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## Archdiocese takes closer look at alleged apparitions



Photo by Raymond Buchheister  
**CARDINAL WILLIAM H. KEELER,**  
ARCHBISHOP OF BALTIMORE

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER  
*Dispatch Writer*

On Monday, June 11, 2001, a commission of three Catholic priest experts began work to investigate the alleged supernatural experiences of Mrs. Gianna Talone-Sullivan, according to a statement made by the Archdiocese of Baltimore in response to an inquiry by the *Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch*.

The commission was formed at the request of Cardinal William H. Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore and met June 11 through 13, 2001, at Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. According to Raymond Kempisty, Director of Communications for the Archdiocese, "the names of the priest experts are not being released at this time."

In the initial three-day session sev-

eral witnesses were questioned, including Sullivan herself. When Kempisty was asked if the commission was related to the Sullivans' private audience with the Holy Father Pope John Paul II this past October 13th, he said, "the investigation is not being done at the Vatican's request."

According to the statement, results of the inquiry and recommendations of the commission will be reported to Cardinal Keeler. No timetable has been established for the completion of this report.

In a statement that was promulgated through an extensive e-mail network, Michael Sullivan concurred with the information that was released and said, "I invite the faithful to join Gianna and me in a period of prayer and fasting during this important time of discernment."

## Vacation Bible School "Beach Trek" announced

BY JOHANNA SCHMERSAL

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches is proud to announce its 2001 Vacation Bible School: Beach Trek: A Vacation Bible Experience. This exciting vacation Bible experience is a program offered by the Council of Churches, from Sunday, August 5 through Friday, August 10, at Elias Lutheran Church, running each day from 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m..

Get ready for a splash of summertime excitement at this five-session vacation Bible experience in a fun-filled beach setting. Participants will meet new friends, sing, play games, do crafts, enjoy snacks, and hear some really great stories of Jesus.

Everyone between the ages of 4 and 12 is invited, so bring your neighbors and call your friends. Enroll now by filling out a registration form which can be found in your church and at various locations around town. Are you ready to meet Jesus, learn from Him, and share His stories of faith with others? Then come along on our Beach Trek vacation Bible experience!!!

For more information call Johanna Schmersal at 301-447-3523.

## Summer is here!



On June 20th ninety-degree temperatures brought out over 100 people to take a dip in Emmitsburg's Community Pool. Managed by Century Pool, it opened on Memorial Day and will serve the community until it closes on Labor Day. The pool is open seven days a week from noon-7:30 p.m. and is located in town on West Lincoln Street.  
*A Dispatch Photo*

## Dispatch working on a new look

As a result of our recent retreat and ideas of those associated with the paper, we have something of a facelift for this issue. The front page has been redesigned and changes on handling copy and photographs is beginning to evolve. We are in search of a pleasing and attractive framework in which to display the news of our community and would like to consider the thoughts and reactions of our readers. Let us know what you think.

### Pool Rates: 2001 Season

#### Membership Passes

	In town	Out of town
Family	\$175	\$250
Indiv.	\$100	\$150

#### Daily Rates

15 years of age and over	\$3.00
14 years of age and under	\$2.00



# Letters to the Editor

## In remembrance

I found this clipping in the *Daily Advertiser* of Lafayette, Louisiana. I thought that you would like to see how people thought of the return of GIs from WWII. I spent my time in the South Pacific. I went in the Navy on June 6, 1944, and I retired February 25, 1963. I have spent 32 years in good 'ol Louisiana. My Sis Sara Jane Green lives in Emmitsburg.

**Coy A. Trent  
Lafayette, LA**

Editor's note: Coy sent a poem, "Just a Common Soldier," that he thought would be appropriate for Emmitsburg's Memorial Day. Unfortunately his submission did not arrive in time to make the June issue. But, there are a few lines in the poem that need to be repeated just to remind us of the debt that our community owes to the vets and their service to this

town:

*He was just a common soldier; and  
his ranks are growing thin.*

*But his presence should remind us  
we may need his like again.*

As time passes we forget or become negligent. On this past Memorial Day the local color guard, a combination of members of the Fancis X. Elder American Legion Post 121 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658 fired their honorary salute of remembrance to the vets who served from the Emmitsburg community. There was hardly a pause in the normal activities, but one family did bring their children and explained the significance of this little ceremony.

*If we cannot give him honor, while  
he's here to hear the praise,*

*Then at least let's give him homage,  
at the ending of his days.*

## Preston's tenure remembered

**BY BILL MEREDITH  
Dispatch Writer**

Dr. Robert Preston, longtime Professor of History at Mount St. Mary's College, has resigned from the Mount's faculty and will become Provost of Trinity College in Washington, D. C.

When colleges are taking applications for administrative positions, it is customary to keep the names of the applicants confidential until the process is complete. Benjamin Franklin said that three people can keep a secret only if two of them are dead, and this is especially true at the Mount; the college is a closeknit community where everyone usually knows everything about everybody. However,

in this case confidentiality was maintained; only a few individuals who had written recommendations for Preston were aware that he was considering a move. Therefore, the news of his departure came as a shock to the Mount faculty and staff.

Bob Preston came to the Mount in 1968 as Instructor in History; like many young faculty, his academic credential was "ABD," meaning that his work on the Ph. D. was completed "all but dissertation." Teaching loads were greater in those days than now, and no exception was made for rookies. Bob had the daunting task of finishing his degree work while teaching a full load of courses for the first time. He com-

(See PRESTON on Page 4)

## The community-minded teacher

**BY WILLIAM H. CARR**

*Elected Commissioner in April  
1980*

*Elected Board President in May  
1981*

*Elected Mayor in April 1982,  
Served until 1991*

Dr. Robert Preston, recent recipient of the Mount Saint Mary's President's Medal, served the Town of Emmitsburg as mayor from 1982 through 1991. A Council member from 1980 through 1982 and again as Commissioner in 1991 through 1992. Wearing two hats

was Bob Preston's role through periods of growth and change both for Mount Saint Mary's College and the Community of Emmitsburg. His accomplishments at Mount Saint Mary's College are well known and have been acknowledged in other stories, but his glowing record as Emmitsburg's commissioner and nine years' service as mayor may not be as well known.

While carrying a full load at Mt. St. Mary's, Dr. Preston became interested in Town activities and government in the late 1970's and finally resolved to (See TEACHER on Page 4)

Town News . . . .

## Emmitsburg Budget Message

BY MAYOR WILLIAM H. CARR

The budget for the Community of Emmitsburg pertaining to the coming budget year 2001-2002 is hereby presented.

The new budget is balanced with regard to expenditures and revenues with a total of \$1,500,000. This figure is lower than our present budget by \$300,000, primarily because of lower anticipated revenues from water and sewer taps.

The proposed budget reflects two new major financial initiatives that we have been able to adopt through planning and business decisions. Paramount in these changes is, for the first time, we have been able to establish an enterprise system in our utility expenditures. The water and sewer departments are now self-sufficient. This is a great step forward for our Town! We now will be able to maintain and improve our utilities from monies charged directly to them without depending on the general fund for partial utility costs. There is an increase in water and sewer charges that reflect this enterprise. The 2001-2002 fiscal budget also reflects a salary program that has been adopted by the Council. The "step" salary program allows our employees to be paid in keeping with the same comparable employees in other municipal communities and also allows for standard cost of living increases plus evaluation increases in grades and steps by the Town Manager with the consent of Council.

The general fund, those dollars not affected by utilities, is funded by prop-

erty taxes, county and state equity sharing programs and in a small part by miscellaneous revenues such as building permits. During the past year State legislation changed property value assessments from 40% of assessed value to 100% of assessed value. Our old tax rate in Emmitsburg was .75 per \$100 of assessment. The new tax rate, under the 100% of assessment is .30. The Town Council has elected not to change its tax rate for the new fiscal year! The tax rate for Emmitsburg for the new fiscal year will be .30.

It is the Council's hope that a higher tax base due to commercial development in our community will enable Town government to maintain a low tax rate.

The proposed budget was formulated by David Haller, our Town Manager, with the help of his staff and the input and lengthy collaboration of the entire Council. The "step" salary program for example was chaired by Councilman Jim Hoover who led us through the intricacies of adoption. Every department head was delegated to participate with detailed facts concerning their departments finances.

The new water plant is 30% completed and will be in operation by October. Water has and will continue to be the community's top priority. The new facility, long in development, will afford the Town to supply a healthy and plentiful supply of water at an affordable price. Town government is well

( See Budget message page 3)

## Beauty is contagious



A Dispatch Photo

**This tree well on East Main St. has been adopted by Jubilee Foods .**

The adopted tree wells are beautiful and a real asset to our town. All along our streets you will see planters filled with a profusion of colorful flowers. We have had a sufficient rain so all are growing adequately. As we

progress through summer we know all will remember to water the plants so they will continue to grow and bloom.

**Frankie Fields  
Silver Fancy Garden Club**



# TOWN OF EMMITSBURG

## ANNUAL BUDGET DETAIL

### For The Period Ending June 30, 2002

Adopted by the commissioners at the town meeting, June 4, 2001.

	Year to Date	Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Real Estate taxes	228,387	
Real Estate tax discounts <2,475>		
Real Estate tax interest	750	
Tangible property tax	54,061	
Tangible prop tax discounts <8,700>		
Tangible prop interest	750	
Shared Income Tax	90,000	
Admissions/Amusements Tax	3,200	
Public Util (Perm)	0	
<b>Total Local Taxes</b>	<b>365,973</b>	
Highway use tax	87,259	
State aid police protection	17,500	
POS reimbursement	0	
Main Street grant	0	
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>104,759</b>	
Alcoholic Beverages Licenses	5,000	
Traders License	5,000	
Franchise Fees	14,450	
<b>Total Licenses and permits</b>	<b>24,450</b>	
County Aid police protection	0	
Tax equity	80,335	
<b>Total County revenue</b>	<b>80,335</b>	
Zoning Permits/Review Fees	12,000	
Impact Fees	10,000	
<b>Total Service Charges</b>	<b>22,000</b>	
Parking Meter Revenue	17,000	
Parking Fines	9,000	
<b>Total Transportation Revenue</b>	<b>26,000</b>	
Pool - Memberships	1,700	
Pool - Admissions	8,550	
Pool - Miscellaneous Revenue	50	
Rent Income	19,248	

Total Recreation charges	29,548
Annual Sewer Revenue	233,000
Annual Sewer Interest	300
Annual Sewer Discounts <2,000>	
Sewer Taps Revenue	30,000
Sewer Utility-Qtrly Excess	158,000
<b>Total Sewer revenue</b>	<b>419,300</b>

Annual Garbage Revenue	83,000
Annual Garbage Interest	625
Annual Garbage Discounts <700>	
Garbage Tipping Fees Rev.	32,415
<b>Total Garbage revenue</b>	<b>115,340</b>

Water Utility Revenue, Qtrly	
293,000	
Water Utility Interest	400
Water Taps	30,000
<b>Total Water revenue</b>	<b>323,400</b>

Interest Revenue	30,000
Misc Income General	7,500
Silo Hill Front Ft Bnft Assess	11,500

<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>49,000</b>
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,560,105</b>
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<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Legislative Dept Salary Exp.	18,000
Legislative Workmen's Comp	100
see 5015	200
Legislative Operating	24,000
Legislative Miscellaneous	2,500
Legislative Insurance	7,000
Donations	1,000
Legal	10,000
Accounting/Auditing	12,000
Legislative Capital Outlay	500
After School Program	9,000

<b>Total Legislative</b>	<b>84,300</b>
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Executive Salaries	36,700
Executive FICA	3,200
Executive workmen's comp	150
Executive Retirement	1,700

Executive Medical Insurance	10,000
Executive Operating Exp.	20,800
Executive Miscellaneous	1,000
Management Expenses	10,000
<b>Total Executive</b>	<b>83,550</b>

P&Z Department Salaries	9,000
P&Z FICA Expense	550
P&Z W/C	200
P&Z Retirement	1,200
P&Z Health Insurance	800
P&Z Operating	9,800
P&Z Capital Outlay	500

<b>Total Planning &amp; Zoning</b>	<b>22,050</b>
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Water Department	89,500
Water Department Overtime	6,000
Water Department Fica	8,000
Water Department W/C	4,000
Water Department Retirement	3,000
Water Department Med. Insur	15,000
Water Department Operating	4,900
Operating Supplies	26,300
Water Department Ins. Gen	7,000
Water Contractual Services	8,000
Water Vehicle Expenses	3,000
Water Utilities	34,000
Water Repair & Maint.	11,500
Water Capital Outlay	2,000

<b>Total Water utility services</b>	<b>222,200</b>
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Sewer Department Salaries	89,500
Sewer Department Overtime	7,000
Sewer Fica	7,000
Sewer W/C	3,500
Sewer Retirement	6,000
Sewer Medical Insurance	19,000
Sewer Operating	6,200
Sewer Supplies	12,200
Sewer Insurance General	7,000
Sewer Contractual Services	11,800
Sewer Vehicle Expenses	3,000
Sewer Utility Services	49,500
Sewer WWTP Repairs	10,000
Sewer CRPS Repairs	5,000
Sewer Coll System Repairs	3,000
Sewer Capital Outlay	2,000

<b>Total Sewer</b>	<b>241,700</b>
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Garbage Operating	500
Trash Removal/Tipping Fee	105,000

Total Garbage	105,500
Streets Dept. Salaries	50,500
Streets Overtime	1,000
Streets FICA	3,000
Streets W/C	1,700
Streets Retirement	1,500
Streets Medical Insurance	4,000
Streets Operating	1,400
Streets Miscellaneous	1,000
Streets Insurance General	7,000
Streets Vehicle Expenses	5,600
Streets Utility Services	25,000
Streets Repair & Maint.	23,000

<b>Total Streets</b>	<b>124,700</b>
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Meterperson Salary	19,500
Meterperson FICA	1,500
Meterperson W/C	400
Pub Safety Retirement	1,500
Pub Safety Medical Insurance	3,000
Pub Safety Insurance, General	300
Police Contract	150,000
Other Police Expenses	1,000
Ambulance Co. Donations	6,000
Fire Co. Donations	14,000
Security Contract	10,000

<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>207,200</b>
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Parks Dept Salary	47,000
Parks Dept Overtime	2,000
Parks Dept FICA	5,500
Parks W/C	2,000
Parks Retirement	1,500
Parks Medical Insurance	5,000
Parks Operating	3,600
Pool Direct Operating	42,300
Parks Insurance General	7,000
Parks Vehicle Expenses	1,000
Parks Utilities	500
Parks & Rec Repairs & Maint.	2,000
Parks - Community Functions	2,000
Parks Capital Outlay	500

<b>Total Recreation and parks</b>	<b>121,900</b>
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Debt Svc Principal Pmts	102,896
Debt Service Interest Pmts	104,991

<b>Total Debt service</b>	<b>207,887</b>
Transfer to Capital Projects	139,118

<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>139,118</b>
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### Budget message

aware that water service to our citizens is an ongoing effort. Residential supply elements are in need of replacement in many areas and we are actively engaged in pipeline replacement.

A recent effort by the Town has culminated in a permanent joining of Emmitsburg's and Mount Saint Mary's water systems for emergency contingencies. Through the cooperation of Mt. St. Mary's College we will have a back up supply of water for drinking, fire emergencies and droughts. Contracts have been put out for bid and the project will be completed in August of this year.

The sewer plant continues to be a facility that operates efficiently. Continued preventative maintenance has kept costs to a minimum with the exception of electricity which the crew has reduced cost through selective usage of larger motors. The reduction of "wild water" going into our system is a major problem that staff has addressed in part but the initiative continues with relining and replacement of broken sewer lines, a costly project.

Streets repair is another area that continually requires expenditures and the coming fiscal year will see the badly eroded streets repaired and replaced. It is anticipated that probably

two major back alleys will be worked on.

Our parks are moving forward with the expected completion of our newest softball field. Parks usage continues to increase with a broad range of activities that reflect the need for local recreation areas. The Town pool, 27 years old, has been given the yearly refurbishment, we look forward to another year of pool enjoyment by local and surrounding citizens.

Emmitsburg is experiencing some growth activity which directly and indirectly affects our financial future. Town government has made every effort to keep pace with the changes that are taking place plus the new Town wrinkles that seems to be occurring

more frequently. Commercial development has taken a big step forward with the opening of the Hess Sleep Inn motel, the Seton Square Office complex and the expansion of Emmitsburg Glass. Residential development is moving forward at Silo Hill, Irishtown Court and Pembroke Woods. New businesses and new homes will bring new people and new money to our community. How Town government deals with these changes is a tremendous challenge that affects the future of our community. Small town America is Emmitsburg's identity; we are trying to preserve that identity solely because we feel that the citizens of Emmitsburg want it to be preserved.



*Oh yes, but on the other hand you  
have different fingers*



Emmit "envisions."

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## **Preston**

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pleted the degree on schedule and rose steadily through the academic ranks, being promoted to Full Professor in 1980.

The years immediately after Bob's arrival at the Mount were turbulent times. The college had grown slowly in the years after World War II, but it was starting to increase more rapidly as the "baby boom" generation reached college age. Internally, the college was changing; the first lay president was appointed, complex new systems of governance were developing, and women joined the faculty and student body for the first time. Superimposed on all these things was the national social turmoil associated with the Vietnam War.

Survival as a young professor in such times required tact and diplomatic skill as well as hard work, and Bob did more than survive; he became a leader. In a department known for high standards and strong personalities, he maintained a program of scholarship, bringing students and citizens of Emmitsburg together in oral history studies of the town. A popular teacher from the start, he communicated easily with students and gained their trust, often serving as a mediator in the con-

flicts that arose over changing standards of behavior in the early '70's. He was known for a quick wit that could defuse tense situations in meetings, for an objective approach to problems, and for honesty and candor. These qualities brought him to the chairmanship of the History Department and to leadership roles on most of the important policy-making committees of the college. One of his most important tasks was authoring the college's report to the Middle States Accrediting Agency in 1984. His many contributions to the college were recognized when he was awarded the President's Medal this spring. The college will miss him.

Bob and his family have been active members of the Emmitsburg community. His wife, Jennie, is a teacher in the Frederick County school system. Their children all attended local schools, and several went to the Mount; three grandchildren have recently appeared. Of course his greatest contribution to the community was serving as mayor for nine years; as described elsewhere in this issue. Happily for the Emmitsburg community, the Prestons plan to keep their home here. We wish them well as they start this new chapter in their lives.

## **Teacher**

(Continued from Page 2)

become actively involved in 1980 when he was elected a commissioner. Following a year of internship he was elected by the Council as its president in 1981. His enthusiasm, interest and abilities led to Council and citizen support as a mayoral candidates in 1982. The successful election of Robert Preston as mayor in 1982 was the beginning of a nine-year period during which Mayor Preston guided our community through stabilization, growth and recognition.

Profoundly fair, Mayor Preston quickly established a sense of order in Town government regarding existing ordinances and rules. Deliberations by the Council were always structured with fairness to the community and its citizens as a foundation to the Council's actions. While not always pleasant, the resolve of the Board was to be fair minded. The Town meetings soon became a sounding opportunity for acting government and citizens alike to express support, complaints and suggestions for Council consideration. Mayor Preston's leadership talents were instrumental in accomplishing a stabilizing effect on Emmitsburg's governmental actions.

Emmitsburg's identity is Small

Town America and Mayor Preston did much to preserve and enhance that identity. Perhaps a highlight during Mayor Preston's tenure was the main street refurbishment and the resulting Main Street Award from the State. From a high-crowned and badly drained central street to an attractive lamp-lit main thoroughfare—this accomplishment of Town government will always be remembered as being done while Bob Preston was mayor. There were other growth factors that took place during this period that are not as evident as our main street. The Town has a modern sewer plant facility that was established during Mayor Preston's tenure. Although the sewer plant initiative was the result of many people working in many areas, planning, fiscal and construction, it was under Mayor Preston's leadership!

Recognition of Emmitsburg outside our boundaries as to who we are and what we are trying to accomplish is paramount to our success in many ways. Mayor Preston was aware of this fact early on during his Mayorship. Outgoing in personality, Bob Preston was active in county and state functions. A participant and onetime President of the Council of County Governments, our Mayor made many

friends involved in government who helped us then and are still attuned to our Town.

This synopsis of Dr. Preston's dedicated service to Emmitsburg is greatly condensed. The vast number of meetings, the late night phone calls, the travel to out-of-town commitments, the mediation of citizen complaints and the pressure of his full-time job all equated to a heavy load, Bob Preston handled it well.

The citizens of Emmitsburg were fortunate to have had Dr. Preston as the community's Mayor; he will be long remembered

#### **Corrections:**

Claudine Moore Curley's e-mail address for Party Fun is [PARTYFUNCO@aol.com](mailto:PARTYFUNCO@aol.com)

In the photo of the old Emmitsburg baseball team Harry Frushour's name was misspelled.

In the article about Sue Sanders' birthday celebration it should have read Sue and Jimmy Sanders were married in 1961.



# Sleep Inn and Suites has grand opening

Emmitsburg welcomed a new addition to the town, the Sleep Inn and Suites. Officially opening on June 7, 2001, the hotel rented seven rooms their first night of operation.

The 79-room, three-story hotel offers standard rooms with two double beds and one king-sized bed, as well 12 standard suites and one fireplace suite with a two-person whirlpool garden tub.

The Sleep Inn and Suites located at 501 Silo Hill Parkway, features an indoor swimming pool, exercise room, complimentary deluxe continental breakfast, and on-site guest laundry.

Room amenities include in-room coffee makers, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards, mini refrigerators, 25" remote-controlled color TV's, spacious work space with ergonomic chairs and two-line phone access with data ports in every room.

The hotel is located directly off US 15 and SR 140. It is less than 10 miles south of Gettysburg and 3 miles north of Mount St Mary's College.

"Hotel rates range from \$69.00 - \$149.00 depending on the room type and time of year our guests stay," stated Monica Worrell Regional Sale and Marketing Director. "We are already busy on weekends and look forward to filling the hotel every weekend. We are offering a special rate of \$99.00 plus tax on Sunday nights for our king whirlpool suite."

"The response to our hotel opening has been wonderful," said Pam Lytle Hess, hotel owner. "We expect great things from the hotel and are very pleased to be a part of such a wonderful community."

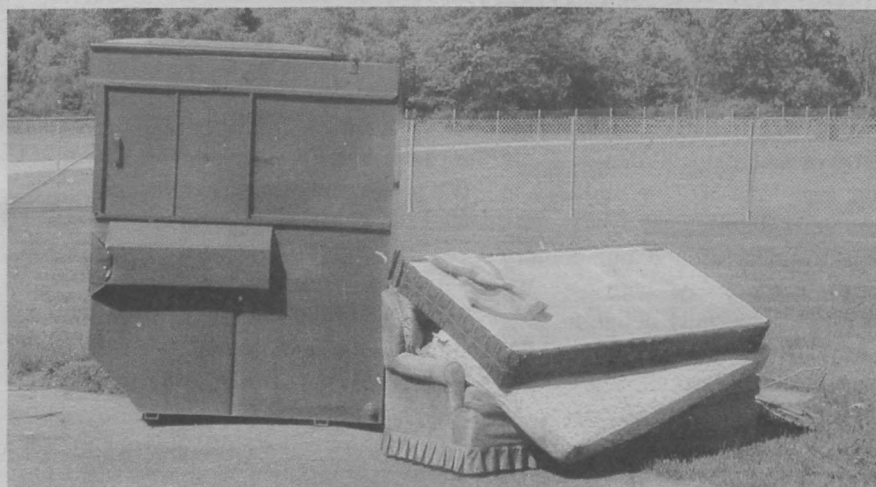
For more information, call the hotel at 301-447-0044 or (800) SLEEP INN.



A Dispatch photo

Attention to detail in Sleep Inn rooms creates a restful and comfortable atmosphere for guests.

## Not a public dumpster



A Dispatch photo

Illegal dumping behind the Community Center creates a mess.

"We don't want your trash..."

Other people dumping their trash in the Community Center dumpster has caused the Senior Citizens to be cited by the Health Department. "Some one trying to stuff trash in the dumpster knocked off the lid during the time of an inspection and we got cited because we use the dumpster," said Linda Umble, director of the Senior Citizens program.

According to Linda the dumpster is placed by the Frederick County Maintenance Department for the sole use of the occupants of the Community Center. The county makes regular pick-up runs to dump the container but drivers are not supposed to pick up the bulk items such as sofas, chairs and

tables that are strewn around. This trash often sits there for several weeks, compounding the problem. The warning sign that was originally displayed on the dumpster has gone missing and a new one has been ordered by the county department.

Any citizen who sees illegal use of the dumpster can report license tags to the Frederick County Maintenance Department. "We often see out-of-state cars leaving their trash," said Linda, "as well as people we know who live out of town." For more information or to report illegal use call the Frederick County Maintenance Department at 301-694-1573.

*Editor's note: The photo above was taken at the end of May. Since then several more items have been dropped off around the dumpster.*

## Wantz family holds annual reunion

The descendants of Harry and Annie Wantz held their annual reunion on June 24, 2001, at the Indian Lookout Conservation Club grounds in Emmitsburg. The weather was pleasantly warm, which encouraged partners Linda and John Wantz to take the trophies for the horseshoes tournament. Terry, Linda and Liz planned games that the young and old alike had fun playing. Angie and Steve III won prizes for being the youngest persons present, as well as Dave Sr. and Edith

for being the eldest.

The food was great, the conversation welcoming, and everyone had a good time. We regret that not all the family could be present this year (due to prior engagements), but we anxiously await next year's, where we can once again come together for a grand time that only family reunions can provide. As always, it's scheduled for the last Sunday in June.

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A five-generation picture was taken on the evening of Mrs. Mary E. Boyle's birthday. Included in the photo with Mrs. Boyle (seated) are back row from left to right: Mary Margaret Pittinger, granddaughter, with McKenna Pittinger, great-great granddaughter; Anna Marie Koontz, daughter; Daniel Pittinger Jr., great-great grandson with his father Daniel Pittinger, great grandson.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY

BY ALICE E. BOYLE

A surprise birthday party was held for Mary E. Boyle at Northampton Manor in Frederick on June 5th. The occasion marking Mrs. Boyle's 92nd birthday was hosted by her four children.

Attending the party were Anna Marie Koontz, Loretta Sprankle, Patrick and Nancy Boyle, Leo M. and Alice Boyle, children and daughters-in-law of Mrs. Boyle. Other family members in attendance were: Lee, Peggy, Andrea and Robbie Koontz; Mary

Margaret and Mike Pittinger; Bernie, Denean, Jensyn and Dayne Koontz; Daniel, Jamie, McKenna and Daniel Pittinger, Jr.; Daniel and Garret Sprankle; Hugh Scott and Marcus Boyle and Mrs. Boyle's roommate, Mrs. Polly Watkins.

Refreshments were enjoyed by those in attendance.

Earlier in the day Mrs. Boyle's granddaughter, Susan Seabaugh visited with her.

Gifts and many birthday greetings were received from family and friends throughout the week.

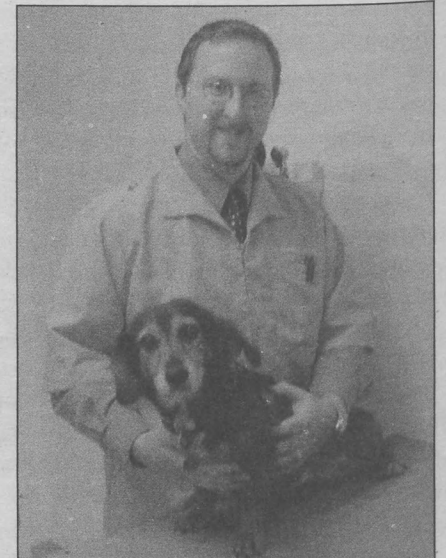
## New vet welcomed

The Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital welcomed Dr. Michael Bartholomew to its practice on June 4th. Dr. Bartholomew will provide a large range of veterinary services.

Dr. Bartholomew is a 2001 graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Veterinary Medicine. He has attained both a Bachelor of Science and a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine, from the University of Illinois. He has also attended Mount St. Mary's College where he attained a Bachelor of Science in Biology upon his graduation in 1996.

"Dr. Bartholomew seems to be a very thorough and compassionate person. His reference mentioned that he was one of the top three surgeons in his class! We are all very excited about his arrival," says Dr. Hugh Matthews.

Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital is both a small and large animal practice, serving dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets,



DR. MICHAEL BARTHOLOMEW WITH SIMBA, A MIXED BEAGLE

birds, reptiles, cows, horses, pigs, sheep and goats. The Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital strives to provide excellent care and service to all of their clients and patients.

## Some birthday thoughts

BY ANN MARSHALL

I have just celebrated my 80th birthday. My children and their spouses, most of my grandchildren, my only sibling (who saw his 82nd birthday in June), other family and near-family friends from all around our country came to "party hearty" with me. We had a blast. Especially delightful was the arrival of my 18th grandchild, Zachary Robert Marshall, 9 lbs, 6 oz, at the beginning of the festivities.

Here are my recommendations for a full and happy life:

1. At each stage of your life try to do something you think is worthwhile, something you feel you do well.
2. Let it be something you believe will cause God to smile.
3. Whatever you do — raising children, raising vegetables, repairing cars, teaching — do it with all your heart.

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### Births

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Mr. And Mrs. Brandon A. Cool,  
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Tonya and Mike Smith, Rocky Ridge, a son, May 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Beard, Jr., Emmitsburg, a daughter, June 15.

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# How will our town develop over the next 20 years?

## A STAFF REPORT

A handful of Emmitsburg residents attended the meeting at the town library held June 13 by the Frederick County Office of Economic Development. The meeting, part of a series of community meetings held in Frederick County over the past couple of months, is part of the SWOT/Vision Initiative, a project to create a plan for the economic development future of Frederick County. At the meetings, residents have the opportunity to express their view on how they would like to see their town develop in the next 20 years.

Commissioner Jim Hoover said he thought the new Sleep Inn motel, which opened in June, will help keep tourists in town. Two restaurants are also expected to be added to the site facing U.S. Route 15 at route 140. In addition, there is land zoned for commercial use on the east side of Route 15 that would contribute to the town's growth, he said.

Phil Postelle, a former commissioner and president of the town council, said a lack of schools has stunted the growth of the community. Students are bused to Thurmont for middle and high school and "People don't locate where there aren't schools," he said.

Chris Jakubiak of Thomas Point Associates, the consulting firm assisting the county on the project, gave a summary of an economic base analysis which showed that the number of jobs in Frederick County has grown rapidly

since 1980. Nearly 2,900 jobs have been added per year on average, and it is expected to continue at this high rate. This rate of job growth is much higher than in the U.S. However, the earnings-per worker remain below the national figure.

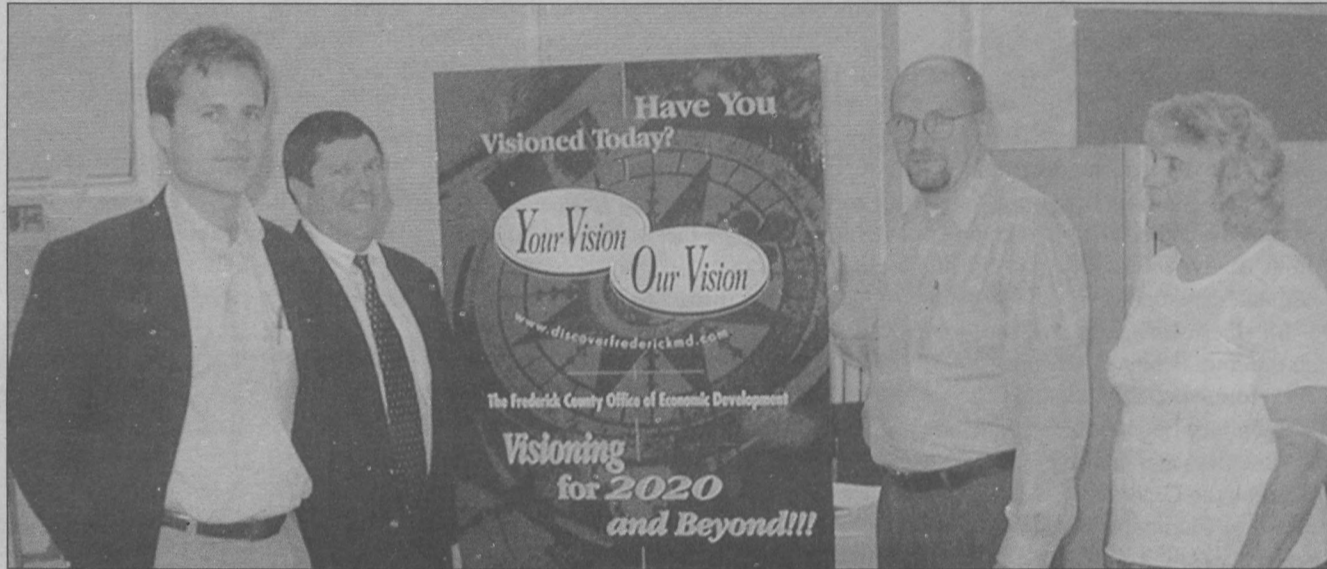
When Mr. Jakubiak asked those in attendance what they would like to see in Emmitsburg in the next 20 years there were suggestions for more convenient

services, entertainment opportunities such as a theater, bowling alley, or a branch of the YMCA, and an office complex.

Dan Reaver, of Emmitsburg Glass, said that when he was growing up it seemed to him that Emmitsburg did not want to change. It was pointed out that the town will not get new services without growing. Participants at the meeting were given a survey that asks the respon-

der to rank the importance of various aspects of growth in the county, such as what types of businesses should the county attract over the next 20 years.

If you would like to fill out a survey it is available online and can be found on the Office of Economic Development's Web site at <http://www.discoverfrederickmd.com>. Click on "Your Vision, Our Vision." For more information call 301-694-1058.



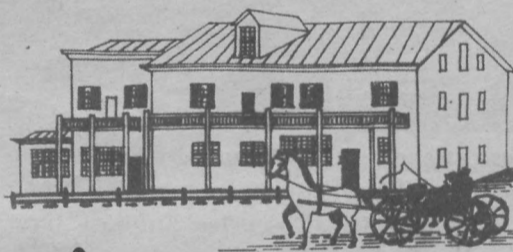
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At the recent SWOT/Vision Initiative meeting held at the town's library, James Gangawere (second from left), a marketing and research specialist from the Frederick County Office of Economic Development, helped the participants vision the future of Emmitsburg. He was assisted by Chris Jakubiak (left), of Thomas Point Associates, a consulting firm assisting the county on the project. SWOT stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Among those attending the meeting were Commissioner Jim Hoover and Hope Mahony.

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# Foundation announces scholarships

The Board of Trustees of The Community Foundation of Frederick County recently hosted a reception at the home of Thomas and Susan Caulfield of Emmitsburg to announce scholarships for Emmitsburg area students and the establishment of several new funds for the benefit of Emmitsburg residents.

Elizabeth Y. Day, Executive Director of The Community Foundation of Frederick County, explained that the Community Foundation is probably best known for holding endowment funds for charitable purposes. An endowment fund is one in which contributions from various sources are placed into the fund, the fund is invested, and a portion of the annual investment return is then used for the charitable purpose for which the fund is intended.

The following scholarships from the Community Foundation's endowed funds were then announced:

The Eugene C. Shaff, Jr., Memorial Scholarship was presented to Kevin Favorite, Catocin High School Class of 2001, as he starts his education at Catawba College in North Carolina.

## Walking into Hell

BY JEREMY MURPHY

*Jeremy, the recipient of the Ruth E. and Mary E. M. Smith Scholarship of the Community Foundation of Frederick County lives on Keysville Road. He is the son of Darlene and Greg Medbe. A senior at Penn State majoring in forestry, he has a summer internship with the National Park Service in Catocin Mountain Park. We are pleased to publish his recollection of his first time fighting a forest fire.*

I just got a call at work in northern Maryland about fighting a fire in Virginia five hours ago, and now I have been sitting in a bus for the past three. It is a big luxury model bus with a TV and VCR, but they don't seem to be working. Traveling south on a major interstate, we pass numerous mountains and pastures. Everything blends into one large mosaic as the constant up and down motion of the bus lulls the crew of about 20 people to sleep. The

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The Ruth E. and Mary E.M. Smith Scholarship was awarded to Jeremy Murphy, a 1998 graduate of Catocin High School who currently attends Pennsylvania State University.

Ms. Day also announced the following new funds:

### The Emmitsburg Area Endowment Fund

Started with a gift from The Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association, the fund will provide annual scholarships to students pursuing a post-secondary degree, and will provide financial support to not-for-profit charitable organizations. To qualify for funding, recipients must reside in Emmitsburg or the 21780 zip code area.

### The "Tribute to a Friend"

### Scholarship Fund.

This fund was started by Emmitsburg resident Bob Rosensteel, a professional photographer and fire company member, in memory of Dave Copenhaver, Greg Hollinger, Tom and Sharon Topper, and Terry Myers, all members of Vigilant Hose Company.

### The New Forest Society Endowment Fund

Started with a gift from The U. Merle Thorpe Charitable Trust, this fund will finance operating expenses for The New Forest Society, a not-for-profit organization.

### The Catocin Land Trust Endowment Fund

This fund was started with a gift from The U. Merle Thorpe Charitable Trust to finance operating expenses for

The Catocin Land Trust, a not-for-profit organization. Both of these funds represent the Community Foundation's only endowments which benefit environmental preservation and conservation.

The Community Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all people in Frederick County. Serving as a resource for philanthropy, it supports a broad range of programs, helps people to fulfill their charitable dreams, and builds permanent endowments. After more than 15 years of service, the Community Foundation now manages over 300 funds, most of which are endowed.

For more information on the Community Foundation, contact 301-695-7660 or visit [www.cffredco.org](http://www.cffredco.org).



Among those attending the Community Foundation of Frederick County's reception at the home of Tom and Susan Caulfield of Emmitsburg to announce scholarships for Emmitsburg area students are from left: Tom Caulfield, Bob Rosensteel, Rosensteel Studios; Jeremy Murphy, recipient of the Ruth E. and Mary E.M. Smith Scholarship; Don Briggs, Briggs Associates; Elizabeth Prongas; Seymour B. Stern, Esq., chairman of CFFC Board of Trustees; Elizabeth Y. Day, executive director of the Community Foundation; and Sam Castleman, executive director of the ThorpeWood Foundation.

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# Fire

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squad bosses and crew boss, however, are in a heated discussion.

The men in the front keep asking the driver, "How much longer till we get there?" They are going over the group assignments to decide who is going to be in charge of a group of four and the other groups of five. There is constant arguing over what information is needed when we arrive at the ICC (incident command center).

"We need to know how big it is," the crew boss says.

"No, no, we need to know the terrain type we are going to be working in," one of the squad bosses says.

"All of this needs to be known before we hit the mountain," the crew boss barks out.

Everyone wears their protective clothing: a bright yellow long sleeve shirt, green pants that smell of some stomach-turning chemical, and big leather boots. My boots have never been broken in. They are still deep black in color without any scuffs on them. Everyone knows that I am a "virgin," but I was going to lose my virginity in Purgatory — the name of the fire in Virginia.

It is my first fire and I am excited, unlike everyone else who has had time on the line. I am peering out the window at mountains I have never seen, and at how the road curves along its path. Then I see it. "USE CAUTION,

thick smoke ahead." The large sign flashes at me as the smell of smoke fills every empty space in my lungs.

That smell distracts everyone from what they are doing. Some of them were sleeping, others reading books. We know that we are getting close. The bus goes down the off ramp into a small town, then through an intersection, and we turn left into a tiny school. Pickup trucks fill the parking lot with axes, shovels, hoses, water tanks, and food pouring out the tailgates like waterfalls. Large military hummers equipped with water cannons look like giant redwoods next to the pickups. There are bulldozers, helicopters, and trailers scattered about.

The crew steps off the bus as the sun sets over the mountainside. We all look around trying to see the fire. The bus pulls away and as if the sun came up over the mountain again, light hits the crew. The fire is moving down the mountain directly behind us. Individual flames shoot 60 feet in the air as the trees turn into large torches. "That there is Hell. Right now you are standing in Purgatory," our crew boss says to the group. "Get all your stuff together and get something to eat. We are walking into Hell tonight."

We not only walked into it, but also created our own small part of Hell. The crew has to set back fires to further control the fire before it spread passed are control line. The crew boss said, "



Photo courtesy Jeremy Murphy

## Fire crews working along fireline to contain forest fire.

Everyone grab your tool, get plenty of water, and get ready for a hike." All that went through my mind during the whole 2-mile hike up the mountain was what waited for me. Was the fire going to race towards me, or are we heading up the mountain to sit and waiting to see what happens next?

Safety is a major concern, there is a lot of down time while on the fire line. As we got further and further up the mountain my nerves calmed and my hands stopped shaking.

Soon, the crew boss stops and explains what we are going to do. "We are going to set a backfire to help control this thing, and I know that no one here has had an experience doing it." He gives specific details about how far and fast we are suppose to go, who will set the fire, and the proper ways to use a drip torch — a large cylinder filled with a mixture of diesel fuel and kerosene. The torches end has a metal tip with a wick that stays on fire, so that when it is tipped over, the mixture pours out of it, and catches on fire. The one given to me is broken and every time that I lift it to stop the fire dripping, the torch shoots a five-foot flame that lasts for about a sec. I thought it was pretty cool so after a while I got used to using it and the flame that shot out didn't bother me.

The crew starts the fire next to a ten-foot wide line that a bulldozer cleared on the mountain. Things start out pretty slowly as the new fire starts and lookouts keep an eye on the main fire. After about three hours, and 300 yards of a fire lit, things start to get really hot. The backfire is doing what it is supposed to do, but the main fire moves more quickly than we predicted. It burns into a pine grove and starts to go up the trees. A crown fire starts in the grove and I can feel the heat hit me as

pine trees start to turn into torches. I am 100 yards away from them. A large brush pile catches on fire then, the crew stops the backfiring operation and started to watch for spot fires which happen when embers are thrown into the air and land in the area that has not been burnt.

The crew of 20 spreads out along the line and watches. I sit there and gaze at the fire going on in front of me. It dances back and forth and sways to the wind that it creates. I start to sweat, and the heat is so intense that I have to pull my goggles down and pull my facemask up. The temperature is 40 degrees, but with the fire burning next to me, I could have worn shorts and a t-shirt and felt comfortable. I sit there all night and into the next morning, with the crew boss constantly walking up and down the line and making sure his crew is ok. He must have walked about ten miles that night.

In the morning, I see a fire whirl, which looks like a tornado, but only made up of fire. These only occur in a very hot, intense fire. It continues to grow and move towards me. I move back further, but the heat from it was so intense that it melts the plastic camera I have in my pocket. It starts to die back naturally, and the rest of the crew continue to watch for spot fires. I am so tired that it feels like my eyelids have turned to steel, and no matter how hard I try, I keep dozing off. We have been awake for more then 36 hours and working on the line for more then 24. We are finally relieved from duty, and we walk back down the mountain. All that is on my mind is sleep. I am finally leaving Hell, but I would be back at it for another 4 days. In the meantime it feels like I am walking through the gates of heaven as I make my way to the motel bed.



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## Library News

BY SUE CARELLA  
Dispatch Writer

School's out and the Summer Reading Club, which began June 1, is in full swing. Participants in the SRC receive a game board with reading activities. By completing the activities they earn incentives and prizes. Or, in the case of teen readers, they earn coupons, which enter them into a drawing for a CD clock radio. To join, stop by and complete a green registration card. Be sure to get your hand stamped with "Sneaks," the reading cat. Children who complete their game board by August 3 will be invited to an ice cream finale. The finale will feature entertainer Ray Owens and his rubber chicken karaoke. Teens who complete their game boards will be invited for pizza. There are also several contests: guess the ants, mystery posters, and a drawing for tickets to an

Orioles game.

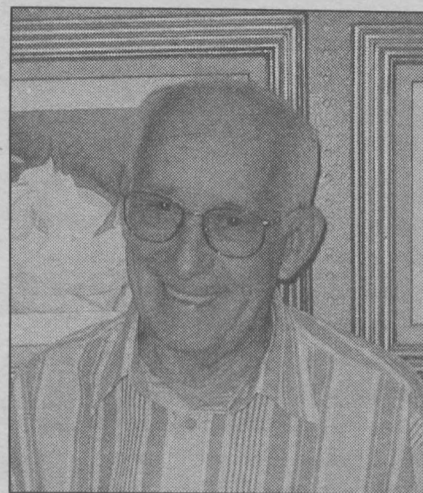
Bookarama is a book club for independent readers (approximately age 8 and up). The club meets once a week, on Thursdays at 2 p.m., beginning June 21, and ending August 2. In addition to exploring a literary genre each week, there will also be crafts and activities. Registration is required.

In July we will have two special events. Big Splash (all ages) is on Friday, July 20 at 2 p.m.- come prepared to get wet. Then on Friday, July 27 at 2 p.m. we will explore hopscotch games from around the world and sidewalk art. Registration is suggested.

The library continues to receive new books each week, both fiction and non-fiction. So, come on in to find some summer reading and summer fun. P.S., it's cool inside.

For more information or to register, call us at 301-447-2682.

## 'Flowers by Francis' on display at Emmitsburg Library



Francis Smith

Currently on display at the Emmitsburg Community Library are 34 works of art by Francis Smith. The show called "Flowers By Francis," consisting mostly of water colors and a few oil paintings, opened on June 12th and will stay on display through July. "My works are a mixture of reali-

ty and whimsy," said Smith. The paintings in this particular show are all original floral renditions and are for sale. Smith said he's painted all his life but only seriously since his retirement in June 1990. He was a teacher for 40 years retiring from Francis Scott Key in Carroll County where he was a high school English and Latin teacher for fifteen years. Smith also writes poetry and has amassed volumes since beginning in 1945. He became a resident of Emmitsburg in 1964 when he married Margaret Bouey, a town native. Smith paints whatever strikes him and said most of his best work belongs to family members. His favorite piece in this particular show is entry #5 entitled Roses. Smith said, "Art, by its nature, is not reality; it is a variety of abstractions and reconstructions struggling to recreate the beauty in reality." Francis invites you to come and see his Flowers and asks that you please sign the registry.

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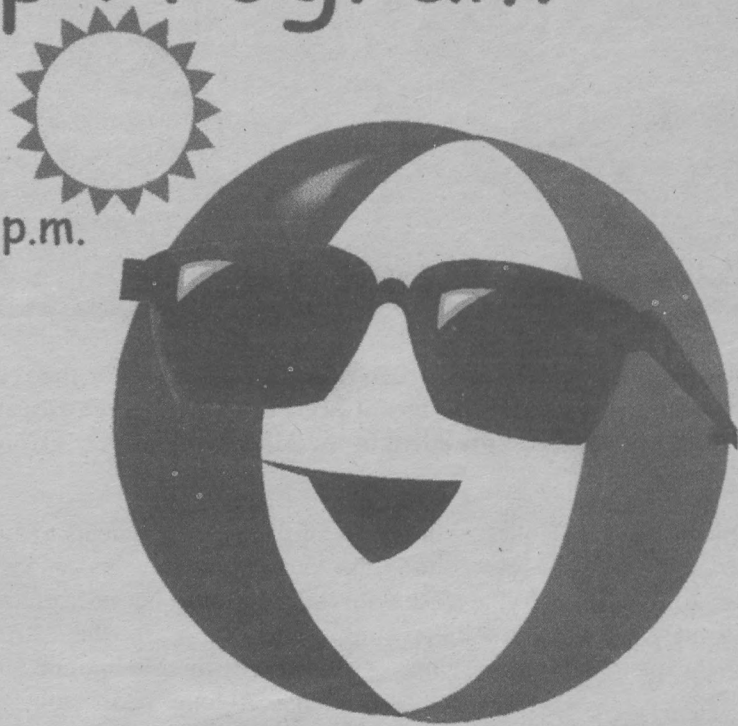


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## Meredith gets Brute Medal



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Dr. William G. Meredith, center, received the Brute Medal at the recent alumni banquet. Presenting the medal are President George Houston, left, and Dr. Frank Merolla, president of the Mount Saint Mary's College Alumni Association.

Mount St. Mary's College honored Dr. William G. Meredith, Professor Emeritus, with the 37th annual Bruté Medal at the Alumni Reunion Banquet on Saturday, June 2, 2001.

Father Simon Gabriel Bruté was

one of the earliest students to attend the Mount soon after its foundation in 1808. He later became affectionately known as the "Angel Guardian" of the Mount, and so the National Alumni Association presents the Bruté medal to a member of

the Mount faculty or alumni who have shown great dedication and compassion to the college and its students. The medal, which is part of the festivities surrounding Alumni Reunion Weekend, was awarded to Meredith in recognition of his inspiration "not only to his students, but also to his colleagues."

Meredith received his baccalaureate degree from Fairmont State University in West Virginia and his doctorate from the University of Maryland. In the summer of 1957, he and his wife Betty Jean arrived at the Mount, where he began his long tenure as a professor of Biology. During the next five decades, Meredith forged a well-deserved reputation as a cornerstone of the Mount community. In addition to serving as a professor of biology, Meredith also served as a department chairman, a member of the academic council, a health professions advisor, a member of the academic committee for the board of trustees, and two terms as Dean of Undergraduate Studies. He was also a member of the now defunct St. Joseph's College faculty from 1957-1971. In 1991, Meredith received the prestigious Sears-Roebuck Foundation Award for teaching excellence and campus leadership. He retired in 1998.

Like Father Bruté, Meredith is a humble, amiable, and benevolent individual unwavering in his devotion to the Mount, and he is more than deserving of this recognition.



A Dispatch Photo

Ruth Richards receiving congratulations from George Houston, president of Mount Saint Mary's College, after she was made an Honorary Member of the Mount's National Alumni Association.

The association passed unanimously a resolution to confer on her the honorary membership: "Our leaders firmly believe that your devotion to the Mount is exemplary and entitles you one of our highest forms of recognition," said Dr. Frank Merolla, president of the association.

Mrs. Richards is the wife of the late Dr. John Richards, professor of Physical Chemistry at the Mount.

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## Mount employees honored

Employees of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary were honored for service to the Mount community at the recent annual Employee Awards Banquet.

Receiving recognition were, for 45 years, James G. Deegan; 40 years, Viola E. Topper; 35 years, David P. Chowanec and William E. O' Toole; 30 years, John C. Gill, Dr. Nicholas C. Kierniesky and the Rev. Robert Zylla; 25 years, Dr. John J. Dropp, Virginia M. Eyler and James R. Shorb; 20 years, Susan A. Baumgardner, Dr. Charles A. Beitz Jr., Cynthia E. Harbaugh, Dr. William R. Heath, Nancy L. Matthews, Robert E. McGraw, Dr. Charles J. Merrill, Carol J. Staub, S. Virginia Wantz, Patsy L. Wetzell and Helen B. Wuethrich.

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The Mount honored a total of 42 employees, as well as six retirees including, Dr. Pierre B. Gauthier, Robert B. Karsteter, Sharon K. Ochoa, William E. Sheahan, Marian A. Williams and Joseph P. Zanella.

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## Emmitsburg Elementary School

### Perfect attendance for school year 2000 -2001

The following students received a pizza party at Pizza Hut on the last day of school: Stephanie Andrew,

Andrew Boller, Travis Cool, Shawn Little, Matthew Ohler.

### Exemplary attendance for school year 2000 - 2001

Students with exemplary attendance were: Zachary Amato, Benjamin Andrew, Stephanie Andrew, Amber Bentz, Andrew Boiler, Jessica Boiler, Misti Bradshaw, Matthew Bradshaw, Joshua Brotherton, Justin Buchholz, Jessica Clarke, Hannah Claytor, Ashley Coleman, Elyssa Cool, Travis Cool, Amanda Delphey, Ashley Delphey, Myra Derbyshire, Victoria Farmer-Long, Milton Frech III, Nicholas Heaton, Daniel Hobbs, Nicole Hollinger, Paulina Hollinger, Luke Howard, Josiah Julian, Joy Julian, Jordan Jason, Curtis Kuchera, Kayla Lenhart, Carrie Little, Jessica

Little, Shawn Little, Kolby Maly, Shelby Maly, Sidney McClendon, Amanda Miller, Shelby Miller, Erin Nell, Matthew O'Donnell, Matthew Ohler, Amelia Poole, Heather Pozzouli, Katelynn Parsley, Laura Ridge, Parker Rohrbaugh, Joshua Roman, Kourtney Roman, Caroline Sachs, ShaLeigh Saylor, Shelby Skipper, Cory Stoner, Brandon Stouter, Kathleen Sweeney, Ryan Thorne, Bryan Troxell, Trey Watts, Amber Weikert, Sean Willette, Bradley Wilt, Rachel Wilt, Ryan Wilt, Matthew Wolfe.

### Character Counts awards

The following students received the Character Count Award for trustworthiness and fairness: Montana Bailey, Hannah Claytor, Rebecca Fields, Colleen Heaton, Christopher Hardy,

Shawn Little, Sidney McClendon, Nicole Medve, Cody Ott, Tash Ray, Samantha Ridenour, Miriah Stone, Amber Weikert, Matthew Wolfe.

### Eagle Club members and Good Workers

For term four the following students were EAGLE CLUB members: Amanda Barber, Ashley Barber, Brandon Bloom, Christopher Bodnar, Jessica Boller, Misti Bradshaw, Joshua Brotherton, Justin Buchholz, Jessica Clarke, Ashley Coleman, Myra Derbyshire, Darrel Doyle, Wade Droneburg, Victoria FarmerLong, Becca Fink, Olivia Frech, Carrie Gelwicks, Donald Giannini, Christopher Hardy, Colleen Heaton, Mariah Hill, Jerrett Jenkins, Jonathan Kubala, Jessica Little, Shawn Little, Kolby Maly, Sidney McClendon, Terry McNair, Jr., Nicole Medve, Amanda Miller, Emily Mitchell, Robert Myers, IV., Erin Nell, Amanda Rand-Campbell, Tasha Ray, Jessica Reckley, Samantha Ridenour, Joshua Roman, Kourtney Roman, Jury Rubeling-Kain, Kyle Sanders, Joshua Stinnett, Miriah Stone, Kaitlin Stouter, Tonya Tester, Kassondra Topper, Kyle Vaughn, Ambert Weikert, Bradley Wilt,

Matthew Wolfe and Stephanie Youngblood.

For term four the following students were GOOD WORKERS: Daniel Baer, Cody Baugher, Tyler Bodnar, Courtney Bomberger, Andrew Boller, Katie Davis, Jacob Droneburg, Jacob Fisher, Milton Frech, III., Chelsea Gelwicks, Sarah Glacken, Nicholas Heaton, Nicole Hollinger, Luke Howard, Trei Jackson, Stephanie Jenkins, Brandon Kahler, Kayla Lenhart, Carrie Little, Katherine Metz, Darren Milter, Irma Mrkanovic, Tyan Pittinger, Amelia Poole, Jessica Potts, Heather Pozzouli, Alicia Rhodes, Garret Tohrbaugh, ShaLeigh Saylor, Elizabeth Shriver, Travis Skipper, Tiffany Sloane, Korey Smith, Zeth Smith, Thomas Snedegar, Kayla Springer, Eric Stone, Brandon Stouter, Jed Wachter, Travis Waggerman, David Wantz, IV, Trey Watts, Joseph Wolfe, and Juliann Youngblood.

### C.Y.A. Track and Field team holds kids Olympics

Earlier this season the C.Y.A track and field team hosted it's first annual "Kids Olympics" at the Catoctin High School track. Children from the Thurmont and Emmitsburg area participated and athletes received ribbons for placing in the top 6 places.

Head coach Bobbi Jo Barber would like to thank the parents and athletes for their help and participation in the meet. The track and field team encourages all youth ages 7 - 16 to participate in the Olympics next year.



Athletes waiting for the 100M dash to begin in the front row from left are Kelsey and Erin Phelan, Elizabeth Shriver, and Emma Best, all from Emmitsburg. Photo courtesy Bobbi Jo Barber

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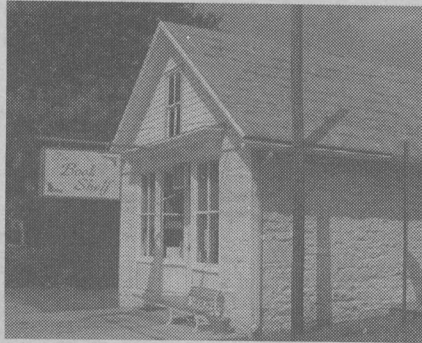
BY JACK DEATHERAGE  
Dispatch Writer

I had been eagerly waiting for a new store in Fairfield to open for business. Finally an OPEN flag had appeared, so one evening a few weeks ago I stopped along Main Street after closing to check the store's posted hours. I didn't get a good look through the window because of the reflections on the glass, but I did see flowers and bric-a-brac. Coupling the new store's name, The Book Shelf, with the stuff in the window I groaned, thinking another "junk" shop had opened in the area.

I've never understood people who insist on putting figurines, small framed photos and other trinkets on bookshelves. We've barely room for the books we have! Still, I decided I would come back when the place was open and see what was what. And I did.

The Book Shelf is a book store! Hooray!

Now it isn't Waldens or Amazon.com, my usual haunts. But it is closer to home. The ladies fronting money and time to open the place (Grace and Jenny) are friendly and helpful, and they took a large chunk of our unused, but useful, books (freeing shelf space for new, unread tomes). I found *Lonesome Dove* and *Comanche Moon* which I wanted to read. I noted Clancy, Jakes and a few other authors I like! Grace and Jenny are watching for *This is My God* and *A History of*



*the Jews*. I'm now one of a growing number of people they are tracking books for.

Romance, Historical novels, History, Science Fiction, some How-to, Self Help, Gardening, Westerns, Family Sagas, and even Horse Management and Fish Keeping can be found on the shelves. My son decided his Goosebumps should be donated since he had grown beyond them and needed room for whatever he is reading now.

When asked about book donations or books they're interested in buying, Jenny said they need "History. But no Readers Digest books, please. Those do not sell."

There are other items for sale at The Book Shelf: locally made clocks and small art works. Cookies and coffee have been offered each day I've stopped in. Check the store out. They may have that book you read years ago and wish you'd hung on to.

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## St. Catherine's employee of the month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for May 2001 is Gary Welch.

Gary has been employed at St. Catherine's since August 1999. According to his co-workers Gary will work extra shifts and extra days whenever he is needed.

He keeps a positive attitude and is always willing to assist any staff member. Gary greatly deserves this recognition. Gary is very deserving of the honor of employee of the month.

Congratulations, Gary.



GARY WELCH

## Local students achieve Mount dean's list

Mount Saint Mary's College recently announced the names of students who were named to the spring dean's list. The students achieved this honor by maintaining a 3.4 or higher grade-point average. Students from the Emmitsburg area are:

Nathan Adelseberger, son of Ken and Linda Adelsberger

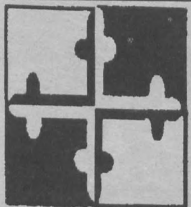
Tyler Lasher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lasher.

Thea Maddox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maddox

Aimee Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Martin

Sophia Ritz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Ritz, Jr.

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# Obituaries

## Mrs. Virginia Elder

Mrs. Virginia Ruth Eyler Elder, 84, of Moser Road, Thurmont, died Tuesday, June 12, at Washington Hospital Center, Washington.

She was preceded in death by her husband on April 7, 1971.

Born May 25, 1917, in Thurmont, she was a daughter of the late Charles Harry and Orpha Ruth Eigenbrode Eyler.

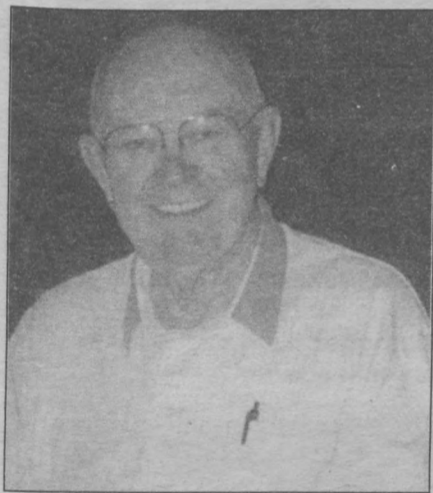
Mrs. Elder was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are four children, Virginia Gay Hahn and husband Lewis of Thurmont, Arthur S. Elder and wife Monica of Emmitsburg, Dale Ann Norton and husband John of Frederick, and Charles David Elder and wife Adrienne of Fayetteville, Ga.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Elder was preceded in death by two brothers, Joseph H. Eyler and C. William Eyler.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 15 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with Mrs. Elder's pastor, the Rev. James O. Kiernan, as the celebrant. Interment was in New St. Joseph's Cemetery.

## Mr. John T. Garner



JOHN T. GARNER

Mr. John Taylor Garner, 78, of Taney Avenue, Frederick, died Thursday, June 14 at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Born January 21, 1923, in Hollywood, Md., he was the son of the late William Alexander, Sr. and Emily Agnes Taylor Garner.

Mr. Garner was a retired air traffic controller.

He was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, having served in the U. S. Army Air Corps and the U.S. Air Force. He participated in

the Berlin Airlift.

He was a member of Francis X. Elder Post 121 of the American Legion, Emmitsburg; Emmitsburg Post 6658 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa; and St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are one brother, William A. Garner and wife, Betty Fitzgerald Garner of Emmitsburg and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Garner will also be remembered by his friends, Dolores Joy Henke, of Emmitsburg, and Howard Graham of Frederick.

Mr. Garner was preceded in death by one sister, Ann Taylor Garner Gregg.

A memorial Mass was celebrated on June 18, at St. Anthony Shrine Parish Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with Mr. Garner's pastor, the Rev. James Hannon as the celebrant. Joseph Scott was the lector, Jacqueline Vitali was the altar server; and Charles Thompson was the organist.

A tribute to their Uncle John was presented by Leah A. Garner, Silver Spring, and William A. Garner, Jr., Thurmont.

Interment was in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

The Honor Guard was provided by Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121, Emmitsburg and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, Emmitsburg. Members of the Guard were Robert Dinterman, Tom Humerick, Mike Orndorff, Donald McKinnon and Paul Sutton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony Shrine Parish, 16150 St. Anthony's Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Funeral arrangements were made by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

## Mr. Alfred Neal Jr.

Mr. Alfred G. Neal Jr., 74, of South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died on June 3, at Gettysburg Hospital.

He was the husband of Anna Ginnie Kessler Neal.

Born Feb. 21, 1927, in Baltimore, he was a son of the late Alfred G. Sr. and Mary Chaney Neal.

Mr. Neal was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

He retired as co-owner and operator of Guy & Neal's BP Station in Emmitsburg, where he worked for many years.

Mr. Neal served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and served on the

president's yacht.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one daughter, Cynthia Wivell and husband Joseph of Rocky Ridge; two granddaughters, Ashley Wivell of Rocky Ridge, and Amanda Barker and husband Ryan of Thurmont; three sisters, Gladys Neal, Margaret Neal and Dorothy Hunt, all of Baltimore; and two nephews, Russell and Jerry Hunt of Baltimore.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 6 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with Mr. Neal's pastor, the Rev. James O. Kiernan, as celebrant.

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

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, Frederick County Branch, 116 E. Patrick St., Frederick, Md. 21701.

## Sister Mary Sporrer, DC

A Mass of Resurrection for Sister Mary Sporrer, a Daughter of Charity for 64 years, was offered on May 30th at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg. Sister Mary, 88, died of cancer Saturday, May 27, at Caritas Community, St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg.

Marie Linthicum Sporrer was born in Baltimore and entered the Daughters of Charity in 1936. She received her

bachelor's degree from The Catholic University of America and earned a master of science degree in education from Siena College Loudenville, N.Y.

Sister Mary began her career in 1937 as a teacher at St. Mary's Horne, Norfolk, Va.; however, professional nursing soon became her forte.

Her nursing education began at Providence Hospital, Washington, D.C., in 1941, and continued with her post graduate work in obstetrics at Brady Maternity Hospital in Albany. In 1944 she returned to Providence Hospital as supervisor and instructor in the maternity department. In the ensuing years, Sister was director of nursing at Brady Maternity Hospital in Albany; supervisor and instructor in the maternity departments of St. Margaret's Hospital, Dorchester, Mass.; St. Mary's Hospital, Troy, N.Y.; St. Agnes Hospital, Baltimore. She was also a consultant in the maternity departments at Providence Hospital, Marillac Hall, Farmington, Mich.; and St. Vincent's Medical Center, Jacksonville, Fla. During the early 1970s she was administrator of Villa Louise in Baltimore. In 1975 Sister was assigned to Villa St.

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# The Evolution of a Cat Person

BY MIKE HILLMAN  
Dispatch Writer

I had just finished stocking the wood-burning stove, turned off the downstairs lights, and was ascending the stairs with a book in hand when Miles, our youngest male cat, raced by me, making a mighty leap onto the bed, claiming prime territory for the nightly scratch he knew was coming.

A lifelong dog person, I can remember my wife's words when I announced that I wanted to make Miles "my cat." "You'll never make him 'your cat.' I'm the one he first saw when he first opened his eyes, and I'm the one who feeds him. I'm 'Mom,' and he'll always be *my* cat."

Yet as I observe Miles, in his Sphinx-like stance, watching every move I make, there is no doubt in my mind that she was wrong. While our other two cats meander about waiting for my wife, Miles watches attentively, waiting for me to open my book, the signal indicating that I am finally settled in. Moving quickly and boldly up the outside of the bed, as if to tell the others: "Stay back, this guy is all mine!" he quickly nestles into the valley created by my raised chest and knees and awaits the adoration he knew would come.

Miles never makes eye contact—he never has—but he can't hide the smile that quickly develops as I methodically stroke the full length of his body, and slowly but surely, a slow, steady purr begins to develop.

If asked to describe me, "cat person" would be one of the last descriptive terms those who have known me most of my life would use. While my mother was a cat person in her youth—and still is—my father's career as a naval officer, and the many moves that it brought, was much more suited to dogs. From my earliest of recollections, dogs were the sole animals in my life. It was Chris, a collie mix, not my mother, who cleaned my face after every meal while I was still crawling. Panda, a classic pound mutt, was my constant companion from the time I was first allowed outside by myself. Lad, an oversized Sheltie, was our third dog and I saw him, like the first two, gently placed into his grave after a long and happy life.

While bachelorhood brought an end to my long line of "family" dogs, it ushered in the period of "my" dogs. For sixteen long years, PJ, my trusty Jack Russell, was always at my side. Though cats came with the marriage deal, PJ jealously guarded any approach to my person by my wife's cats.

Unlike dogs, cats prefer to pick the time to be sociable. The older the cat, the truer this fact seems to be, which explains why my wife's fully grown cats were often never to be found when I was in the house. Of course, the fact that PJ chased them didn't help much.

My first real taste of what life as a cat person was like came after the adoption of Jordie, a juvenile coal-black Persian-something Manx. Unlike the

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two older cats who would stare dumbfounded as I tried to get them to play with one of the many cat toys my wife had collected over the years, Jordie relished the attention. He would spend hours leaping mightily into the air in fruitless attempts to snag the prey dangling at the end of a stick and string.

Immensely curious, nothing was safe from Jordie's prying paws. When you sat down, he was in your lap. Headed to the bathroom? He was ready for your undivided attention. He had no problem banging on the door when he wanted out, and if you were headed out, you could bet money he was ready to come in. For Jordie, humans were God's number one gift to "catdom."

The fact that he had two people paying attention to him made it only better.

In spite of my best efforts, however, I was still a neophyte when it came to being a cat person. Being home all day, not to mention being in charge of daily feeding, gave my wife an insurmountable edge when it came to Jordie's attention. While he liked me, he adored my wife, and there was nothing I could do to ever change that equation.

I soon resigned myself to the reality that the closest thing to a cat I could call my own would be our barn cat, Tasha. At least she would acknowledge me, although it was usually in the form of a hiss.

Then, one late spring day, a local farmer dropped by and handed me a burlap bag, at the bottom of which covered two immature Manx kittens. Unable to part with them once they were in her hands, my wife spent the next month bottle-feeding them. As I watched my wife fuss over her new charges, I realized just how far I had yet to go in my journey to become a cat person.

Of course, my wife's doting had its intended consequences, and soon both kittens were as attached to my wife as a

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## Cat

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fly to flypaper. Miles and Squeak are small cats as cats come. Tigers, their Manx breeding gives them a slight downhill build, which might account for their great speed during their frequent "tears" about the house.

As we live close to the road, my wife chose to make the pair indoor cats. I felt sorry for them as they sat and watched the other three cats let out every morning, but they quickly developed their own unique indoor routines and, soon, going outside was the last thing on their minds.

Intrigued by birds, Miles began to spend hours defending a window-mounted bird feeder. Hidden by a mirror, he sits waiting for a bird to come within his imaginary reach. A quick thump to the glass sends everyone flying, and Miles, with an air of having completed a task well done, hops down for a quick bite, before the birds forget what had scared them and return to the feeder again. I'm not sure who is worse, Miles, who spend hours waiting for the perfect time to thump the glass, or I, spending hours waiting to see him thump the glass.

Unbeknownst to me, demographics were on my side in making Miles, "my cat." A lap, no matter how cat friendly, can take only so many cats. Top priority on my wife's lap went always to the two original cats. Jordie, being the "baby," had been adopted by the older two, and always had "his" spot. "Squeak," being female, offered no competition to the two other males, and always was welcomed. For Miles, however, getting onto my wife's lap was a struggle at best.

As the youngest of three males, he was the lowest in the pecking order; and, as such, his options were limited. He could bide his time and wait for an opening or brave my Jack Russell and occupy my wide-open lap. Fortunately for Miles, PJ had long ago realized that chasing cats was more effort than it was worth, and, at his advanced age, could manage only a grunt of disgust at the sight of Miles headed in our direction.

I soon found myself alternating my attention between PJ and Miles. Hours of petting would pass as I sat and studied. When one had had enough, the other would gladly move into its place. Soon Miles and PJ, once the poster child for cat-hating Jack Russells, were fast friends. Outside, PJ was the sole focus of my animal affection. Once inside, however, PJ was only too happy to surrender my attention to Miles, and troop off to his bed for a

**Miles is ever-present. He follows every step I take from the time I walk into the house to the time I leave it. He is "my cat."**

long evening of undisturbed rest.

With no one to compete with, Miles quickly learned my routines, and, without skipping a beat, always took advantage of every opportunity afforded him. I, likewise, took every opportunity to encourage him. During meals I would feed him from my plate, much to the frustration of my wife. When his cries for affection from my wife went unanswered, I would reach out and scratch him.

Soon, as if on cue, he began to appear out of nowhere when I opened a book, and would quickly settle in by my side. And, in the nightly ritual, while the other cats engaged in their evening struggle for a spot next to my wife, Miles began to take his place alone next to my chest. And now, while the other cats disappear when my wife goes away on business trips, Miles is ever-present. He follows every step I take from the time I walk into the house to the time I leave it. He is "my cat."

Over the years I've heard lots of opinions for the best sound to listen to as one falls asleep. Some think it's the sound of leaves rustling in the wind. Others, the sound of a babbling brook. But for my money, nothing beats the sound of a purring cat, happily sleeping next to "its" person. To purist "cat people," I'll never be one of them. To Miles, I'm as good as it gets.

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Michael, Emmitsburg, where she worked as nurse supervisor for five years, followed by two years as a nurse at St. Ann's Infant Home in Hyattsville, Md.

Sister Mary's last active duty was as refectorian at St. Joseph's Provincial House in Emmitsburg where she had worked since 1983.

Daughter of the late William A. and Cora Linthicum Sporer Sister Mary is survived by three sisters Dorothy Hergenroeder, Margaret M. Legg and Elizabeth Holey; one brother, Thomas Sporer all of Baltimore. Other survivors include many nieces, one of whom is Sister Charles Legg, also a Daughter of Charity, and 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, Maryland 21727.

### Miss Barbara Keilholtz

Miss Barbara Jean Keilholtz, 56, of Emmitsburg, died Saturday, June 16, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born July 20, 1944, in Gettysburg, she was a daughter of Gladys Valentine Keilholtz of Emmitsburg, and the late Raymond E. Keilholtz.

She was a lifelong member of Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge.

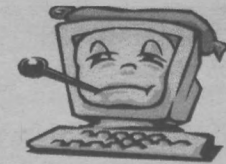
In addition to her mother, she is survived by three brothers, Robert Keilholtz and wife Joyce of Deland, Fla., James Keilholtz and wife Sharon of Emmitsburg, and Richard Keilholtz and wife Sandi of Walkersville; one sister, Linda Umbel and husband Austin of Emmitsburg; three nephews; three nieces; one great-nephew; and one great-niece.

Funeral services were held June 19 at Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, Rocky Ridge. Her pastor, the Rev. James Russell, officiated.

Interment was in Mount Tabor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Mount Tabor Lutheran Church, c/o Harold Late, treasurer, 507 Gateway Drive West, Thurmont, Md. 21788.

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# The (Retired) Ecologist's Corner

## Lightning (bugs) in a bottle

BY BILL MEREDITH  
Dispatch Writer

June is porch-sitting time at our house. Of course we sit on the porch other times too, but June is when it gets serious— warm enough every evening, but most of the time not hot enough to drive us inside to the air conditioning. A lot of important stuff gets done there—every house should have a porch. It needn't be elaborate; ours is small, with just enough room for a couple of rickety lawn chairs and a swing that belonged to my wife's parents (on which some of our better courting was done). After the evening news, I can enjoy a postprandial cigar and finish the crossword puzzle while my wife sits in the swing (away from the cigar) and waves to passing cars. I can watch the sky redden in the west, listen to the wren's evensong, watch the chimney swifts go to bed while the bats wake up— and recall scenes from childhood when the fireflies rise out of the grass.

We called them "lightning bugs" back in West Virginia, and I learned to

catch them as soon as I could walk. My grandmother would give me a pint Mason jar from her canning supply, and punch holes in the lid to let air in— a sacrifice in those days, for lids were expensive— and I would chase lightning bugs until it was too dark to see. The objective was to get enough to make a lantern; I was convinced that I should be able to see in the dark if they all come on at once, but they never did. I learned even at that age that insect behavior is stereotypical; a captured lightning bug would always climb to the tip of my finger and flash its tail-light before carefully spreading all four wings and taking off, and they always flew straight up. For a long time I believed that they flew up into the sky and became stars; there were no stars visible when they first started rising from the grass, and they flew up, and soon the sky was full of stars... perfectly logical.

It was a nice idea, but education disabused me of it. In college I learned that "lightning bugs" really are beetles, not bugs; the wings of beetles separate

in a straight line down the back, while those of bugs overlap to form an X. I was in graduate school in the mid-fifties when biochemists at Johns Hopkins figured out how they make their light; it was a chemical process that gave off almost no heat, an amazing 85% efficiency compared to the light bulbs of the time, which were about 20% efficient. And a decade later I was in graduate school again when biologists figured out that fireflies flash their lights as a form of communication by which the males and females find each other, to do what makes the world go 'round. There are many species of fireflies— over 50 in the U. S., and many more in the tropics— and each species has its own pattern of flashing. Some stay on longer than others; some have shorter intervals between flashes. Biologists have measured the flashing patterns precisely enough that they can imitate them with a flashlight and attract males (or females, as the case may be) of a particular species in an area where several kinds are present. Someone even discovered a species of firefly in which the female imitates the flashing pattern of another species— and when the wrong kind of male flies

to her, full of noble intentions and boisterous anticipation, she grabs him and eats him.

I pondered all this when my grandson came to spend a week with us, as he does each June. Instead of a Mason jar he had a special firefly bottle someone had bought for him, and when I asked if he thought lightning bugs turned into stars he brusquely said, "Don't be silly, Pa." But in spite of being more sophisticated than I was at that age, he was sure he could make a lantern to see by if they all came on at once, and he pursued the flashing lights with the same energy and enthusiasm I did 65 years ago. And he got many of the same benefits from it. He learned that success requires persistence; that small living things must be handled gently; that they have basic needs such as air, water and food; that it is OK to capture and observe them, but you should set them free afterward; that the grass gets wet in the evening even though it isn't raining; and that an evening spent chasing fireflies makes you sleep better than an evening in front of the TV set. I was especially thankful for the latter.

## Quilters

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS  
Dispatch Writer

July— the Red-White-and-Blue month; Independence Day; our nation's birthday month. The colors of our country's flag are found everywhere— beach balls, swim suits, kiddie pools, fire works, picnic accessories and QUILTS.

The colors of fabrics in quilts are as numerous as the patterns or designs of the quilts. However, three colors have dominated the quilt scene; red, green and yellow. With the official U.S. Flag adoption (after the Revolutionary War) in 1777, patriotic themes were featured in bedcovers. Since the flag was red, white, and blue, it was common practice to use these colors and gold in quilts.

Robert Bishop, author of *Quilts, Coverlets, Rugs, and Samplers*, says: "It was not unusual for a quilt maker either to piece or appliqué... motifs such as emblems, shields or stars; sometimes a real American flag was used as a central design element." The American Eagle enjoyed wide popularity from the late 1780s until the 1840s; declined until the Civil War when it was revived.

Patriotic quilts become more popular in times of national celebrations,

emergencies, or tragedies such as the *U.S.S. Cole* bombing as reported in this column in May. In the 1930s (the Depression Years) quilt kits were popular and patriotic motifs reappeared in stylistic forms. Again during World War II, red white, and blue patriotic quilts became popular especially with navy and air force symbols. Uncle Sam, flags and stars with embroidered slogans were among the designs.

Many of the patriotic symbols were simple designs and left large areas of the quilt top bare. As a result, these areas were heavily quilted with intricate designs.

Quilt making became less popular during the war. The men were away with the armed forces, and the women were working in the factories and defense industries. However, in the last ten years, the craft has again been revived with new twists. Red, white, and blue are still popular colors, but they are combined with all shades of the rainbow and all intensities of the spectrum.

The new quilt scene is a gallery of fabric art. The designs are more arty than patriotic. A July quilt would be made of fabrics printed with flags, fireworks, oceans, and skies. A July quilt could even be "Bugs in a bottle."

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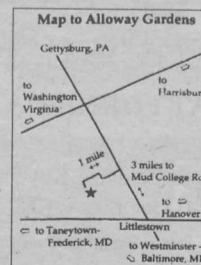
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## Legion auxiliary meeting

BY LOIS HARTDAGEN  
Dispatch Correspondent

The monthly meeting of Francis X. Elder Unit #121 was held recently. In the absence of the President, Lois Hartdagen, the 1st Vice President, Judy Kemper, conducted the meeting. Other officers absent were the Chaplain and the Historian.

The secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved.

The Auxiliary welcomed the Western Maryland District President, Valarie Pearce, and her guest to the meeting.

A thank-you card was read from Betty Krom, our Gold Star Mother, and the VA Medical Center at Martinsburg. The Center thanked the Auxiliary for their monetary donation earmarked for shaves and haircuts for patients. It was noted that this fund raiser is an ongoing project.

Four members attended the last District meeting of the Auxiliary year at the Woodsboro Legion. Those attending were Lois Hartdagen, Patty Troxell, Melva Hardman and Mary Goetz.

Red, white, and blue stars were sold for Memorial Day. At a cost of \$1.00, veterans' names were registered commemorating deceased and living

veterans who served in all wars.

Penny Adams announced that the sub sale was going well. Orders are to be in June 6 and delivery on June 14.

A letter was read from the Emmitsburg Lions Club regarding funds for the annual fireworks on July 7, 2001. Since there is a surplus of funds, no solicitation is being made this year.

Installation of Officers was then made by the Western Maryland District President. New Officers are: Pres. Lois Hartdagen, 1st V.P. Judy Kemper, 2nd V.P. Jeanne Cool, Secretary Penny Adams, Treasurer Anna Adams, Chaplain Patty Troxell, Historian Mary Lintz, and Sgt.-at-Arms Betty Goulden.

The Auxiliary presented Valarie with a monetary gift and she in turn donated it back to the Auxiliary to be used for the shave and haircut fund for the VA Center.

The hours of service were then taken by the Secretary.

Ethel Cool's name was called for the door prize of \$26.00 but she was not present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 and the ladies joined the men of the Post at Kumps Dam Park for refreshments.

## Fitness

Have an active summer!

BY LINDA STULTZ  
Certified Fitness Trainer

School's out and it's time to relax and enjoy the warm weather. Summer can be a lazy time if we are not careful. I know how tempting it can be to stay in the air-conditioned house, play video games, and eat ice cream or drink cool beverages. Be Mindful; don't let all the benefits you have achieved from your exercise program go by the way-side.

Many people think they get enough exercise from their extra summer activities such as mowing the lawn or planting the garden. While these are very good for you, nothing replaces your everyday workout. Exercises like walking, biking, swimming, lifting and stretching done on a routine basis are the ones that keep your blood pressure in check, your cholesterol down, and

your energy level up. A regular exercise program gives you the life-long benefits. Well conditioned muscles make those summer jobs a little easier, too.

Don't forget the kids this summer. America is experiencing a growing number of overweight children. Kids like to keep cool during the summer too. Swimming is a great way to keep cool and fit. Since they don't have gym class a few times a week, now that school is out, get involved and make it a family event to walk, ride your bikes or do some type of aerobic activity each day. People think that kids automatically get enough exercise. That's not always the case. They need an exercise routine to prepare them for a good exercise habit that will extend all through their lives. Look for more summer fitness suggestions next month.

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## Catechists, teachers honored

One person from Mother Seton School and two from St. Joseph's Parish were among the 19 catechists and Catholic school teachers who received certification at the Annual Catechist and Youth Minister Recognition Ceremony, held May 17 at St. Timothy's in Walkersville.

Anne Marie Hallinan, teacher at Mother Seton, and Sandy Seidel from St. Joseph's Parish received Catechist Certification, and Mary Meyers from St. Joseph's received Advanced Catechist Certification.

Rev. Joseph Cosgrove, Pastor of St. Peter's, Hancock, presided at the ceremony, with presentation of certificates by Ms. Carol Augustine, Director of the Division of Religious Education.

All who teach religion to children, youth, families or adults in Catholic parishes and schools are expected to pursue certification. Certificates are awarded each year by the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Divisions of Religious Education and Youth and Young Adult Ministry.



Photo courtesy Christopher L. Weber

**Rev. James Kiernan, Pastor, St. Joseph's Parish; award recipients Anne Marie Halinan, Sandra Seidel, and Mary Meyers; Rina Santarossa-Roca, coordinator of religious education, St. Joseph Parish; and Sr. Mary Catherine Conway, DC, principal, Mother Seton School.**

## Tools of Hope



Participants in the Tools of Hope Program sponsored by the UCC are, from left kneeling, Trey Watts, Josh and Mike Mort, and Louisa Piatac. Standing, Mickey Piatac, Victoria Farmer Long, and Kiersten Piatac. Back row, Nicolas Mort and Morgan Glass. Photo courtesy UCC Church

During the Lenten season, the Incarnation United Church of Christ Sunday School decided to sponsor a donation to Tools of Hope.

Tools of Hope is a program through Church World Service which provides items ranging from chickens to water pumps to people in the U.S. and around the world.

The children set aside their own weekly offerings for this project. We set up a toy wheelbarrow and display of garden tools as a site where church

members and friends can drop their donations. The men of the church gave their profits from the Easter Breakfast. When the final accounting was made, we had \$240!

With this money, we will be sending two tool sets consisting of a wheelbarrow, hoe, shovel, and rake; one chicken coop with a batch of chicks; and one rabbit hutch with a pair of breeding rabbits. Thanks to everyone whose contribution will be passed along to help four families to better lives.

## Local Churches

### Incarnation United Church of Christ

Founded in 1758 as a German Reformed Congregation. In 1860's the church moved into town. The current brick building was rebuilt after a fire in 1950. The current congregation is now UCC.

124 West Main St.  
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Sunday service: 10 a.m.  
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### Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

St. Joseph's Parish dates its beginning to 1786. Rev. John Dubois, the future bishop of New York, was the first resident Pastor. The Parish has been administered by the Vincentian Community since 1852. The present church was completed in 1842.

100 N. Seton Avenue  
Emmitsburg, Md. 21727

Weekly services: Monday - 7:30 p.m. (with the Miraculous Medal Novena); Tuesday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Evening - 4:30 p.m.; Sundays- 8:00, 10:15, 11:45 a.m.  
Pastor: Reverend James O. Kiernan, C.M.  
301-447-2326

### St. Anthony Shrine

St. Anthony's roots intertwine with the old St. Mary's on the Hill and date back to the 1700s. Our present church, St. Anthony Shrine, opened its doors on October 26, 1897.

16150 St. Anthony's Road  
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Mass schedule: Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.  
Pastor: Reverend James W. Mannon

### Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity United Methodist Church was founded in 1833. The present sanctuary

was built in 1807. Trinity has been a religious presence in Emmitsburg for 168 years.

313 West Main St.  
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Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Pastor: Reverend Julian A. Tavenner

### Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church

Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church has been a part of the Emmitsburg Community since before the American Revolution. The original meeting house stood about a mile north of Emmitsburg along the Gettysburg Rd. The grave of Samuel Emmitt, founder of Emmitsburg, is located in the old cemetery.

415 West Main St.  
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Service 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Reverend R. Benjamin Jones

### Tom's Creek United Methodist

### Church

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### Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church

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# St. Anthony/OLMC News

By ANN MARSHALL  
Dispatch Writer

**Vacation Bible School** was rescheduled and was held the week of June 25.

**A Town Meeting of Parishes** (St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel) was held at OLMC on June 13. This was a very open discussion

of the future needs and plans of the faith communities especially in light of the decreasing number of priestly vocations and the increasing need for space for services and educational activities. A summary of suggestions and plans for a follow-up meeting will be announced.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place at Our Lady of

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**Father Dairo Diaz**, former deacon at our parishes and seminarian at Mount St. Mary's, was ordained May 19, 2001. Father Leo and Sister Carol attended his ordination in Hartford, CT. Father Diaz sends greetings and asks for our prayers. He has been assigned to a bilingual parish: Holy Trinity Parish, 68 N. Colony Street, Wallingford, CT 06492.

**The Black/Indian Missions Annual Collection**, taken up in June, amounted to \$879.00.

This was an increase of nearly 50% over last year's offering.

**BIG Yard Sale/Bake Sale** coming up on July 27-28. This is a major fundraiser for the parish. Please round up your white elephants and collect other donations now. Private sellers may rent tables, Friday, \$10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Saturday, \$5.00 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Call Helen Reaver, 301-447-6431.

**Religious Education Volunteers** are being urged to assist with program beginning September 2001. This is a "heads up" for parents, young adults and retirees. Your help is always wanted and welcomed.

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**Ray and Louise Horst** observed their 58th Wedding Anniversary in June. Morning Mass on Tuesday, June 19, was celebrated for their intentions.

**Congratulations** from St. Anthony Shrine Parish to **Drew and Ryan Drumheller**, who were baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, June 24, 2001. Drew and Ryan are the sons of Clifford and Lisa Drumheller.

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# Rocky Ridge News

BY EMMA KEENEY  
Dispatch Writer

Birthday wishes for July: Bradley Wiles, Cody Wolf, Carl Keeney, Cora Setherley, Eddie Stambaugh, Calvin Keeney, Melvin Troxell, Dorothy Smith, Michael Dinterman, Shirley Boroman, Jason Mazingo, Kevin Sharrer, Kenneth Frushour, Jason Roser, Connie Humerick, Junior Lee Brown, Richard Stambaugh, Michael Doble, Charles Keeney Jr., Mary Shriner, Brandon Humerick, Brenda Lee Brown, and Barbara Shriner.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Jean Keilholtz, who died June 16. She enjoyed helping people, especially at the Mt. Tabor Park Big Picnic. This would have been her 44th year of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Everyone will miss her beautiful smile.

Congratulations to the graduates of Catocin High School from the local churches: Travis Sander, Mt. Tabor Lutheran; Melissa Sharrer of Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ; Crystal Shriner, granddaughter of Mary Shriner, member of Mt. Tabor United

Church of Christ.

On Sunday, June 10, Katie Louse Burrier, Jennifer Christina Gillespie, and Benjamin James Sanders were received into membership of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church through the Rite of Confirmation.

## Church of the Brethren

BY PAT FREE

July Birthdays: Best wishes to Rick Baker, 7/1; David Fogle 7/26; Tammy Orndorff, 7/1; John Eichelberger, 7/15; Steve Eichelberger, 7/23; Jo Ann Hurley, 7/14; Ronald Eyler, 7/3; Jerry Free, 7/3; Westin Ritchie, 7/29 Leon Stover, 7/18, and Bob Free, 7/13.

Happy Anniversary to Ralph and Debbie Eyler, 7/6.

## Corrections to last month's Rocky Ridge News:

Michael and Kim Dinterman's son's name is Shawn Dinterman.

For Church of the Brethren: Happy Birthday to Tracey Eyler Gormer.

Happy anniversary to Elmer "Pete" and Greta Lambert.

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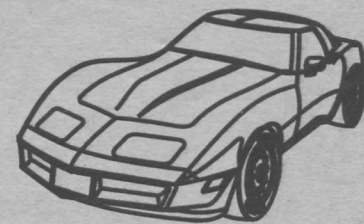
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# Looking Ahead

## Saturday, July 7

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## Saturday, July 21

**Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge will hold a festival at Mt. Tabor Park, home of the BIG SLIDE.** Come enjoy good home-cooked food - Soup, Sandwiches, Homemade Pie, Iced Tea and Ice Cream beginning at 4:00 p.m. Also enjoy games, including BINGO, and music by "The Gospel Travelers" starting at 7:00 p.m. Come join us in Christian fellowship - surely a good time for everyone of all ages!

## Saturday, July 21 - 22

**Emmitsburg Family Barbershop and Salon will hold its 2nd Annual Craft Show** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 21 East Main Street, Emmitsburg. Tables for craft vendors

## BIG Yard Sale/Bake Sale

coming up on July 27-28. at St. Anthony's Shrine, 16150 St. Anthony's Road, Emmitsburg. Private sellers may rent tables, Friday, \$10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Saturday, \$5.00 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## Slavic American Festival

Sunday July 22  
12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m.

### Entertainment

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There will be a drawing for a 25" Color TV Saturday, July 21 at the show.

## Sunday, August 5

**Free Concert at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church,** Route 140, Emmitsburg. There will be games, light refreshments and fun for every age. Please plan to come out for an evening of fellowship and wonderful music featuring Mark Parker, Paul Rose, and others. 5:00 p.m. - ? For more information please call 301-694-2512, 301-447-2714, or 410-756-6550.

## Saturday, August 11

**Jacob's United Church of Christ Annual Festival** beginning 3:00 pm ... until.....

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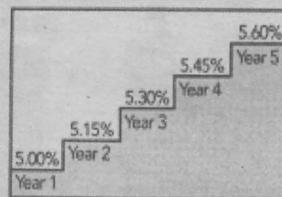
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## Breakfast All-You-Can-Eat

Saturday, July 7, 2001 6:30 - 10:00 a.m.

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## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Club Emmitsburg Community Day July 7, 2001

(Raindate: Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>)

**All-you-can-eat breakfast:** 6:30 - 10:00 a.m. served at the Fire House by the VHC Auxiliary

### Community Center Events South Seton Avenue

**Food:** 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
Chicken barbecue, soft drinks, ice cream sandwiches, hot dogs

**Games:** 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Balloon toss, egg toss, pie eating, sack race, casting contest, tug of war

**Horseshoes:** 1:00 p.m.  
Registration closes at 12:45 p.m.

**Golf Contest:** 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Closest to pin. Cash prizes.

**Fun and Games** 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Vigilant Hose Company demonstrations

**Larry Noel Memorial Mile Run:** 6:00 p.m.  
Follows parade route

**Parade** 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Start at W. Main to Square to DePaul St. to E. Main to Square to Community Center

**Program:** 7:00 p.m.  
Theme: Community Spirit in Emmitsburg

**Music:** From end of program until 9:30 p.m.  
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## Fireworks: 9:45 p.m. sharp

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