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#### Notice:

As of September 1, 2001, trash for the Town of Emmitsburg will be picked up on Mondays and Fridays.

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# Ambulance Company defends emergency response record

#### BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER **Dispatch Writer**

On Monday evening, August 6, there was standing room only at the town office for the regularly scheduled town meeting. The order of business was changed to address a crowd comprised mostly of persons related in some way to either the Vigilant Hose Company, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, or the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association.

Tim Clarke, president of the Vigilant Hose Company(VHC), raised concerns about the delivery of emergency medical service (EMS) being provided by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company 26. Clarke cited the failure of Company 26 to respond to seven out of eight calls during a 33hour period over the weekend of July 20 - 21 as an example of a chronic problem. (According to Frederick County Code, "Service must respond within 8

minutes from the time of the first dispatch for an emergency incident. Failure to respond within 8 minutes of the dispatch is considered a failed

Ann Messner, chief of Company 26, spoke in explanation of those failures saying the particular

Pelkey, president of the Emmitsburg Ambulance

Company, addressed the seven failed calls that July weekend. "On the dates in question, three of the senior officers of Company 26 went out of town for the weekend. Due to a breakdown in com-



incident cited was "due to Wednesday, August 29, 2:40 p.m. both VHC a breakdown in communi- Company 6 and Ambulance Company 26 were dispatched and responded to a vehicle fire at 685 Boyle statement Road. Both units arrived at 2:44 p.m. Pictured at the released to the Dispatch scene on standby from the left are Company 26's on August 28, Joseph EMT Lt. Brian Koenig, and driver Jamie Eyler.

A Dispatch Photo

munication, the remaining membership failed to recognize that although there were the required number of emergency medical technicians available, there

(See Ambulance on page 3)

# Community Show marks 45th anniversary

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Community Show scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 7, 8 and 9, 2001 at Catoctin High School in Thurmont, Maryland.

Over 2500 farm and garden, household, quilt, livestock, machinery and commercial displays can be seen during the three day event. Entries will be entered Thursday night, September 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, September 7, from 8:0 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the new gymnasium. There will be no entry fee. Ribbons and \$8,000.00 in prize money will be awarded. Entries may be removed from the gymnasium on Sunday, September 9 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The show opens to the public Friday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m.. At 7:30 p.m., the program will open in the auditorium with the massing of flags by community civic organizations. The "Final Four Quartet" consisting of Wayne Hooper, Steve Purcell, Jesse

Love and Dale Hooper will present a and Dennis Smith. musical program.

The highlight of the program will be the announcement of the 2001-2002 Catoctin FFA Ambassador. The Show will honor Community Thurmont's 250th anniversary during the program. To be honored will be twenty individuals from the anniversary committee along with the town commissioners. On display will be many old pictures of the Town of Thurmont, dating back to 1900, by John Kinnard

Immediately following the program, an auction of all baked goods exhibited at the show will be held in the auditorium. Roger Rothenhoefer will be the auctioneer.

Saturday's activities include a Beef, Sheep and Swine Fitting & Showing contest from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ag Center and a pet show, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in front of the school.

(See Show on page 12)

# **Back-to-School Family Fun Night**

Emmitsburg Elementary School welcomes students and their families to Back-To-School Family Fun Night which will be held on September 12, 2001, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Families are invited to come to the school and meet teachers and staff. Bring your dinner and enjoy a fun time listening to music and learning about various school programs! All children will need to be accompanied by an adult.

# Letters to the Editor



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

#### Thank you

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches, along with the family of Esmir Mrkanovic, thank Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caulfield for the use of their rental house at 16120 St. Anthony Road. The Caulfields generously offered the rent-free use of the house

to the refugee family for a full year at a time when the family and the Council needed it most. Thank you, Caulfields!

PAUL HARNER President. **Emmitsburg Council of Churches** 

#### A spirit to be proud of

One of the many pleasures of living in Emmitsburg the last few years has been the daily stroll to the post office. Main Street these days looks lovely, with its historic buildings highlighted by the splashes of color from the flowers so carefully tended by the many civic-minded folk who weed and water throughout the summer. Our thanks to them for making our town look so attractive.

And our hats off to the other volunteers in town, too, who give countless hours to the schools, churches, library, literacy tutoring, food bank, Lions Club projects, and, of course, our wonderful firefighters and ambulance personnel. We wish we could thank you all personally! It is a spirit to be proud of.

MARGARET AND DICK DODDS

#### Tree well awards to be announced

On September 20, at 7 p.m. our tree well winning gardeners will be announced. This is an open meeting of the Silver Fancy Garden Club to be held at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company building meeting room. At this time we will announce our win-

ners, award the prizes and discuss how we can make this a better project. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend

FRANKIE FIELDS Silver Fancy Garden Club

### Town News . . . .

A staff report

A standing-room-only crowd came to the August 6 town meeting to discuss the service provided by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. (See story on page 1)

Following the discussion public comments on other subjects were heard:

Lisa Krom, president of the Emmitsburg Little League, thanked town officials and the Parks Commission, for all the work that was done and the support that was given to make the Maryland Little League Junior Softball tournament held in Emmitsburg July 21-23 a success. Ms. Krom stated that the District #2 Administrator, Gregg Quedeweit, said that he "would be willing to host another tournament in Emmitsburg tomorrow, it went so well."

Commissioner Sweeney of the Parks Committee reported that the town staff did extensive work to ready the ball fields for the tournament. The town also donated materials and labor to construct the grandstand. He also reported that five teams stayed at the new Sleep Inn and Suites and that local restaurants benefited from the influx of

Resident Joan Boyle made an appeal to the town to provide supervision in the parks. She suggested the town support a summer program for children directed by a professional recreational director. Mayor Carr said that town officials have begun to plan for a summer program for children in 2002. A meeting was held in early August with representatives from

CASS and Debra Abraham, Director of Recreational Programs for Frederick County, to begin the planning stage.

In other business the council announced there would be another hearing next month regarding an ordinance change to allow an auction house in the village zone.

Mayor Carr reported that the roof would be installed on the new water plant the week of August 13. He also said the connection at Mount St. Mary's is complete including the electric hookup.

It was announced that several permits have been issued by Planning and Zoning including the building permit for the first Ryan house to be built in Pembrook Woods.

Mayor Carr reported that the town had entered into a contract with the Department of Agriculture which runs the mosquito control program for the state. They will survey the town's mosquito areas to determine where to spray. The Mayor told the Dispatch that the ongoing program will cost \$500.

Town manager Dave Haller announced that a reconfiguration of the entrances to McDonalds and the Exxon station is being studied.

The Buckeye Development Company, developers of Pembrook, asked the town to cover the \$7,189 cost of some piping on Tract Road as part of the water development which would serve the west end of town. The council voted 5-0 to deny the request. They felt the developer should cover the cost since he will benefit.

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### Need a back massage?



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# Traffic study shows full traffic signal not warranted at Silo Hill intersection

RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER
Dispatch Writer

On June 22, after speaking with Emmitsburg officials, a reporter from the *Dispatch* spoke with Neil Parrott of the State Highway Administration regarding the necessity of improvements to the traffic control situation at the east end of Emmitsburg. Mr. Parrott was asked about the possibility of a traffic light installation at the intersection of MD Route 140 and Silo Hill Road.

The inquiry was prompted by a May 24th traffic accident in which a car was struck by a tractor trailer traveling west on Route 140 through the intersection. The car, which was deemed a total loss, had been coming across Route 140 onto Silo Hill Road.

It was learned that Hess Development, builder of the new Sleep Inn and Suites, is holding a bond of \$80,000 toward improvements of this intersection. Mr. Parrott, also being aware of the bond, stated that a traffic study needed to be conducted.

On August 29, Traffic Engineer Khursheed Bilgrami of the Maryland State Highway Administration told the *Dispatch*: "We have completed our traffic study and have determined that a full

traffic signal is not warranted based on this new study just completed."

According to Bilgrami the studies involved were a "spot speed study" conducted on Tuesday, July 3; a "traffic count" conducted on Tuesday, July 24, to determine volume; and a "gap study" on Thursday, July 26. On August 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and August 10 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. a stop delay and queues study was done. Other field observations were made in the early part of August 2001.

Bilgrami said, "A final decision has not been made for what kind of improvement we might adapt." Additional data is still required.

An evaluation of improvement to existing control devices and consideration of other options such as a flashing signal will be examined. Bilgrami added, "Basically we are looking for something to slow the traffic down coming from the east direction, down around that curve and down the hill, on MD Rt. 140.

The Office of Traffic Safety will compile and issue a final report with recommendations to the town officials of Emmitsburg. No date was given for the completion of this report.

# Local girl competes in AAU Junior Olympics

Amanda Barber, age 10, daughter of Jeff & Bobbi Jo Barber of Emmitsburg, recently traveled to Norfolk State University for the AAU Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships. Amanda competed in the 10-year-old division of the high jump. She jumped 3'4", a personal record for her this season.

Amanda has been spending her summer training at the Catoctin High School Track 3-4 days a week and attending track meets in Maryland and Virginia She placed 4th at the Regional Championships in July at Hampton, Va., which qualified her to compete in the Junior Olympics. Congratulations to one local athlete who has made her summer a memorable one!!

Amanda will be a 5th grader at Emmitsburg Elementary School this fall. She also plays the flute for her school band and takes private lessons in the summer. Amanda would like to thank the following local businesses for sponsoring her during her competition this summer: Playground Specialists, Inc.; Reckley Plumbing; Harrington & Sons, Delphey Construction, and Rocky's Pizza.



Amanda Barber, in full uniform, standing at the Norfolk State University Dick Price Stadium prior to competition

### Ambulance from page 1

were not sufficient drivers registered for certain shifts on July 20th and 21st. This anomaly has been addressed and corrected. Currently, each week on a rotating schedule, a senior officer of the company is assigned to serve as the duty officer. In addition to certain other responsibilities that that officer has during their tour, the duty officer is responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient members registered for each shift during the week. Between the chief of Company 26, the duty officer, and the other senior officers of Company 26, we are confident that the problem that was encountered on July 20, 2001, and July 21, 2001, will not arise again."

VHC President Clarke stated there are long-standing issues of failed or late service. He said, "Our members have extended themselves by providing staffing for Company 26 vehicles, operating a county-owned ambulance from our station for 9 months [in 1998], and responding to hundreds of emergency dispatches when Station 26 personnel have failed or were late..." Clarke said his company does not want to get into the EMS business and they are strong in their belief that any failure rate is unacceptable.

In regard to the recent past response-time record of Emmitsburg Ambulance Company 26, President

Pelkey noted in his statement to the Dispatch that it "has far exceeded the minimum requirement of the Frederick County Code for the past three years. Company 26 responded within eight minutes of receiving a call for 94% of the 999 calls (in 1999) and 1037 calls (in 2000), that it received. For the first six months of year 2001, Company 26 responded within eight minutes of receiving a call for 97% of the 500 calls that it received. While Company 26 strives to reduce the number of calls that it does not respond to within eight minutes of receiving the call, it is important to note that of the other eighteen ambulance companies in Frederick County, all of whom employ paid personnel, only two were able to respond to each call received during the first six months of 2001 within eight minutes of receiving a call."

Mayor Carr stated in the town meeting that we want, require, and support viable fire and rescue services in our community. He said the initiative for resolution should come from the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Services, the ambulance company and the fire company jointly. Mayor Carr said the town will cooperate with and support any legal and practical solution to the problems presently occurring. He feels confident they will work it out

for the town's benefit.

In an effort to deal with the immediate situation a special executive meeting was held on Thursday, August 9, by the Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association (FCVFRA) which included officers from Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., Vigilant Hose Co., and Emmitsburg town officials. The meeting resulted in the establishment of a fact-finding commission.

Four representatives were appointed to the commission by Don Lachman, president of FCVFRA, and a fifth individual was recommended by Mayor Carr to represent the community of Emmitsburg at large. A progress report is due every 30 days to be presented at the FCVFRA monthly executive committee meeting. A final report, including the commission's recommendations for action is due to be completed in 90 days. At press time the commission had not yet convened for its first meeting.

When Lachman was asked if Emmitsburg residents needed to be concerned about getting a ambulance he said, "I will personally guarantee that the service Emmitsburg community residents require will be dispatched; the people in Emmitsburg will get the service they need."



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### Commentary Tennis anyone?

Credit must be given to the Emmitsburg town government for capturing monies available for community projects through federal and state government agencies, and in some cases even through charitable organizations. Over the past year \$970,000 have flowed into the maintenance and development of this town because town officials have learned how to play the government-to-government partnership game.

However, there is a second kind of partnership into which the local government can enter with beneficial results. The partnership can be with local businesses or organizations in the private sector - a public/private partnership. For example, in Baltimore two private sector organizations entered into a partnership with the Maryland Government Neighborhood Grants program to needed projects. The Baltimore Opera Company received \$100,000 to design an new opera center and 1000 Friends of Maryland, a youth advocacy group, received \$50,000 to purchase a new building. These projects are clearly outside the normal realm of municipal responsibility. These groups, by forming an alliance through Neighborhood Grants, have taken an innovative step for the enrichment and well-being of city residents.

With the demise of the Emmitsburg skateboard park and the eventual return

# "Business Leads" - A new group in town

By LINDA STULTZ

We are excited about "Business Leads," our newly formed group of small business owners who offer a variety of services to the community.

Our group is compiled of local people with several different types of services that many people need each day, but just don't know where to look for them. I have many friends who have developed their interests into small businesses. This group was formed to "get the word out." Didn't know who to contact for the specific chore? Now you do!

Our group started just three months ago, but we are growing. We have a monthly meeting to share ideas, names, and ways to let the community know about the wide variety of services we

offer. In this short period of time we have shared many names with friends and associates. We understand that "word of mouth" and personal experience is the best compliment you can get. We want to promote only good quality services; that's why our group is compiled of people we know and have confidence in.

Below is a list of services, names and phone numbers. Please cut it out and put it on your fridge or in your address book. The next time you get together with friends and they ask if you know of anyone who offers a specific service, pull out our list and share it. Please feel free to contact anyone on our list for more information. We will be adding new people and services each month. Look for future articles about individuals in the group.

#### **Business Leads**

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of the space into a tennis court, we have a similar opportunity in our own backyard. Just as in the early stages with the skateboard park a quiet, unorganized interest is being expressed to have a tennis program for the kids.

We believe that public/private partnerships are a viable way for people to address local needs. The *Dispatch* will put \$250 on the table to form a partnership with the town government to form an alliance that will study, organize (according to accepted project management practices), and implement a limited pilot tennis program for the year 2002.

We encourage any other private sector businesses or residents who love tennis or are interested in developing a tennis program for the kids to get in touch with us by mail at The Dispatch, PO Box 358, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Saturday, October 6, Catoctin High School class of 1976 25 year reunion. 6:00 p.m.,

Dinner/Dance at Lakeside Hall (Fort Ritchie). The cost is \$32.00 per person. Sunday, October 7, 1:00 p.m. Family Picnic at the Walkersville Community Park. Cost is \$5.50 per adult and \$3.50 per child age 5-12. We have been unable to locate the following classmates: Brenda Andrew Glass, Leona Dayhoff, Janet Gorman Tate, Laurel Hewitt, Deborah Kline Mackinzie, Penny Otto, Cynthia Shaffer Willy, Sally Ann Smith, Michael Byrne, Thomas Fisher, Robert Powell, Robert Unger and Karl Wilhelm. For more information or to help locate classmates call Gwen Long Kuster, 301-845-2540 or Donna

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# bassador's view of Australia

By Courtney Tasker

Courtney, a sophomore at Catoctin High School, participated in the People to Peiple Student Ambassador Program this summer. She is the daughter of Greg and Cindy Tasker of Emmitsburg.

Looking out the window, I saw nothing but sand and bushes. The Australian Outback looked like I had imagined, but I noticed the red-brown sand looked wet. I was puzzled. Already, I craved the crowded streets of Sydney, and I was not looking forward to what I envisioned would be a hot and humid, isolated Outback.

"Rug up," said Vicki, our Australian guide, instructing us to layer our clothes to keep warm. "It's freezing out here. If you thought it was chilly in Sydney, it's really cold here."

Cold? How could I have forgotten it's winter in Australia? As I looked around the vacant airport in Ayers Rock, it really hit me. Everyone had on hats and gloves and heavy jackets. Even better! It's biting cold.

Traveling in the cold was not what I had in mind when I decided to join a People to People student ambassador trip to Australia this summer. I had imagined busy sightseeing days in

Sydney and scorching heat and wild is canvas with 2-inch animals roaming the Australian Styrofoam base. We Outback. In the Outback, I was in for a surprise.

Before arriving in Ayers Rock, our group of 38 students from Frederick and Montgomery counties had spent three days touring Sydney, Australia's biggest city. We visited the Sydney Opera House, Centre Point (similar to meal featuring steak, Seattle's space needle) Olympic Stadium, the Superdome, and the Opal museum. We also attended an evening cruise. Then we were off to Ayers Rock. Over the next two weeks, our itinerary consisted of six days in the Outback, a snorkeling trip at the Great Barrier Reef, a stay on an island and a city located in the rain forest.

Despite the cold, visiting the outback for a week was a great experience. I learned to adapt to less than ideal conditions that really weren't so bad after all. We hiked among several rocksincluding the aborigines' Ayers Rock. My favorite experience there was a farm stay. We went horseback riding, cracked whips (I wasn't very good at it but it was fun to watch!) and made bread. The farm was called Ooraminna. That night we slept in swags in a small cabin outside. The outer layer of a swag

were covered with a sleeping bag and a sheet. It kept us very warm in the below-zero temperatures. For dinner that night we had an authentic Australian green beans, carrots, scalloped potatoes and bread.

Two days later we in Cairns, were Queensland. The moment I stepped off the plane, I knew I would love it there-

no cold! The warm sun shone upon us again with a cool breeze. Palm trees were everywhere. It was beautiful! While in Cairns we rode a skyrail above a rainforest. The bright colored plants and trees were magnificent. We also held koalas, fed kangaroos, saw dingoes and observed some of Australia's wild birds.

We spent the next couple days on Long Island—one of the Whitsunday Islands discovered by Captain Cook. One day we took a boat out to one of the Seven Wonders of the World—the Great Barrier Reef. The Barrier Reef is actually the world's largest living organism. Snorkeling on the Barrier Reef was a great way to see the reef and



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the thousands of organisms that inhabit it. At first I was hesitant to snorkel, but I realized it's not something you get the opportunity to do everyday and I "gave it a go," as the Australians would say.

Another great experience I had was my homestay. For two days each of us stayed with an Australian family. We even attended school with the teen in the house. My homestay hosts, the Marches, were extremely nice. I got to see what it's like in an Australian home—which is much like a typical American home. Both parents have jobs, the children played and completed homework and the house was full of pets. But instead of stray dogs roaming

(See Australia on page 7)

### Local girl keeps rising to the top



MORGAN THOMAS

Competing in pageants and twirling competitions is nothing new to Morgan Whitney Thomas. She started at an early age of 16 months old, and has been competing ever since.

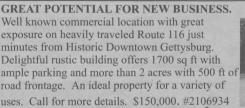
Morgan just added another title to her accomplishments, when she became the new Miss Preteen Maryland Achievement 2001. She will now go on to represent Maryland at the national pageant later on this summer. The Miss American Achievement Scholarship and Recognition Program is based on personal achievement. Girls and women in five age groups are eligible to enter. Applicants are required to submit a binder of their lifetime achievements including an essay on "My Definition of Achievement" and a synopsis of their educational and academic achievements. Additionally, applicants must select four of the following seven areas of focus for evaluation: community service, social activities, leadership roles, skills/talents/abilities, health and fitness, career achievements, and personal challenges. Documentation to support the applicants' resumes must be included with their entries.

Some of Morgan's accomplishments include: Miss Preteen Frederick County Achievements 2001; Miss Preteen National Star 2000; Miss Preteen Maryland Star 2000; Intermediate World Twirling Champion 1997; Intermediate Miss Majorette of America runner-up 1997; Miss Mason Dixon 1999; Intermediate Miss Majorette of Maryland 1996 and 1997; Intermediate Maryland State Strut and Twirling Champion 1997; Intermediate Mid-Atlantic Regional Strut Champion 1997; All East Loveliest Model 1996; 2nd runner-up Advance World Duet 2001. She is a majorette with The World/National Champions Wheaton Majorettes from Rockville, Maryland.

Morgan is the daughter of Dale and Barbara Thomas of Thurmont, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers of Emmitsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. Thomas, Jr. of Adamstown.



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At a recent Wantz family reunion four generations gather in the shade for a family photo. From left are Steve A. Wantz, Sr., David B. Wantz holding Steve A. Wantz III, and Steve A. Wantz Jr. Photo courtesy of David Wantz.

### Five generations of the Umbel family



Five generations came together at a recent family gathering. From left are Lindsay Benjamin, granddaughter; Cyndi Benjamin, granddaughter holding Ethan Benjamin Fuss, great-grandson; Helen Umbel, great-great grandmother; Beatrice Umbel, great grandmother; and Ann Benjamin, grandmother.

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Mr. and Mrs. David Glass celebrate 50th wedding anniversary.

#### **Photo courtesy Audrey Glass**

Mr. and Mrs. David Casey Glass celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Carriage House Inn on July 17. They were married July 22, 1951, by the late Rev. Howard Fox at the Trinity Evangelic Reformed Church in Gettysburg, Pa.. Mrs Glass is the former Edna Smith.

The surprise meal was arranged by the family of Mr. Glass. Those attending were Mr. And Mrs. Glenn Glass, Mr. And Mrs. Eric Glass and two sisters, Mrs. Harry McNair, Boots and Bill McKenzie, their twin daughters, Miss Marline Glass, Mrs. Darlene Wartefel. Two granddaughters were unable to

#### Births

Congratulations to these new par-

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### Wivell completes technician's course



ANTHONY C. WIVELL

Air Force Airman Anthony C. Wivell recently graduated from the aerospace ground equipment apprentice and mission ready technician course at Sheppard Air Force Base; Wichita Falls, Texas.

Wivell, the son of Fred and Ginny Bowne of Fairfield, Pa., Grandson of Charles Hobbs Jr., Ruth Wivell, Don and Mary Bowne all of Emmitsburg, Md., underwent six months of intensive training in turbine and diesel engines and electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic systems to support aircraft maintenance and operations. Wivell learned to operate, inspect, maintain and repair aircraft ground support equipment and are trained in the use of technical data, special tools, handling environmental materials and maintenance safety procedures.

#### Australia from page 5

the Marches' neighborhood, there were kangaroos hopping through the yards.

A day after our homestay, we headed home, although none of us were ready to leave this paradise we discovered. The trip was as much a learning experience as a vacation.

It had been a busy three weeks, but I had learned a lot. I learned about Australian culture, including the Aborigines. It opened my eyes to how other people live and to respect their traditions. I also learned to adapt and be flexible, to travel with a large group and alone (I wasn't with my family), to try new things, such as snorkeling, and to taste new foods, such as kangaroo and camel. I also learned much more responsibility, taking charge of my luggage and belongings and making sure I followed our daily schedule. It was an unforgettable journey.

My trip was made possible with help from my Silo Hill neighbors, the of Emmitsburg, Communications, Emmitsburg Glass, Linda Myers, Stacy Wantz, Amvets of Thurmont, Current Electric Co. and the Pickle Barrel Inn, both of Michigan. Thank you.

#### Seidel promoted to cadet corporal

Cadet Robert A. Seidel III of the United States Military Academy has recently been promoted to the rank of Cadet Corporal. Cadet Seidel successfully completed the seven-week summer training program known as Cadet Field Training. The training is held at Camp Buckner for third class cadets, so they can build on the Army skills they learned during Cadet Basic Training last year and further prepare for their future jobs as platoon leaders in the

Cadet Seidel was trained and tested on everything from Land Navigation (Day and Night) to Close Quarters

Combat, Fire Support and Bayonet skills. He successfully completed the Leadership Reaction Course that challenges the cadets to work as a team thinking creatively, while the Confidence Obstacle Course tested the cadets on an individual level.

Cadet Seidel spent a week at Fort Knox Kentucky, where he experienced firsthand the operations of Tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles, as well as fire M105 Howitzers.

Cadet Seidel started the Academic year on Monday, August 20. He is the son of Bob and Sandy Seidel of



ROBERT A. SIDEL

#### Marie Long celebrates 65th birthday

A birthday celebration was held recently in honor of Marie Long's 65th 1936, to the late Paul and Regina the party. Ryan was born July 27, 1987. Keepers.

As part of the celebration, letters were written to Marie by family members and read to her at the party. Also included in the celebration was a pictorial "this is your life," which reviewed Marie's life from infancy to the present.

Ryan Stackhouse, Marie's grandbirthday. Marie was born on July 29, son, also celebrated his 14th birthday at

> Those in attendance were Marie Long, Lee and Cindy Ott, Vicky, Eric and Ryan Stackhouse, Tom, Pam, Elizabeth and Jacob Miller, Ralph and Kathy Long, Mike, Mary and Emily



MARIE LONG

### St. Joseph High School Class of 1941



Remembering the graduation class of St. Joseph's High boarding school 60 years ago (June 1941) on St. Joseph's College campus. St. Joseph's High School became a day cchool in Emmitsburg in 1946. Picture above are irst row, from left: Mildred Cool, Mary Bernadette Ward, Marjorie Gallagher, Katherine Ritchie, Jane Ganster, Lucetta Rice, Mary Ellen Carroll, Theresa Berry, Madeline Golibart, Margaret Pahr, Gloriea Cardenti, Marie Robinson, and Rita Marie Tresselt. Up left stair: Joan Boyle, Lorraine Rodgers, Gloria Joy, Dorthy Goodwin. Across stairs: Nancy Nolan, Helen Frailey, EmiliaCeylaza, Anna Z. Top row: Mary Catherine Heltzel, Mary (Peggy) Fitzgeral, and Ave Reed. Down right stair: Photo courtesy Gloria Bauerline Norma Day, unknown, Eileen Norris, and Josephine Wivell.

# St. Joseph's High School Class of 1951 celebrates 50th



ST. JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1951

Front Row from left: Anna Mae Welty, Hugh Rocks, Patricia Joy, David White, Pauline Rosensteel, William Sterbinsky, Rita Ann Topper. Second Row: June Pastorette, Robert Jordan, Karen Scott, Patricia Sell, Mary Miller, Helen Orndorf. Third Row: Donald Rodgers, Teresa Pecher, David Adams, Joan Eckert, Patrick Boyle, Ann Marie Hobbs, John Walter. Back Row: Edward Collins, Rosemary Mick, Richard Topper. Absent from picture: James Welty

**Photo courtesy Don Rodgers** 

St. Joseph's High School Class of 1951 celebrated their 50th graduation anniversary the weekend of May 19th. 2001. The festivities started with dinner at The Main Street Grill on Friday evening and continued with lunch at the Ott House on Saturday. On Saturday afternoon the class, along with many other St. Joseph alumni, attended a Mass celebrated by Father Shaum at St. Mary's Grotto Chapel. After Mass, a dinner, catered by Classic Affairs, was served at St. Joseph's Parish Center.

Attending the Saturday evening dinner were: Pat Joy Otto and George, Bill Sterbinsky and Dolores, Bob Jordan and Catherine, Ann Marie Hobbs McCleaf and Jack, Hugh Rocks and Pat, Teresa Pecher Rodgers and Ken, Pat Boyle, Mary Miller Topper, Dick Topper and Alice, John (Buzz) Walter and Mary Agnes, Ed Collins and Helen, Helen Orndorff Fry, Don Rodgers and Dolores, and, a former teacher, Eileen Rodgers Seeker and

The weekend concluded with brunch at Mountain Gate on Sunday.

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### **Another Marathon for Mary**

By Marion Lee

Last year, the Dispatch ran a story on Mary van Buren, the Social Director at St. Catherine's, about her passion to help those in need. Mary does this by running in marathons and she is at it again! In October, Mary will be participating in Baltimore's very first Children's Research Hospital and mail marathon. The proceeds will go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Seven months ago, Mary ran in Virginia Beach to help children suffer-

ing from cancer. That event was sponsored by the Four Diamonds Fund and the generosity of the Dispatch readers was so greatly appreciated.

If anyone would like to contribute to benefit the children at St. Jude's, make your check payable to: St. Jude's it to: Ms. Mary van Buren, St. Catherine's Nursing Home, 331 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg 21727.

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### St. Joseph's Parish holds picnic



Cotton candy! The little people really had fun.

On August 18th St. Joseph's Catholic Church had their annual parish picnic. The picnic was well attended and took place on the church's parking lot, and in the parish hall.

Attractions for the day included spin art, sand art, sock races, water balloon toss, duck pond, egg grab basket, face painting, penny pitch and penny bingo. Over 200 stuffed animals were donated and given away as prizes.

Many families came with children who not only enjoyed the games but also the popcorn, sno-cones, and cotton candy. Other food, which was served from the parish hall kitchen, included hot dogs, sandwiches, pie, cookies, and drinks.

Entertainment for the day was the "Home Comfort Bluegrass Band." A raffle concluded the days event with prizes being an EXXON gas card, scooter, hand made fall wreath, and huge stuffed panda bear.

The women of St. Joseph's Blessed Virgin Sodality sponsored the picnic which proved to be a great success for bringing the parish together for a day of sharing good food and fun.



Home Comfort Bluegrass Band provided the musical entertainment at the annual St. Joseph's summer picnic. Raymond Buchheister for the Dispatch

# Rev. Margaret Dodds retires from UCC Church

By JANET SPRINGER

Rev. Margaret Dodds retired as pastor of Incarnation United Church of Christ (UCC) in Emmitsburg at the end of August. Rev. Dodds was born in November, 1935, and raised in Washington, D.C., where her father was a Presbyterian minister. After marrying Rev. Richard Dodds, she received her Master's degree in English from the Yale Graduate School, taught high school and raised three children. She received her Master's degree in Divinity from Howard University School of Divinity in 1984 and was ordained that same year.

Rev. Dodds was the associate pastor at Rockville UCC from1984 until 1993. She and her husband accepted a mission call to Yorkshire, England, where they served four small churches.

They returned to their home in Fairfield, Pa., in November, 1997, and Margaret became the minister at Incarnation UCC in April 1998. In the years at UCC, Margaret has become a member of the UCC family and the Emmitsburg community.

She has been very active in the Emmitsburg Council of Churches and was the sparking force in getting the Council of Churches to sponsor the Mrkanovic family from Bosnia. Margaret was also active in the Catoctin Association of UCC, serving



REV. MARGARET C. DODDS

on several committees and participating in the Route 15 Cluster of Churches. Margaret and Dick plan to retire to their Carroll Valley cabin and spend time relaxing, reading, writing, and visiting children and grandchildren.

We will miss her thoughtful sermons, her friendly, caring personality and her inspiration in our lives. We wish her the very best in her retirement years and hope she returns to Emmitsburg often.

# **Emmitsburg Area 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. Sunday service: 10 a.m. Pastor Rev. Margaret L. Dodds 301-447-2270

### 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

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, 12:00 noon.

Pastor: Reverend James O. Kiernan, C.M.

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#### 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 Mass schedule: Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend James W. Hannon

#### **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

313 West Main St.

Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School,

Pastor: Reverend Wade A. Martin

#### **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. Service 11:00 a.m. Pastor: Reverend R. Benjamin Jones

#### Tom's Creek United Methodist Church

10926 Simmons Road Sunday Services at 8:15 and 10:30 Pastor: Rev. Bill Warehime 301-447-2693

#### Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church

In 1797 the Lutheran and Reformed congregations built a sanctuary in Emmitsburg after they outgrew their shared church at Tom's Creek. The Reformed congregation constructed a new church in 1869 on West Main Street while the Lutherans remained in the stone church where they continue to worship today.

100 West North Avenue

Sunday Services: June - August: Service of the Word, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship Service (Holy Communion) 10:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor: David. S. Knodel 301-447-6239

(Area churches are invited to include their information in this column.)

# Skipping Confession: Tales from a twenty-something Catholic

By John Gehring Special to the Dispatch

The sounds, smells and symbols of the Roman Catholic Church run deep in my blood. I'm a former altar boy who went to Catholic schools from kindergarten through college, a passage from childhood into adulthood seemingly forever linked with feast days and novenas, holy days of obligation and stark Lenten Masses. I still remember my eyes burning as I helped the priest prepare incense. The fear of entering a dark confessional. Strict nuns with their steady gazes and tough love demands of impeccable penmanship and perfect posture.

Nerves had been bubbling up in my stomach the entire week before my eighth grade Confirmation class went to confess our sins for the first time. The thought of kneeling in front of a screen with the outline of a priest's head and shoulders looming before me and putting into words all the slights, large and small, I had managed to accumulate against God and man in my fourteen years had haunted me for days. Our class of hormone-saturated, awkward adolescents had been fully briefed in the church's detailed ecology of sin. Over the weeks leading up to the big day, the list accumulated in my note"Now that I am a twenty-something Catholic... I continue to share a unique relationship with a Catholic Church that in different ways nurtures me, at times frustrates me, and always challenges me to be counter-cultural."

book like stones weighing on my soul: venial sins, mortal sins, sins of omission, sins of commission. You had to give it to the church. They had this sin business down cold. Centuries of practice. Whether it was the prospect of sinning by not telling the priest all my sins, or just a nameless fear that gripped me, I never made it to Confession that night (I'm sure also a sin), and I went to bed that evening with a heart full of guilt.

Now that I am a twenty-something Catholic, that night seems a long time ago, but I continue to share a unique relationship with a Catholic Church that in different ways nurtures me, at times frustrates me, and always challenges me to be counter-cultural. Indeed, if the Gospel message of our market place, complete with its promise of salvation through stock options and the other sacraments of "stuff" preaches its own brand of Good News from Madison Avenue, my faith speaks of humble service and the blessed poor. To

the message of rugged individualisma "don't tread on me" American ethos of restless self-reliance-my faith answers clearly with a call for community and selfless discipleship. In a culture where ethics are relative, carefully crafted legalisms seem to substitute for honesty and moral codes are subservient to personal ambition, I can't ignore an uncompromising message of universal values and truth. And in a world where instant gratification, the almighty dollar and scientific certainty make up our secular trinity, there again is my faith as always in my ear and even deeper in my heart reminding me of the Spirit, of self-denial, and that from dust I came and to dust I shall

It's not easy being a dual citizen. Like many Catholics conflicted by a church they love but sometimes see as a hierarchical, rigidly removed institution where the marginalized, particularly women and gays, have trouble finding a true home, I wonder indeed how much of this church I can call my own. I wonder even as I attend Mass every weekend and feel the ache of a traveler who has been too far from home when I miss it, how to explain to non-Catholic or non-religious friends why I remain committed to this church that for them at best seems disconnected from the real world and at worst is a source of hypocrisy and divisiveness.

Bob Dylan famously remarked that everyday people are leaving the church and finding God. His sentiment is understandable and expressed in the expatriates of my faith who have felt unheard, unspoken for and worn down by a church they see as an immovable rock—one very different from the one on which they imagine Christ intended to build his church. But for all the reservations I have about the Catholic Church, I know I'm a part of a body of imperfect believers who in myriad ways try in their daily lives to walk a path Christ laid out for them. Even as we may disagree with each other over positions on the death penalty, papal infallibility, or the need for theologians at Catholic universities to receive a mandatum to teach, we are still one Body who belong to something larger than ourselves. Like a family who don't always like one another's company, we still break bread together, struggle together and, most importantly, keep the faith together in a powerful way. Private spirituality has its place, but participating in public worship is a visible symbol of people working to make the kingdom of God real in this world.

Searching for the words to explain why I remain committed to the church

and how my faith shapes my cultural and political world-view seems like fishing for experiences that swim in the unconscious. It is something that doesn't take the bait easily. Being Catholic is simply a part of who I am. It's something that is subtly with me as I walk to work and still, after all these years removed from the Jesuit priests at Loyola High School, say the prayer of St. Ignatius to start my day. It is with me in the spirit of Rev. Joseph Kerr, S.J., a wrinkled, white-haired man who survived a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp so that in his eighth decade of life he would be around to scare my eighthgrade class into believing that we should close our eyes in a movie that showed a naked woman lest we fall into sinful temptation.

My Catholic imagination informs my beliefs that here in the richest nation in the world cutting welfare to families with children or spending millions on fighter jets that won't fly in the rain while corporate welfare swells and too many students attend crumbling schools is small of spirit. My Catholic imagination allows me to envision a more just world where judgment is tempered with compassion, and the divisions of race, gender, and geography are bridged with recognition of common humanity. My Jesuit, Catholic education in high school and four years at Mount Saint Mary's College taught me more than how to evaluate literature or calculate algebraic equations. By their lessons, but more importantly their lives, my religious and lay teachers instilled within me the value of being a man for others and offered the great challenge of dedicating my days Ad majorem Dei Gloriam (for the greater glory of God). Every day I fail at reaching those goals. But every day I work toward them knowing I'm not alone, and that I stand within a tradition that can help me move closer to them. I have learned that being a part of a church does not mean checking my conscience at the cathedral door. My opposition to the Church's teaching on women's ordination or contraception, for example, doesn't mean I seek to leave the church. The writer James Baldwin once said he loved this country so much he insisted on the right to criticize it perpetually. Thoughtful dissent, the genuine struggle to understand for yourself rather than accept blindly what you have been told, is to be engaged with your faith in the deepest possible way. "Leave the country if you don't like it!" some hissed at Vietnam protestors. What knee-jerk patriotism misses, and what a mind set that considers the Catholic Church a monolithic institution misses, is that the impulse to

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#### **PEACHES**

### By RUTH RICHARDS Dispatch Writer

I suppose it's old age, but when I bought peaches last week a wave of memories washed over me, taking me back 65 years to the summers of the 30's that were devoted to "putting down" produce for the winter. I was the designated helper whatever the fruit or vegetable of the moment was. It was the smell of the peaches that brought this to mind.

There are other good things that can be done with peaches: peach pie, peach cobbler, peach preserves, peaches and peach soup, a delightful concoction. However, it is the canning of the peaches in preparation for winter that is my memory.

The peaches that my mother favored came from Colorado packed in a box, called a "lug," (a lug is a box of peaches or other fruit weighing from 25 to 30 pounds.) When the newspaper ran an ad for the arrival of Colorado peaches, the flurry began.

As some of you know, boiling water is the basis for all vegetable and fruit canning—jar washing and scalding, peach and tomato scalding to make the skin removal easy, and finally the "cooking" of the jars in hot water to assure that all germs have been killed.

Perhaps it was the past week, the second week of August, that also made me think of the canning, as the temperatures in South Dakota (and now, too, I read) matched or exceeded any one of

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the day temps we have just experienced. It was hellish in the kitchen but the canning went on. Mother reminded us more than once that to have fruit and veggies in the winter we had to endure the heat of summer. And endure we did.

Summer was not the time for play. I didn't go swimming, I never learned to swim. I played a little tennis but I was never any good at it. Sometimes in the evening the neighborhood kids played baseball on a nearby empty lot. I liked that as I was good at hitting and at running, so I was one of the first chosen when the "captains" were picking their teams. We also played varieties of hide and seek games after supper. Each evening ended knowing that tomorrow would be another day to can something or other.

Those something or others were far more than peaches, too. Tomatoes were a constant. We grew them in our backyard garden and as they ripened in quantity they were put through the hot water process. We peeled apples for apple sauce, we sliced cabbage and corn. We made jelly and preserves, pickles from beets and cucumbers. All summer long the water was boiling and the kitchen was full of the good smells

of future treats.

I don't know how many lugs of peaches we canned each year, or how many pounds of tomatoes we put in jars. I do know that the shelves in the basement were full when the canning season was over, and of course empty when the winter faded into spring.

As I have written many times, I came to Emmitsburg in 1940, just a little more than a year before WWII. During this time I felt noble in having a garden —A Victory Garden. I canned a few quarts of peaches that I bought from Quinn Topper out on the Waynesboro Road. John always helped with the canning and one summer canned the tomatoes by himself under the direction of Mrs. Hamer when I was away.

When the girls were old enough to help, we canned peaches and tomatoes. I have to say that the girls hated it. I hated it too, and finally I began to feel that the amount we were able to put away was not worth the trouble. So we stopped.

I had brought my mother's pressure canner to Emmitsburg on one of our many trips west. I bought and accumulated jars, sometimes at sales, some I was given. Betty Meredith has had all of my jars for a very long while as she came "begging" when her supply ran out. I swear that I gave the pressure cooker to Katie Warthen but she denied it when I spoke with her the other day. Betty still cans—at least last year I saw pickles that she had just made. It's in

her blood, she can't help herself.

I don't know of anyone else who goes through that onerous task anymore. There is fresh produce in the stores all winter, and the stores carry many varieties of frozen and canned vegetables and fruit. Nothing, however, can erase the aroma of peaches, scalded, put into jars and stored in the basement. That aroma has lasted me a lifetime.

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disagree is not always rooted in disrespect but rather a desire to see what you love live up to its highest ideals. Jesus saved his harshest condemnation not for the scorned adulterer Mary Magdalene but for the Pharisees—pious men who were well versed in the letter of the religious law but far from its spirit.

While I am free to disagree with and challenge the Church, I also know she has important things to say to me if I can learn to slow down and listen to her wisdom. In the way any powerful experience writes a story on one's soul that is a silent, indelible imprint, my faith is a language all its own that often defies easy translation. What I do know is I would not be the same person today without the presence of the Catholic Church in my life. Full of her rituals, her opportunities for grace, her windows into a world of humility and mercy, she is a nurturing home in which to dwell. Together, I hope, we can make each other better.



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# 4th Annual JoAnn Hance Memorial Golf Tournament a success



A Dispatch Photo

"I can do this." Lone golfer faces the water challenges at the Carroll Valley Resort links.

For the 4th consecutive year the Carriage House Inn and the Hance family have sponsored the JoAnn Hance Memorial Golf tournament. This year's event was held at the Carroll Valley Resort. Area golfers pitted themselves against a little round white ball to raise funds for the following charitable community organizations.

The Sister Barbara Hance Homless Shelter in Maine has been open since October 1996. Homeless residents live in a caring sharing community. This transitional program provides homeless persons an opportunity to move on to independent living and employment.

The Emmitsburg Up-County Family Center promotes, through mutual respect, opportunities that strengthen and build healthy positive families. The program provides life skills training, teen parent programs, employability training, parent/child activities, and counseling.

The Emmitsburg Lions Club organizes charitable programs year-round throughout the region.

#### Pomona Grange publishes new cookbook

The Frederick County Pomona Grange has published a new cookbook. The cookbook is dedicated in memory of Louise Main, who was the Frederick County Pomona Grange's Women's Activities Co-Chairman for more than 12 years. The new cookbook contains over 500 recipes from local grange members and friends and is selling for \$10.00 each. The cookbook will be available at the local community shows and also in the Farm & Garden Building at the Great Frederick Fair during the week of September 17-22nd. You may also contact your local Grange Women's Activities Chairman or Grange Master to order a book.

# Car and Truck Show

#### '50s and '60s Rock and Roll Dance

Saturday, October 6, 2001 Mount Saint Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Maryland

Benefit: "Tribute To A Friend" College Scholarship Fund In Memory of Dave Copenhaver, Greg Hollinger, Tom Topper, and Terry Myers

Car show: Noon to 6:00 p.m. Featuring some of the region's best cars and trucks, all classes. Also featuring Denny Ebaugh, our local DJ, along with food and drinks. For Car Show Information call Debbie Bowman, 301-416-0529

#### Dance: "Big Cam & the Lifters" 8:00 p.m. - Midnight

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#### Show from page 1

The Thurmont Grange will serve a buffet turkey and ham supper in the school cafeteria from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

On Saturday evening in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m., two shows will be performed by the "Silver Wings" of the United States Air Force. Admission will be free.

Antique cars and farm machinery will be displayed throughout the event. "Homer" and "Albert", owned by Ernest Jackson will be back again this year. The Brown Swiss are 14 years old and weigh 3,000 pounds each. Alpaca's, dairy calves, and Emu's will also be on display.

The Catoctin FFA Alumni Beef, Sheep and Swine sale will be held on the Ag Center area on Saturday night, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

On Sunday, September 9th, the show opens at 9:30 a.m., with the goat and dairy show. The decorated animal contest will follow this event. At 12:00 noon, in the school cafeteria, a chicken bar-bque will be served by the Catoctin FFA Alumni.

The Catoctin Mountain Horseshoe Pitching Contest will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the cross cut sawing contest will begin at 2:00 p.m. under the tent.

Barnyard Olympics for youth and

adults will be held in front of the school at 2:00 p.m. There will also be a karate demonstration in the gymnasium at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

Don Barnes and Debbie Williams will have two shows on Sunday afternoon in the auditorium at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Quilters from the local area will be quilting in the old gymnasium on Saturday and Sunday.

The Thurmont 250th anniversary committee will have various displays and memorabilia on sale which will also be located in the old gymnasium.

The Maryland Ag in the Classroom trailer will be located near the front of the school and will be open to the public. The following week, the trailer will be at the Thurmont Elementary School. Creager Home Furnishings is donating a Lazy Boy chair and other items will be raffled to benefit the Ag in the Classroom project.

The Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont and Emmitsburg Granges, the Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin FFA Alumni, Maryland Agricultural Fair Board and the Maryland State Grange.

The Hance Family wishes to sincerely thank all sponsors, golfers, and volunteers for their support of the 4th Annual JoAnn Hance Memorial Golf Tournament Don Briggs Associates The Ott House **Emmitsburg Glass** Josh & Lori Bollinger Rita and Alan Carroll The Gauss Family Catoctin Mountain Orchard Margaret White High Street Brows The Shamrock Inn **Gettysburg Hotel** His Place The Emmitsburg Rosensteel Studio Dispatch Tom Wolfe Sleep Inn & Suites Carriage House Inn Eric and Audrey Employees Glass

### The (retired) Ecologist's Corner: Of summer visitors— Arrogant mice and humble bees

By BILL MEREDITH Dispatch Writer

Among the visitors to our yard this summer were two that most people would not welcome. One has been a problem; the other, related to it in a peculiar way, has been a source of pleasant reflection.

The problem actually arrived last winter. After a light snowfall melted, I was walking in the yard and noticed that a trail had been created in the grass where field mice had made a tunnel under the snow. Such things are not unusual, and I thought little of it at the time; but as spring began, there were ominous signs on the horizon. The new snapdragons and pansies we set out in the flowerbed disappeared, gnawed off at ground level. Chrysanthemums and four-o'clocks that had survived the past several winters also were missing. Gladioli and daffodils sprouted, were bitten off, and sprouted again, to no avail. Things were getting serious.

At first I suspected deer and rabbits were the culprits; both had left tracks all over the yard whenever it snowed throughout the winter. However, there were no deer tracks at the scene of the crime in the flower beds, and rabbits often had nested among the various plantings without eating them in the past; so my suspicions were directed elsewhere. Finally, one evening in May when I was sitting on the porch with the crossword, a mouse darted across the sidewalk and disappeared into the adjacent flowerbed; and I recalled the tunnels under the snow from months earlier.

My grandmother always said that if you see one mouse, there are sure to be more, and she was right. Within a few days I began to notice flashes of dark fur darting about in the flowerbed on the bank across from the kitchen window. Next I discovered a winding path

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through the lawn from that flowerbed to the one by the porch; it was a well-worn runway two inches wide, and the grass arched over and concealed it from sight. Watching from the porch I could see the grass wave like a wheatfield in the wind whenever a mouse went by.

The first couple of times I saw them, I jumped up and ran out into the yard with vague intentions of stepping on them, but they were much less arthritic than I; the tunnel in the grass was empty by the time I got there. My wife, always favoring the direct approach, suggested setting snap traps throughout the lawn and flowerbeds; I managed to convince her we would catch more birds than mice by that method. So for the next month or so I spent my evenings on the porch with an air-powered pellet pistol instead of the crossword in my lap, blazing away like a rancher protecting his herd from wolves. The mice recognized the absurdity of this long before I did; every evening at 4:30 they would start coming out into a bare spot on the bank, where they would sit up on their hind legs like squirrels and laugh at me before grabbing the nearest green object. One in particular had the same expression on its face as the golf course attendant who once parked his mower squarely in the center of the fairway and motioned for me to go ahead and tee off, secure in the knowledge that he was in the safest place on the course. From 25 feet away with the air pistol, the closest I ever came to hitting one of them was about 3 inches; it sneered disdainfully at me before ambling back to shelter. Eventually my wife took matters in hand and spread DeCon around the various runways, and soon the mouse population declined.

Technically, they are not mice, but meadow voles (Microtus pennsylvanicus), big headed, short tailed, with small, beady eyes and short ears. They may live as long as 3 years, and reproduce the year round. A new litter arrives about once a month; one particularly hyperactive female in captivity produced 17 litters in a year. Average litters have 3-5 young, but sometimes there are as many as 9. Their populations fluctuate in cycles; the first half of this summer favored them, but the drought we have experienced lately has probably had as much effect as my wife's DeCon. Both they and the flowers are no longer in evidence.

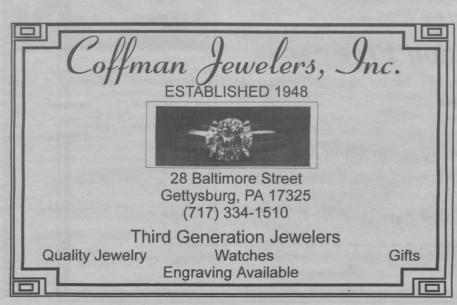
I noticed the other visitor while trying to ambush the mice; it was a large bumblebee that hung around the front porch late in the spring. Normally I would not have paid it much attention, but the newspapers had just run a story about bee populations in Maryland being destroyed by parasitic mites, thus raising concerns about crop pollination; and we had just planted our squash and cucumbers. So the bee was of interest. As I watched it buzz around the porch one day, it disappeared into the myrtle and lily-of-the-valley, which were not blooming at the time; and by watching more closely I found it had gone into a hole dug under the porch steps by a chipmunk last fall.

In the early spring, all of the bumblebees you meet are queens. They mated with drones the previous fall, and spent the winter in hibernation; they are young, fertile, and impatient to start families. They find a suitable hideout and make a honeypot or simple comb consisting of only a few cells, more the shape of a paper wasp's nest

than a regular honeybee's comb, and begin laying eggs. At first, the queen has to forage for nectar and pollen in addition to laying eggs and tending the young, and the labor takes its toll; most of the fur gets worn off her body. The young ones all hatch into sterile worker females, however, and soon they are doing most of the foraging; the comb gets larger, and the old queen spends more of her time resting and laying eggs. Just before she dies in the fall, she lays some unfertilized eggs which hatch into drones; they mate with the youngest workers, who become next year's queens.

In England, these insects used to be called Humble Bees, and they were the stuff of which legends were made. In The Origin of Species, Charles Darwin related a story that asserted that old maids were the real power behind the British Empire. The reasoning behind this remarkable claim was that the British army lived on beef; to raise beef you must have clover; and clover, particularly red clover, is pollinated only by humble bees. When field mice are abundant, they often break into the nests of humble bees to steal the honey pots, thus killing the bees. Old maids keep cats, and cats kill mice; hence the bee population, the clover crop, and the beef supply all depend on the number of old maids— well, you get the idea. It's the food chain in action again.

As luck would have it, the mice in my yard never found the bee's nest under the porch, even though one of their runways went right by its entrance. I pointed the nest out to the grandchildren so they wouldn't blunder into it, and we have had a pleasant summer of bee-watching; no one was stung, and the plants in the garden were pollinated on schedule. Except for the artillery barrage between the porch and the flowerbed, it's been a peaceful summer. Read more by Bill Meredith on emmitsburg.net/dispatch





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### **Obituaries**

#### Roger L. Gemmill

Roger Lawrence Gemmill, 47, of Cumberland, Md., died Sunday, Aug. 5, at his residence.

Born Nov. 20, 1953, in Plainfield, N. J., he was the son of Lewis T. Gemmill of Carroll Valley, Pa., and the late Eleanor Witsil Gemmill. He is survived by his wife, Melinda K. Meredith Gemmill, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Meredith of Emmitsburg, and a son, William L. Gemmill.

He is also survived by his father, Lewis Gemmill and his wife, Orllie Glick Gemmill; two brothers, Dr. L. Thomas Gemmill of Lancaster, Pa., and Wayne C. Gemmill of Baltimore, Md.; and a sister, Dr. Marilyn Gerriets, of Antigonish, Nova Scotia. He was predeceased by a sister, Alice Lamont.

Mr. Gemmill attended high school in Fairfield, Pa. and graduated from Mount St. Mary's College in 1977. He worked as a sales manager for Montgomery Ward and for Wolfe Furniture Co. until forced to retire several years ago by deteriorating health.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church. Rev. R. Benjamin Jones led the service, and several friends and family members offered reminiscences. A reception and lunch was held at the church after the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions were welcomed to the William L. Gemmill Educational Fund, c/o the F&M Bank in Emmitsburg.

#### Mr. William Smith

Mr. William Donald Smith, 79, of South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, Aug. 18, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

He was the husband of Melva Shultz Smith, who died in 1996.

Born March 14, 1922, in Emmitsburg, he was the son of the late Albert Roy and Margaret Byard Smith.

He was a salesman and sold everything from office supplies and janitorial supplies to automobiles. He retired in the mid-1980s.

He was a member of Gettysburg Moose Lodge 1526. He was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

He is survived by one daughter, Marie Champlain and husband Charles J. of Emmitsburg; one son, William A Smith and wife Angela of New Oxford, Pa.; two stepdaughters, Helen Simpson and husband Walter of Littlestown, Pa., and Doris Bigham and husband Richard of Florida; five grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

Emmitsburg Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Carleton Burrows officiated.

Interment will be in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

#### Ms. Jennie Motter

Ms. Jennie Lynn Motter, 79, of East Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Aug. 8, at Green Acres Nursing Home, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born Feb. 7, 1922, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Charles Russell and Mary L. Eyler Motter.

Ms. Motter was retired from the housekeeping department of St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are one son, Daniel L. Gerrie of Emmitsburg; one sister, Margaret Wilkinson of Sebring, Fla.; one brother, Robert L. Motter of Thurmont; one grandson; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Ms. Motter was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Needy; and four brothers, Charles R. Motter, Joseph E.J. Motter, Harry Lewis Motter and George David Motter.

Funeral services and interment were private..

Arrangements were by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg.

### **Library News**

#### BY SUE CARDELLA Emmitsburg Branch Library

Our Summer Reading Finale was an incredible success. Approximately fifty adults and children gathered to hear performer Ray Owens play guitar, sing, and tell stories- all with a barnyard theme. The rubber chicken karaoke, performed by the younger members of the audience and Ray, was nothing short of side-splitting. One person commented that Ray appealed to both children and adults. The finale ended with the breaking of the pinata. Many thanks to Daryl Blickenstaff who lent his expertise to that event. And so ends the Summer Reading Program for the year 2001- thanks to all who partic-

Adult programming resumes in September with Birds of Prey brought to you by Paul Dubois. This is your chance to meet magnificent birds face to face. The program is appropriate for families, school age children and up. It

will take place Monday, September 10, at 7 p.m. Registration is requested.

Autumn also brings the return of the adult book club which meets on the second Friday of each month at 1:00. There will also be a new evening book club, which will meet on the second Tuesdays at 7:30. The September meetings will address the plans for the upcoming year. Call the library for more information.

Storytime and Babies with Books also resume in September at the regular times- Storytime is Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. "Babies" is the third Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Our special program is Grandparents' Gathering for children with a special grownup and will include stories and old-fashioned crafts. Registration is suggested.

Hope to see you soon. To register or for more information call us at 301-447-2682.

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING

By Lois Hartdagen

The August meeting of Francis X. Elder Unit #121 was held at the Post Home.

President Lois Hartdagen presided. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given by the president in the absence of the two officers and both were approved.

The chaplain, Patty Troxell, reported she had sent a bud vase to Betty Goulden and a sympathy card to Mary Goetz. A donation was made to the Lutheran Church in the name of a member's husband who recently passed

Auxiliary dues are being accepted for the 2002 year; 33 members have paid so far. Cynthia Keilholtz was voted into the Unit for the 2002 year. Phyllis Baker transferred from a Unit in Pennsylvania to our Unit.

Thank you notes were read from Mary T. Rohrbaugh and Sarah Smith.

Under Old Business the president made note that several Auxiliary members and a family of five from town followed the Honor Guard to all their stops on Memorial Day, eight in all, namely, Francis X. Elder's Grave in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Honor Roll at the Legion, Elias Lutheran Church, Dough Boy, Mt. View Cemetery, New St. Joseph's Cemetery, St. Anthony's Cemetery and the Presbyterian Cemetery on Welty Road.

Also under old business, the Flag Burning Ceremony was held in Thurmont this year at the Town Park. Several Auxiliary members attended this inspiring ceremony.

Under new business, a citation was presented to the Auxiliary at the Convention for their contribution to United Cerebral Palsy.

A motion was made and seconded to again sell the two-year pocket planners for 2002-2003 at a cost of \$2.50 each. There will be further releases on this later as to when they will be available

A future sandwich sale was discussed, with the date to be established later

The hours of service were then taken by the president.

Debbie Day's name was called for the door prize of \$28.00, but she was not present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 and the ladies joined the men of the Post at Kumps Dam for refreshments.





The funeral serves a wide range of purposes, with religious, psychological, and physical significance. There are many aspects and details to the meaningful funeral that are arranged with the assistance of the professional funeral director, usually at the time of need. However, some people prefer counseling prior to need.

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—Jules Renard

# A Spouse's Guide to Garden Watering

By MICHAEL HILLMAN Dispatch Writer

"Remember, the yellow verbena only gets watered every other day, everything else in that bed gets water every day," hurriedly noted my Master Gardener wife as she packed the last of her clothes for her long trip.

"Got it. Yellow Ver -bean-um, once every other day, everything else twice a day . . . Um, err, one more time. Where's the bed again?" I shyly asked.

"It's the one across from the pond. Also, remember to feed the fish."

"Fish? Fish? When did we get fish?"

My wife closed her suitcase and sighed. "Six years ago . . ."

I'm sure if you polled Master Gardeners on what their worst nightmares are, leaving their gardens in the care, even if only temporarily, of well meaning,, horticulturally challenged spouses, probably ranks at the top.

I've long ago given up keeping track of the plants that now call my wife's many gardens home. Prior to becoming an Adams County Master Gardener, she was satisfied with a simple garden containing flowers, which I could not only recognize, but whose names I could pronounce without major contortions of my lips.

By the time she received her Master Gardener certificate, her gardens had quadrupled in size. The simple varieties that once graced the walkways, perfectly good plants as far as I was concerned, had been pulled out by their screaming roots, replaced by obscure, albeit "native," plants.

Having been given a taste of how spectacular gardens could be, she moved on to more advanced and focused training at Longwood Gardens. Each new class brought eclectic new plant additions, and with them, new garden layouts.

When existing gardens could no longer meet her needs, she simply appropriated more of our ever- dimin-

ishing lawn. Soon she was buying weed killer in barrel containers, not to kill weeds, but to eradicate whole portions of the yard to accommodate her latest shade garden, raised bed garden, or butterfly garden.

As one can imagine, the daily maintenance of such an extensive array of gardens is a Herculean task at best. A task best suited for a Master Gardener, not a Master Gardener's spouse! While I have always been ready and willing to help, the scope of my "acceptable" services has diminished inversely to the growth in the size and complexity of the gardens.

At first, I was entrusted with plant-"hardy" plants, ones that didn't need the fine touch of a Master Gardener. But my unique ability to step on the most fragile plant in the bed I was assigned to, caused her to quickly reassign me. Given my unique ability to kill any plant I touched, weeding seemed a natural. But I got fired from that position for failing to master the technique of pulling weeds out by the root. Since then, my help in the garden has been limited to "safe" activities, like dumping buckets of rocks over the fence line. Anything more than that, my wife claims, would be hazardous to the health and well-being of the gardens.

So, when my wife inquired if I would be willing to take responsibility for watering while she visited her parents for a week, I jumped at the chance to prove myself. After all, how hard could watering be?

I quickly learned that there was much more to watering than turning on the hose, opening a beer and standing around waiting to get bitten by mosquitoes. Apparently, one of the next things you learn when you become a full-fledged Master Gardener, is the secret equation for determining just how much water a plant needs on a daily basis

The equation is made up of several basic components. At first glance, it

was fairly simplistic, and compared to running a nuclear power plant, seemed like child's play. Master Gardeners take into consideration such factors as deepness of the roots (DR) - the deeper, the less frequent the need for watering; plant height or the tallness of the plant (T) - the taller the plant, the more need for watering; leaf width (L) - the wider the leaf, the more need for watering. Of course, flowering plants (FP), need more water then non-flowering (NFP) plants. Or, in mathematical speak: ((T x L)/DR) x (FP/NFP).

A good Master Gardner then adds in some fudge factors. For example: the closer the proximity of plants in a bed (PP) - the less you have to water; the windier the day (WD), the more you have to water; the sunnier the spot (SS) - the more one needs to water; the shadier (SS1) - the less you need to water. Or more simply: (WD x SS)/(PP x SS1).

Then, of course, one needs to factor in whether the soaker hoses you've been meaning to replace for the past five years leak more at the top or the bottom of the bed (SHL), the number of mosquito bites you're willing to accept in any one time period (MSB), and the number of times you're willing to fuss with a hose that always seems to kink at the worst possible time (HK). Or more simply, (SHL)/(MSB x HQ).

Put together, the equation on how much and how often to water a plant in a Master Gardener's garden looks like this: (((T x L)/DR) x (FP/NFP)) x ((WD x SS)/(PP x SS1)) x ((WD x SS)/(PP x SS1)). As a point of comparison, the equation that describes the chain reaction within a nuclear power plant has only six factors, and to calculate that requires some pretty heavy computing power. How Master Gardeners can juggle all these factors and calculations in their head and get it right every time is beyond me, but they do, and their gardens always look beautiful.

Given that the results of my first calculation for my wife's garden — 300 inches of water — was a little bit suspect, I ran the equation on my computer. It crashed halfway through and has refused to start since.

Realizing that what was left of my reputation as "mindless" garden help was now at risk, I did the only thing I could think of — I multiplied the whole equation by zero, subtracted 1, and began to water like my wife buys plants: non-stop.

Every morning I raced the sun to the garden. Juggling the coffee IV and the watering hose took a little getting used to at first, but it was rewarding. Every garden was filled with a capricious array of colors and fragrances. Drooping plants almost instantaneously rose to meet the rays of the sun after receiving their fill. Bugs of every shape and size, invisible to those who hurry through gardens, suddenly became ever-present. And for the first time, I realized that my wife had not simply created gardens, but whole worlds unto themselves.

Everyday I discovered a new collection of potted plants squirreled away in some corner of a garden, all with intended purposes that only my wife could reveal, and all of course, now desperately wilted from lack of water.

In spite of my efforts, it was apparent that I was losing the watering battle. Pulling out all the stops, I fired up the soaker hoses and even enlisted the help of local kids, all to no apparent avail. Finally in desperation, I contacted a local pool water company, and after being assured the water was untreated, contracted for a shipment.

As I stood watching the deluge from the tanker flood the gardens, my wife called to remind me: "... Remember, over-watering is as bad as under-watering..."

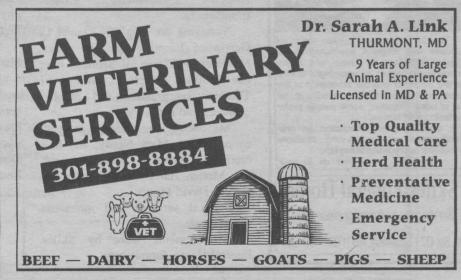
For gardenening and other stories by Mile Hillman visit emmitsburg.net



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# St. Anthony/OLMC news

By Ann Marshall Dispatch Writer

All Weekday Masses During September will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church while necessary repairs are made at St. Anthony Shrine. Weekend Mass schedules and times of confession remain unchanged.

The Second Town Meeting of Parishes (St. Anthony's and Our Lady

of Mount Carmel) will be held'at OLMC Parish Center at 7 p.m.on September 25. This will continue an 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. The first Town Meeting in June was very well attended. Those who rightly felt that the

biggest chunk of time went to OLMC's concerns, are assured that St. Anthony will get priority at the second meeting.

OLMC Annual Labor Day Festival will take place on Monday, September 3, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Parish Center. A fun afternoon features family style fried chicken and ham dinner (Adults \$8.50, children 12 and under \$4.00, children 5 and under FREE), bingo, kiddie games, country store, white elephant and craft tables. Come one and all.

Festival Volunteer Workers are asked to park in the gravel lot behind the Thurmont Fire Hall (nextdoor). They are asked NOT to park in the spaces by the Parish Center.

St. Anthony's Yard Sale/Bake Sale, held in July, netted nearly \$1,800, thanks to chairperson Helen Reaver and her many hardworking volunteers. Raffle winners were Peggy Oflutt. \$101..25; Chuck Comer, \$60.75; Rosemary McDermott, \$40.25. The Giant Bear went to live with the DeLuca Family.

The Religious Education Program for the Joint Parishes is having a Basket Bingo and Spaghetti Dinner on September 9, OLMC Parish Center. Doors open for dinner from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Games begin at 4 p.m. Tickets in advance, \$20; at the door, \$25. Call the Religious Education Office, 301-271-4099 or Mary at 301 898 0876.

Religious Education Classes begin on Sunday, September 16, promptly at 9:15 a.m.at the Thurmont. Middle School. Registration forms and payment for children attending should be dropped off at the parish office asap. Parents who are concerned about the fee are asked to phone the Religious Education office 301-271-4099 on MWF or call 301-447-2367 on TTh.

New Policy on Pulpit Announcements and Bulletin Submissions: Have your material in the parish office by Monday afternoon.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine Parish to Joseph Aidan Cliber, son of Joseph and Margaret Cliber, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, August 19, 2001.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine Parish to Kelly Madison Glass, daughter of Brian and Joyce Glass, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, August 26, 2001.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine Parish to Alexander David Wivell, son of Andrew and Tara Wivell, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, August 26, 2001.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine Parish to Issiah Matthew Wivell, son of Christopher and Mary Ann Wivell, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, August 26, 2001.

Congratulations from St.Anthony Shrine Parish to Mitchell Timothy Tester, son of R. Michael and Michele Tester, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, August 26, 2001.

(Lorraine Wivell points out that three of the above babies are her grandchildren.)

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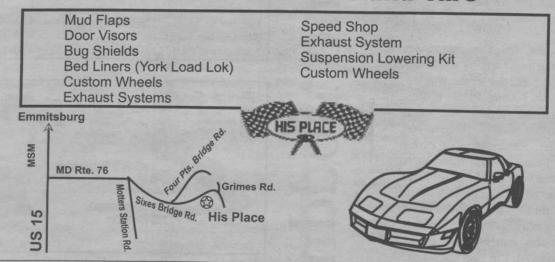
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# **Rocky Ridge News**

By Emma Keeney Dispatch Writer

September Birthdays -

Happy Birthday to Marie Stambaugh, Helen Ogle, Vicky Powell, Michael Harris, Jr., Betty Brown, Betty Lee Brown, Bonnie Eyler, Pauline Stambaugh, Tammy Wiles, Michelle Martin, Guy Pittinger, Robert Burrier, Kenneth Sharrer, and Bonnie Hurley.

#### Anniversaries

Happy anniversary to Jeff and Shirley Sharrer, Robert and Betty Ann Mumma, George and Betty Ann Moser, Curtis and Shirley Greene, John and Bonnie Sanders.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to

the family and friends of Harold Late. Harold lived and farmed in the Rocky Ridge area for many years.

Deepest sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Edna Anders. Edna lived in the Rocky Ridge area for many years.

#### Church of the Brethren By Patsy Free

Happy Birthday to Ralph Baker, Billy Shuff, Pat Free, David Eichellberger, Megan Ott, Florence Cook, Mary Harmony, Alma Jones, Darrel Ritchie, and Dolly Free.

Happy anniversary to Steve and Faye Wolfe, Kevin and Tammy Orndorf.

# The angel in the window

BY TED HAAS

A Remembrance from Rocky Ridge

A beautiful angel etched in glass by a Gettysburg crafts artist greets me every morning as I look out of the bay window in our living room. This beautiful piece of stained glass art, a farewell gift from Mt. Tabor Christians, is a daily reminder of the happy two years we spent together in worship, fellowship and ministry in Rocky Ridge.

Angels are "messengers of God." Hopefully, I was one while serving as the Interim Pastor of the United Church of Christ congregation. The book of Revelation which concludes the Bible suggests that every church has its own divine angel speaking to the members of the church. If this is so, what is the Angel of Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ saying to its members?

This is what I hear: "You welcomed Pastor Ted and Norine warmly, made them feel at home, ventured in faith with them and learned some new Christian lessons. God is pleased. The Lord rejoices in your ecumenical spirit and cooperation with your sister Lutheran congregation, your strength as a church family, your accepting one

#### **Fund** raiser

The Rocky Ridge Fire Company will be selling replicas of the 3 Fire Halls and the Model A Fire Truck- \$15 a piece. Anyone interested in purchasing any of the four should contact Tammy at 301-271-3739 or Paulette at 301-271-4252. They will be glad to add your name to our waiting list and contact you as soon as we receive them.

another as imperfect human beings, your forgiving, loving, helping spirits as a congregation. Well done, good and faithful servants!"

Norine and I cherish many memories of our time with you—your love of eating together, your love of children, the fun you have at holidays and at picnics in the Park, your serious Sunday School discussions and Maundy Thursday Seder meals, your caring for youth, the sick, the sorrowing and the poor, your laughter and tears, the healing touches bestowed, some truth confronted, heartfelt songs raised to heaven. "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love."

So, thanks for the memories. Thanks for the angel sent by you to our home; the perfect spot in the window was empty and waiting. Please continue to listen to the Angel of Mt. Tabor Church who has been speaking to you for 125 years. Remember that Pastor Esther and Pastor Jim are messengers of God, as are your dedicated lay leaders. Listen to them, then try to let your lives speak for God to those you touch in your life's journey. That is my prayer for you in this remembrance Emma Keeney requested. I'm glad she asked.

#### Measure

The measure of life is worthiness, not happiness; character, not comfort is the consummation to be wished and worked for. Life is not useful when it is happy. Life is happy when it is useful. The world is neither paradise not inferno. It is a discipline. It is God's college.

-RABBI ABRAHAM M. HERSHMAN

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### Mt. Tabor holds annual baby show and picnic

The Annual Mt. Tabor Church Picnic and Baby Show was held on August 11 at the Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge, Md. Sixty-three babies participated in the show.

There were thirty-one girls and thirtytwo boys. The judges were Estella Motley from Thumont, Jerry Free and Alice Eyler from Rocky Ridge.

Winners were:

Youngest baby, 10-day-old Gwendolyn Leigh Martin, daughter of Michele & David Martin from Littlestown, Pa.

Longest Distance, Hagerstown, Md. 111/2-month old Wyett Summers, son of Robert & Michelle Summers, Hagerstown, Md. - 6 months-old Simeon Cerezo, son of Monica & Arnold Cerezo, Hagerstown,

Twins-7 months-old Devin & Dalton Wine, sons of Tammy & Richard Wine from Thurmont, Md.; Brianna & Savanna Fowler, daughters of Terry & Tina Fowler from Thurmont, Md.

Age Group - infant to 3 months—prettiest girl, 6-weeks. old Olivia Herbert, daughter of Joseph and Laura Herbert from Woodsboro, Md.; cutest boy, 2 mos.old Alex Smith, son of Mike and Tonya Smith from Rocky Ridge, Md.; chubbiest baby, 3-months old Lillian Donlon, daughter of Robin & Greg Donlon from Frederick, Md.

Age Group - 4 to 6 months — prettiest girl, 6 months-old Madison Eyler, daughter of Kevin & Jennifer Eyler from

Thurmont, Md.; cutest boy, 6-months-old Simeon Cerezo, son of Arnold & Monica Cerezo from Hagerstown, Md.; chubbiest baby, 4- month old Brittany Johnston, daughter of Matt & Stacey Johnston of Taneytown, Md.

Age Group - 7 to 12 months. - prettiest girl - 9 mos.old Morgan Shutler, daughter of Jason Shutler & Robin Liller from Taneytown, Md.; cutest boy, 10-1/2 months old Cameron Andrew son of Joey & Karen Andrew from Rocky Ridge, Md.; chubbiest baby, 7-months old Devin Wine, son of Richard & Tammy Wine from Thurmont, Md.

Age Group -13 to 18 months. — prettiest girl, 14-1/2-months old Brianna Fowler daughter of Terry & Tina Fowler from Thurmont, Md; cutest boy, 13-months old -Nathan Bolinger, son of Ronald Bolinger & Christina Garner from Thurmont, Md; chubbiest baby, 15-month old Alexis Martz, daughter of Dave Martz & Cheryl Holt from Frederick, Md.

Age Group -19 to 24 mos. — prettiest girl, 21- month old Ashley Kaas, daughter of Doug & Linda Kaas from Fairfield, Pa.; cutest boy, 23-month old Donnie Jenkins, son of Donnie and Dawn Jenkins from Keymar, Md.; chubbiest baby, 21-month old Jacob Wastler, son of Kelly & Donald Wastler Jr. from Thurmont, Md.

### **Vacation Bible School**

By ALICE EYLER Director of Bible School

Vacation Bible School was held at the Brethren Church in Rocky Ridge, June 25-29th. The theme was Son Creek. The children panned for gold, had buggy rides, horseback riding and sang and made crafts. The week was very active and enjoyed by all. On Friday for closing, we had a program that all the children took part in, followed by a family picnic. After the picnic the families divided into two groups and took turns going to the general store to spend their gold. Ernie Snyder talked about panning for gold and the parents were able to see the quilt the children had helped to make. The other half went to the firehall, where Wilton Smith showed the children the ambulance and the fire trucks.

The following were the helpers and the children who attended.

Pre-K-helpers, Teresa Kaas, Joann Hurley, and Tammy Smith. The children: Ashley Hurley, Kelly Kris, Anouk Rudd,

Paige Roderick, Heather Hurley.

Kindergarten—helper, Lisa Reed. The children: Megan Ott, Blair Coates, Jake Lutz, Tyler Cuff, Cotey Eyler, Cory Reed, Troy Stambaugh, Morgan Orndorff.

Primary helpers, Tina Smith, and Ten Kelly. The children: Cody Wivell, R.J.Smith. Megan Whetzel, Emily Coates, Tanner Ausherman.

Middlers-helper, Linda Free. The children: Danielle Wiltrout, Kayla Reed, Shana Beard, Tara Free, Daniel Hobbs, Charity Wivell, Sabrina Douglas, Jessica Free, Travis Stambaugh Colin Protsch, Cody Whetzel.

Preteen-helper, Debbie Eyler. The children: Bradley Wiles, Tiffany Free, Erin Danaher, Rime Adams, Deidra Beard, Adrian Ott, Amanda Whetzel, Tori Stottlemeyer, Cara Stottlemeyer, Trent Ausherman.

Arts and Crafts-Dawn Hobbs and Tammy Orndorff, Music-Jerry Free, Cafe -Sidney Moser and Patsy Free, Recreation-Trish Lutz

### Quilters -

### a visit to a Quilt Odyssey

By Mary Ellen Cummings
Dispatch Writer

On August 4th, I visited the second Quilt Odyssey at Gettysburg, Pa. This show incorporated several changes from last year's show, such as rest areas with comfortable seating and a better food court. The quilts displayed in 2001 were equal to, or better than last year. Perhaps the placement was not really better, I just approached the display with a determination to see all of the quilts, and then visit the merchants' mall.

In 2000, I missed some of the quilts by flitting in and out of merchant areas and display areas. To be sure nothing was missed I went back on the 5<sup>th</sup> to see a spectacular quilt from the Rose Hill Manor Park show in Frederick It was a large appliqued quilt titled "Pleasures and Prose" made by Judy Elwood of Mt. Airy, Md.

One display consisted of three small quilts attached to each other, made to represent three generations of quilters. It was made by Nancy Marin, Karen Conley, and Nancy Peterson of Uniontown, Ohio, and is titled

"Through the Generations." The front quilt was a very 21<sup>st</sup> century art quilt. The center quilt an appliqued "Lancaster" or "Ohio Rose" and the third or back quilt was a "Log Cabin" design.

A large quilt with vivid fall-color background featured what looked like an explosion in a lumber yard. Two-byfour like objects were flying in every direction. The title was "Shattered Dreams."

It is impossible to report on every item on display, so as usual, I will give you a few colorful quilt names for you to think about. For example: "....and a Partridge in a Pear Tree," and "When Insects Inherit the Earth, Will they Quilt?" Others were; "How to Make a Grown Man Cry," "Rattlesnake Roundup," and "How Acid Green was my Valley," and "Too Hot to Weed the Garden."

Can you get a mental picture of quilts with these names? Neither can I, and I saw the quilt's.

One quilt was hard to forget. It was pieced and appliqued from a cross stitch pattern and consisted of thou-

(See Quilters on Page 21)

# Health benefits of having a personal trainer

By LINDA STULTZ
Certified Fitness Trainer

Many people don't realize what a Personal Trainer does. I hope that this article will answer some of your questions like: What weight should I start with? What exercise will help me reach my goal? Should I eat before or after my workout? By having a trainer, you have the confidence of knowing that you are doing the best workout for you.

People think having a trainer is expensive. Depending on the area you live and the program you choose, trainers can actually be less expensive than paying those advance fees at the gym and then never going to use it. With a trainer, the program is designed especially for you. Your program is made to fit your goals and ability. Your weights are set up for you. The trainer demonstrates each exercise and refreshes your memory each time. Your form, reps and weights are monitored and increased as your strength and ability allows. There is no guess work on your part.

Working with a trainer also means no waiting on machines. Being able to move from one exercise to the next, without a long break waiting for others to get finished with the machines, gives you an aerobic workout right along with your lifting program. Having a scheduled appointment helps you keep your exercise commitment. When you go to a gym, an instructor, not a certified trainer, may show you how to use

the equipment the first time but then you are on your own. The next time you go, it is hoped you will remember how to use the machines. You may not be sure when it is time to increase and if you push yourself too fast, that's when injuries occur.

If you've been thinking about starting an exercise program, remember the benefits a trainer can add: personalized program just for you, guidance for proper form to prevent injury, confidence of knowing your progression is monitored and advanced properly, support for questions, a scheduled appointment for motivation, no advance fees or contract for a long period of time, personal attention for your needs and other benefits you can only get by working with a trainer.

Many of my clients tell me they wouldn't stick to it without the appointment and how much better they feel after their workout, both mentally as well as physically. Let a trainer guide you to better health for yourself and your family. Give me a call and let's get started on your healthier future.

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# For a fall adventure, try a cruise!

By Susanne Nelson Imagination Travel

Fall is just around the corner and summer vacations are just memories now. Many of us have been to O.C., the local lakes, and the Emmitsburg pool.

Fall for me awakens an urge for adventure. If you have never tried a cruise, do it! The ships are so much longer than in the pictures. They're like floating cities, with a staff of wonderful people who are there to make your stay on board perfect. What to do while at sea? Every night a newsletter is delivered to your cabin with the next day's events. Eat until you can eat no more. Go see a Vegas-style show, play bingo, sit on the deck by the pool, visit the casino, shop at the onboard shops, or go to the full-service salon for a massage, manicure, pedicure, etc.... I don't know why I waited all these years to try a massage. They smooth refreshing oils and lotions on you to the sound of soothing music. It's truly an unforgettable experience. A few times a year Carnival Cruise Lines offers cruises out of New York City and Newport News, Va.

A favorite ship of mine is the Carnival ship, the Victory. Carnival offers weekend "Cruises to Nowhere." You board the ship Friday afternoon, set sail around 4:30 p.m. Then you sail out into the ocean and return Sunday morning. Once you get out into international waters the casino opens up and the party starts. This is a great chance to see if you would like cruising on board an ocean liner. Families can bring children without worry because Carnival offers "Camp Carnival," a children's program for the kids to meet new friends and enjoy various activities. The cruises to nowhere offer all of your food, drinks, and entertainment for one low price. This is a very affordable weekend adventure. My husband was very skeptical about cruising until I got him on his first cruise to nowhere, two years ago, and



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now he loves cruising. I recommend this type of cruise for first timers.

There are also close-by autumn delights. Try a river raft ride down the Shenandoah River near Harper's Ferry, W.Va., or a day and night's camp at Cunningham Falls State Park in

Thurmont. The Hotel Hershey, in Hershey, Pa., offers a nice romantic getaway. Being in the travel industry, I'm sure I'll go somewhere this fall and winter. If you need any ideas, give me a call and I will be glad to help you!

#### Quilter from page 20

sands of pieces of fabric. It depicts a very quiet and tranquil scene of a mother holding a baby on her lap. The love of the mother shows by the tilt of her head and the way her arms and hands cradle the baby. There are soft pink roses and blue ribbons in a wreath behind mother and child.

In every way this quilt is a work on emmitsburg.net/dispatch

of art, yet it is also an heirloom quilt that has a story to tell. Art does not have to be exploding two-by-fours, fiery dragons or bottles of Tabasco Sauce. Art in quilts can be a mother and child or a rippling stream through a forest. Which do you prefer?

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If you enjoy singing and would like to join the group please come to the rehearsals. All voices are welcome. If you have any questions please call Shannon Boyle at 301-447-3121 or Loren Roth at 717-642-8500.

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Saturday, September 8 Peach Festival, sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church,

Sabillasville, Md. Rt.550 beginning at 9a.m. This event, to be held at the church, will also feature a yard and bake sale along with soups, sandwiches, and many peach desserts. Vendors set up free. For information call 717-7945183.

Saturday, September, 8
The Taneytown Rod & Gun Club is sponsoring a Crab and Chicken Feed, 1 to 5 p.m. Menu is steamed crabs, fried chicken, sharp cheese, cold slaw, crab soup, hot dogs and sauerkraut, beer and sodas. \$20 per adult, half price for children 10 and under. For tickets call Godfrey at 410-751-1685.

Sunday, September 9, Basket Bingo and Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 103 N. Church St.. Thurmont. Doors open at 1:30pm. Dinner is served 1:30.3:30. Games start at 4:00 p.m. Special games, raffles, tip jars. Call Judy 301-271-2819 or Mary 301-898-0876.

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Thursday, September 13
The Serenity Al-Anon Group will begin meeting every Thursday, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Avenue, Emmitsburg, Md. (located directly behind the American Legion). Al-Anon is a support group, which includes friends and relatives of alcoholics or addicts.

Friday, September 14,
Basket Bingo, Blue Ridge Fire &
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Misty at 717-794-2323.

Saturday, September, 15

St. Joseph's Parish Ladies'
Sodality will hold its annual
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a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the air-conditioned parish hall. There will be something for everyone. Along with the yard sale items, we will have a bake sale, and soup and sandwiches will be available for lunch.

Saturday, September, 15
A good old country breakfast at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club
12380 Shoemaker Rd. Sunday 7 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Menu is pancakes, buckwheat cakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding, hominy, fried potatoes, hot cheese, hot apples. Fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee. Adults \$5.00; children 8 to 12 \$3.50.

Tuesday, September 18
EBPA luncheon meeting 12 noon at
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Saturday, September 22
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Wednesday, Sept. 26
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Saturday, September 29
Thurmont Lions Club Health Fair from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Thurmont Elementary School.
Screenings for blood pressure, glaucoma and other conditions. For information call 301-271-7792 or

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On Sunday, September 30, starting at 10:00 a.m., over 100 professional artists, juried craft exhibitors and

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Sunday, September 30

Incarnation United Church of Christ will be celebrating in the fellowship hall from 2 - 4 p.m the Reverend Margaret Dodds retirement. The community and members of the CAC Ministries are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and a time set aside for remarks. Saturday and Sunday, Oct 13, 14

RidgeFest to be held at Mt. Tabor Park sponsored by Mt.

Tabor Lutheran Church. Rocky Ridge.
On Saturday, October 13, enjoy an apple butter boiling demonstration.
Apple butter will be available for sale(advance orders accepted by calling 301-271-2880.) the Rocky Ridge firemen's famous fried ham sandwiches will be on sale both days. Fleas markets, crafts (free spaces available by calling 301-271-2135, good home cooked food, a country store and more will be yours to enjoy. Sponsored by

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Family Barber Shop will hold its 2nd Annual Benefit Dance, 8 p.m. until 12 p.m Details forthcoming. Tickets on sale soon at FBS on East Main Street.

Saturday, October 27, The "Rites of Fall" all-day workshop. Registration 8 a.m.Cost \$35. Topics: weed identification, wintering over, Bonsai, and building a garden bench. Lunch provided. Door prizes and garden handouts. For more information call 717-334-6271, ext. 319 or 717-642-5223.

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