later all samples proved negative for the presence of bacteria, viruses and protozoans. With these reports showing the water was safe to drink, the MDE and FCHD rescinded the precautionary boil water notice on Thursday morning. Residents and all affected businesses were notified immediately by hand-delivered house-to-house notices, telephone calls, and TV and radio announcements.

In order to avoid a repeat of such a problem, Mayor William Carr said the town plans to eliminate the use of surface water from Rainbow Lake and will rely solely on the town's well water. This safeguard will be taken in cooperation and effort with the Maryland

### Enforcement of parking regulations to begin November 1

The commissioners have agreed that beginning November 1, 2000, all parking regulations will be enforced. For October only, warning tickets will be given for wrong-way parking.

At the September 11 town meeting Bob Rosensteel, Jr. told the commissioners that he was displeased with the recent enforcement of parking regulations.

He said people have been parking the wrong way for years in several areas of the town and that he thought it was unfair to begin ticketing the offenders without some sort of warning. He had received a \$25 ticket and hoped the commissioners would consider waiving the fee this time and give fair warning to the town that parking restrictions will be enforced. "I think the town should be user friendly, and I hope you will consider this procedure in the future," he said.

Dave Haller said the new enforcement came about because of the parking problems on Thursday evenings when hundreds of people come to Emmitsburg to attend the prayer service at St. Joseph's Church.

Commissioner Stahley said he felt the commissioners were there to work

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# Catoctin Colorfest Arts and Crafts Show set

Catoctin Colorfest, Inc., proudly announces the 37th Annual Catoctin Colorfest Arts and Crafts Show to be held on October 14 and 15, 2000 in Thurmont. A variety of crafts, entertainment, and food are offered for your enjoyment at this event. Admission is FREE.

Over three hundred sixty juried craft artisans will display and sell their work at the Thurmont Community Park, Guardian Hose Co. Activities Grounds, and Middle School. Each craft area will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Although additional activities are taking place locally and in the surrounding communities, the official JURIED Catoctin Colorfest Arts and Crafts Show is held only in these three design-

ated areas. Food and restroom facilities are located in each of these defined locations.

Handmade paintings, stained glass, tablecloths, woodcraft, pottery, baskets, and leather are just a few of the media represented at this show. Many of the artists actually demonstrate the creation of their products at the event. Additionally, students of Linda L. Elower's Studio of Dance will perform at the Thurmont Community Park on Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

The Town of Thurmont provides shuttle bus service to six locations: the Catoctin High School, the corner of Woodside Avenue and Carroll street, NVR Manufacturing Company, the old Thurmont Shoe Company, Thurmont

Elementary School and the Municipal Parking Lot. Visitors may board or disembark from the bus at the corner of Woodside and Carroll and the Municipal Parking Lot; however, no parking is available at these locations. Bus service is provided from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on both days and will make a continuous loop around the entire bus route.

Ample parking is available at the above four locations. Additionally, handicapped parking is available at the four parking areas, but not at any of the three designated Catoctin Colorfest craft areas. Handicapped-accessible buses will be available. All three Catoctin Colorfest areas are in walking distance from this lot. Parking is \$2.00

per person or \$5.00 per carload. Children under 12 are free.

ALL proceeds from this annual event are used toward the beautification of the Catoctin Mountain area. Substantial donations are made to the local town of Thurmont, the fire and ambulance companies, local schools, churches, and organizations. Additionally, each year a percentage of the proceeds are used for scholarships for Catoctin high school students and adults wishing to continue their education in trade schools or colleges.

*The official Catoctin Colorfest information booth is located on the right side at the front of the Thurmont Community Park.*

## A Grand Night of Singing



Dispatch Photo

The opening night of the 44th Annual Thurmont-Emmitsburg Community show was a huge success. Wonderful singing by Richard and Patt Troxell and Rebecca Whitlow was enthusiastically received by a full house. Participants in the evening's program are, from left: Rodman and Jean Myers, committee members; Richard L. Troxell and Patt Troxell, guest performers; Terri Muller, Catoctin FFA Ambassador; Rebecca Whitlow, guest performer; Walter Yatta, accompanist; David Keach, assistant vice-principal of Catoctin High School; and Robert Bevan, CHS teacher and FFA advisor.

## New Emmitsburg Flea Market opens

BY ANNETTA RAPP  
Dispatch Writer

Barbara and Bruce May have opened The Emmitsburg Flea Market at 17319 North Seton Ave (the former site of Small's Auto Parts). The store specializes in reasonably-priced, quality used furniture. Appliances, TV's, rugs, cookware, dinnerware, paintings and knickknacks are among the many objects tastefully displayed in the showrooms. All items are guaranteed to be in working order when they are sold.

As they buy contents of estates, the

inventory is constantly changing; and may include everything from an exercise bicycle to a 1936 edition of *Gone With The Wind*. They sell no clothing and do not take items on consignment.

Bruce is the buyer and brings 20 years of experience to the business. Barbara is the friendly salesperson. After 3 months spent remodeling the shop, installing handicapped facilities, and stocking the store, the Mays invite everyone to attend the Grand Opening, Saturday, October 7th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Regular hours are Mon., Thurs., Sat. 9-5; Fri 9-8; Sun 10-5. Call 301-447-2300.

## Grange to offer hand-dipped ice cream

Stop by and visit the Thurmont Grange Hall, located near the carnival grounds in Thurmont during Colorfest weekend, October 14 and 15, 2000. Members will be selling hand-dipped ice cream, with the following flavors: vanilla, chocolate, butter pecan, black raspberry, mint chocolate chip and cherry vanilla.

The Grange will also be selling ham sandwiches, chicken salad sandwiches, hot dogs, soft drinks, milk, bottled water, baked goods, crafts and yard sale items and cookbooks. Stop by for some good and reasonably priced food. Outside seating will be available.

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## Boyle completes emergency tech course

Vincent Leo Boyle recently completed the 20 week course for the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department as a member of the 100th Recruit Class. Vince successfully completed the Emergency Medical Technician course along with subjects including fire attack, vehicle fires and accidents, fire extinguishers, fire hose, ropes and knots, hazardous materials, swift water rescue, and E.V.O.C. (Emergency Vehicle Operators Course). Classes were held at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy beginning with class orientation on April 7th.

Graduation ceremonies were held at the Fairfax County Government Center in Fairfax on August 25th. Following graduation Vince has been assigned to Station #35 in Pohick, Virginia.

Vince also enjoys volunteering with the Vigilant Hose Company and has



**VINCENT LEO BOYLE** done so for over 10 years. He resides in Emmitsburg with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Boyle.

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## VHC Auxiliary News

BY JOYCE GLASS  
Secretary, VHC Auxiliary

The VHC Auxiliary will be holding a combination yard sale/chicken Bar-B-Que at the fire hall on Saturday, October 14. For information on table space rental, contact Dot Davis at 301-447-2403 or Linda Umbel at 301-447-2374. Tables are available for \$5 each. Bar-B-Que Chicken dinners will be sold until they are gone!

Old Fashioned Bingo season is about to begin! The next bingo will be held on Thursday, October 19, at the fire hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Early bird bingo begins at 6:45 with regular bingo beginning at 7:00. Bring your family to a fun, inexpensive evening! Refreshments will be for sale.

The Fall Sportsman's Night will be held on Saturday, October 28, at the fire hall. If you are a previous ticket holder, you should have been contacted by now. If you have not been contacted and you want your ticket, please call Julie Davis at 301-447-6811 or Patty Kuykendall at 301-447-6370.

Thanks to the continued support of the Emmitsburg community and surrounding communities, the VHC Auxiliary recently purchased a 2000 Ford Expedition as its "early" annual donation to the fire company. Both company vehicles were in need of major repairs. Without successful fundraisers, we would not have been able to make this purchase at this time. Thank you to all our faithful supporters!

Check the latest news from VHC by visiting their site on [emmitsburg.net](http://emmitsburg.net).

## After-school program an 'adventure'

ASA is an after-school recreation program at the Emmitsburg Community Center operating Monday through Friday on school days only (except Oct. 18).

Sponsored by the town of Emmitsburg, ASA has no tuition but parents will be asked to volunteer some items such as snack food or materials for crafts. Frederick County Parks and Recreation employees as well as volunteers from Mount Saint Mary's staff ASA. Games inside and outside, arts and crafts, food activities, snacks and homework time are just a few of the activities the ASA program offers.

ASA welcomes children in grades 1 through 5. ASA operates from 3:45 PM to 6:00 p.m. Emmitsburg Elementary children are met at EES by ASA staff and then walk to the Community Center. The first day of ASA is October 2 and the program will end the last week of April 2001.

To register you can fill out the

application form from "The Recreator - Fall 2000 Program Brochure." Or, call Bill Derbyshire at Catocin CASS (301-447-3611) to answer questions or to have a registration form sent to you.

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# Remembering My Term as Mayor of Emmitsburg

BY J. EDWARD HOUCK  
Former Mayor of Emmitsburg

Being elected Burgess of Emmitsburg in the early 1960's was quite an eye-opening experience for me. The regular duties that you expect to do and the things you want to accomplish are only a small portion of the job. I had been active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce for a number of years and took part in many civic programs.

I worked with a committee from the Potomac Edison Company to survey our community to find out what we could do to get more business moving into the town. It was pointed out that businesses would be discouraged by the empty store fronts and lack of an active library, theater and places for families to enjoy living and working in our town. We were able to push for some action. The Jaycees found where the library books had been stored and set about finding people who were interested in getting the library active again. Then a home for the library was found in the empty former Hokes Hardware store. The VFW then picked up the cost of rent and the new committee got the library open and active again.

The movie theater was restored, as recently described in the *Dispatch* in "Remembering the Gem Theater," and each of the existing factories in our town was approached and considered

**"The term as Mayor of Emmitsburg has been one of the biggest memories I will continue to have. Not the meetings and normal business of a small town that can be found in the minutes of the past, but the little side situations that seem to come at you from every direction. It taught me a lot about human nature and a lot about myself."**

increasing their workforce.

A group of Jaycees met and decided to have a run at the town offices. I ran for the office of the Burgess or Mayor and John S. Hollinger ran for the Town Council. Each of us was successful, John by a large margin and I by a mere four votes over the incumbent Clarence Frailey, who had already served three or four terms.

After the swearing-in ceremony my term began. I met with the town clerk and the town officials and began to find out what was done, what was partially done and what was needed to be done. I then met with the lawyer representing the Town, Mr. Ed Storm, and went over the recent changes in the laws and items governing our town. Emmitsburg was just moving from a small quiet community to a town of the future.

A major project was getting funding from the State for the paving of the alleys. This had been an ongoing project of the town as for many years before. People who had coal burning stoves and furnaces would take their ashes and clinkers to help build a solid base in the existing alleys. This had to be continued and could not be done all at once. In charge of the streets program was Norman Flax, a very dedicated worker who could get more done with less funding than anyone I knew. Norman would come to me during the day or night and we would make a survey on what should be done and what he would like to get done shortly, and then go to it.

Another project was the sewer plant and its operation. Norman Flax was the main contact person. He would take me on inspection trips of the plant and let me know the problems as they came up. One problem appeared one day and he took me down into the sewer plant where the sewage came in from the town. There, caught in the blades and causing the entire plant to shut down, was the hide and carcass of a steer that had been slaughtered illegally and dropped into a manhole in the west end of town. After some searching we found where it had happened and fined the culprit. There were other items that were discarded and either flushed down the system or dropped into the manholes that would break the cutting

blades.

Johnny Law was the Community Law Enforcement Officer during my term of office and kept me aware of what was happening. I reviewed with him many of the problems that faced him day to day. One big problem was still the parking meter situation in town and that the citizens were so used to parking in front of their homes every day and for all day that the meters provoked a protest from many of them.

Being a local store owner on the Square, I saw the problem differently—there was not enough parking space. I remember when one customer came into the store and bought a pair of shoes, some underwear and a shirt. On paying for them, he returned to his car at the meter outside the store. He had a ticket. He returned to the store and told me he had gotten a ticket for not putting money in the meter and since I was Mayor, I should take care of it. I told him that was a separate job from my store work and I could not in good faith take care of his ticket. With that he threw the bag back on the counter and demanded his money back and stated he would never come into my store again. I returned his money which came to a little over \$35.00 and said I had to treat all the customers and town people alike. With that he stormed out and was as good as his word, too. He

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## Fund-raising tournament a success



A misty, rainy start couldn't dampen the spirits of over 100 golfers participating in the 3rd Annual Jo Ann Hance Golf Tournament at the Mountain View Golf Course in Carroll Valley, Pennsylvania, September 11. The tournament raised funds to support the Up-County Family Center, the Emmitsburg Lions Club and the Sister Barbara Hance Homeless Shelter in Elsworth, Maine.

According to Bob Hance, the tournament has been growing and each year the money raised for the selected charities has increased from the initial \$5,000 raised. "This year the tournament cleared over \$12,000 for our charities," said Mr. Hance.

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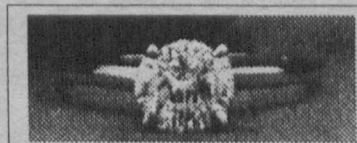
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for the community - not to penalize the residents, and that drivers do deserve a warning.

The matter was referred to a workshop meeting later in the month at which time the commissioners voted that parking regulations will be enforced beginning November 1.

### Little League thanks council

Lisa Krom, newly elected president of Little League, and Dean Torgerson, secretary, addressed the Town Council September 11 and thanked them for the assistance with the new dugout and commended the Town maintenance crew for the care of the fields. Mrs. Krom appealed again for help with reseeding the fields to attain a smoother playing surfaces.

Mrs. Krom outlined projects that

could be accomplished jointly between the Town and Little League. The projects include: new bleachers, painting the foul poles, cut out the file lines, drainage at the first base Little League dugout, and drainage at the public restrooms.

"The town and Little League have had a good working relationship. I believe this is because of the open lines of communication which I hope will continue," said Mrs. Krom.

Dean Torgerson pointed out that Little League is the major organized activity for kids and that the fields need to be in good shape because they induce a sense of pride and that the facilities are helpful to the image of the town. Mr. Torgerson also addressed several problems facing the Little

League: parental participation waning, other activities are attracting the kids, and that baseball is no longer the major social event as in the past.

### The monthly police report

Dfc. Mark Cullember was assigned to Emmitsburg in August and spent several hour with Dfc. Ratliff touring the town and meeting the owners of the town's businesses. Calls for service included patrol checks in watershed, 6; foot patrol/Main St., 20, suspicious persons, 3; assist other officers,3; follow up, 11; theft investigations, 6; juvenile complaints, 11; traffic complaints and traffic offenses, 12; destruction of property, 1; disabled vehicles, 2; drug overdose, 1; warrant service, 2; noise complaint, 2; assault, 1; hit and run

property damage, 1; parking citations, 6; harassment, 1; personal injury vehicle accident, 2; juvenile transport after curfew, 1; and 32 hours of radar training.

In other business town manager David Haller

- reported he has received a request for input from the architects designing layouts for the future town offices in the Community Center following its rehabilitation;

- announced that the Maryland Department of Environment loan for the construction of the town's new water filtration plant has been increased;

- and that the town would have to hire a Bond Counsel to assure the proper handling of bond funds.

## Mayor

never came into my store again.

Another situation with the law came up one evening as my wife Doris and I were coming home from somewhere and, while climbing the stairs to our apartment above the store, heard a commotion. There was a fight going on across the street involving a man and woman. I asked my wife to go in and call Johnny Law and proceeded across the square to break up the fight. The man had knocked the woman down and I yelled at him as I approached to stop the fighting as the law is on the way. He stood over the woman and said this was his wife and that he was a policeman from Baltimore and said, "Who the hell are you?" I told him I was the mayor of Emmitsburg and he asked to see my badge and he produced his. I told him mayors don't carry badges but I was keeping him there till the law arrives. He kept swearing at me and then his wife joined him in letting me know that I couldn't do that. Thanks be, just then Johnny Law appeared on the scene and took charge. He took both of them in and charged them both with being drunk and disorderly. When I went home, I was still shaking from the experience.

Situations would arrive fairly often with the new laws that were now on the books. One such situation came up when a milk dealer from Thurmont decided he was not going to get a license to peddle his milk in town, door to door. I knew the man and he told me fiat out that he did not think this law would hold up in court. After a discussion, we decided that he would come up to the town limits the next morning to sell his milk. Johnny Law and I met

him at the edge of town and asked to be shown his license or permit. He had none and we gave him a ticket and the next time we met was in court and he lost and paid a small fine and purchased the peddler license. We remained friends and he found out the law did stand up in court.

One of the better official duties that came with the office was the Presentation of the Key to the Town to Coach Jim Phelan when Mount St. Mary's College won the NCAA College Basketball Championship. Nearly 300 people greeted the team when they arrived back from the tournament. The celebration was chaired by George L. Danner and was one of the largest celebrations ever put together in that short a time.

It was one of the official duties to proclaim a special week or day for different causes and then to give the first donation to that cause. With the limited pay I received as a Mayor, this was eaten up in no time.

Another project that needed to be acted on was the purchase of the Emmitsburg Water Co.. It had been worked on prior to my election and we continued to meet with Sam Hays, the President and Manager of the company, in hopes that we could reach a price that would be agreeable to both parties. He had his appraised price and the town had an appraiser from outside come in with his appraised price. They were still far enough apart to keep us talking but not enough to meet in the middle.

Sam Hays and I had worked together on Emmit Gardens when after my dad died, I became involved and was President and he was Manager. The

state was about to put in the bypass and and it was cutting through the main part of the development. The state would not tell us exactly where it was to go. Sam and I talked it over and decided to meet early on the next Friday morning at the site. Sam brought his bulldozer and began putting a road where our next portion of the development would be. Within an hour or two, we had a state representative approach us and tell us we couldn't do that. He pulled out a map and then we knew the area the new bypass was going to take up. This put a stop to the rest of the project as we lost our prime area. I enjoyed working with Sam on this and the Water Co. project.

Just prior to my end of term, it was decided to put the decision in the hands of the court. We would in essence, place the Water Company in the best interest of the town of Emmitsburg and let the outside appraiser, named by the state, set the price and both parties were to abide by the decision.

With the bypass now in existence, business in our market was dropping and people would shop for clothing and shoes in the larger Gettysburg, Hanover and Frederick areas. I did not run for a second term and sold my property and

moved my family to the Washington area. The term as Mayor of Emmitsburg has been one of the biggest memories I will continue to have. Not the meetings and normal business of a small town that can be found in the minutes of the past, but the little side situations that seem to come at you from every direction. It taught me a lot about human nature and a lot about myself.

To read other writings by Ed Houck or to learn more about the rich history of Emmitsburg visit the Emmitsburg Historical Society section on the Emmitsburg web site.

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# The Colors of Fall

*Fall promises to be a great one if you enjoy the changing colors of the trees around us*

BY AUDREY HILLMAN  
Adams County Master Gardener

This fall promises to be a great one if you enjoy the changing colors of the trees around us. We've had plenty of rain so the trees are not stressed, and warm sunny days with cool nights also help out. But why are some years good for fall color, when others are not? Many factors such as soil conditions, weather, and genetics all contribute to the equation.

The whole process is a slow one and begins as the length of the nights increases. This change in the light causes the plant to produce phytochrome. Phytochrome is the

chemical that starts the process of dormancy. A layer of cells is produced between the branch of the tree and the leaf stalk. This layer is called the abscission layer, and it blocks the passage of water and nutrients(carbohydrates) to and from the leaf. The production of the green pigment, chlorophyll, which is the predominant pigment, begins to break down.

Without the chlorophyll to color the leaves green we begin to see the other pigments, carotenoids, give the leaf its yellow, orange and brown color. Now here is where the genetics fits in. Some trees also have the ability to form another pigment known as anthocyanin, which

gives leaves a red or purple color. For anthocyanins to form there must be sugar present, so any weather condition that enhances the production and accumulation of sugars in the leaf helps with the intensity of the red color.

Sunny days result in a high production of carbohydrates in the leaf and cool nights help to break those carbohydrates down into sugars. The cool nights also help to keep those sugars in the leaf instead of going to other parts of the plant. When the skies are cloudy and the nights warm, fewer sugars are produced and more are moved from the leaf, leaving us with less intense color.

As the abscission layer gets bigger it divides into two layers. One

layer is protective and forms on the branch. The other is a separation layer and forms on the leaf stalk (petiole). Now there is not much to hold the leaf in place and down it comes.

A popular myth about fall color is that we need a frost to produce good fall color. Killing frosts and freezing temperatures stop the color change and kill the leaves. So let's hope the nights stay cool (40-45 degrees F.) but not cold.

So now you can understand why a wonderful display of fall color is predicted for this year. Enjoy it while it lasts. Soon enough we'll have to be raking up all those leaves and it's nice to think that at one point we really did enjoy them.

You can visit Audrey on [emmitsburg.net](http://emmitsburg.net)

## Fitness

### Kids and Exercise

BY LINDA STULTZ,  
Certified Fitness Trainer

Everybody thinks kids get enough exercise because they are always running around. Well, that may have been the case years ago, before video games, VCR's and the internet. The number of overweight youth in our country is alarming, and getting higher each day.

Kids need to develop an exercise and healthy eating program when they are little. We, as adults, need to set a good example. I realize with today's busy lifestyle, it is very difficult to set aside time for exercise and a good balanced meal. It is much easier to grab fast food or pop something in the microwave and sit in front of the TV.

We need to take care of ourselves and teach our children how important it is to take care of their health. People don't think much about their health until something happens to them or a loved one. Once they decide they need to do something, sometimes they jump in too deep and too quickly.

Health maintenance is the key to a long life. Keep your body fit before it breaks.

Exercise needs to be incorporated into your daily schedule just like brushing your teeth, taking a shower, or any other activity that you do to take care of your body. Our muscles need attention too. The old saying "use it or lose it" really does apply to our muscles. If we sit too long, our muscles atrophy and it takes twice as long to build muscle as it does to lose it.

I am very interested in helping young people develop a good exercise program, so that when they get older they don't have to *feel* older. If you are involved with any youth groups, please think about adding exercise to your planned activities. Exercise can really be fun, as well as beneficial.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 717-334-6009.

Keep Moving: You'll Be Glad You Did!

Limber up with Linda at the Dispatch online.

### Fairfield PTO Christmas craft market set

The Fairfield Elementary PTO is sponsoring, "The Christmas Star Craft Market". The market will be held indoors at the Fairfield Elementary School. This event will take place on Saturday, November 11th, 9-4. The day will begin with a magic show at 9:00. Free cookies and fries for all the children that attend, compliments of the magician.

The market will feature hand-crafted items such as; wool rugs, candles, floral arrangements, rag dolls,

wood crafts, lamp shades, tole painting, quilt racks, knitted clothing, benches and more!

The Girl Scouts will share their talent in cooking. They will be hosting the food concession with soups, hot dogs and cold drinks.

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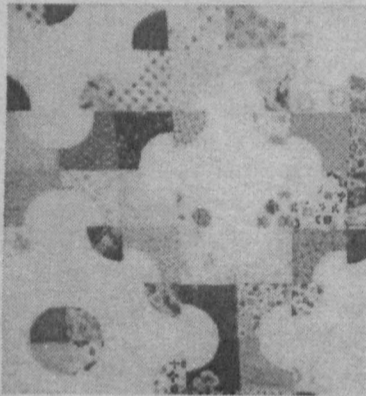
## Senior Citizen News

BY KATE WARTHEN  
Dispatch Writer

The Seniors met on September 19th, in the Center with 33 Seniors in attendance. Charles Bushman presided. Linda reported that when the new Senior Center is complete she expects to have as much space as they have now, even though the side where the pool table is located will be used by the Head Start Program. She asked people who had donated any items we have been using, to please take them home as she will have trouble finding space to store them and we expect to be getting some new furniture.

Game night is held every other Thursday, twice per month. Seniors may pursue crafts, games or pool. Light snacks may be purchased. All are welcome.

Chances on the recently completed quilt are still being sold. The quilt pattern has been dubbed "Around the World with a Drunken Sailor." The quilt has been hand quilted by ladies at the Center. It is lovely and chances can be bought before the Bazaar in November when it will be chanced off. Chances will also be sold at Rocky Ridge, on October 14th and 15th.



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The Seniors are forming a line dancing group. Persons interested should call the center at 301-447-6253. This group will be open to others than Seniors. There will be a registration fee and a weekly fee. We think it will be fun.

The bus trip to Cumberland has been filled. The bus leaves on October 13th at 7:00 a.m. and returns to the Center at 8:15 in the evening.

Cake and ice cream were served to those having birthdays in September. Condolences were expressed to relatives of those recently deceased—Roger Topper, brother of Kathleen Shorb and of Lena Snyder.

Linda thanked Norman Houck for remodeling and making the bingo machine table easier to roll and for raising the height to a more comfortable size.

David Burke and Son announced an

"AROUND THE WORLD..." Airport Service to and from your door to the airport. He also announced a trip to horse racing and dinner buffet in Charlestown if the group is interested.

A covered-dish luncheon will be held on October 9th. If interested, please come at lunch time as there will be no food that day other than your covered dishes.

## Baseball, Softball League elects officers

BY DEAN TORGERSON  
Secretary, Emmitsburg Baseball  
and Softball League

At the August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League, the following officers were elected for the 2001 season: President: Lisa Krom; Vice President and Equipment Manager: Roy Wivell; Secretary: Dean Torgerson; Treasurer: Mary Myers; Player Agent: Mike Forrence; Safety Officer: Cliff Sweeney; Vice President-Girls Softball Division: Anita Stoner; Vice President-Boys Little League Division: Duane Shank.

Officer positions still open are vice president for Boys Senior League Division, vice president for Boys Minor League Division, and vice president for Tee-Ball Division.

The following 12-year-old players have completed their Little League eligibility: Jonathan Adams, Michael Compton of the Red Sox; Emily Balogh, Carrie Cool, Anthony Long of the Cardinals; Jimmy Campbell, Cory Welch, Joseph LaMendola of the Dodgers; and Jenny Marshall of the Giants.

We appreciate their dedication to Little League baseball and softball.

### Orndorff family reunion to be held

Descendants of Frank and Cora Welty Orndorff are invited to attend the Orndorff Family Reunion on October 8 at Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge, Md., starting at 1 p.m. Please bring a covered dish—meat main dish, vegetable, salad, or dessert—to share. Activities will include the Big Slide, swings, door prizes and good conversation.



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# Visionary

(Continued from Page 1)

review of several months was led by Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney, Judicial Vicar, and involved archdiocesan officials and theologians. The review was based on the alleged apparitions and the theological content of the messages. The archdiocese does not intend to detail a point-by-point theological analysis of the content of any of the messages, which could bring about unending debate. But simply stated that it "finds elements in them that cannot be reconciled with the teaching of the Church, including material that deals with predictions for the future and visions of an apocalyptic nature."

The archdiocese further stated that information presented in a video entitled "Unbridled Mercy: the Return of Jesus as a Child" also played a significant role in this review and its results. The statement says that the archdiocese is unable to support the message of the video and asks that the sales be discontinued immediately.

According to John Clote, Producer of the film and Executive Director of the Mercy Foundation located in Libertyville, Illinois, the foundation has not been contacted by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. He said, "We try to take a constructive viewpoint." He added that his organization is aware that the film reports a serious message from the Blessed Virgin Mary, and said, "With all due respect to Our Lady, it's her message and we're presenting it because we believe it to be authentic."

The Mercy Foundation is a non-profit organization that produces Catholic films and has in recent past been soundly endorsed by bishops and cardinals throughout the United States. The office of the Mercy Foundation, located in the National Shrine of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, has received hundreds of calls regarding the directives from the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Approximately 98% of callers ask if they were too late to purchase the film.

Over 10,000 copies of the film have been distributed internationally and no decision has been made to alter the distribution of the video. Clote said, "If the Archdiocese of Baltimore called us and said the Cardinal has just condemned the events in Emmitsburg we would pull every film immediately from every store." According to Karen Warden at St. Philomena's Catholic Book Store in Emmitsburg, the videos were sold in great quantities but in response to the archdiocese directive remaining videos were pulled and sent back.

In a personal interview, Raymond Kempisty, Director of Communication for the archdiocese, was asked why a more official statement of condemnation had not been issued. He replied that "the review that was done regarding the alleged apparitions to Mrs. Sullivan never questioned her personal

integrity or sincerity. I would say that its clear Mrs. Sullivan is a person of faith and undoubtedly most, if not all, the people who attended the prayer services are people of faith. The only thing we're saying is that we find no basis for the alleged apparitions."

In an interview, when asked what he felt the statement of no basis meant, Fr. John Grigus, OFM Conv, and the Spiritual Director for the Mercy Foundation said, "It seems to me it's not a judgment on the actual experiences of the mystic but a determination based upon objective observation of the review committee, and only on the study of the experience."

He further expanded by saying, "There does on a subjective level exist a very questionable situation with the faithful who have been reading and benefitting from these messages, who have experienced growth and healing, and the fruits, not just at this parish in Emmitsburg, but in the wider United States and perhaps even the world."

"These people have made a personal choice for their Catholic faith and are concerned about adhering to the correct teachings of the Church. They certainly don't want to be involved in anything heretical. So I think it's a moral qualm of conscience that the individual believers do have as a result of the declaration. It lays a doubt not only regarding the very messages, but the visionary herself and the fruits experienced, that needs to be clarified by a formal commission study such as was done in Fatima and Lourdes."

When asked why he thought the prayer service was discontinued he said, "The very fact that this is happening within a parish context, because the parish is the basic unit of the church, the archdiocese needs to step back in order to observe the prophetic nature of these apparitions."

According to the Mayor of Emmitsburg, William Carr, the town took a completely neutral position as far as the apparitions were concerned. "There's been a lot of soul searching in all of this," he said. Initially, the alleged apparitions were brought to the attention of the town office through complaints of residences regarding the influx of traffic and parking problems.

As of July 13, 2000, however, when an alleged message was given that predicted a sign for October the problem became more evident due to increased complaints that occurred more frequently because of a larger influx of pilgrims anticipating this sign.

A meeting was held in the town office the morning of the same day as that of the archdiocese meeting with the Sullivans and was called by Pat Boyle, the Street Commissioner. Some of those present included Dr. Michael Sullivan, Fr. James Kiernan, pastor of



Dispatch Photo by Raymond Buchheister

**After finding the doors locked September 14, parishioners and pilgrims discuss the discontinuation of the Thursday night prayer meetings at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg.**

St. Joseph's, and Tom Fitzsimmons, the Sullivans' information director. The meeting was positive with primary focus on safety of the residents of Emmitsburg and pilgrims coming to the town. Preliminary measures were taken to address the possibility of larger crowds descending on the town in October. "I'm quite pleased with the way the town has handled this whole situation," said Mayor Carr. "In my eyes the town always cooperated with the parish and would have continued to do so."

Mayor Carr, as well as others, expressed some concern in regard to how this decision would affect the Mission of Mercy, a non-profit organization founded by Gianna Talone-Sullivan, which Carr said has had a great impact on the community. Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan, who holds a degree in pharmacology, and her husband, Dr. Michael Sullivan, a specialist in internal medicine and medical director of the non-profit organization, work to provide free medical and dental care to the poor, homeless, uninsured and underinsured. The Mission of Mercy, now in its sixth year, operates through a mobile medical clinic that treats patients in central and western Maryland and Pennsylvania. To address this concern, Mrs. Shirley Dillon said that Gianna and Michael Sullivan are still active and participating parishioners of St. Joseph's and that the parish continues to support and send people to the Mission of Mercy.

It's clear the archdiocese is distancing itself from the alleged apparitions of Gianna Talone-Sullivan here in Emmitsburg. Understanding there would be those disappointed by their action, they encourage continued prayer and stated "...the archdiocese calls on the faithful to strengthen their resolve to follow Jesus through reception of the sacraments, personal prayer, study of our Catholic faith, devotion to the Blessed Mother, and participation in the life of their parishes."

"We're meeting the directives that

the Thursday prayer group be discontinued at this time," said Fr. Kiernan, "I want parishioners to be mindful that we have mass everyday, we have Miraculous Medal Novena on Monday evenings, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the afternoons in the church on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Mass on First Friday with Holy Hour and all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Marion devotions after Mass on Saturday mornings."

The Sullivans remain silent and obedient to the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Through an extensive e-mail network, the Sullivans sent out a general thank you letter and wrote, "I encourage you to continue to move forward in God's Love, to persevere, and to pray. A genuine child of God is forgiving, loving and merciful....Focus all of your attention on Our Lord, remain faithful to the Church and the Sacraments and stay in the state of grace which only God can give."

In Lourdes, France, in 1858, a miraculous spring which still produces healings was given as a sign to authenticate the Blessed Virgin Mary's message to a 14-year-old girl, Bernadette Souberous. On October 13, 1917, in Fatima, Portugal, over 70,000 people--believers and agnostics--witnessed the "miracle of the sun," a sign given to authenticate the Blessed Virgin Mary's message to three local children. Has the Blessed Virgin Mary been appearing here in Emmitsburg for the past seven years with a message and will there be a sign in October to authenticate Sullivan's apparitions?

On September 10th, the only formal statement from the Sullivans was released. It was given in response to the directive issued by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. It stated "This is a gift. Be at peace. Continue to pray. God's hand is in all of this. Watch and see!"

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## Neighbors

BY KATE WARTHEN  
Dispatch Writer

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Schwartz and family have just returned from a week long vacation in the Poconos. Susan Schwartz is the owner of the beauty shop on West Main Street.

The Emmitsburg Friends of the Library gave a picnic for the volunteers of the Emmitsburg Library. It was a wonderful afternoon of fun, festivities and good food. Everyone brought a dish and the fried chicken was furnished. Children enjoyed the pinata and the adults enjoyed a Chinese auction and the water balloon toss. Approximately 25 people were in attendance at the pavilion near the Emmitsburg pool.

Many family members and friends gathered at the home of Samantha and Mark Golibart recently to celebrate the second birthday of their daughter Emma.

Mary Ann Rick of Ridgewood, New Jersey, was the house guest of Laurie Warthen Barnes of Adamstown, Md.

Michael and Donna Cuseo, visited with their granddaughter at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. Trinia plays basketball for the university team. Donna has just returned from spending one month in San Diego, California.

Karen and Edward Adelsberger spent Labor Day weekend with Jim and Sharon Meredith and family in Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Krom spent the Labor Day weekend with Phil's brother John and family of Tappahonock, Virginia.

## Girls Scouts to collect coats for needy

The Girl Scouts in Cadette/Senior troop 1088 are planning to collect winter coats for the needy in the community. They will be donated to Up-County Family Center for distribution.

We are looking mainly for children's coats but adult coats will also be accepted. We ask them to be clean and in good condition. You may bring them to us on election Day, Nov. 7 during our bake sale at Emmitsburg Elementary School and also during our December 4 meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Center.

Our troop is also in need of a sewing machine. If anyone has a sewing machine in good working condition and would like to donate it,

Lisa Krom has been elected President of the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League.

Miss Kathleen Alison Barnes, daughter of Laurie Warthen and Don Barnes, celebrated her second birthday in Adamstown and Emmitsburg with all the family in attendance.

There was a lively discussion of the novel *The Shipping News*, at the Book Discussion meeting on Friday, Sept. 8. The next book to be discussed is *Gap Creek*, by Robert Morgan. The group meets at the library every second Friday of the month. The book is available from the Frederick Co. Library System and can be obtained from the Emmitsburg Library.

The Friends of the Library of Frederick County is holding a fund raiser at the National Emergency Training Center on South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. For information, please call 301-845-4400.

Faine Rodgers and Mary Theresa Miller have just returned from a three-day bus trip to Edgewood Lakes and Alexander, Pa., with Diakona Travel Tours. They visited Horse Shoe Curve and the Railroad Museum in Altoona, Pa., as well as State College Horticultural Gardens, the Winery and Farmers Market. They had breakfast in Bedford, Pa.

Mrs. Ann Marie Koontz and some of her family members vacationed in Aruba recently.

Caryl Austrian and Pat Bell traveled to Delaware in September to attend the Nanticoke Powwow and to visit friends. Later in the month, Pat spent a refreshing week in Vermont.

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## Echo reaches the Web

BY LYDIA GREGOIRE  
A Mountain Echo Writer

Mount St. Mary's College paper, *The Mountain Echo*, sprang onto the Emmitsburg web page on September 7th, launching a new communications link between the campus and the community. The first publication of the semester informed not only its normal 2,000 circulation, but also the web browsers on the Emmitsburg web site, about the natural gas being used in the smoke stacks, the improved wellness center, and the water main break. The issue included activity lists, opinion pieces, and so much more.

Editor-in-chief Justin Moor, as well as the *Echo* staff, has been striving to get more technology into the *Echo* office. Now they have teamed up with the emmitsburg.net site to further one part of the paper's mission: to provide "lines of communication between various groups on campus as well as some connection to the larger religious and secular communities."

The *Echo* not only supports the mission of the college and campus media, but also undertakes the job of creating inquiry, discussion, and reflection on a wide variety of issues.

The paper has come a long way since its beginning on June 25, 1879. On that day Ernest Lagarde, professor of English and modern languages at the Mount, used a small hand press at his home to publish the first issue of the *Mountain Echo*. He gave the

responsibility of the newspaper to his two sons to promote literary improvement and business and finance experience. Their \$.35 three-month subscription has now evolved into a \$30 subscription per two semesters.

The paper is now printed with color on several pages, which helps to illuminate these sections: news, community forum, entertainment, religion, and sports.

It takes the skills of about thirty-eight student volunteers to put out the 16-page paper every two weeks. These students represent a wide range of majors, disciplines, and talents.

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## ST. ANTHONY/OLMC NEWS

BY ANN MARSHALL  
Dispatch Writer

**Father Leo Tittler**, pastor of the combined Catholic parishes of St. Anthony Shrine, two miles south of Emmitsburg, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Thurmont, has announced that he is "stepping down" from his position at the end of this year. After an enjoyable nine years of service, he says that, partly for health reasons, he finds the administration of two parishes more than he can handle. His future assignment is uncertain but he hopes to remain in this area as a "senior priest."

**Mr. Kevin Creegan** from Peoria, Illinois, a deacon from Mount St. Mary's Seminary, has been assigned to St. Anthony/OLMC for the coming school year. We welcome Mr. Creegan and feel his presence will be a blessing in our parish ministries.

**Mr. John Hawkins** of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish has announced that he has been accepted by the Baltimore Diocese to study to become a permanent deacon. He has begun a three year program which will lead to ordination in May 2003. The permanent diaconate flourished in the early centuries of Christianity and its restoration is one of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council. Most permanent deacons are married men with full-time secular jobs who devote their free time to works of the Church. Mr. Hawkins and his wife Diane have four young children.

**Boys and Girls** in the fourth grade or older who wish to become Altar Servers are invited to one or both practices in October: Saturday October 7, 10:00 am until noon at St. Anthony's; Saturday, October 21, 10:00 am until noon at OLMC. Please call the parish office to enroll your child, 301447 2367.

Nancy Krebs, who has performed at the Kennedy Center and the National Theater, will present a con-

cert, "The Journey, a Meditational Walk Through the Liturgical Year", on October 21, 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Shrine Church. Creating harmonies on guitar, violin, and keyboards, she sings fourteen original songs about the seasons of our Church. Ms. Krebs will also play a Prelude and Communion meditation on October 8 at the 9:30 a.m. (SAS) and 11:00 a.m. (OLMC Masses).

**The Knights of Columbus** invite everyone to join in **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, October 9, at 7:00 p.m., OLMC Church, The Knights are collecting beverage pull tabs off cans for the benefit of Ronald McDonald House in Baltimore. A collection box is in the Church.

**The Labor Day Festival** at OLMC served over 1050 meals and showed a profit of \$9,039. The fundraising committee thanks all volunteers, especially the parish youth for their extraordinary hard work and cheerfulness. Raffle winners were: **Joe De Leo, \$200, Barbara Clements, \$100, Doris Fitzpatrick, \$50.**

**Congratulations. St/ Anthony Shrine Parish** welcomes into the Catholic Faith Community:

**Justin Michael Reaver**, son of Vincent and Cathy Reaver, who was baptized on Sunday, September 3, 2000.

**Cheyenne Nicole Scobie**, daughter of Randall and Jennifer Scobie, who was baptized on Sunday, September 3, 2000.

**Congratulations.** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish welcomes into the Catholic Faith Community:

**Genevieve Marie Meng**, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Meng, who was baptized on Saturday, September 2, 2000.

**Kyle Vincent Cover**, son of Vincent and Teressa Cover, who was baptized on Sunday, September 17, 2000.

## Employees of the month...

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for July 2000 is Audrey Decker. Audrey has been employed as a GNA since February of 1997. According to her co-workers, Audrey is very energetic. The combination of her high energy level and high level of competence inspires confidence and a sense of security in both the residents and co-workers. Audrey shows tremendous caring and compassion toward the residents and her co-workers in the performance of her duties. She has repeatedly shown support to her co-workers and the residents by frequently working extra shifts, often without being asked. Audrey is a great asset to St. Catherine's. Audrey is very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Audrey.



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St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for August 2000 is Kathy Jo Frye. Kathy Jo has been employed as a GNA since October 1999. According to her co-workers, Kathy Jo has blossomed through the encouragement and nourishment of our team. Kathy Jo deserves the honor because of her team spirit, her positive attitude, and her desire to continue her education. Kathy Jo is setting a fine example as a staff member. Kathy Jo is very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Kathy Jo.

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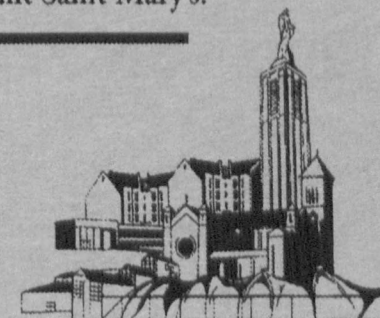
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# The (Retired) Ecologist's Corner: September, Songless

BY WILLIAM G. MEREDITH  
Dispatch Writer

*For it's a long, long time  
From May to December,  
And the days grow short  
When you reach September...*

The name of Zino Davidoff was never a household word to most people, but to cigar smokers he was the ultimate authority. Until his death a few years ago he ruled over what was arguably the world's premier cigar store, in Zurich, Switzerland. From there he dispensed his products to the famous and the commoner alike, and provided a philosophy to go with them: "A good cigar should be enjoyed only during moments of repose and reflection."

I enjoy remembering Zino. In the evening when supper and the evening news are over, I like to sit down on the porch, light my daily ration, and assume an attitude of repose while I reflect on the state of the world, watch the sunset, and listen to the birds that share my part of the local ecosystem. This is a type of birdwatching you can do with your eyes closed; from my porch I can hear over 20 species of birds on a good evening.

Such good evenings are common from early in May through most of summer. But the days grow short when you reach September; and regardless of how this may affect human romance, it completely shuts down the love life of birds. Several weeks before the equinox, the pineal gland detects the shortening day length and alerts the pituitary, which signals for the reproductive system to knock it off with the hormones. Behavioral changes ensue: singing stops, territorial defense is

abandoned, summer feathers are molted (resulting in color changes in some species), and birds begin storing fat for winter survival, or for migration if they have a mind to.

As a rule, I hate the slang teenagers use, but there are times when it expresses feelings better than standard English, and this is one of those times: when it comes to birdwatching, September is the pits. It is a time of transition: summer residents are leaving, winter residents are arriving, and permanent residents are shuffling about restlessly as if they feel guilty about not migrating. And worst of all, none of them are singing. There are birds around, but you have to work to find them; sitting on the porch and listening won't get it done.

The swallows have already gone south; they left in the last week of August as they always do. The chipping sparrows slipped away in quiet despair even earlier after the neighbor's cat destroyed their nest for the second time. The last of our young hummingbirds left around the 15th; its parents probably were already in Costa Rica by then. The robins, catbirds and house wrens are still here, but they've left the yard; they're quietly feeding in the fields, woods and hedgerows. Some normally solitary species like song sparrows are starting to form flocks with sentinels posted for safety, and they sneak quietly away before you can find them.

A dozen or more species of warblers regularly move through the area this month on their way from Canada to Central and South America, but even if you do find them, you can't tell them apart unless you're really good at it. They are a great source of frustration to the average birder like me. The females

and juveniles have molted into a dull gray-green drab color that blends into the background; they all look alike this time of year. The males of some species retain enough color to permit identification, but you can't see them against the changing colors of the leaves, and they aren't singing.

Hawks have started migrating. At the groundbreaking ceremony for Mother Seton School, while everyone else had their attention fixed on the speakers, I watched over 30 broad-winged hawks riding a thermal directly overhead. They sailed in from all directions at the bottom of the rising air mass, circled upward until I could no longer see them, and eventually glided off toward Guatemala and points southward--quietly, of course. Hawks don't know how to sing any time of the year.

Instead of singing, we have to be satisfied with gossip and bickering. I like to hear geese chatting as they fly over, and chickadees have a pleasant lilt to their speech pattern; but crows and bluejays will never qualify for the choir. And then there are the blackbirds. There is a river in the sky over my house; it is dry most of the year, but in September it fills up to flood level with black birds every evening. They number in the thousands, and they

arrive in a Hitchcockian stream a few hundred feet wide and stretching as far as the eye can see, from the farms where they spent the day foraging to the trees where they will roost for the night, squawking and clacking all the way. Some of them are really blackbirds--grackles whose tail feathers have been lost in the fall molt, redwings that have lost most of the red from their wings, cowbirds, and an occasional rusty blackbird that has wandered off course from the flyways farther west--all mixed in with the inevitable starlings, which are black but not blackbirds. None of them can carry a tune, even in the spring. This will go on until the weather gets cold and the flocks drift further south.

Eventually September will end--it always does. The last chimney swifts will leave on their non-stop flight to Argentina; and the first juncos and white-throated sparrows will arrive from Canada. Ducks and assorted waterfowl will pause in their southward drift to decorate the local farmponds until the water freezes. None of them will sing--but I'll get used to it. Fall won't be so bad....'til we reach December.

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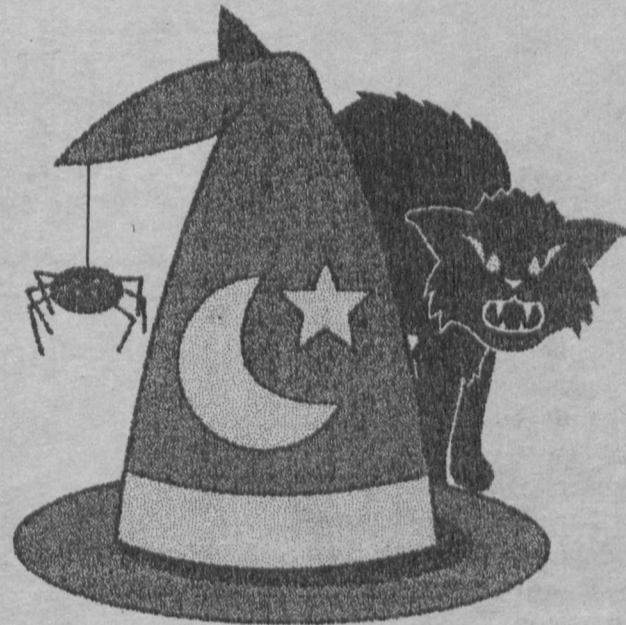
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## Looking Ahead

**Saturday, October 7**

**A Buffet Breakfast (all you can eat) will be served at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church** on Tom's Creek Church Road (off route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg) from 6.00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Featured will be pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, chipped-beef and sausage gravies, fruit cocktail, coffee, and juice. Adults \$4.50, Ages 5-10 \$2.25. Bake & Craft tables available. Advance orders for sausage, pork chops and scrapple can be made by calling 410-756-6878 or 301-447-6384.

**Saturday, Oct 7**

**Saint Joseph's High School Alumni Dance** will be held, from 8:00 p.m. until midnight at Mother Seton School. Music will be provided by Al Nova. Admission is \$5.00 per person. [BYOB]

**Saturday, October 14**

**VHC Auxiliary combination Yard Sale/Chicken Barbecue** at the fire hall.

**Saturday, October 14**

**The Emmitsburg High School Class of 1950 will be holding their 50th reunion.** There will be a get-together before the banquet from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Senior Center, located in the original Emmitsburg High School Building. We would like to invite any class members who would have graduated with us but moved away or attended another school to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Hazel Stonesifer at 410-756-2738.

**Sat. & Sun., October 14 and 15**

**Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of Rocky Ridge will host the annual Ridgefest** at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge just minutes from Thurmont. See Rocky Ridge News on page 21 for more details..

**Sat. & Sun., October 14 and 15**

**Sabillasville Community Fair** at the Sabillasville Elem. School. Crafts, antiques, agricultural produce, baked goods, chicken corn soup and other country favorites. Dog obedience demonstrations and Emu exhibits. Exhibits by Fisheries Division of the MDNR. Music by local musicians No admission charge, parking is free.

**Tuesday, October 17**

**EBPA Luncheon. Carriage House Inn, 11:30 a.m.** Betsy Day, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Frederick, will be the speaker.

**Saturday, October 21**

**Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Sportsman's Banquet** 4:00 p.m. until? Includes turkey dinner w/ all the trimmings. Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20 each (do not have to be present to win) For tickets & more info. call Loretta -301-447-2252 or Marylou- 301-624-7162 or the Ambulance Co.- 301-447-6626 Look for the flyers. Tickets on sale now.

**Saturday, October 21**

**Thurmont Ladies Aglow** is sponsoring A Day Away with Jesus, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$5 for day.

Rev. Bunny Jett will be the speaker. For information or reservations call 301-447-2283 or 301-271-4346.

games. For tickets stop by Here's Clyde's or call Penny at 301-271-

**Wednesday, Oct 25**

**The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens evening card party** at the Senior Center, 300 South Seton Avenue starting at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public. Pinochle and 500 will be played.

Refreshments will be available. Admission is \$2. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For information call 301-447-6253 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**Friday, November 4**

**Toms Creek Methodist Church Turkey and Oyster Supper** from 1 p.m. -6 p.m at the Church on Toms

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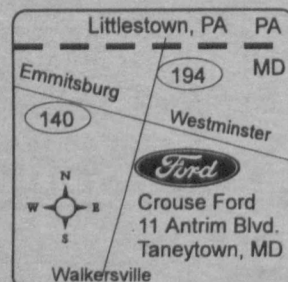
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## Mobile vet relocates to Thurmont

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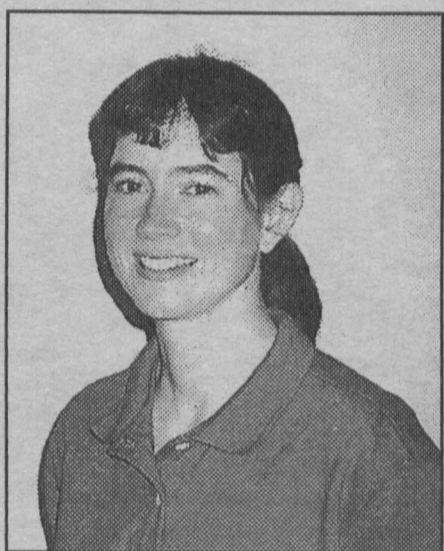
A graduate of the University of Maryland in 1988 with a B.S. in Animal

Science, Dr. Link continued her education at the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Va., and received her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine in 1992.

Dr. Link began her career in 1992 as a veterinarian for a progressive large animal practice that served Harford and Baltimore counties in Maryland. She has spent the last eight years providing medical and surgical care for

dairy and beef cattle, horses, sheep, goats and pigs. She is now offering her professional services locally.

"I'm looking forward to meeting the producers in the area as



SARAH LINK

well as others with large animal-care needs," said Dr. Link. Her primary objective is to provide comprehensive personal, professional, and courteous service in a timely manner. Her main goal is to practice high quality medicine and surgery with an emphasis on preventive medicine, individual and herd

health. "I want my clients to feel free to call me just for questions on animal care or management concerns, in addition to taking care of their emergencies and routine health issues," says Dr. Link.

For routine appointments, sick animal emergencies, and any questions or concerns, please call Dr. Link at 301-898-8884. Emergency services can be obtained after hours, and on weekends and holidays by calling the same number.

## Family

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ers, our interpreters passed on our welcomes and the family reciprocated with many thanks and away we went to the baggage department.

The second surprise awaited us in the form of 13 bags, some very large. We had come to the airport with a contingent of seven, one car and one minivan, expecting a family of four with one bag per person. It ended up being a very close and friendly trip home during which we learned a little about their background and experiences.

The family's name is Mrkanovic with Esmir and Nahida being the parents, Irma the seven-year-old and Ines and Neijra, the four-year-old twins (Ines is the twin with the freckle on her right cheek). The family had flown from Zurich, Switzerland, to New York earlier that day. They had been in a refugee camp in Switzerland for four years after leaving Bosnia and are

very anxious to start working and eventually achieve a productive life in the United States. It is the objective of the Council of Churches and the associated refugee committees to give them a boost towards that goal, which they so obviously desire.

We then took them to their temporary home on Annandale Road, which a wonderful and helpful family so willingly lent us, and the Mrkanovics spent their first anxious night in the United States. (I'm not going to mention the name of this homeowner or the owner of the next house who is offering a house rent-free for a year. There are just so many people to thank for giving their time and possessions towards helping this family that I'm afraid the article would be too long and I would probably miss a very important donor.)

The days after their arrival were busy ones for the family (and our

## Looking ahead

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### Friday, November 11

**The Emmitsburg Senior Citizens will hold their annual Fall Bazaar** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. This bazaar will be held in the Senior Citizens Center on S. Seton Ave. Lunch will be available as well as handicraft items, baked goods, flowers, and plants, rummage and white elephant goodies. Also bingo. There is something for everyone. Come and enjoy the day with us.

### Friday, November 17

**The Catoctin High School Safe and**

## Thurmont Seniors News

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**TRIP SHEETS** (containing detailed info) are available at the main desk, or call 301-271-7911.

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1. Day trips require a reservation deposit of \$5.00, unless otherwise noted.

2. Overnight trips require a larger 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 am & 3 pm daily; or call 301/271-7911 to have them mailed to you.

Departure Locations: Frederick - behind Ames 7th St. store; Thurmont Senior Center; Emmitsburg - Trout's Jubilee Foods parking lot.

**BE SURE TO CHECK THE TIMES FOR DEPARTURE FOR EACH TRIP!**

**Sane Committee is sponsoring a Basket Bingo** Friday, November 17, 2000, at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds Activities Building. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door and includes 25 games, all baskets are filled and have at least one accessory. There will also be raffles and special games. For tickets stop by Here's Clyde's or call Penny at 301-271-3481 or Loretta at 301-271-3689.

(See looking ahead on page 23.)

For a full list of activities please see the Events Section of the Emmitsburg website.

**Wed..Oct. 18:** Day trip to King of Prussia, Pa. - Lily Langtry's *Glitz on Ice* (Restaurant & Showplace).

LEAVE: Frederick	7:15 a.m.
Thurmont	7:30 a.m.
Emmitsburg	8:00 a.m.
RETURN: Frederick	8:00 p.m.
Thurmont	7:30 p.m.
Emmitsburg	7:15 p.m.

**Sun. Dec. 3-6:** One Hundred Miles of Lights & Sightseeing in Fredericksburg, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Newport News, Ft. Monroe, and Hampton, VA.

### Sat, Dec. 9:

Day trip to York, Pa. - Wisenhaven Dinner Theatre, *Fruitcakes*, the musical.

LEAVE.- Frederick	9:00 a.m.
Thurmont	9:30 a.m.
Emmitsburg	9:45 a.m.
RETURN Frederick	5:45 p.m.
Thurmont	5:15 p.m.
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volunteers and interpreters) with visits to the Health Department, the Department of Education, Social Security, etc. Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, about 25 of us, including the Mrkanovic family, spent the day

cleaning and painting the house in which they will reside. It was a memorable day, not just because three of us got nasty cases of poison ivy, but because we felt this family deserved our help and will reward us by becoming good, productive citizens.



## Obituaries

### Mr. Philip Ott Sr.

Mr. Philip Carroll Ott Sr., 50, of Biglerville Road, Gettysburg, Pa., died Wednesday, Aug. 30, at M.S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa.

He was the husband of Judy Forsythe Ott.

Born Feb. 12, 1950, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late William and Clara Mae Cool Ott Sr.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Eagles Lodge 2226, Littlestown, Pa., and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6954, Littlestown.

He was employed at R.H. Sheppard Co. Inc., Hanover, Pa.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Philip C. Ott Jr. of Gettysburg, and Jesse R. Ott of East Berlin, Pa.; four grandchildren; two brothers, William Ott Jr. of Thurmont, and Lawrence Ott of Taneytown; and one sister, Frances Ann Strausburg of Waynesville, Ohio.

Funeral services were held on September 6 with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. James Kiernan, as the celebrant.

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

### Sister Mary Joseph Regan, D.C.

Sister Mary Joseph Regan, a Daughter of Charity for 66 years, died Saturday, August 19, at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg for the elderly and infirm sisters. Sister Mary Joseph had been a resident of Villa St Michael since 1974. She was 89 years old.

The former Ellen Regan was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and entered the Daughters of Charity on September 14, 1933.

Of Sister Mary Joseph's 66-year

career as a Daughter of Charity, 16 years were spent as a child care worker. She began her duty in child care in 1934 at St Vincent Home, Troy, New York, and remained there until 1939. In the five years between 1947-1952, Sister continued her service of child care at St Vincent Home in Albany; St Vincent Infant Home in Baltimore from 1959-1960; and five years at Sarah Fisher Home in Farmington, Michigan 1963-1968. Her last active duty assignment (1970-1974) was at St Ann's Infant Home in Hyattsville.

During the years 1939-1944, Sister's assignment as housekeeper would take her to St Rose High, Washington, D.C.; in 1952-1959 to Marillac Hall, Farmington, and in 1968-1970, Villa Louise in Baltimore.

Sister Mary Joseph also served in health care. The years between 1944-1947, during and after World War II, she was stationed at St Leo's, a comparatively small hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina, and in later years (1960-1962) as a nurse at Villa St. Michael in Baltimore.

Sister Mary Joseph is survived by a sister, Cecelia Eagan of Charlestown, County Mayo, Ireland, a niece, Cecilia Lyrich of Middlesex, England, and cousins, Mary McPeak of Philadelphia and Ellen Carr of Glenside, Pennsylvania.

A Christian Wake Service was held on August 22 at St Joseph's Provincial House. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated on August 23 in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Support Fund for the Elderly and Infirm Sisters, 333 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21717.

### Mrs. Dorothy Sheeley

Mrs. Dorothy Virginia Beard Sheeley, 74, of Harney Road, Emmits-

burg, died Wednesday, Sept. 6, at College View Center, Frederick.

She was the wife of Norman S. Sheeley, who died Nov. 29, 1970.

Born Dec. 11, 1925, in Woodsboro, she was a daughter of the late Glenn William and Marie Sprague Beard.

She was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

She was retired from Cambridge Rubber Co., Taneytown.

She was a member of Greenmount Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by one son, Norman Leroy Sheeley and wife Diana of York Springs, Pa.; one granddaughter, Karen Sheeley Ashman of Gettysburg, Pa.; three great-granddaughters, Megan Ashman, Kendra Ashman and Caitlin Ashman, all of Gettysburg; six brothers and sisters, Elsie M Beard of Woodsboro, Ethel E. Hildebrand of Frederick Garland R. Beard and Glenn A. Beard, both of Mount Airy, Betty J. Snook of Smithsburg, and Larry W. Beard of Middleburg; two sisters-in-law, Betty L. Beard of New Midway, and Frances Beard of Union Bridge; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Marshall W. Beard, Ralph W. Beard and Robert E. Beard.

Funeral services were held on Sept. 9 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Judith A. Moller officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Norman Leroy Sheeley, 230 Company Farm Road, York Springs, Pa. 17372.

### Mr. Paul Stouter

Mr. Paul Bernard Stouter Sr., 61, of 401 W Lincoln Ave., Emmitsburg, died Monday, Aug. 28, at his home.

He was the husband of Margaret Elizabeth Lambert Stouter, his wife of 34 years. They were married August 7, 1966.

Born April 27, 1939, in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Bernard Henry and Lucy. Idella Wetzel Stouter.

He was employed at Mount Manor Treatment Center.

He was a Catholic.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Paul B. Stouter Jr. and John H. Stouter; one stepson, Michael Lambert; five sisters, Sylvia Brooks of Thurmont, Goldie Sentz of

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## Obituaries

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New Oxford, Pa., Elsie May of Emmitsburg, Bernice Stouter of Sabillasville, and Violet Mathews of Thurmont; one brother, Kenneth Stouter of Emmitsburg; two granddaughters, Kourtney L. Stouter and Laken R. Stouter; one stepgranddaughter, Brooke Wiles; and two stepgrandsons, Jason Lambert and Josh Lambert.

He will also be remembered by his son John's fiancée, Paula Hewitt; and granddaughter Kourtney's mother, Monica Forsythe.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Melvin Stouter.

### Mr. Charles Topper

Mr. Charles Rodgers "Top" Topper, 88, of St. Catherine's Nursing Home, Emmitsburg, formerly of Mount Airy, died Sunday, Aug. 27, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was the husband of Evelyn Louise Stone Topper, who died in 1984.

Born March 9, 1912, in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Robert Lawrence and Ethel Gertrude Rodgers Topper.

Mr. Topper grew up in Emmitsburg where he served as an altar boy at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

After high school he worked at the A&P grocery store in Emmitsburg. In 1935 he was sent to manage the A&P store in Mount Airy and took it over in the early 1950s. When A&P closed the store, he opened the Community Pure Food Store in its place. Known as "Top's Market," he owned and operated the grocery store until his retirement in 1975.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, Frederick.

He was a member of Mount Airy Lions Club, where he served in numerous offices, including president.

He was an avid coin collector and was a member of the Mount Airy Coin Club and the Libertytown Coin Club.

He is survived by a daughter, Patricia T. Norwood and husband Wayne of Mount Airy; two granddaughters, Cynthia Swanson and husband Kevin of Columbia, and Angela Moore and husband Robert of Mount Airy; four great-grandchildren, Chloe Swanson and Katherine Swanson, both of Columbia, and Elizabeth Ann Moore and Daniel Moore, both of Mount Airy; a brother, William L. Topper and wife Carmen of Emmitsburg; a sister, Kathleen Shorb of Emmitsburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 30 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Frederick, with the Rev. Daniel Nusbaum of Mount St. Mary's Seminary as celebrant.

Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Frederick.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Catherine's Nursing Center, 331 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Md. 21723.

### George H. McDonnell

A private graveside service to celebrate the life of George McDonnell, brother of Betty Ridge and Carolyn Eyley, was held on Sunday, September 17, at Elias Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Officiating at the ceremony was long-time family friend, Pastor Ronald Fearer.

George was reunited with his son David and parents Ralph and Grace McDonnell on April 22, 2000.

### Mrs. Lena Snyder

Mrs. Lena A. Snyder, 84, of Emmitsburg, died Saturday, September 16, at her home.

She was the wife of Jeremiah W. Snyder, who died June 14, 2000.

Born June 16, 1916, near Taneytown, she was a daughter of the late John Thomas and Lillie Marcella Hahn Angell.

Mrs. Snyder was, a homemaker and had worked at Cambridge Rubber Co.

Surviving are seven children, Carrie Andrews and husband Edward, Roland Snyder and wife Wendy, Rebecca Warner and husband John, and Shirley Wilson and husband Richard, all of Taneytown, Robert William Snyder of Hagerstown, Clarence Snyder and wife Janice of Thurmont, and Thomas Snyder and wife Darlene of Frizzelburg; two sisters, Grace Bair of Hanover, Pa., and Lillie Bittle of Mount Jackson, Va.; 21 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and nine grandchildren.

Mrs. Snyder was preceded in death by two brothers, Carl Angell and Roy Angell.

Funeral services were held on September 20 with the Rev. Fred P. Eckhart officiating, assisted by Deacon Charles Barnhart and the Rev. Carroll Lee Boyer.

Interment was in Keysville Union Cemetery.

### Charlotte E. Eberly

Charlotte Elizabeth Eberly, 93, of Hagerstown, Maryland, died on Wednesday, August 30, 2000, at the Ravenwood Nursing Home.

Born May 30, 1907 in Antietam Township, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Hiram H. and Olive Rife Miller.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and the Philathea Sunday School Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester H. Eberly who died in 1964.

## Women's Business Institute holds entrepreneur workshop at Hood

The Women's Business Institute, along with the Frederick Commission for Women, recently held an Entrepreneur Workshop at Hood College. Cathy DeMario of Love Letters, Diane Miller-Marsden, Certified Massage Therapist, Stephanie Bussard of Frederick

Interiors and Margie Stemple of The Mudd Puddle shared their success stories and business ideas with the attendees. Please contact the Women's Business Institute at 301-624-4900 or 410-756-2334 for information about upcoming seminars.



Women meet to share ideas and success stories. From left are: Cathy DeMario of Love Letters; Diane Miller-Marsden, certified massage therapist; Stephanie Bussard of Frederick Interiors; Margie Stemple of The Mudd Puddle; and Diane Wirth of the Women's Business Institute.

Photo courtesy Charles Covell

She is survived by one brother, Christian Miller of Rocky River, Ohio, and one niece, Marlene Yacso of Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by one sister, Sara Miller of Fairfield, Pa.

Private graveside services were held at the Cedar Hill Cemetery in Greencastle, Pa. Rev. Edward H. Heim

officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 141 South Potomac St., Hagerstown, Md. 21740.

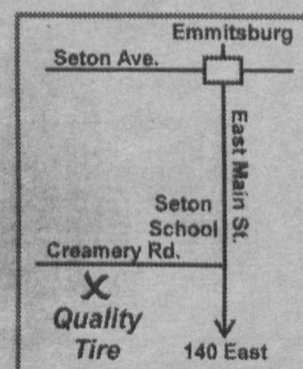
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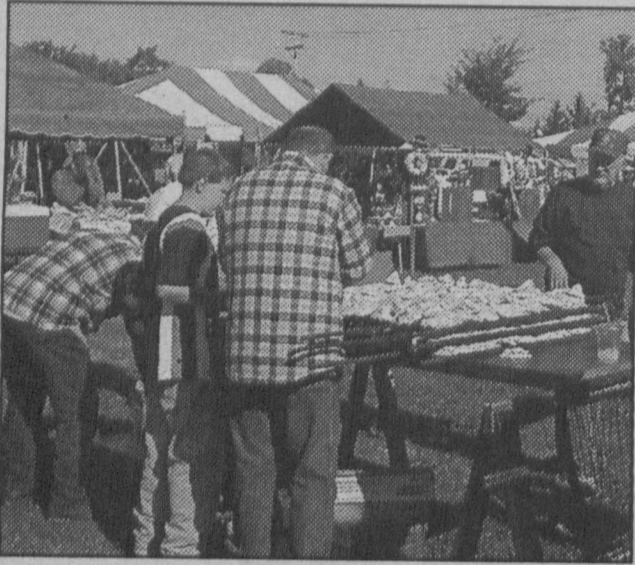
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## A Day in Community Park



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The Harmony Valley Riding Team demonstrate a Quadrille (but with five riders) at Cedar Rowe Farms during the Mason-Dixon Line Farm Tour.

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## Adult Protective Services provides services to those with special needs

BY RICK COOLEY  
Adult Protective Service Worker

The Adult Protective Services program provides services to adults (those aged 18 years and older) who lack the physical and/or mental capacity to provide for their basic daily living needs.

The program provides intake and investigative services including, if appropriate, medical, social, and/or psychiatric evaluation; planning for the needs of the service recipient; and referral to other agencies for appropriate assistance: home care, day care, chore services, transportation, and other health and social services.

The goal is to provide needed professional services to protect the health, safety, and welfare of disabled individuals and to remedy or prevent conditions of neglect, abuse, or exploitation when the recipient is unable to do so.

The following guidelines illustrate the need for APS intervention:

1) An emergency exists where living conditions present a substantial risk of death or immediate serious physical harm to the individual himself or to others; and/or

2) The person lacks sufficient understanding or capacity to make or com-

municate responsible decisions concerning his/her person because of physical/mental disability, mental weakness, dementia (or senility), disease, habitual drunkenness or addiction to drugs; and/or

3) There is no person authorized by law or court order to give consent for needed emergency service.

Two types of emergency intervention can be provided in such cases:

1) the authority for law enforcement to transport a person to a medical facility if immediate health care is needed,

2) court authorization of limited protected services necessary to remove the conditions which are creating the emergency.

APS workers must always be aware of the individual's right to self-determination. The person has the right to live in the manner he/she chooses as long as he/she has not been determined incapable of decision making by a court during guardianship proceedings.

Those choices to remain in these situations may be a cause for concern of relatives, friends, or other interested individuals, but the APS worker must, first of all, serve as an advocate for the client, and, secondly, ensure that his/her rights to self-determination and to his/her right to his/her life-style are protected within the boundaries of the law.

Next month's article will focus on managing the holiday blues.

For more information concerning Healthy Families visit the Dispatch at [emmitsburg.net](http://emmitsburg.net)

## Girl Scouts add Daisy troop

The Emmitsburg Girl Scouts are happy to announce that for the first time in many years, we will have a Daisy troop this year. We had four girls sign up to be Daisies at the Emmitsburg Elementary School's Family Fun Night.

We also had two very caring, adventurous moms who signed up to be the leaders of that troop.

Daisy Girl Scouts are kindergarten-aged girls who want to have fun in the troop with other girls their age. There are still openings in the Daisy troop. If parents are interested in signing up their daughters, they may call the Frederick field office at 301-662-5106. Fliers were recently sent home from school with the girls. Anyone who still

has one of these fliers may send that to the address on the back and someone will get in touch with you.

The Girl Scout leaders of Emmitsburg feel proud to be able to offer this program to the girls of this area. We feel this is a worthwhile program that enables girls to meet in an all-girl environment.

We would like to thank all of you who bought nuts or calendars from a Girl Scout of any age last month. This money not only helps us in the troop but it also helps us to do our service projects in which we give back to the community. If you have a service project the Girl Scouts can help with, please get in touch with any Girl Scout or call the Frederick field office.

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## Something to Eat

### Red hot peppers: a matter of taste!

BY JACK DEATHERAGE, JR.  
Dispatch Writer

Susan Wittig Albert writes the China Bayles mystery novels. The stories are wrapped around herbal lore and occasionally offer recipes that pique my interest. The latest Albert novel I've read is *Chile Death*. The victim doesn't die from eating real Texas chili; he dies of an allergic reaction after eating peanuts someone put in chili!

[ed. note: in her book, Wittig spells the pepper *chile* and the stew made with the peppers *chili*. For clarity, we will do the same.]

It's hard to believe peanuts were the cause of death after the chili ingredients are listed. But people die or get hospitalized every year from reactions to peanuts. The odds are someone in the Emmitsburg area doesn't take well to peanuts.

None of this mattered to me as I read the book. I wanted to know how to

make real chili! Texas chili, no beans, just the real HE-MAN, puts hair on your chest, burns the tongue out of your mouth CHILI! Not that I plan to eat the stuff. I border on insane, not stupid.

I've eaten chilies, or peppers as we, the uncouth, call them, that made me wish I'd die. My dad got me started on peppers. Mom would make potato soup and Dad would shake crushed red peppers over the almost tasteless white mess. I'd grab the shaker and add the bright red and yellow flakes to my own bowl. "You're going to eat that," Dad would warn.

"I will," I promised. And I did, sweat dripping from my chin as my mouth screamed its protest to my brain. (I learned all my bad habits around that time. I was five years old, maybe six. Mom and Dad smoked cigarettes, occasionally drank beer or "highballs" and drank coffee. I can proudly say I never took up coffee--putrid stuff.)

Over the years I grew accustomed to the burn of peppers and worked my

way into hot sauces. I occasionally drink from a bottle of Red Hot™ and can tolerate a good shot of straight Tabasco™. Buck Albert in Homestead, Florida, downs shots of vodka and chases them with glasses of Red Hot™. Buck and my brother Mike are Chili Heads. Their goal in life is to find a pepper too hot to eat.

I've grown hot peppers in my garden, of course--some mildly hot like "Hungarian Wax" and some so nasty I threw them out after burning my throat from breathing their essence. Mike arrived here one August just as my "Yellow" Cayennes were at their peek. He asked if he could try one and I waved to the garden.

Now consider that Mike was eating "bird peppers," Thai, Jalapeno, and Serrano as if they were candies. He popped a Yellow into his mouth and chewed away. Drops of sweat literally popped out of his skin, which had turned a bright red. His eyes bulged,

veins could be seen throbbing at his temples and he began choking and gagging. With tears streaming down his cheeks he turned to me saying, "They're good. But not as hot as mine."

I don't think Texas chili would impress my brother. But he'd never admit to being hurt by a pepper anyhow. I, on the other hand, nearly died the night friend Bob offered me a Serrano. I popped the innocent looking pepper into my mouth and knew at once that death was near (never trust a Bob bearing gifts). I refused the opportunity to spit it out. (Did I mention "insane"?) I suspect I looked a lot like my brother did with a mouthful of Cayenne.

I love the flavor of hot sauce. I've even begun putting it on peanuts. What I can't stand is the heat! Maybe I ought to get out of the kitchen. At least out of Mike's and Bob's kitchens.

To read other adventures of Jack in the kitchen visit the Dispatch online.

## HOMESCHOOLING: Students and parents gear up for a great year

BY KRISTINE PORTER  
Dispatch Writer

Just like classrooms around the country, homeschools have geared up for a great year. We have been setting up our classrooms, buying our books and planning several activities.

There are several homeschool groups in the area. The group I'm involved with met in August to discuss our school year plans. Many other groups meet monthly. Some of the groups in our area are: TEACHERS (Thurmont-Emmitsburg Area Christian Home Educators Resource & Support Group), Contact Person- Denise Cofer 301-271-4896; BRIDGES (Bringing Reliable Information, Direction, Group Encouragement & Support to Homeschoolers), Contact Person- David Ogg, 717-528-8850; PA Homeschool Connections, Contact Person Wendy Bush, 717-528-8850, e-mail at connect@cvn.net, web site is www.homeschoolheadlines.com and TORCH (Traditions Of Roman Catholic Homes), Hanover Chapter Contact Person- Mary Jo Bolger, 717-630-0902, and there is a Frederick Chapter.

TEACHERS and BRIDGES are both Christian groups. TEACHERS meets on the first of the month at Graceham Moravian Church in

Thurmont. In addition to fieldtrips, they hold a bi-monthly co-op of the classes of art, health, sign language, music and physical education. The TORCH chapter of Frederick meets on the second Tuesday of the month at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Libertytown. All of these groups offer friendship, educational activities, and resources.

My group's specialty is field trips! We all love them, and it's a great way to get together. Each month we have a field trip or holiday party. We would like to do both, but between sports, dance, music lessons and the get togethers, when would we do school?

Field trips can consist of a wide variety of activities. Last year, we went to the UTZ Potatochip Factory. It was very interesting to see how the potatoes get cleaned, peeled, sliced and cooked. We also went to the Gettysburg Times to tour the printing area. The children had many questions, and our guide did a good job answering all of them.

Some other ideas for field trips are to go to a children's play production in Frederick or Hagerstown. Also in Hagerstown is a nice planetarium. Even an adult can learn a thing or two there. Dads are a great source for field trip ideas. Sometimes, dads can arrange to have a group come to their work place. And let's not forget field trips at the

local post office, fire station and nature walks for leaf identification. Fall is the perfect time for a lighthearted trip to the pumpkin patch for a hayride and some apple cider. And in our own back yard is the history of the Civil War in the museums of Gettysburg. They have so much to offer, you can spend a couple of field trips there.

There are some notable activities in October. The Gettysburg Hospital is offering an open house of the operating room. It's called Behind the Surgery Doors. You can tour the facilities, view items in a microscope, look at surgery devices, and ask questions of the doctors, nurses and staff. It will be held on October 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.. Adults and children are welcome, and it's free!

On October 31 at 5:00 p.m. is an activity called All Hallows Eve with the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is held at the Replica of the Grotto of Lourdes located above Mount St. Mary's College. This is an alternative activity to trick-or-treating. The children are asked to dress as saints. After the recitation of the Rosary, they process through the Grotto and receive candy and treats. If you need more information, then call Denise McKenna at 301-447-2157.

In addition to the field trips, the group I'm involved in has some new activities we hope to implement this

year. A volunteer has offered to teach a Latin class. One father has volunteered to do an art appreciation class. He will teach different art forms and the history of the artists that used that form. A mother has volunteered to head a year-book which will be written and organized by the students. Other mothers have requested a sewing class once a month. Everyone should know how to sew on a button. For the real sewing enthusiast, a machine sewing class will be offered. This will be a great way for parents and children to learn something together. And for my part, I hope to organize a group to go caroling one evening in December. It's a memorable activity that I would like to share with my children.

What a busy school year! Let's get to it!

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# Rocky Ridge News

BY EMMA KEENEY  
Dispatch Writer

On Saturday, October 14, and Sunday, October 15, Mount Tabor Lutheran Church of Rocky Ridge will hold Ridgefest at the Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge.

On Saturday enjoy an apple better boiling demonstration. Apple butter will be available for sale. (Advance orders accepted, call 301-2712880.) The Rocky Ridge firemen's famous fried ham sandwiches will be for sale both days. Flea markets, crafts spaces call 301-271-2135. Good home-cooked food, a country store and more will be yours to enjoy. Mt. Tabor Park is the home of the Big Slide. The event is sponsored by the Willing Workers. To get to Mt. Tabor Park follow Md. Route 77 to Rocky Ridge, turn left onto Motters Station Road, park is just ahead on the left.

Happy Birthday wishes to: Kenneth Frushour Sr., Becky Eiker, Kimberly Dinterman, Kathy Frushour, and Franklin Stambaugh.

"The Game you love to play" will begin Saturday, October 7, at the Rocky Ridge Fire company activities building. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and early bird games begin at 7 p.m. Delicious food will be available.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Staub, Longs Mill Road on the birth of a son, Cordell, on July 16. Congratulations to Cortney and Colby on having a special little brother.

### Church of the Brethren News

Happy Birthday to Larry Cook, Elanora Putman, Chad Wolfe, Scott Ritchie, Ralph Eyler, Dawn Hobbs, Richard Eichellberger, Orville Smith, and Patsy Rice.

Happy Anniversary to Nancy and Ronnie Anders, Tobey and Carreanne Eyler, Gary and Mary Portner, and Fran and Pat Free.

### Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Jennifer R. Leppo) Wisner, Emmitsburg, a son, August 24.

Charity & Merhl Coblentz, Emmitsburg, a son, Aug. 29.

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Sullivan II, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Sept. 1 Mrs. Sullivan is the former Tina Marie Flatley of Marsh Creek Heights, Gettysburg.

Alice M. Heffron, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Sept. 9.

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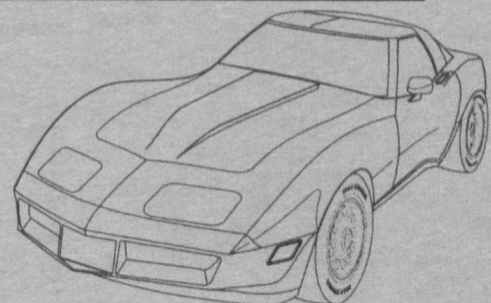
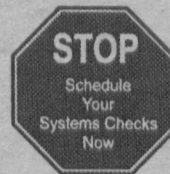
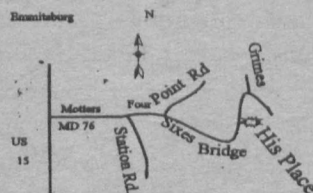
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# Hoop Realities: Big brother no longer king of the court

BY JOHN GEHRING  
Dispatch Writer

Ten years older than my 16-year-old brother, I am feeling a harsh reality setting in. I am old. At 26, I'm not losing my hair or breaking out in wrinkles. No, something far more insidious and disturbing is happening. My brother is beating me in basketball. Beating me on the same patch of sacred asphalt where I spent many long hours in the rain, sun and ice as a devoted disciple working on my game.

For years, I could assert myself as an older brother in a number of ways. None more fulfilling than using my size, quickness and court savvy to systematically pick him apart athletically. Always a competitive kid—a redhead born prematurely who had to fight just to stay alive—he would curse, mope

and grow angrier the more he lost. This satisfying pattern continued in an unbroken stream of games for years. Older brother schools younger brother. As reliable as death and taxes. The world flowing to its natural rhythms.

I am not sure when it happened or even where. Somehow, as if the gods of the game sprinkled magic dust over him while he was sleeping, my brother suddenly grew to 6' 3", developed a sweet jump shot, carved out some deft moves in the post and began beating me. Beating me from the outside with threes. Beating me inside the paint with baby hook shots. Beating me consistently. Beating me.

Making matters worse, my brother has a mouth. He talks trash. I take that back. He doesn't just talk trash, he talks trash like he was born talking trash. You can see by that goofy smirk on his

face how much he relishes reminding me that he is beating me. "What, are you tired?" he asks smugly, blowing by me for another lay up. When you're sucking wind like a three-pack-a-day smoker and your legs feel like a mush of silly putty, let me tell you something: it's hard not to look tired.

There comes a time when a man must accept graciously the harshest realities life serves up. I try to talk to myself about this. Sitting myself down somewhere quiet, I use a calm, deliberate voice. You're a successful professional man with smart, cool friends and a great family. You can deal with the teenager whipping your butt. You can deal with the taunting. I tell myself all of these things. My head comprehends and accepts. My heart, still wed to the game I was infatuated with long before girls turned my head, has other plans.

So I work harder on defense, look for any slight advantage that age and experience have given me, dig deeper into a box full of quickly rusting tools.

Usually I still lose, but occasionally we have ourselves a war of a game. I am sure you can see the scene. A young, confident, trash-talking kid doing battle with the silent, intense, sweat-soaked, savvy older brother determined for pride and bragging rights to beat him once again and proclaim the crown. Sometimes, when I get the right rolls, he misses enough shots, the weather is just right and the stars have aligned, I beat him. These are the sweetest victories, meant to be savored for as long as possible, and I can feel it from the tip of my head to the bottom of my feet. But then I realize I'm just cramping up.

## From the Desk of Dr. Bonita J. Krempel-Portier D.O.

### HIV and You and Me

In an era of viruses—HIV, Hepatitis B and C, and West Nile Viruses—, a queasy angst hangs over us and adds to the general stress of daily living. Why, How, Who, What, When, Where rush to the consciousness and then get firmly submerged in an attempt to cope. But naïveté has not solved or saved anything or anyone.

In Frederick County there are 58 known citizens suffering from HIV or AIDS. This is probably an underestimation. This number reflects those who were brave enough to be tested, counseled, and treated in the local area.

Viruses are very selfish pieces of DNA or RNA, the very building blocks of life, that are so intent on survival as a unit, that there is no concern for the whole. These units have been given keys to get into our cells. Once there, factories in each cell are commanded to make unlimited copies of the rebel DNA or RNA. The cell is ruptured releasing the renegades into the blood to attack cell after cell. Because these are a part of the basic building blocks of life, it is very hard to treat the disease without also killing the very person that is to be helped by the treatment. Hard work and untold resources have been brought to bear to tiptoe around this dilemma and to bring hope and treatment. A DNA virus is easier to treat than RNA. Unfortunately, HIV is an RNA Virus.

HIV (Human Immune- Deficiency Virus) is a virus that hacks away at the foundation of our immune system, the system that protects us from infection

by other diseases. The virus is slow acting. It affects every part the body—the skin, the heart, the brain, the eyes, the gut, the muscles. HIV in the advanced stage is called Auto-Immune Deficiency Virus. This means that there is data to show that the body is self-destructing. This is because our white cells, called T-helper cells, with a nick name of "CD4's," are wiped out by the virus. Without these patrolling cells, invasions of the body by bacteria and other viruses are way too easy. Cancers form and grow readily. The body is mostly left without a police department, fire department, or other protective forces. The anarchy is extremely destructive. The Biblical book of Job could have been the story of a soul afflicted with AIDS. Every year, in the United States, 40,000 people become infected with HIV. Thirty percent of those infected are women. HIV has become the number 1 killer of black and Hispanic women under the age of 30, and the number 4 killer of white women.

The risks for HIV/AIDS includes any history of "street drug" use, casual sexual relationships, men having sex with men, opposite-sex relationships

with a person who had HIV/AIDS or had been exposed to it, being a caretaker for someone who has HIV/AIDS and using their personal products—toothbrush, razors, etc., or by an accidental wound causing blood exchange.

There is hope. With treatment, the average life span of patients with HIV is 30 years. With treatment, the expected life span of patients with AIDS is 11 years. A lot of living can be done during those years. Without treatment, life expectancy is severely shortened. The treatment regimens are rigorous. A good support base is needed. It is also expensive treatment. Insurance can help. The state of Maryland receives \$9 million each year from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to help with HIV prevention. Sometimes there are clinical trials financed by drug companies which cover much of the cost of HIV/AIDS drugs.

In the state of Maryland there is an AIDS Drug Assistance Program: MADAP:

State of Maryland; Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene AIDS Administration, 500 N. Calvert Street, 5th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202

Call: (410) 767-6535; Toll-Free Number: 1-800-205-6308

The Maryland AIDS Administration: 1-410-767-0605 may lead one to some resources.

Local assistance and guidance and HIV testing can be obtained from Frederick County Health Department: 301-631-3301.

In Emmitsburg, on the 4th Wednesday of each month, from 1:00 to 4:00p.m., the Frederick County Health Department has a women's health clinic. Clients have access to HIV testing during their visits.

Another resource is PWACMI - Frederick County: They have 501C non-profit status. PWA Committee of Maryland: (301) 631-0748. This committee provides outreach and education to those at risk. Sometimes they have funds for financial assistance.

If there is risk there should be testing. Help is not sought or given without true knowledge of one's situation. It is also important for all of us to get involved in teaching ourselves about the realities of HIV/AIDS and what we

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**A Good Old Country Breakfast will be held at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd. , Sunday Oct. 15th from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Menu is pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy,

chipped-beef gravy, pudding & homniy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples. Also fruit cocktail, orange juice and coffee. Adults \$5, children 8-12 \$3.50.

**The Friends of Frederick County Public Libraries, Inc. will hold its 2nd Annual Fund Raiser.** The All-You-Can-Eat buffet will be held on Saturday, October 28, at the National Emergency Training Center Dining Hall, building K, 6825 South Seton Ave., Emmitsburg. Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$10 ages 11-16 and \$5 ages 10 and under. For ticket information call 301-845-4400 or order tickets at any Public Library. Tickets must be purchased by Oct. 20. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

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can do to 1) stay healthy, 2) help others stay healthy 3) get help when it is needed.

If you have any concerns, it is important you speak with your physician. We are here to serve you. Any visit to a doctor's office is a good time to ask questions and discuss one's health in depth. Many people call their doctor for a painful wrist or a cold, but hold back with concerns that are even

greater. Sometimes this will mean setting up a second appointment to enable the physician to set aside the time truly needed to give assistance, and perhaps a more thorough exam. Please talk to your doctor about all that really matters to you. We are here to work with you towards health.

*To read other health tips by Dr. Portier check out past editions of the Dispatch online*

## Quilters

### Future of today's quilts —trash or treasure?

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS  
Dispatch Writer

In the book *A People and Their Quilts*, author John Rice Irwin introduces us to Appalachian quilters from pioneering days to the early 1980's. He traveled extensively in Tennessee and Kentucky meeting quilters and descendants of quilters. He saw log homes, still in use, of some of the early quilters. He found quilts dating to the 1700s. Early quilts were often poorly constructed of drab colored fabric left over from sewing or from used clothing.

"Dry goods" were scarce and each yard of cloth had to serve in many ways. Quilts had to be used over and over; their first duty being for warmth—not beauty. As a quilt aged it took on new life, as filling for another quilt, jackets for men and boys, petticoats for girls, crib quilts, covers for potatoes and apples, a rug on dirt floors, and finally bed for the family dogs. I have seen old quilts stuffed into cracks of company-owned, poorly constructed houses for coal miners (1930s)

and I'm sure pioneering families had to do the same.

In his book, Mr. Irwin negates the theory that early quilters held "Quilting Bees." However, many quilt historians suggest such affairs were perhaps the only social event early settlers had. Mr. Irwin bases his remarks on the fact that pioneers lived too far apart to meet for quilt making.

However, it is a well established fact that early settlers often moved west as extended family units. There were sometimes three or four generations traveling together and establishing homesteads near one another, each family helping the others with barn raisings, cropping, and birthing. So, why not quilting bees?

In *The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt in America*, Carrie A. Hall says "...during the close confinement of long winter days, the women folk...spent their spare time piecing and patching quilts." However, "...there was no room to 'put up' a quilt. Spring was a time for planting, cleaning and Quilting Bees."

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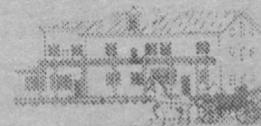


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