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Gaining Strength from One Another

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A Dispatch Photo

The Baltimore Orioles mascot perches with the fans in the bleachers during the Little League opening day activities April 21. More on page 5.

Preston to resign

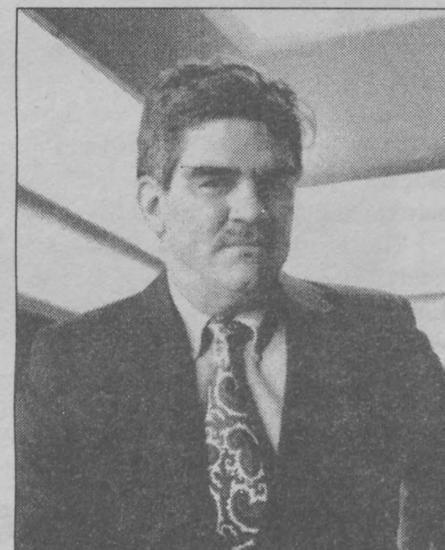
By SARAH WASSNER
Editor-in-Chief,
The Mountain Echo

After 33 years at the helm of the history department, former Emmitsburg mayor and beloved professor Robert Preston is departing the Mount to take a position as the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Trinity College in Washington, D.C.

Preston, who has been a pivotal member of the Mount's faculty for over three decades, sent an e-mail out to his colleagues on Monday, April 16th, explaining his departure. He said that on a whim he applied for the Vice President position at Trinity, a small Catholic liberal arts college located across from Catholic University in D.C.

On Good Friday (April 13th) he learned he had been selected to fill the position and has chosen to begin in the fall. Preston, who was attending the Western Social Science Conference from Wednesday, April 18th through Saturday, April 21st, could not be reached for further comment at press time.

However, in his e-mail, Preston offered these words: "During my 33 years I have loved the Mount and its people. The Mount alums, students, staff, administrators and faculty are first rate, and they are friends. And of course



ROBERT PRESTON

we can still be friends. But in recent years Tom Flynn heard the call, and Keith Gandal heard the call, and Bill Craft heard the call: 'Go West, young man.' So too I have heard the call; however, since I am not a young man, I am heading south instead." He added, "I want to thank the Mount for all the great moments, for all the inspirations, and for the education of four of our children. Go Mount."

This article printed through courtesy of The Mountain Echo, Mount St. Mary's student newspaper. For other articles about the Mount visit emmitsburg.net/

70-lot development set

Ryan Homes has purchased several of the 70 lots of Pembroke Woods Subdivision and optioned out the balance. Ryan will start its on-site sales program immediately for delivery this September.

All the homes will be single family homes situated on 1/2-acre minimum lots. These lots will be substantially larger than the current minimum lots sizes in Town. To accommodate the lower density of the project there will be no curbed

streets. Prices of the homes will start at \$182,000.

As an extra bonus to the town, the first phase of the Emmitsburg bypass on the west side will be built as a part of this project. As a result of the lower density and the burden of the added costs of the bypass, developer Ed Smariga said, "This was a terrific effort on all parts to get this project going. Particularly Dave Haller. What a wonderful service he does for this community."

Who is that masked man?



New Papa Bob Hance proudly displays Brian (or is it Bobby?), one of the twins born to him and wife Dana on April 3.

The grandfather is Jim Hance and aunt is Jean Hance.

Boyle, Sweeney re-elected

A STAFF REPORT

Commissioners Patrick Boyle and Clifford Sweeney were re-elected to three-year terms in the town election held April 17.

Mr. Boyle received 106 votes. Mr. Sweeney won 95 votes.

David Vaughn, the only candidate to challenge the incumbents, made a strong showing, winning 72 votes.

Of the town's 1,058 registered voters, 144 cast their vote. One of the ballots cast could not be counted because the person voted for all three candidates, said election judge Alice Boyle. Voters may cast only as many votes as

there are positions to be filled.

Reflecting on the number of people who came to the polls, Mrs. Boyle said the turnout was definitely better than last year when there were only 106 voters. "It seems like we see the same people each time. I don't know why more people don't vote," she said.

Annetta Rapp, who was serving as an election judge for the first time, said the larger turnout this year was good and she "was glad to see so many people come in to do their civic duty." She also commented that several people mentioned that the coverage of the candidates in the *Dispatch* had been helpful.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you all

I would like to thank all my relatives and friends for the many cards and prayers during my recent surgery. They meant a lot to me. Also to my

pastor, Fr. Kiernan, for his visits. Thank you, every one.

Loretta Myers

Benefit dance a success

The Emmitsburg Family Barbershop and Salon would like to thank our employees, clients, and our community for making our first benefit dance a success.

We raised \$1,237 which was donated to the Up-County Family Center for programs they provide to our local and surrounding communities.

The Craft Show and Dance was held December, 2000, at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company whose members donated their time and

building to make our benefit a safe and fun place to be. We had many sponsors and a raffle that included over 30 prizes. Karaoke and music were provided by Knight Patrol of Waynesboro. There were monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

We hope to see all of you at our planned second annual Craft Show and Dance. For more information call Emmitsburg Family Barbershop and Salon at 301-447-3660.



Vicky Marick, left, director of Up-County Family Center receives donation from the staff of Family Barbershop and Salon: Jaime Regnier, Janet Birch and Katrina Wivell. Not shown Becky Grecco.

Teen speaks out on drug problem

You know, I've realized that there was a drug problem in Emmitsburg with its teens since I was in the 6th grade and now I'm a freshman in high school.

The commissioners of Emmitsburg or someone in Emmitsburg should put in a night club or a theater instead of a hotel. We have the Bed And Breakfast hotel, isn't that good enough? At least the Ambulance company is TRYING to do something for the teens by having a dance for them.

Emmitsburg would have less drug overdoses or busts if there was something for us to do. Can't you people see that? Instead, kids go out and try drugs then they realize that Emmitsburg isn't so cool unless they smoke up or get drunk. You can't have fun in "Good Ol E-burg."

And our drug problem is affecting other communities like Thurmont.

They all get their drugs from here. Cops might not see that, but I can.

"It takes a whole town to raise a child." Well, if this is true then why don't you lazy adults get off the couch and go and do something for the kids? Did you ever think that not ALL teens are skaters? What if I want to play tennis? Did you see Mt. Airy put a skate park in their tennis courts? No, they bought land and made a nice one instead of the cheap one where the vert ramp isn't high enough to do any real tricks. I'm not a tennis player but I've seen more people play tennis then there are skaters.

Is it fair that there aren't places for teens to hang out in? We get into trouble for hanging out in McDonalds or the laundromat. So all those adults out there who think I'm wrong, or are say-

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Town News...

A STAFF REPORT

At the April town meeting Commissioner Hoover reported that Mother Seton School received conditional approval from the planning and zoning commission of their building plans for the new addition to the school. Commissioner Boyle reported that Robert F. Gauss & Assoc. was low bidder for work to be done on the alleys.

During public comments, Joan Boyle asked what the town was doing for Earth Day and inquired what happened to the evergreens in front of the Community Center. Commissioners Sweeney responded that the town and children from the Emmitsburg Elementary School would be planting trees by the ball field in Community Park. It was reported the evergreens, which had been a gift of the Homemakers Club several years ago, had died and had to be removed.

New residents on Main Street, Amy and Larry Phillips, said they would like to see a street cleanup to pull weeds from the tree wells and pick up trash. They were sad to see the amount of litter produced in town and would like to foster community participation by having a cleanup day. The Phillipses were told about the Silver Fancy Garden

Club's contest this year where residents may adopt a tree well and prizes will be given in September to the three gardeners who maintained the most beautiful tree wells throughout the summer. Tree wells not adopted will be planted by members of the club.

Also at the town meeting, the commissioners:

* voted 4-0 to accept the low bid of \$8,500 from W. S. Drywall and Services to insulate the town garage. It costs \$4,000 a year to heat the garage, and it is expected that the cost of the insulation will pay for itself in four years with the energy savings;

*voted 4-0 to construct a wheelchair ramp at Silo Hill Park;

*voted 4-0 to accept the bid from Lowery Tree Service for \$1,500 to trim the trees on Main Street and agreed not to spend \$700 to fertilize the trees; and

*voted 4-0 to accept the contract with Hyde Engineering for \$9,900 to do a water detecting and mapping of the town's water system so that it will be leak free. They will also do a mapping of the delivery system in town. This is the first step in replacing the old system.

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Meet Your Town Officials

The third in a series of interviews with town officials

Christopher Allen Stahley was elected a commissioner in 2000.



CHRIS STAHLEY

Dispatch: Where did you grow up?

Chris: I grew up in Emmitsburg. I was born at the Gettysburg Hospital July 29, 1974. My parents are Dennis and Phyllis Davis Stahely who live in Emmitt Gardens. I have one sister, Tiffany Stahley, who lives in Emmitsburg as do my grandmothers, Dot Davis and Rita Stahley. My grandfathers were the late Allen Davis and Joe Stahley.

I've always said that, if I could, I would like to live over my Little League years in Emmitsburg. I really enjoyed it. Little League was very popular and hundreds of people would come out for the games. We had so many players we would have to cut some. Now we have to cut the number of teams in the league because we don't have enough players. Part of that is because there are other organized sports for the kids to play today.

Dispatch: What did you do after graduating from high school?

Chris: I graduated from Catoclin High School in 1992 and began working with my uncle at the Long Construction Company in Thurmont. Following that job I worked for the town of Emmitsburg at the water and sewer plant. It was in bad shape then and I'm glad to see the new one being built.

When my Mom and Dad bought the Palms I decided to work for them and ran the restaurant for awhile. I enjoyed it, but I think I was too young and wanted to have more time to do other things, like run fire calls. Now I am a 911 Dispatcher for Frederick County.

Dispatch: Tell us about your family.

Chris: I live with Donna Sweeney and our two boys, Colton Allen, three-years-old, and Cody Joseph, 7 1/2 months on East Lincoln Avenue. Donna is also from Emmitsburg and works in Frederick for an eye doctor. As the boys get older we'll be able to do more together. If the weather is good this

Teen ————— From page 2 —————

ing life's not fair, they all have been here. But there was a bowling alley here and a lot of their friends liked playing baseball all day. Emmitsburg doesn't even have decent fields.

So next time you yell at a teen for being too loud late at night in the summer, maybe you should listen to me and do something for EVERYONE!!!!

*Becky Ott
Emmitsburg*

weekend we want to go to the Catoclin Zoo. I also like to take Colton fishing.

Dispatch: What are some of your hobbies?

Chris: Firefighting. I've been around it all my life and joined the Vigilant Hose Company when I was 18. I'm still very active. I love golfing and am in charge of the two golf tournaments held by the fire company each year, one in May and the other in October. I also like to play softball, but with two kids it's hard to find enough time. Something I can do with my older son is to go fishing, and I love to do that. I am a member of St. Joseph's Church, the Knights of Columbus, a social member of the VFW and the Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club.

Dispatch: Why did you want to be a commissioner?

Chris: I wanted to get involved to see how things worked. Guess you could say I was curious and I had some ideas and wanted to help the town. I've completed one year on the council and have learned a lot about politics. My main interest is the new water plant and providing activities for the children.

Dispatch: Do you see any problems for Emmitsburg?

Chris: I guess there will always be some problems. The streets and alley need upgrading. Even though we are getting a new water plant we have to look at the older lines. There's no point having all that water if the lines are old.

Dispatch: What would you like to see come to Emmitsburg?

Chris: We're getting some commercial growth and new housing which is good. I'd like to see Emmitsburg have a recreational center, including a bowling alley, where families can do things together. Right now there isn't much for the kids to do.

For more information about the Municipality of Emmitsburg visit it's website via emmitsburg.net

Celebrate Trees!



Photo courtesy Mrs. Carolyn Miller

Third grade students in Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Minoglio's class from Emmitsburg Elementary School celebrate Earth Day by planting Bradford Pear trees in Community Park. The project was supported by the town.

Vigilant Hose Company Fund Drive in progress

The Vigilant Hose Company (VHC) are in the process of conducting their annual Fund Drive. Residents of the Emmitsburg Community will be receiving letters from the fire department asking for your assistance.

Rosensteel Studios, of Emmitsburg, will provide, at no charge, a sitting at their studio and one 8 x 10 print to any donor of \$35.00 or more during this appeal.

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

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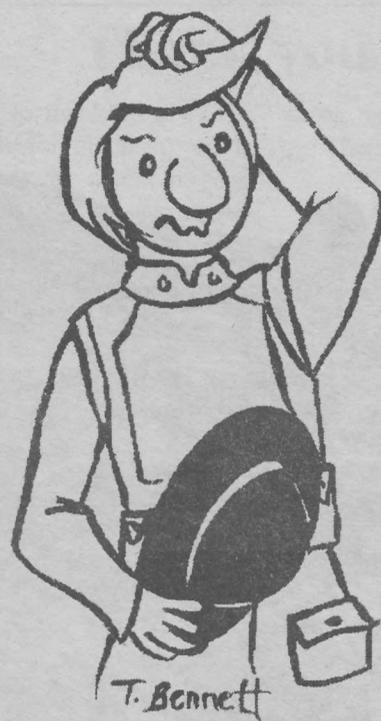
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May 13 - MD/PA Horse Show Circuit
May 19 - Walking/Racking Horse Show
June 10 - Hunter/Jumper Horse Show

Emmit ponders



-- hard to understand how a cemetery raised its burial rates and blamed it on the high cost of living.

Truth Be Told To Catch a Thief_{BY}

RUTH RICHARDS
Dispatch Writer

I once knew of a dog that collected milk bottles. Years ago a milkman delivered milk in glass bottles, door to door throughout the town, leaving a quart or two in the early morning as requested by the number of empty bottles left on the doorstep the night before.

John and Alice Payne had not gotten milk for a couple or more days, even though they had put out the empty bottles each evening. They complained to the milkman who told them there were no milk bottles when he got to

their house.

They, of course, concluded that someone was stealing the bottles, probably for the nickel or two that could be had at the grocery store for returned bottles. John Payne was determined to catch the milk bottle thief.

He enlisted the help of John Richards and Dom Greco, neighbors on either side of his house. John Payne put out the bottles about 11p.m. The three men positioned themselves to be ready when the thief appeared. They didn't have to wait long before they heard a "clink." Bottle gone.

With that clink a chase began. All three men ended up in the field behind the Payne's house. There they found a cache of about eight milk bottles, and standing over the cache guarding the bottles possessively, was a dog.

End of story. Whose dog was it?

I don't know.

Read more by Ruth on
emmitsburg.net/dispatch

Brush burning ordinance adopted

At their April 16 workshop, commissioners adopted an ordinance to permit the burning of wood and brush in town. The ordinance requires permits from Frederick County and from the town before burning. For the county permit, residents must apply in person at the Frederick County Health Department at 350 Montevue Lane in Frederick. For more information call 301-694-1717.

Residents are reminded that *there is no burning in the state from June 1 to August 31.*

Skateboard park closed temporarily

The skateboard park in Community Park has been closed indefinitely due to the deterioration of the wooden ramps. Mayor William Carr said, repairs must be made to meet insurance specifications and the town needs to establish adult supervision.

Commissioner Sweeney said he certainly wanted to see it opened soon because "we spent a lot of time and money getting it ready. We have to remove the old boards and replace them with new ones," he said, "and I will do it myself if we can't find anyone to help." Mr. Sweeney emphasized the need to have more adult participation to make the skateboard park a success.

Election

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Commenting on their re-election, Commissioner Sweeney, said he was glad that the people were pleased with the work he had been doing with the parks, and that he plans to continue to make improvements. Commissioner Boyle, who serves as president of the board of commissioners, said he was "elated" that he won and was anxious to get started on finishing the work he's begun. "There is much I can see that needs to be done three or five years down the road, especially the water system," he said.

David Vaughn, a newcomer to town politics, said he would like to thank all the citizens who voted for him and that maybe he would give it another "shot" next year.

The commissioners will be paid an annual salary of \$3,150.

Lions Chicken Barbeque

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Family Barbershop benefit dance

Emmitsburg Family Barbershop and Salon will hold their second annual benefit dance October 27th. Jamie and the staff are starting now on their fundraising activities.

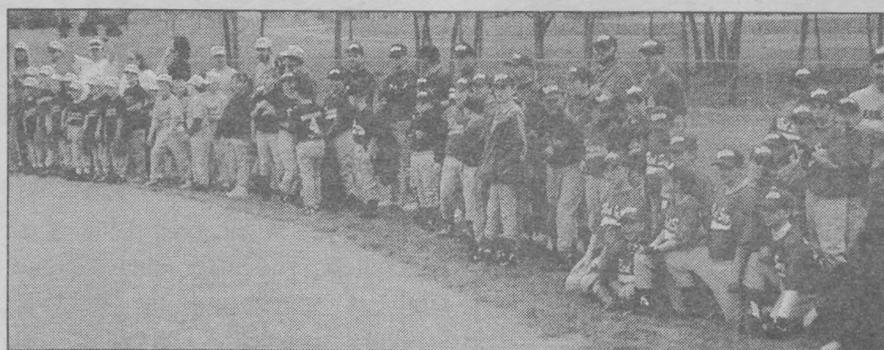
April 19 was the Gas Grill Raffle. May 19th - Yard Sale and Bake Sale and Grill Giveaway. June 16th-Second Raffle; TV, Playstation, etc. July 21st and 22nd - Craft Show and second Raffle Giveaway. July 23rd Emmitsburg Family Barbershop will be seeking donations for Dance Raffle August 2nd - Annual Benefit Dance Tickets go on Sale. October 27th second Annual Benefit Dance.

Emmitsburg Family Barbershop and Salon will start looking for crafters mid-June for the craft show that will be held July 21st and 22nd. For crafters who would like a table the cost is \$10. Proceeds will benefit Up-County Family Center, Emmitsburg Food Bank, and Locks for Love. Please come out and show your support for our community.

For more information please contact Emmitsburg Family Barbershop and Salon at 19 East Main Street or call 301-447-3660.



Opening Day



Kids, parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends flocked to the Little League fields for the opening day games of Emmitsburg Little League. Lisa Krom, president of LL, in opening ceremonies proclaimed: "...everybody here is important and has played an important part in making this day."

The stands were filled and the grounds buzzed with kids in states of

high expectation awaiting the upcoming games. Photos were snapped, uniforms adjusted (and cleaned from mustard drips), as the upgraded snack bar hummed.

Life was good on this chilly morning—hot dogs and baseball. And the Bird boogied, cavorted, and threw out the first pitch. A ball—miles wide of the plate—but never mind. It was a fun day of high spirits.

Main street grill clears air on operation

The Grill is not closing! We are, however, closing on Sundays and Mondays. We will be open from Tuesday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. The lounge will be open each night until midnight.

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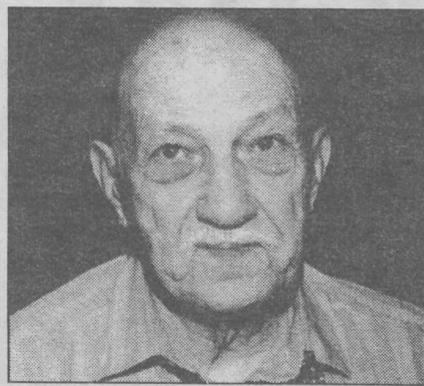
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St. Catherine's Employee of the Month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for March 2001 is Jack Eyler. Jack is employed at St. Catherine's through the Green Thumb program as the Laundry Coordinator. According to his co-workers Jack does his work without supervision. His duties consist of sorting, labeling, and putting laundered clothes in the resident's closets. He is very observant of the needs of the residents and makes every effort to obtain what they request. Jack helps out wherever he may be needed. He is a valuable part of the team and deserves to be recognized. Jack is



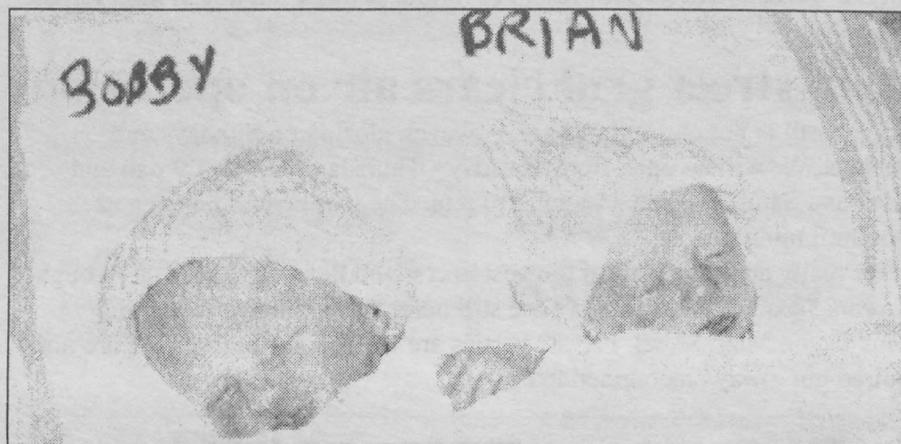
JACK EYLER

very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Jack.

Births

Congratulations to Teace and John Noel, of Emmitsburg, on the birth of a daughter on April 14.

Congratulations to Dana and Bob Hance on the birth of their twins Bobby and Brian on April 3.



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Adopt-a-Tree Well contest set

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Everyone is thinking about gardening. Grass is being cut, gardens are being tilled, and bedding plants are being set out.

Have you heard about the gardening contest? The Silver Fancy Garden Club is sponsoring the contest, "Adopt a Tree Well." The contest will run from Mother's Day through Labor Day 2001. Some tree wells have already been adopted, so please call the City Office at 301-447-2313 to designate your tree well as soon as possible.

A winning tree well would be a great way to advertise your club, organization, or business. Maybe, it could be a 4-H project. Anyone can adopt a tree well and show off their gardening expertise by turning an

empty plot of soil into a beautiful part of the landscape.

The tree wells will be admired and judged throughout the summer. Cash prizes will be awarded at the September meeting of the Silver Fancy Garden Club to the three gardeners who have maintained the most beautiful tree wells throughout the contest. A photo of the winning wells and their gardeners will appear in the paper.

Adopt a tree well while you still can. Show off your gardening skills, and help make Emmitsburg's Main Street a colorful, glorious garden. The tree wells, if any, that have not been selected for adoption will be planted by the Silver Fancy Garden Club on May 19, 2001. This date is approaching quickly. Please hurry and choose your tree well now so you do not miss the opportunity to participate in this community event.

Happy Gardening

Free seeds at library or food bank

Interested in starting your own garden? Pick up free seeds in the Emmitsburg Library or at the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

Bethel Lutheran Church of Frederick has asked Emmitsburg to help with the program "Partners in Stewardship" by distributing these seeds.

All you have to do is come pick them up and sign your name. This is only to keep track of how many people use these seeds. There will be no phone calls or use of these names later. The seeds are available now and for as long as they last.



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'Volunteers make a world of difference'



Nicole Copenhaver, center, received the Frederick County Volunteer Youth Award for her volunteer services at Up-County Family Center. With her are Up-County volunteers Charles "Bucky" Murdock and Jennifer Kwarta.

Photo courtesy of Up-County

UP-COUNTY STAFF REPORT

Up-County Family Center is an organization based on volunteers and people who are willing to take time out of their lives to provide others with some support. Volunteers are those who recognize that they have something to offer and they enjoy spending their time helping when needed.

Up-County has been fortunate enough to have many dedicated volunteers over the years, including students in the Frederick County district. We like to take time to show our appreciation as often as possible and to let our volunteers know how important they

are to our center. In recognition of National Volunteer Week we had nominated one of our dearest volunteers, Nicole Copenhaver, for the Frederick County Volunteer Youth Award. Nicole is the daughter of Tina Copenhaver of Emmitsburg, and John Long Jr. of Greenscastle, Pa.

We chose Nicole for her hard work and dedication. We also recognize the fact that she has gone above and beyond her requirements as a student by taking time outside of school to be a part of our team.

Nicole was selected for the award by the Frederick County Volunteer Advisory Board and was presented with the award on Tuesday, April 17, by the Frederick County Board of Commissioners. She was acknowledged for all of her contributions to the Frederick County community, and specifically her dedication to our center. We greatly appreciate Nicole as our volunteer and we want to thank all of our hard working volunteers who help make such a difference for our organization. *Read more about Up-County on emmitsburg.net*



BROWNIES -- On March 13, 2001, Brownie Troop #1079 presented Bill Derbyshire, Emmitsburg CASS Coordinator, with a donation of toiletries collected by all the Emmitsburg Girl Scout troops (Daisy troop #1758, Junior troop #1423 and Senior troop #1088). Daisy troop #1758 decorated the service project box that carried all the toiletries. In addition to the toiletries, Brownie Troop #1079 donated \$50.00 that they had earned from their fall product sale. Mr. Derbyshire spoke to the girls about CASS and how the program helps the community. He assured them that the items were greatly needed by some of the CASS clients and would be much appreciated.

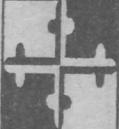
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Southwind studio offers 'Hollywood Lights'

Southwind Studios announces "Hollywood Lights," a style of portraits that allow clients to be photographed in a style that is reminiscent of the "Glamour Days" of Hollywood.

Duane Heaton, owner and photographer, has studied the lighting and styling of George Hurrell, Clarence St. Clair Bull and others that created the beautiful photos of Greta Garbo, Jane Russell, Rita Hayworth and other screen stars from past to present. Duane developed the style after attending a workshop given by a local photographer.

"Many people feel that they have to have the perfect body and face to have a beautiful portrait taken. Not so," claims Duane, a professional photographer for over 20 years. "Hollywood Lights" gives anyone the chance to create a portrait that reflects who they are, and not someone with a lot of make-up and wild clothing, stuff that they would never wear.

With the renewed interest in black and White Photography, and with the downturn of the "glamour photography" studios, he knows that it is a great time to go back and create portraits that were used to help promote the careers of many movie stars.

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thing about them, what excites them, what makes them happy and then create several ideas that we choose from." Duane says, "Pictures are *of* the person,; a portrait is *about* the person".

The portraits are shot in black and white, just as they were in the 1940's and '50's. They can be done anywhere, in the home, a special place, anywhere the subject wants. The session usually lasts from an hour to two hours depending how things go. The cost of the session is \$200. For that price, the client gets the sitting and a custom hand-printed 11 x 14.

Duane has operated Southwind Studios for 4 years in the Emmitsburg area. He shoots only portraits for his clients; his days of wedding photography are over. He has studied with many of the nation's renowned photographers. A studio also employs him from California, where he photographs debutante balls throughout the nation.

Lions' annual health fair

On March 31 the Emmitsburg Lions presented to Emmitsburg and its neighboring communities their 18th annual health fair, held as in previous years at Mother Seton School. This year's health fair was a huge success, largely in part by the generosity of volunteer individuals, medical professionals, the Gettysburg Hospital, businesses, organizations and agencies who graciously gave of their time and resources to serve our area's extended community. The collective effort of the Emmitsburg Lions Club members and 41 volunteers helped to serve 252 participants from Frederick, Carroll, Adams, Franklin, and York counties. With much appreciative feedback, these participants received various free medical screenings, free, informative presentations by health-minded agencies, organizations, and medical professionals, and low cost multiphasic and optional specific blood screenings conducted by the Gettysburg Hospital.

In continuing their long tradition of honoring the challenge made to them by Helen Keller, eye care is of the highest priority among the Lions Club's service projects, with particular emphasis on vision health and care for the blind. Highlights of this year's free screenings were the vision acuity, color perception and glaucoma examinations. Other free screenings offered were hearing, oral cancer, foot exams, grip strength, blood pressure, pulse, oxygen saturation, height and weight, and massage therapy. In addition to these free screenings,

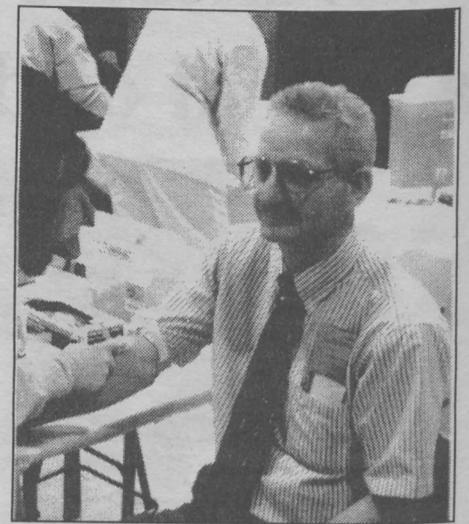


Photo by Amanda Hoover

Lion Jim Hahn has his blood pressure taken.

low-cost blood chemistry, a valuable tool in determining general health status, was made available. The Emmitsburg Lions consider themselves fortunate in having the opportunity to share these concerns with the Emmitsburg community and look forward to the success of next year's health fair tentatively scheduled for what has become an Emmitsburg tradition in late March or early April.

Those interested in joining the Emmitsburg Lions Club or in volunteering their help at next year's health fair are encouraged to visit the Emmitsburg Lions' web site at <http://www.emmitsburg.net/lions>, e-mail the club at

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Library Friends vote to buy videos

BY CARYL AUSTRIAN
Dispatch Writer

The Board of Friends of the Library, Emmitsburg Branch, has approved a donation of \$500 to the Emmitsburg Branch Library to purchase videotapes. The branch currently has a very limited inventory, consisting mostly of donations, so the Friends' gift will considerably expand what's available, Joan Fisher, chief librarian told the *Dispatch*. The library staff will select the new videos from the Frederick County Library System's approved list, she said.

Friends of the Library (FOL) is a countywide organization that meets monthly at the C. Burr Artz Main Library in Frederick. Several of the county's libraries — but not all — have their own FOL branch, like Emmitsburg's, which can act to support its local library independently of the centralized group.

The funds for the video donation were raised through FOL, Emmitsburg's annual plant sale and book sale in previous years. The annual plant sale this year is May 5, 9 a.m.-12 noon, at the community building where the library is located. (That building, including the library facility is scheduled for renovation to begin in the near future, with completion expected in 2003. The Emmitsburg branch will move to a temporary location, to be

"Books for International Goodwill," is a program sponsored by the Parole, Md., Rotary Club. Under their program, third world and other countries request certain types of books, such as textbooks, fiction, etc., through Rotary International.

announced, until the renovation is completed.)

At its recent meeting, FOL, Emmitsburg Branch, also decided to discontinue its annual book sale in favor of supplying books to "Books for International Goodwill," a program sponsored by the Parole, Md., Rotary Club (see related photo). Under their program, third world and other countries request certain types of books, such as textbooks, fiction, etc., through Rotary International. "Books for International Goodwill" is supported by several libraries and others throughout Maryland and elsewhere in the U.S.. The Parole program is operated by volunteers under the supervision of Steve Frantzich, a professor at the U.S. Naval Academy, and is housed in an unused building at Crownsville (Md.) State Hospital.

FOL, Emmitsburg will continue to collect books as before, so anyone with books to dispose of (except aging ency-



SENDING BOOKS ABROAD — Wendy Post explained "Books for International Goodwill," to members of the Friends of the Library, Emmitsburg Branch, at the Carriage House last month. Under the program sponsored by the Rotary Club of Parole, Md., book donations are collected at a warehouse near Annapolis, sorted, and packed and wrapped on pallets, ready to be shipped to foreign countries that request them. The Emmitsburg "Friends" urge you to sort through your shelves for any books you no longer need or want. *National Geographic* magazines are also greatly prized (no other periodicals, please). Bring them to the *Dispatch* office on South Seton Avenue. We will see that they are delivered to the warehouse in Annapolis. They will have a second life with schools and other organizations overseas, being used by people who will be thrilled to get them.

clopedias) or *National Geographic Magazine* (no other magazines, please), can deliver them to either the *Dispatch* office or Briggs Real Estate office on South Seton Avenue.

Officers of the Emmitsburg Friends of the Library are: Natalie Williams, President; Sheila Dorsey, Treasurer; and Caryl Austrian, Secretary. Other members of the board are: Ivanka

Antolin, Pat Howes Bell, Jean and Bo Cadle, Chata Carr, Bea Keilholtz, Brooke Little-McGee, Hope Malony, Dave Martin, Elizabeth Prongas, Annetta Rapp, Esther Robinson, Francis Smith, Kate Warthen and Sara Washburn. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. at the Library. If interested, feel free to attend the meetings.



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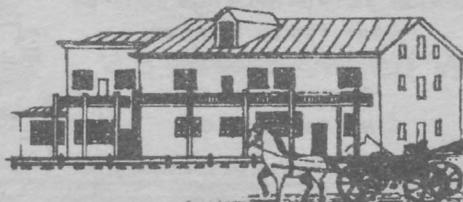
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The (Ret.) Ecologist's Corner

Of Fools, and Rain, and Easter under the Icky Tree

BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Writer

April, the month of fools and showers, has come and gone again. Perhaps it's a sign of advancing age, or maybe it was just because no grandchildren happened to be around at the time... but whatever the reason, I didn't get April Fooled this year. My wife made a half-hearted effort late in the day by stopping in mid-stride across the living room and asking in an accusing voice what I had spilled on my shirt, but I caught myself before I looked. It was a small victory, but I was proud of it. Then as I reflected on it, I was drawn back into one of history's quagmires, the origin of calendars.

As noted in this column last month, in ancient Rome the calendar was a mess. Some years had over 400 days, while others had fewer than 300, and if you had the money you could bribe local officials to set a particular holiday at a time that was propitious to your own horoscope. Julius Caesar put an end to that in 46 B.C., establishing January 1 as New Year's Day and mandating an orderly, if not quite perfect calendar within the Roman Empire; but many European countries kept their own traditions of starting the year around the time of the Vernal Equinox. In France, April 1 was the traditional New Year's Day until 1582, when Pope Gregory XIII instituted our present calendar; and even then many of the provincial folk either didn't hear about it or refused to accept it, and continued to hold their New Year's revels on April 1. More sophisticated citizens derided their rustic countrymen as April Fools. Eventually the January date became universally accepted; but in the meanwhile, April 1 as a festive date and opportunity for institutionalized tomfoolery seemed too good an idea to give up. So it was changed from New Year's to All Fool's Day; and it not only stuck but was exported, first to England and then to the American colonies. Mark Twain referred to it as the day when we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year. Personally, I think there would be good historical precedent for moving it to November 2.

T. S. Eliot called April the cruellest month, but he had it all wrong: after the meteorological mood swings of March, April is usually a benign and gentle time. It may have an occasional March-like windstorm or freeze, but its reputation for inclemency is unjustified: by

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and large, it's the real beginning of spring. The idea of April as the time of showers goes back at least to Geoffrey Chaucer; I don't suppose anyone gets through high school without memorizing the opening lines of the "Canterbury Tales." Several years ago when my class had its 45th reunion, the guy who had been the class clown spontaneously greeted Miss Potesta, our English teacher, with "Whan that Aprille with his shoures sote, the droghte of Marche hath perced to the rote...." Chaucer may have been right about the weather in 14th century England, but he missed the mark for Emmitsburg. We did have our share of showers this year, but Mrs. Beale, who has kept the official records in this area since 1957, tells me the wettest month in these parts is not April. During the century from 1900 to 2000, the average rainfall for the state of Maryland in April was 3.96 inches; August, incredibly, had an average of 4.43 inches.

I think April may be my favorite month. It's a time when you have the chance to appreciate little things. Before the grass gets started, my yard is covered with tiny flowers: Veronicas, with 1/4-inch blossoms half white and half pure sky blue, chickweeds with ten

minute white slashes for petals, and miniature forests of henbit with intricate pink and maroon flowers that rival orchids in complexity. Day and night, the air is full of the sound of spring peepers, tiny frogs with ventriloquistic powers. Chipping sparrows, field sparrows, phoebes and tree swallows were all back from the south before the month was half gone; house wrens, barn swallows and chimney swifts were here before it was over. The flower beds erupted with daffodils and tulips, just as my grandmother's did in my earliest Easter memories. And then there were the trees.

We built our new house in 1989, and planted a mixture of ornamental trees around it. In one case we made the same mistake as the town: we planted three Bradford Pears, not knowing that their attractive white blossoms were designed to be pollinated by flies and hence produce an aroma like rotten meat. We fared better with the others, flowering plums that bracket the house with clouds of pink, and most spectacular of all, a weeping cherry that my grandchildren call the Icky tree. There's a story behind the name—long in time, if not in the telling.

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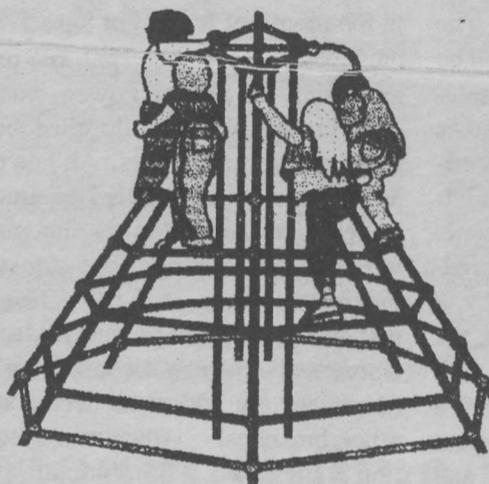
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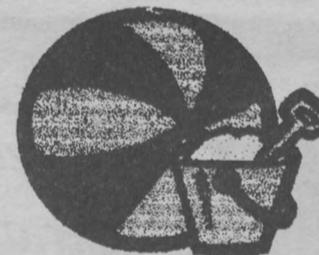
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Library Events

BY SUE CARDELLA
Children's Librarian

Our adult tea, which took place on April 5 in honor of National Library Week, was an absolutely wonderful event. Approximately sixty people attended the event, which was sponsored by our Emmitsburg Friends of the Library. Among those in attendance were representatives from the FCPL Board and Friends of the Library from throughout the county. We thank everyone whose efforts made the event such a success. The theme was a welcome to spring. The tables were draped with vintage tablecloths and topped by fresh flowers from local gardens. The featured artwork of Rose Keepers- flower paintings- seemed wholly appropriate. The food was homemade and incredible, and was complemented by a variety of exotic teas. Of course, the food was elegantly presented with beautiful cups, saucers, and silver tea service. The afternoon was spent sampling the goodies and teas and enjoying good conversation. Again, we thank our Friends of the Library for this event.

Our penny theater, in which we performed Comet's Nine Lives by Jan Brett, was enjoyed by families at two libraries, both Emmitsburg and

Thurmont. Barb Dodson, children's librarian at Thurmont, and I collaborated on the project. It was the first time either of us had attempted this form of miniature puppetry, but will probably not be the last. For those who attended, the voice you heard was Barb's. She has a beautiful and very expressive voice, and I would like to thank Barb for her contributions to the success of our penny theater.

Of course, we have fantastic events planned for children and adults in the month of May. For ages 5-12, on Monday, May 7 at 7pm, the program will be Flower Power, stories and crafts with a floral focus. Registration is suggested. And on the Monday the 14th, Phyllis Heuerman, a Frederick County Master Gardener, will present Spring Care for the Perennial Garden at 7 pm. This is part of the Frederick County Master Gardeners' Spring Lecture Series (there are six additional lectures at other branches). Advance registration is suggested. For information, or to register, call us at 301-447-2682.

***On the morning of May 5 from 9-12, we will have our annual plant sale in front of the library. Choose from annuals, perennials, ornamental trees, and tomato plants. We hope to see you there.

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BY LINDA STULTZ
Certified Fitness Trainer

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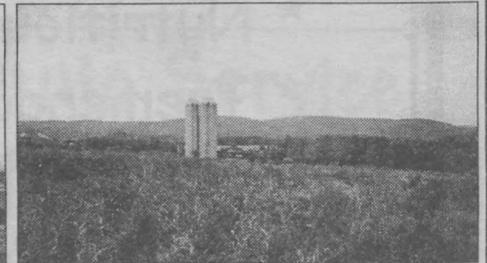
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Memory Walk to honor Michael, Douglas Wivell

BY MARION LEE
Dispatch Writer

A three-mile walk will take place in the Thurmont Community Park on Saturday, June 2, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This Walk has been organized by Mary Van Buren, who was the subject of an article which appeared in the March 2001 issue of the *Dispatch*. The story concerned Mary's participation in a charity marathon for the Leukemia Society. Now, she's at it again; only this time, Mary is coordinating an event for a very special friend, Bernard "Bun" Wivell.

Bun Wivell is a man well known and respected in this region. After the tragic loss of his son, Douglas, who was killed in a kayak accident last year, Mary was filled with a deep desire to do something for Bun and his family. Only a parent who has suffered the loss of a child can understand such agony, but for Bun the unthinkable had happened. Twenty years earlier, Bun had lost his son, Michael, in an automobile accident. Both boys had excelled in athletics and each possessed a passion for nature and all things outdoors. Michael was an outstanding baseball player. In fact, he went on to receive a scholarship for his ability. The family

even entertained the idea that one day Michael would become a professional ball player. Doug was a wrestler and a football player at Catocin High School. He also had a soft spot in his heart for animals of all kinds and often brought home strays. The Rocky Ridge Fire Department fondly remembers the famous annual Turtle Races that Doug organized. Word soon spread and people from all over would come to watch.

The idea of initiating a Walk, an outdoor activity, seemed like such an appropriate way to celebrate the lives of Michael and Douglas. Mary approached Bun for approval and once he agreed, she was surprised and touched by the kindness of so many good people. Everyone she contacted wanted to help in some way. Location was a priority and Mary sought the help of the Thurmont Borough Council to obtain permission to stage the Walk from the Thurmont Community Park. Not only did the Council grant a permit but one Commissioner personally covered the cost of one of the pavilions. Another gentleman insisted on paying for the second pavilion. In addition, several local businesses have lent their support. Among them are the Shamrock Restaurant, the Cozy Restaurant, Frederick Fence Company

(where Doug used to work), and St. Catherine's Nursing Home here in Emmitsburg.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Memory Walk is welcome. You will need to fill out a registration form. The cost is \$10.00 and the forms may be obtained by calling Mary Van Buren at 301-447-7023, or Wayne Hooper at 301-271-3256, or you can contact the Thurmont Town Office at 301-271-7313. Each applicant will receive a commemorative T-shirt imprinted with the names of Michael and Douglas along with the date of the event. All proceeds will go to the Michael and Douglas Wivell Memorial Fund being set up at Catocin High School to assist student athletes who would like to attend college.

If anyone would like to make a personal contribution to the fund, you can send a check made payable to Michael and Douglas Wivell Memorial Fund. Send your donations to Ms. Mary Van Buren, St. Catherine's Nursing Home, 331 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

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Employee of the Month



President Houston congratulates Mary Newton, center. Staff member Deborah Gonyea looks on.

Mary Newton was nominated for the employee of the month. Mary serves as the secretary for both the graduate and undergraduate programs in Education Department. Her easy-going and cheerful manner reminds the department how to catch their breaths, slow down, and put things in perspective. Mary is truly committed

(See MSM employee on page 17)

Mount Riding Club holds first awards banquet

BY ROSS PEDDICORD

George Houston, president of Mount St. Mary's College, hosted the first awards dinner for the Mount's Intercollegiate Equestrian Team at his home on April 22.

Honored guests were Joe DeFrancis, CEO of Pimlico & Laurel racetracks, and his sister, Karin DeFrancis, Vice President of Marketing for the tracks. The evening featured a special screening of Karin DeFrancis' award-winning film, "The Preakness: An American Classic."

About 100 people attended the

party. Clarice Dionot, of North Potomac, Md., was voted "Rider of the Year" by her teammates; Amy King of Frederick was voted "Teammate of the Year"; and Rebecca Haynie of Brookeville, Md. was named by coach Ann Corcoran as "Most Improved Rider."

The Mount has had a riding team for three years and competes in an intercollegiate Equestrian League against 12 other Maryland and Virginia colleges. The students ride at Breezy Hill Farm on Keysville Rd. near Emmitsburg.



MOUNT ST. MARY'S RIDING CLUB AWARDS DINNER -- From left to right: Joe DeFrancis, CEO, Pimlico & Laurel racetracks; Mount riding president, Rebecca Haynie; Mount riding students Beth Pont, Danielle Shepherd, Amy King, Amanda Dusky, Mary Bast, Lauren Maruskin, Scott Gibson & Clarice Dionot; Karin DeFrancis, VP Marketing, Pimlico & Laurel racetracks; George Houston, President Mount St. Mary's.

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Rocky Ridge News

BY EMMA KEENEY
Dispatch Writer

Happy May birthday wishes to Dale Sharrer, Dale Shields, Eleanor Ohler, Jerry Martin, Rosie Stambaugh, Charles Keeney Sr., George Moser, Amy (Burrier) Saunders, Robert (Bob) Peomroy, Josh Ballew, Ben Sanders, Wesley Burrier, and Patsy Wetzel.

Happy Anniversary wishes to Ronald and Diane Hahn, David and Michelle Dinterman, Bill and Regina Dinterman, Charles and Emma Keeney.

On March 18, Pastor Ted showed some of the beautiful slides that Norine

took of their trips to Japan. Norine had a table where she had things that were given to her. She said everywhere she went the Japanese people gave her gifts. It was a very enjoyable evening with Pastor Ted explaining the slides. Thanks to Pastor Ted and Norine for sharing this special evening with us.

The annual family night will be held on Wed., May 9, at 6 p.m. The theme is "Hats." Admission is \$2. Wear a hat. There will be prizes for the most creative, the prettiest, and the most ornamental. Bring a dish—chicken will be provided. Children under 6 are free, but must wear a hat. The entertainment will

be by both 2- and 4-legged friends from the Catocin Zoo. Come and enjoy. Please see Carolyn Keilholtz, Vivian Martin, Burneda Russell, Pauline Duble, or Pat Haines to sign up to attend.

Church fund raiser: Cheesecakes for Mothers' Day. For more information call Michael Smith 410-756-4252 or Rosie Stambaugh 301-271-2648.

The Mt. Tabor Cemetery Board asks that you please do not plant any flowers or place any arrangements on the ground around the stones. If anyone would like to donate to the upkeep or mowing expenses you may send it to: Mt. Tabor Cemetery, c/o Franklin Stambaugh, 9901 Longs Mill Road, Rocky Ridge MD 21778.

group searched for seven dozen candy-filled eggs as well as a Lucky Egg. Winners with the most eggs received a rabbit figurine and those finding the Lucky Eggs received \$2 and a chocolate rabbit.

The winners were: Ages 0-2: Chelsea Dinterman (lucky egg); Will Smith (most eggs); Ages 3-4: Kelly Kaas (lucky egg), Cory Reed (most eggs); Ages 5-7: Alex Rippeon (lucky egg), Kurt Keilholtz (most eggs); Ages 8-10: Carrie Gelwick (lucky egg), R.J. Smith (most eggs); Ages 11-12: Bradley Wiles (lucky egg), Randy Gelwicks (most eggs). For more visit emmitsburg.net/dispatch



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Egg Hunt

On April 14, the sun was shining brightly and a gentle breeze blew as 30 children from Rocky Ridge and surrounding communities participated in the Mt. Tabor Youth Fellowship Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The event was held at the Mt. Tabor Lutheran/UCC Church in Rocky Ridge, Maryland. The children were divided into five age groups. Each

Church of the Brethren News

BY PATSY FREE
Dispatch Writer

Happy birthday wishes to Lori Eichelberger, 5/1; Alice Eyler, 5/3; Nancy Anders, 5/9; Pauline Duble, 5/3; and Erin Hobbs, 5/24.

Happy anniversary to Forrest and Jean Knipple, and Bernie and Dawn Hobbs.

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Obituaries

Sister Amelia Bell, DC

A Mass of Christian burial for Sister Amelia Bell, DC, educator, was offered at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 5, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. Sister Amelia, who was 83, died of congestive heart failure Tuesday, April 3, at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg.

Born in Norfolk, Va., Sister Amelia entered the Daughters of Charity in 1935. She began her 54-year ministry in education as an elementary teacher at St. John's School, Baltimore. She also taught elementary grades at St. John's Girls' School in Baltimore; St. Ann's School, Bridgeport, Conn., and mathematics at Bishop England High School in Charleston, S.C.

In the ensuing years, Sister Amelia was principal and local superior at St. Peter's Cathedral, Wilmington; Holy Cross Regional School, Lynchburg; St. Joseph School, Martinsburg; St. Joseph High School, Emmitsburg. Sister also taught English at Cardinal McCloskey High School, Albany, and Elizabeth Seton High School, Bladensburg. During the years 1976-1980, Sister Amelia taught English at Immaculate Conception Academy, Washington, D.C. In 1981 she was appointed guidance counselor and subsequently served four years at Immaculate Conception Academy; two years at All Saints High School, Washington, D.C., and four years at St. Patrick School in Richmond.

Sister's assignments also included a brief appointment in pastoral care at sacred Heart Hospital, Cumberland, and as coordinator of CCD at St. Martin Parish in Baltimore.

In 1991 she was assigned to the staff of Villa St. Michael and remained there until last year when, due to failing health, she retired from active duty.

Sister Amelia is survived by three sisters: Ann Bishton, Norfolk; Nancy Bramble, Mechanicsburg; Peggy Seagrave, Downingtown, Pa.; a broth-

er, Patrick Vincent Bell, Ashland, Ky; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of Charity Support Fund for the Elderly and Infirm Sisters, 333 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Hilda M. Gullo

Hilda M. Gullo, 88, of 1301 Nottingham Road, Jamesville, formerly of 561 Main St., Oneida, New York, died Thursday at home.

Born in Emmitsburg Md., she moved to Oneida in 1945 and to Jamesville in 1994. She graduated from St. Joseph's College High School, Emmitsburg. She and her husband owned Dell's Economy Drug Store, Oneida, for 35 years. She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church, Oneida, a member of the Altar and Rosary Society, a charter member and past president of Women of the Rotary and a Goodyear member of Court of Our Lady Chapter 1250-Catholic Daughters of America.

Her husband, Joseph G., died in 1980.

Survivors: Three sons, Dr. John J. of Syracuse, Paul "Jay" of Cazenovia and Michael of Jamesville; a brother, Vincent Topper of Harrisburg, Pa., two sisters, Leota Topper and Mary Theresa Topper, both of Frederick, Md.; three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Daughters of America, Court of Our Lady Chapter 1250, in care of Mary Jo Nixdorf, treasurer, 15 W. Second St., Oneida Castle 13421.

Dr. Gilbert L. Oddo

Dr. Gilbert L. Oddo, former professor of history and political science at Mount St. Mary's College and St. Joseph's College, died on March 20th at the age of 79. The cause of death was complications from Alzheimer's dis-

ease, according to his son David Oddo. "My father loved teaching and he loved children," said his son David. "When I was growing up [on West Main Street], my father used to organize games for all the children in the neighborhood." Dr. Oddo taught political science and history from 1953 to 1960 at Mount St. Mary's College. From 1960 to 1965, he served as chairman of the social studies department at St. Joseph's College. Dr. Oddo also taught full time at the University of San Diego (California) from 1966 until 1992. Born in Bronx, N.Y., Dr. Oddo grew up in Ramsey, N.J., where he lettered in three sports and served as senior class president. During World War II, he served with the Navy as an aerographer's mate second class in the Pacific and in China. Survivors include his wife, Marian; Kris Ochoa-Keane of San Diego and Cathy Cornick of San Jose del Cabo, Mexico; sons, David, James and Stephen, all of San Diego; and eight grandchildren."

Mary Rohrbaugh

Mrs. Mary Margaret Brawner Rohrbaugh, 74, of Mountain View Road, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, April 21, at Green Acres Rehabilitation Center, Gettysburg, Pa.

She was the wife of Kenneth Roswell Rohrbaugh, her husband of 34 years, who died April 24, 1982.

Born April 11, 1927, in Emmitsburg, where she was a life-long resident, she was a daughter of the late William M. and Alice Adelsberger Brawner.

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

She had worked at Freeman Shoe Co., Emmitsburg, and the Fairfield Shoe Co.

Surviving are five children, Donald Rohrbaugh of Fairfield, Pa., Roy Rohrbaugh of Cascade, Cheryl Rohrbaugh of Hanover, Pa., Jay

Rohrbaugh of Lusby, and W Ross Rohrbaugh of Emmitsburg; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Isabell Swezey of Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Rohrbaugh was preceded in death by three brothers, Franklin, Richard, and Roy Brawner; three sisters, Ida Humerick, Ethel Miller and Helen Warren; and one grandson, Michael Allen Rohrbaugh.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 25, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with Mrs. Rohrbaugh's pastor, the Rev. James O. Kiernan, as the celebrant.

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

Roy Stonesifer

Mr. Roy Meade Stonesifer, 90, of Chicago, Ill., died Sunday, April 8, at his daughter's residence, 228 Shenstone Drive, Riverside, Ill.

He was the husband of the late Bernice Pasco Stonesifer.

Born April 18, 1910, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Mahlon and Annie Fuss Stonesifer.

Mr. Stonesifer moved to Chicago in 1929 and worked for the American Can Co. for 42 years. He loved hunting, fishing, and returning to Emmitsburg and Thurmont to visit relatives.

He was a member of St. Symphorosa Church and St. Symphorosa Supper Club.

He was the last member of the Stonesifer family.

Surviving are one daughter, Cecilia Straka and husband Edward; four (See STONESIFER on Page 17)

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BY VAL MENTZER

Dispatch Writer

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Many thanks to the MSS HSA for providing this cultural event for our students.

Taneytown American Legion sponsors summer camp this July

The American Legion Western Maryland district has operated a boys' camp in the Catoctin Mountains near Smithsburg since about 1955. American Legion posts throughout the Western Maryland district send boys ages 9 to 12 years old there to camp for two weeks at the expense of the legion post that sends them. This year's camp will be held from July 22 to August 3.

In the encampment, each cabin has one adult senior counselor and one or two junior counselors who are with the campers at all times. The campers keep a regular schedule: they get up at 6.30 a.m. and, take care of their personal hygiene. Then they form at the mess hall or kitchen and put up the flag and say the pledge of allegiance. After

breakfast they clean their cabin and begin classes, including archery, fishing, swimming, soft ball, rifle, horse shoes.

Extra activities include a visit from Baltimore city police and their drug dogs with a presentation about drug abuse. A forest ranger teaches about wild life. Movies are shown in the evening before lights out. Other exciting events are a visit from the army with the army helicopter and visits by the campers to a Frederick Keys game to Hershey Park.

If you live in the Taneytown area and have sons 9 to 12 years old who would like to go to summer camp, call Godfrey or Florence Miller (410) 751-1685.

Catoctin to sponsor golf tournament

The Catoctin High School Class of 1981 is sponsoring a golf tournament to be held on Friday, May 18, 2001, at the Glade Valley Golf Course in Walkersville, Md. The tournament starts at noon and is open to the public. Tickets are \$60 per person until May 4, 2001, after which they will increase to \$70 per person. The tournament will be a 4-man best-ball format. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top 3 foursomes, as well as longest drive and closest to the pin. All Par 3 holes will have prizes for the first Hole-in-One including \$10,000 cash, TV, golf clubs, and a trip. There will also be a putting contest and a short iron contest. Please sign up at www.catoctin1981.com, or contact Mark Williard at 301-898-5012/mwilliard@earthlink.net.



David Geyer and another member of ImagiMime flank 7th graders Danielle Ott, left, and Caitlin Ott. Photo courtesy Val Mentzer

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St. Anthony/OLMC News

BY ANN MARSHALL
Dispatch Writer

Vacation Bible School will be the last week in June. A planning meeting has been held. If you can help—and volunteers are very much needed—please call the Religious Education office (301 271 4099) to learn about the many jobs that need to be filled. There's something for everyone to do and a good feeling afterwards that you have helped our children

grow strong in their faith.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church each Monday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Care for the Sick is everyone's Christian responsibility. Please call the Parish Office when a parishioner is in the hospital or is unable to attend Church and wishes to receive Holy Communion at

home.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will hereafter be held at each parish on alternate Saturdays from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. In May, for example, it will be at St. Anthony Shrine on the 5th and 19st; at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on the 12th and 26th.

The Poor Box Donations from Palm Sunday amounted to \$334 and have been sent to Catholic Relief Services to pro-

vide immediate food assistance to the Sudanese people. They are displaced and hungry because of recent fighting in their area. They need our prayers.

Operation Rice Bowl, our Lenten project of sacrifice and self-denial, produced \$630 to benefit the poor and hungry both overseas through Catholic Relief Services and here in our back yard through local charities.

The Last Practice for First Communion will be held on Friday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. at St Anthony Shrine. Please bring items to be blessed by Father at this time.

The Religious Education Office will celebrate the ending of the 2000-01 instructional year on Sunday, May 20, with Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by a picnic. This is especially for youth in grades K-8 but it is a family affair and the families of anyone and everyone involved with the religious education program are cordially invited and urged to attend. For details call 301 271 4099.

BIG Yard Sale/Bake Sale coming up on July 27-28. This is a major fundraiser for our parish. Please start collecting your white elephants and other donations now.

Congratulations from St. Anthony's Parish to John Paul Sutton who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on April 22, 2001. John Paul is the son of Michael and Mishelle Sutton.

Congratulations and a Warm Welcome to the ten adults who completed their preparation time and were received into the Catholic Church as full participants on April 14, 2001.

MSM employee

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to the college and our students. Mary's nominations came from Judy Johnstone, Lia Monahan, Jack Campbell and Barbara Palmer. The Staff Affairs Committee awards the staff employee of the month.

Mary Newton received a rose provided by *Flowers For You*, and a gift certificate provided by the *Carriage House Inn*.

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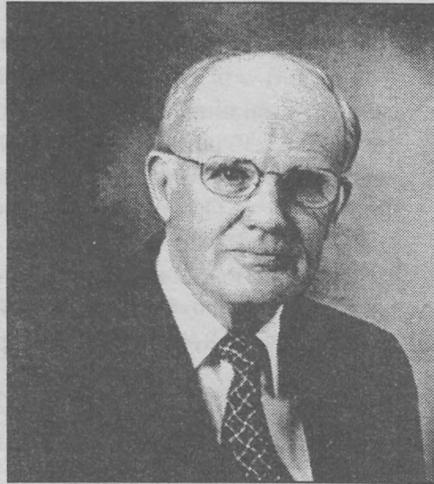
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Trinity to hold revival *Quilters*

Trinity United Methodist Church on 313 West Main Street in Emmitsburg, Maryland, will be hosting a revival on May 6, 7, & 8 featuring guest speaker, Rev. Martin A. Case. Rev. Case will be traveling from Oxford, Mississippi, to Emmitsburg to lead the revival.

The Emmitsburg area is no stranger to Rev. Case as he was the minister for the Thurmont charge which included Trinity United Methodist Church from 1962-1966. He was the first pastor to live in the Methodist parsonage that was located in Emmit Gardens.

The revival services will begin with the 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 6th. Then there will be evening services that will begin at 7:30 p.m. on May 6, May 7, and May 8th. Special music will also be a part of these services and refreshments will be served



REV. MARTIN A. CASE

after the last service on May 8th.

It is a real privilege to have Rev. Case in our area and all are welcome to attend! We would love to have our church services filled to Standing Room Only. For more information, please call 301-447-3766.

Stonesifer

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grandchildren, Lisa Simo and husband Mark; Renee Lebegue and husband John, Mark Straka; and Michael Straka and wife Jennifer; four great-grandchildren, Spencer Lebegue, Jason Straka, Ryan Simo, and Brenden Straka.

Mr. Stonesifer was preceded in death by one son, Donald Juskiewicz; six sisters, Emma Bollinger, Annie McNair, Carrie Stonesifer, Helen Myers, Marian Eyler and Ruth Copenhaver; and four brothers, Robert, Leonard, Edgar and Carroll Stonesifer.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 11, at Central Funeral Chapel of Chicago and St. Symphorosa Church.

Bearers were Rodman Myers, Dallas McNair, Allen Bollinger, Mark Simo, Michael Straka, Mark Straka, John Lebegue, and Gary Hocksprung. Interment was in Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS
Dispatch Writer

I was born in the first quarter of the 20th Century. I grew up in the "Do" years—do with what you have; do over (recycle); or do without. My home was large, well-kept and furnished in the vogue of the age. My education extended beyond high school.

Now in the first quarter of the 21st century, I am still following the ruts of old habits. I'm still "doing" with what I have; doing without; and doing over (recycling with quilts). In addition I am computer illiterate, and electronic games are gibberish to me.

A mouse is no longer just a rodent; a ROM is not a gypsy, and a menu is not what you choose from to eat. And quilts are no longer covers. My own quilt illiteracy became apparent when I attended the 14 Annual Quilters' Heritage Celebration at the Host Resort and Convention Center in Lancaster, Pa., on March 17 this year.

In this show, there were some traditional quilts—such as a large display of Crazy Patch quilts. There were Baltimore Album, Double Wedding Rig, and Nine Patch. One could also find traditional appliqué in bed-sized quilts and small wall hangings and a large number of paper-pieced items.

One group of quilts grabbed your attention with bright and brisk red, white, and blue blocks—all done in remembrance of the bombing of the

U.S.S. Cole. Sandy Guilbeaux of Stewartstown, Pa., the mother of a sailor, was so moved when she heard news of the Cole tragedy, that she vowed to make small wall hangings. Sandy had to ask for help and the York, Pennsylvania, Quilt Guild came to her aid. Quilts were given to the families of the 17 sailors who died and the blocks continue to arrive so each injured sailor's family will receive a quilt.

The Cole quilts were more traditional in patterns, but then, there were the other displays! Instead of quilts, these were fabric art done in the style of quilts. A few of the items looked almost like quilts, but carried names such as "Rain Forest," "The Purple Sprout," "Bee Grateful," and "Elvis, the King." We must also mention "Yo, Grandma," "Miracle Grow," and "Thinking out of the Box."

The trend for artistic expression in fabric was encouraged by Nancy Crow, Françoise Barnes, and Virginia Randles. They secured a dilapidated barn; got it on the National Register of Historic Places; and remodeled the barn to suit community activities. It is now the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center and was the birthplace of Quilt National Competition—fabric arts and quilts, emphasizing artistic expression. The Barn is near Athens, Ohio, and not far from the Bob Evans Farm museum which holds a quilt show each summer. Read other quilting articles on emmitsburg.net/dispatch

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Clinic Hours: Thurs, May 3, 8:30 a.m. - noon; Thurs, May 17, 8:30 a.m. - noon; Thurs., May 31, 8:30 a.m. - noon

Thurmont

Clinic Location:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church Parish Hall

103 North Church Street

Appointment: 301-694-3733

Clinic Hours: Thurs, May 3, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Thurs., May 17, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Thurs., May 31, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Gettysburg

Clinic Location; Gettysburg College -Musselman Stadium

West Lincoln Avenue

Appointment: (717)-337-6469

Clinic Hours: Thurs., May 10, 9

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Emmitsburg Family Barbershop and Salon is holding a fundraiser for the 2nd Annual benefit dance. These proceeds will be donated to the Emmitsburg Community.

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Saturday, May 5

Annual yard and bake sale sponsored by the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens, will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This sale will be held in the Senior Citizens Center on South Seton Avenue. Food will be available as well as baked goods, and white elephant goodies. There is something for everyone. Come and enjoy the day with us.

Saturday, May 5

Plant and Garden Sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Emmitsburg Library, will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the Community Building, 300 South Seton Ave. Proceeds to benefit our library. Indoor and outdoor plants: trees, cuttings, seedlings, and garden accessories. For further information call Annetta, 301-447-2992.

Sunday, May 6

Basket Bingo at the Rocky Ridge Fire Company, Tickets \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. Doors open at 12 noon and games begin at 1:30 p.m. For tickets call Bonnie Hurley 301-271-3370 or Nancy Summers 301-271-4409.

Thursday, May 10

Thurmont Mom's Club. Meet with other stay-at-home moms the 2nd Thursday of each month for support, playgroups, and interesting activities. 10:00 a.m. Graceham Moravian Church, 8231-A Rocky Ridge Road (Rt. 77), Thurmont. For details call 301-271-3337.

Saturday, May 12

Wood Craft Sale: 8520 Hemler Road, Thurmont, Md., 8:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. Rain or shine.

Sunday, May 13

Thurmont Riding Club's MD/PA Circuit Open Horse Show. The show will be held at the club grounds on Roddy Road, Thurmont, MD, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. Included are classes for halter, english, western, minis and gaming. Generous percentage paybacks, ribbons and trophies for hi point division champions and reserve champions. All points earned at this show will count

towards MPHSC year-end awards. FMI: 717-762-1032.

Tuesday May 15th

Our speaker for the EBPA luncheon meeting in May will be Tim Magrath, Western Maryland representative for United States Senator Paul Sarbanes. The meeting is held at the Carriage House at 11:30 AM. Reservations requested but not required.

Saturday, May 19

St. Joseph's High School 50th Reunion Mass at the Grotto Chapel at 4:00 p.m. All former students and friends welcome.

Saturday, May 19

The Thurmont Riding Club will hold a Walking/Racking Horse Show on May 19, 2001. The show will be held at the club grounds on Roddy Road, Thurmont, Md., and will begin at 10:00 a.m. Ribbons and trophies for division champions and reserve champions will be presented. This show is pointed for year-end awards with the Plantation Walking Horses of Maryland and includes 2- and 3-gait classes, plantation, western, lite shod, all day pleasure, racking, and a youth division. FMI: 717-762-1032.

Sunday, May 20

A good old country breakfast will be held at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Road, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The menu includes pancakes, buck wheat cakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding & hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples, fruit cocktail, orange juice, and coffee. Adults \$5.00; Children, ages 8 to 12, \$3.50. For information call Godfrey Miller at 410-751-1685.

Wednesday, May 30

Evening card party sponsored by the Emmitsburg Senior Citizens will be held at the Senior Center, 300 South Seton Ave. 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 will open at 5:30 p.m. For information call 301-447-6253 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Ambulance open house May 5

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company will be having an E.M.S. (Emergency Medical Services) Day open house on May 5, 2001, from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for all community listening and receiving areas. The open house will take place at the Ambulance Company building, 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg.

Some major highlights will consist of the following for the day: 11 a.m. Opening Ceremony, 11:30 Drug Awareness play, 12 noon History of E.M.S. (from the Civil War), 1 p.m. E.M.S. Relay Race, and at 3:30p.m. a Mock Vehicle Accident. Other activities include a Community Poster Contest (theme: Caring for the Community) and the Civil Air Patrol.

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Up-County services are available FREE to expectant families or families parenting a child up to the child's 4th birthday. Up-County serves families of all economic levels and circumstances. Up-County offers various daily activities.

There is also a Mom's Club; employment & computer literacy support; Microsoft computer class; intro to computers; education on computers by appointment; family dinners; education (ABE/GED), flex high, home teaching).

Tuesday, May 1 - May Pole Dance

Wednesday, May 2 - Make a Mother's Day Card; 6:30 TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly.)

Monday, May 7, Make lady bugs

Wednesday, May 16 - Presentation about lead poisoning (presented by the Frederick County Health Department, open to the community; 5:30-6:15; Community Dinner (no charge); 6:30 TOPS meeting

Monday, May 21 - I am special!

Wednesday, May 23 - 9:30 Baltimore Zoo; 6:30 p.m.; TOPS meeting.

Wednesday, May 30 - Patriotic Parade; 5:30 - 6:15; Community Dinner (no charge); 6:30 TOPS meeting

Please call 301-447-2810 or stop in the center for more information, a calendar or to sign up for an event.

Deadline for Morningstar Memorial Scholarship

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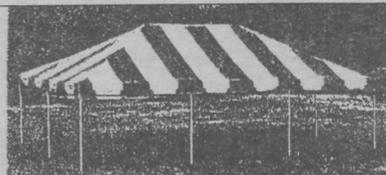
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