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Mount Band Annual Fall Concert

Thursday, Nov. 29
Marion Burke Knott
Auditorium
7:00 p.m. Free Admission

President and First Lady honor fallen firefighters in Emmitsburg



President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush return after placing a wreath at the Fallen Firefighters Monument.

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER
Dispatch Writer

On October 7th, at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, President George W. Bush, with his wife, Laura, led the nation in paying tribute to 101 firefighters who died in the line of duty

A Raymond Buchheister photo for the Dispatch

last year. "Laura and I are honored to be here with you today, as we remember the lives and sacrifices of your brave relatives," the president said.

Coming in the wake of terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, which took the lives of more than 300 New York firefighters on September 11,

the President's appearance at the 20th annual National Firefighters Memorial Service could not have come at a more opportune time. "Our Nation still mourns," the president said.

Although the recent tragedy has thrust firefighters and their heroism into the nation's spotlight, it had no bearing on the president's decision in July to accept the invitation. "The courage and loss we saw in New York we've seen in every community that has laid a firefighter to rest."

Addressing the relatives of the fallen, Mr. Bush said, "It's been said that a firefighter's first act of bravery is taking the oath to serve. And all of them serve, knowing that one day they may not come home." He spoke of the greatness of their sacrifice. "The nation pays respect to them for their service and their sacrifice. And we respect you, their families for your sacrifice. And Scripture teaches, there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for another."

In closing remarks the President

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Construction begins on Seton addition

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER
Dispatch Writer

Construction began early October 2001 on the \$1.7 million expansion project at Mother Seton School, a year after their September 14, 2000, ceremonial groundbreaking.

Bruchey Builders, Inc., of Frederick began site work for the new addition to the school, which was designed by Nelson Salabes Johnson, Inc., of Baltimore. Nevin Mauck, project superintendent for Bruchey Builders, said the foundation for the addition will be poured during late October or early November. The addition will include two kindergarten classrooms; a classroom for a future pre-kindergarten program; a state-of-the-art science lab; a large multipurpose room for art, music, band and chorus; centralized adminis-

trative offices; a larger staff room, and a two-bed health room. The building will also feature a new central front entrance, an extended driveway in front of the school; more storage space, an improved playground and an outdoor kindergarten play area.

The existing Mother Seton School was built in 1964 to house 16 classrooms for students grades one through eight. The school sits on the same soil as the first Catholic School in the United States, established by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in

1810. The addition is being built to address increased enrollment, which has forced the school to convert the sci-

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Mother Seton School students "supervise" the beginning of construction of their new addition.

Letters to the editor



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

What can I do?

I feel moved as so many others do to try to make some sort of contribution on behalf of all of our fellow Americans who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. I am horrified that this kind of vicious destruction is still possible in this day and age. How is it possible that we humans still engage in the unspeakable murder of thousands of people? There is no innocent population, especially among all the religions. Killing in the name of God or ideology threatens our very ability to continue to live together on this earth.

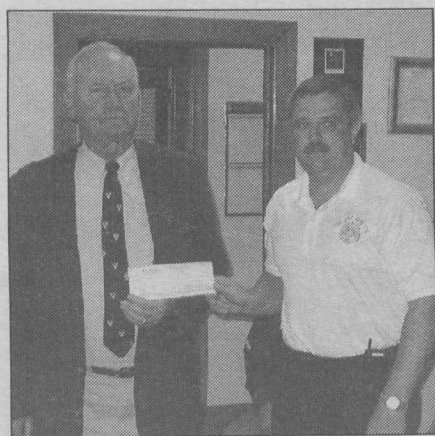
And so I come back to, what can I do? I can't stop Osama bin Laden and his followers. I can speak against killing, but I know we (humans) are not yet evolved enough to stop it. I know my country must respond to this attack. I hope it is done responsibly as well as effectively, but neither George Bush nor the United Nations is going to consult me. Due to a health condition I cannot give blood. I am not a wealthy person, so beyond a buck or two, my money is not going to make much difference. What can I do?

I can do my job. I have always proudly worked in human services of some kind; I am acutely aware of all the people—Americans—who are in need of our assistance as fellow citizens every day. I've worked with fire fighters and police officers, early in my career. I know what heroes they are, every day. I know there are over 400 nonprofit agencies just in Frederick County, over half of which provide a

much needed human service, every day. What better message to send to terrorists than "we always take care of our own—every day."

I would encourage all those with whom this thought may resonate, that when the Red Cross has all the blood and supplies that it needs to meet this tragedy, we all turn to support the focal agencies who do heroic things, everyday. Terrorism cannot survive among a population of people who are alert to the needs of their fellow humans. Terrorism cannot be successful when the strength of a people is consistently demonstrated in the love we show one another, everyday, in our own communities. Terrorists can scare us and hurt us and bring unspeakable grief, but they cannot ultimately prevail when we make the effort to take care of each other, everyday.

*Rosalynne Reynolds
Interfaith Housing
of Western Maryland*



DONATION FOR NEW YORK -- Vigilant Hose Company Chief Frank Davis (right) accepts the town's contribution, a check for \$1,000, from Mayor Carr, to the VHC's fundraiser for the families of two New York firemen who died at the site of the World Trade Center. The presentation was made at the October town meeting. The VHC drive netted over \$25,000.

Line Dancing

Emmitsburg Ambulance Bldg.
Tuesday nights 7-9 p.m.
\$5 per person

Town News

New commissioner sworn in

David Vaughn was sworn in by Mayor Carr at the Town meeting on October 1. Commissioner Vaughn was appointed to fill the town council position vacated when Commissioner Chris Stahley resigned last month. He will serve on the council until elections are held in April 2002.

Town donates to VHC New York Family Fund

Mayor Carr presented a check for \$1,000 to Vigilant Hose Company Chief Frank Davis for the VHC's New York Family Fund. In accepting the donation Chief Davis stated that the two-day drive netted over \$25,000. The funds will be given to families of two fallen firefighters who died at the site of the World Trade Center. "Representatives of VHC will hand deliver the money to the families we are sponsoring," said Davis.

Tower Moratorium Extension

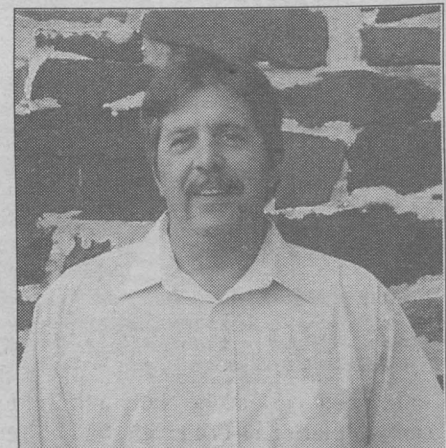
The council voted 4-0 to extend until January 10, 2002, the moratorium on communication towers within the town limits. The extension will give more time for the town attorney to design a draft ordinance. Commissioner Hoover called for a council workshop prior to designing the draft ordinance so that the council could have input in the early stages of the process.

Water system and possible annexation

Town manager Dave Haller told the council that the new water system will soon be online, raising the question of what is the best way to improve the water delivery service to residents on Mountain View Road who are outside the town limits. He told the commissioners the present water system is close to failure.

Mayor Carr said the town had two options. "We can annex the area, or we can make the repairs without annexation. Whichever we do, we want to work with the residents along Mountain View Road."

The council will meet to decide whether or not they are interested in annexing the area into the municipality.



DAVID VAUGHN

This decision will be forwarded to the residents of the area. The residents will discuss the matter and then inform the town of their preference. The commissioners will meet with the residents in November. The waterline will be started in February.

According to Linda Junker, representing the Mountain View Road residents, when the annexation issue was originally raised several years ago 93% of the residents were opposed to annexation. "The latest survey showed that 43% of the group have altered their position. This does not mean they are in favor of annexation, but only that they have changed from their original position on the issue," said Junker.

In other business the commissioners:

*voted 4-0 to change the number of meetings held each year by the Parks Committee from twelve to four and to limit the membership to five regular members, rather than seven. Commissioner Sweeney, who has been on the Parks Committee for 5 years, said the parks are in good shape and that it was not necessary to have 12 meetings a year. Reducing the number of persons on the committee will make it easier to have a quorum, he said.

*announced that North Alley, running between N. Seton Avenue and Federal Avenue, will be paved. Contract negotiations are underway with the Frederick County Paving Company of Thurmont. It is expected that the paving will be completed by this winter and will cost \$13,100.

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emmitsburg.net

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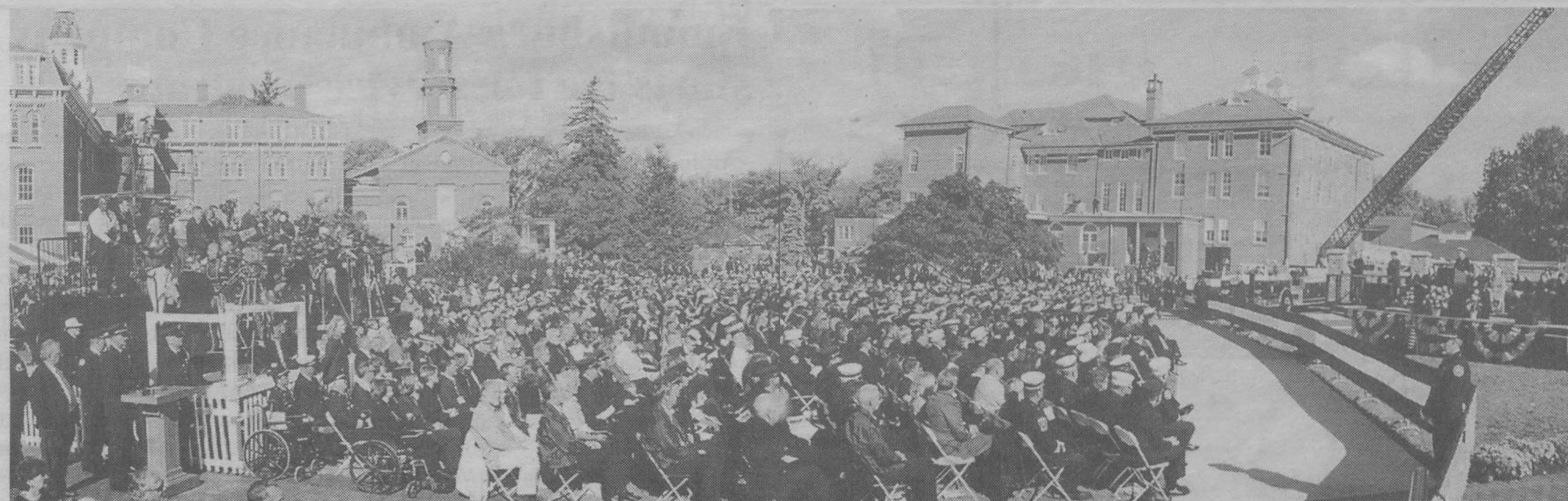
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Panoramic view of the National Firefighters Memorial Service held October 7 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg. Media crews can be seen on raised camera platforms at the left, fallen firefighter families and their escorts in the center, and dignitaries on the platform at the right. U.S. Secret Service can be seen atop entrance roof of Building "K" (back right). Three other sections (not in photo) seated members of the public. A Raymond Buchheister photo for the *Dispatch*.

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said, "You'll always know that your hero died in the service of others. You can give one another the strength to go on. You can find the comfort of God, who is with us, especially in sorrow. And you can know that today that your loved ones are not forgotten."

None of the estimated 8,000 in attendance could know that a few hours later the United States would launch missiles on military targets in Afghanistan. After addressing the crowd, President and Mrs. Bush placed a wreath at the memorial and then shortly after departed for the White House by helicopter.

Mr. Bush is the first president to attend the annual memorial services and dedication of the national firefighter monument. The monument, created in 1981, was designated by congress in 1990 as the official national monument to all fallen firefighters. According to Hal Bruno, Chairman of the board of the National Firefighters Foundation responsible for the memorial, they have unsuccessfully extended invitations to the presidency in the past. Due to the

nature of the presidency, Mr. Bush's decision to attend could not be made public until September.

Other members of the Maryland delegation who sat on the platform among the President and First Lady were U.S. Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (D) of Baltimore, U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D) of Baltimore, Congressman Roscoe G. Bartlett Jr. (R-District 6) of Buckeystown and Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-District 5) of Mitchellville.

Security was especially tight for the 10:00 a.m. service; beginning with 4:00 a.m. security sweeps of the premises by the U.S. Secret Service. On-campus parking was prohibited for members of the public, who were shuttled in buses from Mount St. Mary's College. No backpacks or large bags were allowed. At various check points participants had to pass through metal detectors where pocketbooks and cameras were searched. Temporary fencing was set up, funneling people into specific areas. Areas were partitioned separating the media, public, fallen firefighter families, and dignitaries. Some Secret Service agents blended in with the

crowds while others were clearly seen atop roofs of campus buildings.

Fire trucks were stationed surrounding the field where President Bush's helicopter landed. Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Co. had two engines and a rescue squad manned by twenty personnel. Company 6 was part of the helicopter detail working for the secret service in a fire capacity. Thirty-eight engines from other local fire companies were used to break up the sight line to the helicopters.

Stepping off the helicopter, President Bush chose not to enter the presidential limo but instead walked directly to the VHC squad unit where he shook hands with the crew of seven. Bob Rosensteel, Jr., company captain, said, "The President shook our hands and said good morning. He was very pleasant and he personally thanked us and said he appreciated the job we do." Rosensteel said he then introduced his wife Laura. "We never expected to personally meet him; it was definitely a day I'll never forget," said Chief Frank Davis. "Looking back, the President gave no indication at all about what was going to happen later that after-

noon," said Davis, speaking about the strikes on Afghanistan.

Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. had three units manned by seventeen personnel on standby. Company 26 specifically had ambulance 269 assigned to the president's detail, which was manned by a driver and two EMTs. Members of their crew were also greeted by the President.

The memorial service was televised nationally and broadcast live via satellite, enabling fire departments across the country to view the national tribute. After the President's departure the service continued for another two and a half hours. Ninety-eight men and three women were honored at this year's ceremony, which included 99 from last year and two from previous years. One Maryland firefighter was honored. Robert W. Humphrey, 62, was a 27-year life member of the Maryland Line Volunteer Fire Co. #450. He died on September 17, 2000, when he was struck by a car while crossing the highway to an accident scene. The names of 2,181 fallen firefighters have been inscribed on the national monument since 1981.

Construction from page 1

room, while housing a fifth grade class in a modular unit, and having teachers share a storeroom as their office and storage space. "We're constructing a basic building to better serve the needs of the children," said Sister Mary Catherine Conway, DC, principal of the 430-student and 45 staff member school. "We are here for the people of the Emmitsburg community and we work hard to keep our tuition affordable for our families." Sister Conway said parents were promised from the beginning that the expansion would not affect the school's tuition.

The school's capital campaign "Celebrating Our Past...Building Our

Future" was established as a separate program to raise money for the project. Campaign members estimated the costs to be \$1.5 million at their kickoff in November 1999, but an eight-month delay in construction has caused additional expenses. Although the architect and general contractor were lined up along with the funds needed to start the project at their groundbreaking, the delay occurred due to securing permits and meeting additional requirements, which took longer than expected. The cost increase came with the additional requirements, permit process, and rise in material cost due to the delay.

Sister Conway said Bruchey Builders has stuck with them through

the delay and have tried to hold their costs and those of their subcontractors where they could. She said, "They have been a good company to work with and they are people who really want to do this job."

School leaders announced that almost \$1,300,000 had been received in pledges, donations, and gifts-in-kind as of September 24, 2001. Among the many donations included a \$300,000 grant from the archdiocesan "Heritage of Hope" campaign, a \$100,000 contribution from the Friends of Catholic Education, a Frederick based organization, and a \$100,000 grant from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, which the school will

receive upon project completion.

Enthusiasm has reemerged now that construction is underway and when Sister Conway was asked what remaining hurdles lay ahead she said, "weather and money." "Mother Seton depended upon the benefactors of her day to further her mission to provide Catholic education for the children in the area. I'm grateful to the benefactors who have supported us this far and I'm confident that St. Elizabeth Ann will continue to pray with us for other generous benefactors to complete this work." The school's addition is expected to be complete in late summer 2002.

Deadline for articles, Nov. 20



You know you're gettin' old when you fall down and wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

Emmitsburg Ambulance Company starts fee for service program

BY JOE PELKEY
Ambulance Company President

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company has started a fee for service program. This program has been discussed for many months and was not decided upon lightly. The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company has relied in part upon funds from Frederick County to operate.

The Frederick County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Inc. ("FCVFRA"), which oversees the fire and ambulance companies in Frederick County, has indicated that by fiscal year 2003 the funds that the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company receives will be reduced to approximately ten percent (10%) of the sum currently being provided, due to the fact that Emmitsburg has not been designated as a taxable fire district.

The system for funding fire and

ambulance companies has changed such that "fire districts" were created. The Vigilant Hose Company and the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company opposed the creation of a fire district for Emmitsburg. Due to its location, during the calendar years 1998, 1999 and 2000 the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company responded to over 900 calls per year, of which approximately twenty percent (20%) were in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and approximately forty percent (40%) were outside the taxable fire district of Emmitsburg. Accordingly, the creation of a fire district in Emmitsburg would only serve to force the citizens of Emmitsburg to subsidize services being rendered for persons living outside the Emmitsburg fire district.

In light of the fact that it has learned that its funding will be reduced and in an effort to avoid the citizens of Emmitsburg from being unnecessarily

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Commentary

One Marriage, Two Politics: Finding Common Ground

BY ELISA STREETER
Albany, New York

On the morning of September 11th, as we listened in the car to the horrific events unfold, I cried, my husband cursed. I knew right then we were in trouble.

It was never a big secret to anyone who knows us, that Chris and I walk different political paths. I'm a Democrat. He's a Republican. I embrace liberalism. He's a navy veteran. Joining the ROTC never crossed my mind. Joining the ACLU never crossed his.

So it came as no surprise that a few days after the attacks, Chris, a Bronx native, chose to drive to New York City. He needed to see it, touch it, embrace it. Add more fuel to his already burning fire. Now, he was convinced, bomb them all, and then build an even bigger tower!

I, on the other hand, was convinced of little. Bombing an already ravaged country seemed ludicrous, but letting the reign of terror continue was no answer either. Building another absurdly tall building seemed arrogant, but practical given New York City's capacity.

Chris decided to join the Navy, again. I didn't need to point out that a 39-year-old father of three who can't sleep through the night without his arthritic back waking him, was not just what Uncle Sam needed. He must have had an epiphany, because I haven't seen him pull out his old Navy uniform and wash it (or maybe he did, and he realized it doesn't fit!)

I, on the other hand, chose to bake pumpkin bread, walk to the library, and throw myself into school fundraisers for the families of victims. I did not heed my inner voice which suggested joining the Peace Corps and starting a woman's rights group in the Middle East.

And so the divide widened. We cut out newspaper columns that supported our points of view. We avoided talk-

"...our stand must be taken here at home, with our children, with our neighbors, with our village, our state and our country."

ing about the actual event and pending war. When our Pastor gave a sermon on understanding our enemy, Chris tightened his jaw. I sighed. I wanted to talk about why the terrorists were so angry they would be willing to kill themselves and so many others. He knew the reasons, and none of them were good enough. Our own little war was erupting. It was time for a change. And so I did what I always try to do (not right away of course, only after trying to get my way has failed!) I tried to understand my husband. I asked him more questions. And as I listened, I found the common ground.

For, while we share different politics, we share a common love for family. And we both know one thing above all else. That our stand must be taken here at home, with our children, with our neighbors, with our village, our state and our country. Together we embrace the diversity around us, and together we try to raise children who understand that whatever you believe, wherever you come from, whoever you are, you deserve a life filled with love, freedom and respect. And since I am the one writing this, I can add the word PEACE, too.

Editor's Note: My daughter is a television anchor for the ABC affiliate in Albany, New York. Her husband is a freelance journalist. This is how the events of September 11th affected their relationship. We thought other families may have experienced similar feelings and would be interested in how one couple dealt with their emotions.

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Elementary students show they care

BY NICKI LINGG

Proving that you are never too little to show you care, the students of Emmitsburg Elementary School recently collected donations for the American Red Cross. Moved by recent happenings in New York and Washington, D.C., the first graders at E.E.S. kicked off their money-raising campaign by painting a large American flag in the cafeteria. Stripes on the flag were made using hand prints of all 55 first graders. A large container was placed near the entrance to the school where children and visitors were encouraged to "Place loose change—no lunch money please!"

On Tuesday, October 2, 2001, a patriotic parade of youngsters marched, waving flags and pulling a

wagon loaded down with their contributions to the Farmers and Mechanics Bank. There they were greeted by Mayor Carr and Commissioner Boyle and escorted into the bank vault where they deposited a five-gallon container of change and bills. Bank personnel were to send the donation off to be counted by the main office before being forwarded to the Red Cross. Later the bank reported that the children had collected \$750.

The highlight of the day was an impromptu speech given to the children by a retired New York City fireman who happened to be in the bank at the time. He was most appreciative of their efforts on behalf of his fallen friends. The day proved to be a terrific civics lesson for the children and their teachers.



Wagons Ho! Teacher Nicki Lingg and students head out to the bank with their collection for the Red Cross.

A Dispatch Photo

Catoctin students give to Red Cross



Students at Catoctin High School held a school-wide collection for the Red Cross following the events of September 11. The cans contain money collected at the school, and the five-gallon water jugs were to be placed around Thurmont during Colorfest. Kneeling from left, are Ann Bonitatibus, principal, and Benjamin Roberson. Standing are Glenn Blanchard, Lance Day, Matt Sweigert, social studies teachers, and Keith Roberson of the Frederick County Chapter American Red Cross. According to Mr. Roberson, the funds collected will be evenly divided and go directly for support functions to victims of the New York, Pentagon, and Pennsylvania disasters. A Dispatch Photo

Support the Catoctin High School FFA Citrus Fruit Sale

See page 2 for details

Up-County families visit Pumpkin Patch



Parents and children enjoying their hayride at the Brookfield Pumpkin Patch. Photo courtesy of Up-County Family Center

BY ERIKA LAVOIE

Members of the Up-County Family Center in Emmitsburg enjoyed a glorious day in the sun at the Brookfield Pumpkin Patch, owned and operated by the Roop family, off Old Frederick Road in Thurmont. Parents and children were treated to an extraordinary hayride to the Pumpkin Patch. Everyone was able to choose pumpkins before the return journey on the wagon.

Following was a stop at the pet-

ting zoo, which was a hit with children both young and old. Animals available to pet were pigs, calves, and a donkey.

There was a tub filled with kernels of corn that the children were able to play in with trucks, tractors and other miniature sized farm equipment. Items were hidden for the children to find and hide again.

A nutritious snack with a drink that was provided by the Family Center rounded out the families' picnic lunches.

Seniors donate money to VHC disaster fund, music departments



The Emmitsburg Senior Center's bulletin board recognizes the patriotism of the American people. The seniors contributed money to the Emmitsburg Vigilant Hose Company for the victims of the September 11 disaster.



The Emmitsburg Senior Center recently donated money to the Mother Seton School and Emmitsburg Elementary School music departments. Shown from left are Patricia Warthen, secretary of Emmitsburg Senior Center (ESC), Ermel Reed, vice president ESC; Sr. Mary Catherine Conway, principal Mother Seton School; Cheryl Carney, music teacher MSS, and Faine Rodgers, treasurer of ESC.



Presenting a check to the Emmitsburg Elementary School are from left Patricia Warthen, secretary of Emmitsburg Senior Center; Wanda Severance, principal Emmitsburg Elementary School; Bo Bushman, president ESC; Josef Hanson, band director EES; and Ermel Reed, vice-president of ESC.

Friends and members of New Forest Society collect acorns and seeds

BY ELIZABETH PRONGAS

Several people in the Emmitsburg area participated in the collection of acorns and seeds for the Growing Native Project, sponsored by the Potomac Watershed Partnership.

On Saturday, October 20th, Anna Mort, Audrey Glass, Elizabeth Prongas, Joan and John Treadway, Karen and Richard Kuhn, Marcia Watters of Smithsburg, Sister Mary Catherine Conway, DC., principal of Mother Seton School, and students gathered acorns and other native seeds

which were taken to the collection center, Thorpewood Foundation, in Thurmont, Maryland. Their participation was organized by the New Forest Society, a local environmental group dedicated to the protection of natural resources that impact the watershed area in Northern Frederick County.

The acorns and seeds will be given to the state nursery who supply seed stocks for restoration projects along area rivers and streams.

If you would like more information about the New Forest Society call Elizabeth Prongas, 301-271-4459.

VFW Auxiliary meeting held

BY DOLORES HENKE
Auxiliary Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary to Emmitsburg VFW Memorial Post 6658 was recently held at the Post Home. President Mary Topper presided. She introduced the two guests present for the meeting: District President, Brenda Owings and PAC Chairperson for the Department, Carolyn Self. Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and other correspondence, the Treasurer's report was read.

President Topper advised that Phyllis Cook, Cancer Aid and Research Chairperson, sent pins to be sold for this purpose. She also stated that sufficient "Canteen Books" had been purchased to be given to the veterans at the V.A. Center in Martinsburg in the event no members would be available to go to the Center for the regular monthly visit.

Final discussion was held on the upcoming bingo scheduled on October 9. The members were reminded to bring donations of "finger foods" and also solicited workers for that evening.

The Auxiliary agreed to sponsor Mary Topper for the local Crop Walk to be held on October 7. A discussion was held on giving of gifts to all residents at

St. Catherine's Nursing Home - not just to those from the local area - and it was the consensus of the members to do so.

It was moved, seconded and passed, to make a donation to the Emmitsburg Fire Company for the drive being conducted for the New York firemen. It was also agreed by the members to purchase a calendar from the Department of Maryland for a fund drive.

District President Owings addressed the members stressing new regulations of the Auxiliary. She also requested the members to donate Christmas decorated Gift Bags (with small gifts, ornaments, etc), which will be distributed by the Department of Maryland Ladies Auxiliary.

Carolyn Self then spoke to the members about the work of the PAC. A donation was taken up from the members present for this purpose.

The refreshments for the next meeting of the Post men will be prepared and served by Joan Tracey and Lois Hartdagen. Refreshments for the ladies meeting will be prepared and served by Evelyn Ott. Rita Byard won the monthly draw prize. Refreshments were then served by Rita Byard.

The next meeting will be held on November 1.

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Safety Spectacular alerts kids

A STAFF REPORT

A large crowd attended Vigilant Hose Company's up-beat open-house held October 11 at the fire station on West Main Street. Creating a "base-ball" atmosphere, the evening events covered all the bases reminding citizens of all ages that learning and practicing fire and injury prevention at home, work, school, and during leisure-time activities, is crucial.

A mock baseball game was used to develop the theme for the National Fire Prevention Week 2001: "Cover the bases: Strike out fire!" On a miniature baseball diamond, players advanced around the bases by correctly answering questions related to fire safety. If they advanced to home plate they earned a shot at wetting down a VHC personality with a "royal flush."

"People in the community have a little bit different attitude these days," said VHC president, Tim Clarke. "They are more appreciative of emer-

gency services." According to Clarke, "It is a good time for kids to learn about awareness and fire safety."

The evening's program, put together by Co-Chairmen Chad Umbel and Wayne Powell with the assistance of many of the VHC members, included events and information displays of important life safety messages for persons of all ages. Also included were the popular fire engine and emergency vehicles rides. The HAZ-MAT unit from Frederick City was also present. Light refreshments were served by the VHC Auxiliary.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during October in the United States to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. Public fire protection in Emmitsburg dates back to 1757. The present all-volunteer Vigilant Hose Company was officially established in 1884. Its staff of over 100 active volunteers provide 24-hour first due emergency response to over 6,500 area residents.



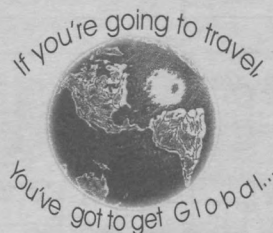
A Dispatch Photo

One of the many visitors to the Vigilant Hose Company's Fire and Injury Prevention Open House October 11 at bat in the mock baseball game used to develop the Fire Prevention Week theme "Cover the bases: Strike out fire!" The batters would get a hit by correctly answering a fire safety question. When they rounded third base and reached home they had the opportunity to pitch a ball at a target that, if hit, dumped water on the fireman sitting beneath the "royal flush."

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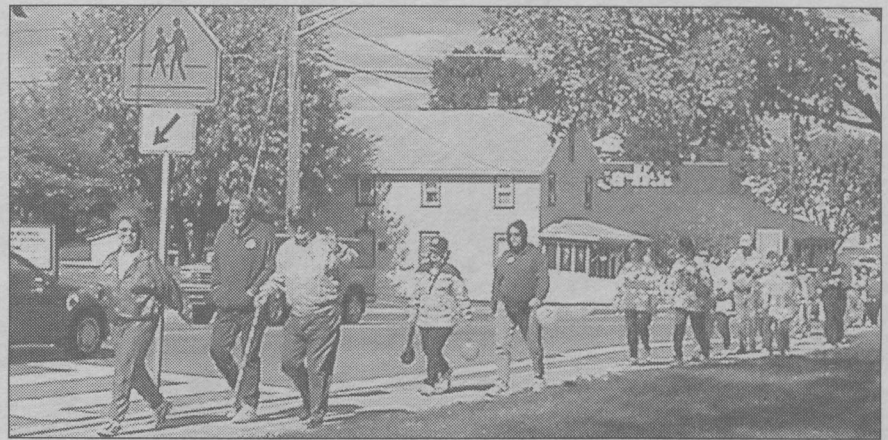


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Crop Walk



Emmitsburg walkers raised a record \$4,600 during the annual CROP Walk.

A Dispatch Photo

BY PHYLLIS KELLY

The annual Emmitsburg CROP Walk sponsored by the Council of Churches was held Oct. 7, 2001. Fifty-one walkers began their stroll at 1:30 with a send-off from Mayor Carr and with Pastor Bill Warehime offering a special prayer for the world's situation. They started at Memorial Park and followed a two-mile route through the grounds of the Provincial House and the Fire Academy and back again where they received juice and cookies.

CROP walks are sponsored by Church World Service and the money collected goes around the world wherever needed to feed and clothe needy people. Many of these areas are disaster areas from wars, famine, earthquakes or hurricanes.

These 51 people collected a little over \$4,600 - the most ever collected since Emmitsburg began to participate

in CROP walks in 1987. The Emmitsburg Food Bank under the direction of The Religious Coalition of Human Emergency Needs of Frederick County will receive 25% of this money. Money for hamburger and bread is always a need at this food bank.

A plaque is given to the church which collects the most money and a banner to the church with the most walkers. It looks like this year Incarnation United Church of Christ receives both. Congratulations! However, St. Joseph's Catholic Church gave them a run for their money in both areas, and Elias wasn't far behind with walkers. Well done, everyone!

Even though this is a church-sponsored event, anyone who would like to join in is more than welcome. Keep this in mind for next fall. Walkers are always appreciated. It's usually a lovely walk.

Chain of Life on town



A Dispatch Photo

People of all denominations gathered for the Annual Emmitsburg Life Chain on the town square from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. on October 7. With signs in hand, many stood by quietly while others recited prayers, their purpose being to make a peaceful, prayerful statement that abortion is wrong. The gathering was preceded by an ecumenical prayer service at St. Joseph's Church.

Gold and Silver Celebrations Rohrbaugh Anniversaries



Herbert W. and Mary E. Hahn Rohrbaugh, left, daughter of Carrie E. Hahn of Emmitsburg, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 29. Mr. Rohrbaugh retired from the National Park Service after 30 years of service. Mrs. Rohrbaugh is a retired Frederick County School Bus contractor/driver after 44 years.

Also observing their wedding anniversary—the 25th—were their daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Dennis Easterday of Middletown, Md. On July 10th the couples celebrated their special day together with friends and family: Herbert and Allyson Rohrbaugh of Emmitsburg; Steve and Kandy Rohrbaugh Hawk of Frederick; Grandchildren Jennifer Easterday, Denver, Col.; Jessica Easterday, Middletown, Md., Garrett and Parker Rohrbaugh, Emmitsburg.

St. Catherine's Employee of the Month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for September 2001 is Debra Bitzel. Debra has been employed at St. Catherine's since March of 1996. According to her co-workers Debra is great with her co-workers and the residents. She also gets along well with the family members, physicians, and the consultants that come to St. Catherine's. Debra has a very good attendance record. She changes her schedule as needed to help out where and when she is needed.

Debra displays very good leadership skills. She is always willing to help anyone who needs assistance. Debra is always thinking of ideas to improve working conditions for her unit and co-workers. Debra is very deserving of the



DEBRA BITZEL

honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Debra!

Zora centennial celebration set

BY MARY-ELIZABETH
HOFFMAN BUCKHAM

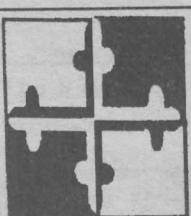
We are celebrating the term of office of my great grandfather, George Edward Gingell, at the post office. The post office was named Zora by his wife, Anna Peninah Newman in 1894.

George and Anna had two sons, Herbert, who owned and operated stone quarries in the area, and Thomas, who married Mary Rosella Shuff, a descendant of the founders of Thurmont, Md.

The Gingell homestead/store/post office was at what is presently 7A Ranch Trail, where Anna, not believing in banks, hid her money. We spent many hours digging up that yard with spoons!

After closing the post office on Sept. 3, 1919, George and Anna ran what is now known as Shank's Mill. On Nov. 1, 1919, George's new shirt got caught in the cogwheel. Anna had a vision and rushed screaming to the mill, but she was too late. There is a large dark spot on the floor where he bled to death.

The centennial celebration will be held Nov. 10 & 11 at Zora Village. Some great grandchildren will be available as guides: Martha Ott, Paul Hoffman, Herbie Gingell, Pinny Davis, Bobbie Gingell, Beckie Yoder, and Francie Thomas.



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Umbel family honors matriarch

On September 9th, family members and friends gathered to pay tribute to Mrs. Helen Umbel. Wilbur & Helen Umbel lived all their lives in Emmitsburg, raising nine children, Beatrice, Bill, Ruth, Jack, Dave, Jim, Clarence, Austin, and Carolyn.

Many beautiful memories were shared, Helen's Sunday dinners, donut day, when she made 30 dozen donuts, homemade pies (to die for), summer canning, her flower garden, but most of all her love and laughter and the joy she brought to all who knew her. She has been an inspiration to all her family and a truly remarkable lady.

Although Wilbur passed away in 1995, he and Helen had 63 years together, with 23 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren.



Umbel family and friends gathered to pay tribute to Mrs. Helen Umbel on September 9.

Photo courtesy of the Umbel family

Ambulance from page 4 —

taxed, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company has begun what it believes is a fair and equitable program of billing those persons who receive its services. It is the hope and intention of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company that the funds collected from its billing program will serve to replace the funds currently being paid by Frederick County.

As with any such program it will take some time for the program to be fully implemented and for the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company to realize sufficient funds to support its operation. Accordingly, rather than waiting until the County reduced the funds being provided to the Emmitsburg

Ambulance Company and likely suffer from a lack of sufficient funds to operate, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company decided to begin its billing program on October 8, 2001.

It is the understanding of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company that there are no Federal, state or county laws or regulations that prohibit the program that has been implemented by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. If our understanding is incorrect then we will comply with any such law or regulation. However, absent such a law or regulation it is our intention to continue the billing program.



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New Grotto chaplain named

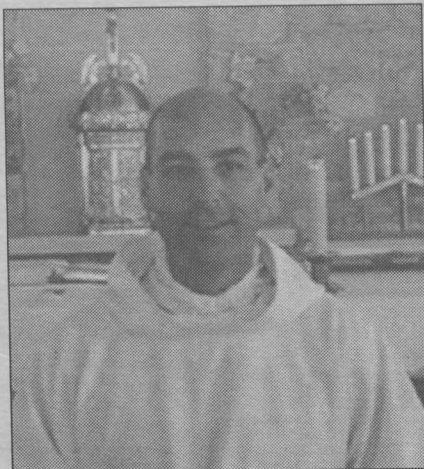
RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER
Dispatch Writer

On October 1st Reverend John J. Lombardi began his appointment as the new Chaplain of the Grotto of Lourdes.

Father Lombardi, a native of Baltimore, was born November 1960. He received a B.A. in philosophy and mass communication from Towson University. He then attended seminary at Theological College at the Catholic University of America where he received a M.A. in theology.

Father Lombardi has served as a priest in the Archdiocese of Baltimore since his ordination in 1988. Several of his assignments include St. Mary's Church, Govans (associate pastor), St. Joseph Church, Fullerton (associate pastor), St. Patrick Church, Cumberland (associate pastor), St. Elizabeth Nursing Home, Baltimore (chaplain), and Holy Family Church, Randallstown (associate pastor).

Father Lombardi is from a family of five, having three brothers and one sister. He loves to offer Mass daily, enjoys sacred prayer and meditation, and doing spiritual reading and studies of the Saints. For recreation he likes hiking, biking, swimming, and the outdoors. Father said he loves children, chocolates, and cheerful families and



FR. JOHN LOMBARDI

friends.

He grew to love the Blessed Mother and her Holy Rosary by praying with people after Mass. This love was further realized during three months, which he spent in Calcutta, India learning from Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. He assisted as Chaplain and helped at their Mother House and Home for the Dying. He said, "I saw how saints have a tenacious love for Jesus and serving him in the poor." When Father was asked how this experience will help him with his new assignment he said, "It will help me to focus on Jesus' love and mercy in bringing consolation to the Grotto's pilgrims."

(See Chaplain on page 11)

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Building Healthy Families Gateway Community Services open for business

BY MICHAEL FAUCONNET

Gateway Community Services was developed during a two-year process of meetings that involved Thurmont Ministerium, Catocin Community Agency School Services (CASS), Bridge to New Life Mission, elected civic leaders, and private citizens. These meetings took place because local social service workers and ministers found that the Thurmont/Emmitsburg region has significant social concerns.

Some of these concerns include the highest dropout rate in Frederick County, high poverty levels, low median income, and low children's school scores in comparison with the rest of the County. There has been an increase in juvenile crime over the last several years and adult medical and mental health needs are not being addressed quickly enough. There are few, if any, services in the region that address substance abuse for adolescents and adults, and local social service workers are seeing an increase in the need for affordable housing, and access to the Thurmont Food Bank and Clothes Closet.

GCS is a non-profit private agency formed to provide and coordinate services to meet the basic human needs for people in the Thurmont extended community including Emmitsburg. Areas of need that have been identified at this point are the following:

- Coordination and collaboration of existing programs such as the Clothes Closet, Thurmont Food Bank, and Bridge to New Life Mission
- Establishing transportation services beyond Frederick County Transit Services
- Development of educational

services to meet employment and further educational needs of adults and older adolescents (evening high school, job readiness training (GED))

- Establishment of a central location to house and coordinate these and other services

Members of the Board of Directors are exploring several avenues of funding by way of grants and foundations.

It is important that GCS have the support of the business community and of other agencies such as Frederick County Schools, Health Department, Churches, local government and others. I ask that you consider assisting GCS, which in turn, will have the potential to positively impact social issues such as juvenile crime, hunger, poor physical and mental health, substance abuse and unemployment.

Examples of how you could assist GCS include any of the following:

- Contribution of funds or in-kind donations
- Join the Members-At-Large to serve on the Board of Directors
- Volunteer for consulting services, teaching and/or job coaching
- Donation of space for a central location
- Volunteer to assist with transportation, grant writing, word processing
- Donations of computers for learning services

As you consider how you or your business/agency could assist GCS, remember that it requires the larger community to truly address social concerns such as juvenile crime, substance abuse, dropout rates and poverty.

Please call 301-271-4511 to discuss your ideas about our mission to address the social needs of the citizens of the Catocin area.

American Legion Auxiliary meeting held

BY LOIS HARTDAGEN
President

The October 2001 meeting of Francis X. Elder Unit #121 was held at the Post Home.

Roll was called and the President, Lois Hartdagen, presided. The Secretary, Penny Adams gave her report of the September meeting. It was approved as read. The Treasurer, Anna Adams gave her report, and it was accepted subject to audit.

The Department Bulletin was read by the President.

The Chaplain, Patty Troxell, reported that the donation in memory of Jennie Motter would be given to the

Emmitsburg Little League.

The Membership Chairman, Lois Hartdagen, reported we have 100 members sent to Department for 2002.

Under Old Business, the sandwich chairman, Penny Adams is checking into the date for the sandwich and sub sale. Those attending the District Meeting in Hampstead in September were Patty Troxell, Anna Adams, Melva Hardman and Lois Hartdagen. The pocket planners have all been sold. Thanks to everyone who sold and purchased these planners.

Under New Business, a committee

(See AUXILIARY on Page 11)

Thespians to present *Bus Stop* in Thurmont

The Thurmont Thespians will present a Blue Ridge Theatre Guild (BRTG) production of William Inge's romantic comedy *Bus Stop* for three performances at the American Legion Auditorium Friday evening November 2 thru Sunday afternoon, November 4. The show is directed by Tom Rodgers and stars Jeanine Collins of Frederick as "Cherie" (played by Marilyn Monroe in the movie version) and Rynn Curry of Waynesboro, Pa., as her Rodeo Romeo, "Bo Decker." The support cast also features Joan Crooks, Holly Harbaugh, Todd Hunter, Scott Lyttle, Spencer Watson and Homer Wood.

The play is set in the mid-nineteen fifties in a seedy Midwestern cafe between Kansas City and Topeka during a late winter night's stop-over of a Greyhound bus bound for Denver. The driver and passengers on the bus unload for an scheduled lay-over while the road crews try and keep up with the snowstorm ahead and are forced to wait out the weather overnight with the cafe's owner, a young waitress and the local sheriff watching over them all. We learn each passenger's story and the tension that exists between a nightclub singer and her ardent cowboy who is practically dragging her, kicking and screaming, back with him to

his Montana ranch so they can marry.

The Thurmont Thespians sponsor these BRTG productions in Maryland to raise money for their free summer youth music theatre workshops. Friday evening's show at 8:00 p.m. will include a Legion dessert buffet and hot beverage served during intermission for \$10.00. The Saturday evening show includes a dinner theater with cash bar beginning at 6:30 p.m., featuring roast prime rib of beef and

seafood pasta entrees for only \$24.00. The Saturday show begins at 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, there will be a brunch buffet at a new, much earlier time of 10:30 a.m., featuring hot and cold entrees, juices and beverages for only \$15.00. The Sunday matinee will now begin at 12:00 noon instead of 2:00 p.m. IMPORTANT: Reservations for all three performances can be made by calling 301-271-3052 or e-mailing thurmontthespians@yahoo.com.

Auxiliary

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meeting will be held on October 16, 2001 at the Post to compose our annual newsletter. Those serving on the committee are Betty Goulden, Betty Lupinski and Lois Hartdagen.

The President reported that Amvets #7 sponsored a Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Memorial Service on September 30, 2001, in memory of those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001, attack on America. The Honor Guard from the American Legion and VFW of Emmitsburg along with honor guards from the Amvets and the Frederick County Sheriff's Dept. were in attendance, and presented their colors. Several Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members were in attendance. It was a very impressive ceremony.

The President reported she and Betty Lupinski recently visited Past Commander George Danner at the VA Hospital in Martinsburg. They took verbal greetings from everyone at the Post. Other Post and Auxiliary members have visited him since his illness began.

Chaplain from page 10

The National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes is the nation's oldest replica of the revered French shrine of Lourdes in France. A site beloved by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, it has been a place of pastoral beauty, spiritual inspiration, and worship for nearly 200 years. The Grotto draws hundreds of thousands religious pilgrims and tourists annually.

Father Lombardi comes to emulate

The District Children and Youth Project is DARE. A fund raiser will be held at the Annual Christmas Party.

Sharon Sprankle's name was called for the door prize of \$30.00.

At the District Meeting, the Auxiliary was presented with award citations as follows:

Membership - Third Place
VA & R - First Place
Community Service - First Place
Children & Youth - First Place
Americanism - First Place

These awards were for Auxiliary year 1999-2000 and were based on reports submitted by the Auxiliary.

The Annual Halloween Parade was then discussed. Everything seemed to be falling into place.

Past Commander Forrest Knipple requested that the Auxiliary take the required training and get pictures taken to assist in bingo at the VA Center in Martinsburg along with the Post.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. Refreshments were served prior to the meeting.

and continue to build upon the foundation laid by Msgr. Hugh J. Phillips who retired this past summer. Father Lombardi said, "I hope to carry on Msgr. Phillips' legacy of honoring the Virgin Mary's maternal love for all pilgrim people." Sunday Mass is at 12:00 noon and there is also a 3:00 p.m. Holy Hour with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Lombardi hopes to continue services at the Grotto through the winter.

Thespians to hold auditions for new musical

The Thurmont Thespians will hold open auditions for *Andrew Michael*, a new musical by local playwright and composer Doug Benson to be produced in February-March of 2002 in Thurmont and Frederick. There are singing roles for 2 women, 1 man and a 9-12-year-old girl and non-singing roles for 2 women, 2 men and an 8-11-year-old boy. Auditions will be held at the St. John's Lutheran Church at 15 North Church Street in Thurmont (next to Guardian Hose Co. firehouse) on Sunday evening, Nov. 18, starting at 6 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.. Prepare a song or two short monologues. For more information call Director Spence Watson at 301-416-0864 or Email: http://spencewatson@msn.com.

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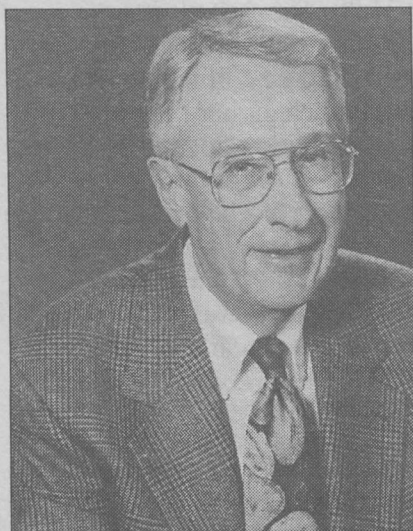
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Rev. Ted Haas chosen as interim minister at Incarnation Church



REV. TED HAAS

A well-known Frederick minister is serving the Emmitsburg United Church of Christ as the congregation undertakes the search for a new minister to succeed the Rev. Margaret Dodds, who retired recently. Rev. Ted Haas was

senior pastor of Grace United Church of Christ in downtown Frederick for 19 years. Since retiring seven years ago, he has served as Interim Pastor for several area congregations seeking new leadership. Most recently, he served for two years at Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ in Rocky Ridge.

Rev. Haas graduated from Muhlenberg College, *summa cum laude*, from Lancaster Theological Seminary and from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master's degree in Theology. He has a commitment to community service as well as to the church and currently serves as a trustee of the Frederick County Public Libraries. He is married to Norine Haas, also well known in the County area for her community service, particularly for having served 13 years as leader of the Frederick County Mental Health Association.

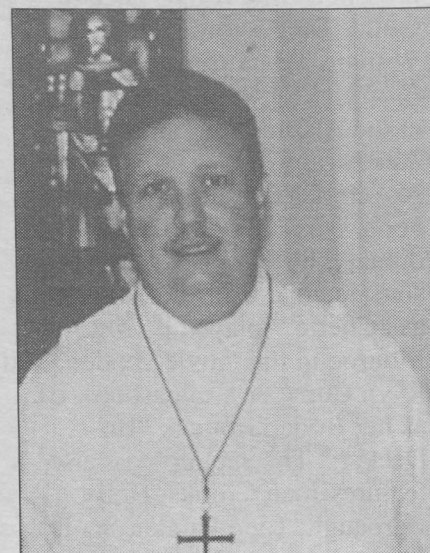
Trinity United Methodist Church welcomes new pastor

On July 1, 2001, Trinity United Methodist Church, 313 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, welcomed a new pastor, Wade A. Martin.

Rev. Martin served in the U.S. Navy from 1977-1983 aboard the *USS Eisenhower*. Then entering the private sector, he was employed in the advanced technology industry until the year 2000. Choosing at that time to begin a second career as a minister, he served as Pastor and Community Developer for Faithpoint UMC in the Urbana area. He is currently working on completing his Master of Divinity degree at Wesley Seminary.

Wade and his wife, Susan, and their three boys, Jeff, Rusty, and Bobby, live in Mt. Airy. He enjoys coaching basketball and Little League baseball and playing golf.

He spends some weekday time at the local church office so if you see him on the street or at a community



REV. WADE MARTIN

event, please give him a warm "Emmitsburg welcome." If you are looking for a church home, he would also be glad to greet you on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Retirement social held for Rev. Margaret Dodds

BY HERB GINGELL

Consistory member IUCC

On Sunday afternoon, September 30, 2001, the Incarnation United Church of Christ hosted a retirement social for Rev. Margaret Dodds. Herb Gingell served as Master of Ceremonies. Members of the Congregation, Rev. Deckenback (Conference Minister), Dr. William

Carr (Mayor of Emmitsburg) and Chata Carr, Bo and Jean Cadle (Emmitsburg Dispatch Editors), Mr. Joe Scott (Emmitsburg Council of Churches), and friends attended. Two special presentations were made: one from the youth of the Sunday School presented by Sunday School Advisor Sue Allen, and one from the Congregation presented by Consistory President Brian Glass. A good time

was enjoyed by all.

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Ted Haas has accepted the call to be our Interim Minister until such time as a full time Minister is contracted. Many thanks to the Ministers who have served our needs during this transition period. We at Incarnation invite your attendance at our services to see first hand the bonding of a small congregation, and also to see the many projects

that have been completed, and new projects underway, by our youth. You are also invited to experience the Musical Ministry from our Church Choir, which is second to none.

Sunday Morning Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School following anthem at morning service.

Social Hour following service the first Sunday of each month.

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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.
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Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

St. Joseph's Parish dates its beginning to 1786. Rev. Matthew Ryan was the first resident Pastor. The Parish has been administered by the Vincentian Community since 1852. The present church was completed in 1842.

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Novena); Tuesday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Evening - 4:30 p.m.; Sundays- 8:00, 10:15, 12:00 noon.

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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.

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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 years.

313 West Main St.
Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

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.)

Thanksgiving Reminder

BY WADE MARTIN
Pastor, Trinity UMC

Thanksgiving is a time we set aside annually to remember the many blessings God has bestowed upon us. It's also a time when we should remember our role as stewards (managers) and our responsibility to love and care for the Earth and all that inhabit this planet.

In a much broader sense Thanksgiving Day serves as a reminder to celebrate and give thanks for God's creation and gift to us. In Genesis 1:26 we learn that God created humankind in God's own image to be stewards, to manage and care for all on this earth. God has given us authority over this wonderful creation, and has called us to be good and responsible stewards of God's creation, not to use or abuse it. However, we tend to view this God-given authority to mean dominance or control over all that makes up and inhabits this planet. As a result we do many things on a daily basis to misuse all this planet has to offer.

Several months ago I was standing in the middle of a Frederick County cornfield which will soon be bulldozed and leveled off to make room for several hundred new homes. As I looked around I could see the mountains just to the northwest, I could see several deer

off in the distance making their way back into the woods, and I noticed several groundhogs hunting for food. I then realized that in several months all of this will be gone and the last piece of open land on the I-270 corridor between Washington and Frederick will become just another large neighborhood. I can't help but wonder if all this development in Frederick County is part of God's plan, or is just another case of misuse to satisfy human desire.

We live in a world of consumerism where people define their self-worth by what size home they own, how much money they make, and how others view them. All too often it is these desires that drive our decisions, rather than the desires of our Creator. As Christians we are called to serve God out of love and gratitude for all that we are given, and to serve as faithful stewards of God's household.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this year let us take time to give thanks to our Creator for the gift of this planet and for all that God provides to meet our needs. Let us also focus attention on stewardship, not usership.

Wade Martin is Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Emmitsburg, and can be reached at (301) 606-8393.

Remembering when...

First Holy Communion - 1937



Parents and friends watch as young boys and girls file into St. Joseph's Church for their first communion in May, 1937. The communicants were Kenneth Joy, Maurice Fitz, Roseann Bowers, Irene Miller, Rosemary Mick, Jean Walter, Mary Boeone, Edith Wells, Pat Sanders, Gracie McGlaughlin, Elizabeth Sanders, and Guy Baker.

Photo courtesy Roseann Bowers Ecker.

Armata Bianca Procession honors Virgin Mary



A Raymond Buchheister Photo for the Dispatch

RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER
Dispatch Writer

On Saturday, October 13, the children of the Emmitsburg Armata Bianca prayer group and their families had their annual procession honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in her 1913 apparitions at Fatima.

The group of approximately 100 people met on the grounds of the Seton Shrine following the 1:30pm mass. After a special blessing from Fr. Michael Kennedy, C.M., the Shrines Chaplain, the group commenced shouldering the Fatima pilgrim statue, carrying banners, and praying the

rosary. The banners identified the group and gave messages related to Fatima. Among those were a poster of St. Michael as he came to the three children of Fatima with the Blessed Eucharist, the poster read "My God I love you in the Most Blessed Sacrament." Other posters read "The USA is consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary" and another "In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph".

The group processed through the Town Square to St. Joseph's Church where they gathered to complete their prayer by reciting a shortened version of the Act of Entrustment to Mary written by Pope John Paul II.

Community Thanksgiving service set

BY PAUL HARNER
President, Emmitsburg Council
of Churches

The annual Thanksgiving ecumenical worship service will be held at Elias Lutheran Church at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. Rev. Wade Martin of Trinity United Methodist Church will present the message.

Due to the atrocities of

September 11, our nation's Thanksgiving is going to be somewhat different. We suddenly realize how much our freedoms and associated opportunities mean and how much others would like to take those from us.

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The (retired) Ecologist's Corner

Of Fall and Passing

BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Writer

The most newsworthy event for the *Dispatch* to report in this issue may be that fall has come. In ordinary times this would not be news, especially when the season is already half gone, but these are not ordinary times. The perky young announcers on local TV stations, who ordinarily would be gushing about fall colors and reminding us to set our clocks back, have been busy trying to project an image of gravitas as they breathlessly repeat "breaking news" that CNN announced several hours earlier. Meanwhile, the country's collective attention has been directed toward anthrax spores rather than the passing of another season in our lives. No one seems to have noticed fall.

My wife is somewhat typical of the majority of our citizenry; she has been mesmerized by the little band of headlines that runs across the bottom of the TV screen. However, she did manage to tear herself away long enough to join me on the porch one day shortly after we had the first hard frost of the season. There she was the first to notice an ancient Daddy Longlegs as it crept out of the wilted remains of a potted plant and hobbled across the floor. Three of its eight legs were missing,

Most adults have become like teenagers with their first experience at drinking and driving: it couldn't happen to them. This is one reason the anthrax scare has terrorized the country so completely. It reminds us that we are not immortal.

and a fourth was crumpled and useless; whether it was the victim of an accident or a birth defect was impossible to tell. When I picked it up I could see several bright red parasitic mites clinging to its body, sucking blood like miniature leeches. I set it down and it limped to the edge of the porch, tumbled into the remains of the flowerbed, and disappeared.

Arachnid locomotion is not one of my wife's fields of expertise, but she could tell something was seriously wrong with it. More from the emotion of the moment than from analytical thinking, she asked, "Will it die?" And, more from the certainty of general principles than from the particulars of this individual case, I replied, simply, "Yes."

Simple things can be profound, as Robert Fulghum reminded us. One of the "things he learned in kindergarten"

was that the goldfish in the aquarium, the hamster in the cage on the table, and the geranium in the styrofoam cup on the windowsill all will die; and so will we. The only difference is that the goldfish, the hamster, the geranium and the Daddy Longlegs are not aware of it.

When I was a child we did not have antibiotics or vaccines for flu and polio, and funerals were a common experience; I learned that people die before I learned to read. But times changed. When my father was born, the average life expectancy in this country was less than 60 years; when he died at age 87, the average had risen to 74, and it is now nearly 77. Backed by the success of modern medicine and nutrition, the advertising industry has convinced modern Americans that Fulghum was wrong, and when someone dies it is either some sort of cosmic mistake or a failure on someone's part. Most adults have become like teenagers with their first experience at drinking and driving: it couldn't happen to them. This is one reason the anthrax scare has terrorized the country so completely. It reminds us that we are not immortal.

Being aware of one's mortality is probably a component of mental health on an individual scale, but when a whole nation starts dwelling on it

obsessively, it isn't healthy. At one extreme, something like mass paranoia results—witness the recent surge in sales of gas masks, and the rush across the border to Mexico to buy cheap antibiotics. At the other extreme people are paralyzed by pessimism. One can only hope that the mass of our populace will come to their senses and settle somewhere between these extremes, reminded of their mortality and resolved to live fuller lives as a result.

The Daddy Longlegs is surely dead by now; even if it'd had a full complement of legs and been free of parasites, the season was over and its life expectancy was expended. But somewhere in the leaf litter under the boxwood by the porch are masses of eggs that will carry its genes on to a new generation of Longlegs next spring. Nature looks forward, not back; so I will too. Considering the drought we've been through, this fall's colors have been sufficient to add a lot to the enjoyment of my weekly rounds of golf; and while I have spent the past weeks cleaning and mulching the flowerbeds for next spring's bloom, my wife has been canning quarts of apples to add to the supply in the basement. There will be apple pie for Christmas; winter will pass, and spring will come. Mortality is what you make of it. Read other articles by Bill on emmitsburg.net/dispatch



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Obituaries

Sr. Rose Marie Gerace, DC

Sister Rose Marie Gerace, Daughter of Charity, former administrator and social worker, died of cancer, Saturday, October 13, at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg. She was 89. A Mass of Christian burial was offered at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 16, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg.

Born in Harrisburg, the former Rosina Maria Gerace entered the Daughters of Charity in 1931, and pronounced her vows in 1936. She earned a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's College in Eminitsburg in 1946, and a masters in social work from Boston College in 1948. Sister was a licensed clinical social worker and a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

Sister Rose Marie began her 69-year career as a Daughter of Charity in 1932 at St. Mary's School in Troy, N.Y., where she was both a teacher and a parish visitor until 1946. This was followed by two years of study in Boston. After receiving her masters degree in 1948, she was appointed administrator of Laboure Center in Boston, completing a six-year term before being appointed administrator at St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home in Hyattsville, Md. Sister then worked briefly as a case worker for Catholic Charities in Philadelphia before going to Farmington, Mich., for a six-year term as administrator at St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher Home [1956 -1962]. She returned to St. Joseph's Provincial House in Emmitsburg for two years where she acted as a consultant in social work.

Sister Rose Marie was director of the child care program, and administrator at St. Catherine's Infant Home in Albany from 1965-1968. She was then appointed administrator of Seton House, Richmond, where she remained for five years until 1973 when she was asked to act as administrator for one year at Mount St. Joseph in San Francisco.

In 1974 Sister returned to Emmitsburg where she was a case worker at Seton Center for eight years, followed by three years at DePaul Medical Center in Norfolk as a patient visitor. In 1985 she returned to social work and spent four years at Jenkins Memorial Home in Baltimore [now St. Elizabeth's Home for Nursing Care] and two years [1989-1991] at St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home in Hyattsville. In 1991 Sister returned once again to DePaul

Medical Center in Norfolk and worked in the pastoral care department until 1996. For the past five years Sister Rose Marie resided at St. Joseph's Provincial House in Emmitsburg and was a sister visitor to the elderly and infirm sisters in Villa St. Michael until her own health failed in recent months.

Sister loved to sew and bake. She was probably as well known for her sweet rolls and coffee cakes that she prepared for countless special occasions, bazaars, and meetings as she was for her expertise in social work.

Daughter of the late Angelo and Frances Monaco Gerace, Sister Rose Marie is survived by a brother, Frank Gerace of Harrisburg, a foster sister, Rose Lake of Harrisburg; a niece Judy Gerace, Harrisburg; two nephews, Michael Gerace, Harrisburg and Jeffrey Gerace of Enola, Pa.; and several grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

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

Mr. Tommie Bivens

Mr. Tommie Allen Bivens, 51, of Park Drive, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was the husband of Linda Kea Strickland Bivens.

Born Feb. 27, 1950, in Williamsport, Ohio, he was a son of the late Roscoe and Dorothy Payne Bivens.

Mr. Bivens was a life member of Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club, and a member of American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121, Emmitsburg, Cascade American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Francis L. Bivens of Emmitsburg; one grandson, Austin Lee Bivens of Emmitsburg; a number of nieces and nephews; two brothers, Paul Bivens of Williamsport, Ohio, and Raymond Bivens of Delaware, Ohio; and one sister, Mary Funk of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Bivens will also be remembered by his son Francis' fiancée, Stacy Bassler of Emmitsburg; and his friend, Jaime Orndorff.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 12, with the Rev. Stephen P. Trzecielski officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, Maryland Area Office, 3120 Timanus Lane, Suite 106, Baltimore, Md. 21244-2883, or to American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive

Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, Md.

Mr. George Danner Jr.

Mr. George Leroy Danner Jr., 72, of East Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Martinsburg, W. Va.

He was the husband of Nancy R. Gerken Danner.

Born March 11, 1929, in Waynesboro, Pa., he was a son of the late George L. Danner Sr. and Bessie Thorpe Danner.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg; and a member of Knights of Columbus, Brute Council 1860, Emmitsburg, where he served as past grand knight.

He was a life member of Francis X. Elder American Legion Post 121 of Emmitsburg, where he served as commander, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, Emmitsburg; and a life member and past member of the board of directors of Vigilant Hose Co. He was also a past Frederick County commander of the American Legion.

He also served as a town commissioner of Emmitsburg.

He had his own band, The Debonairs, for a number of years and then joined the Little German Band.

Mr. Danner was a store manager and produce manager for a number of years and had worked at Moore Business Forms, in the customer service department, for 19 years.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Michael L. Danner of Emmitsburg; two granddaughters, Alison Topper and Lindsay Topper, both of Emmitsburg; one sister, Hester Hiltner of Frederick; and three nieces.

Mr. Danner was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon A. Topper; and one brother, Thomas R. Danner.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Oct. 27, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. Stephen E. Trzecielski, as the celebrant.

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

Memorials should be made to Vigilant Hose Co., P.O. Box 171, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727; or American Legion Post 121, P.O. Box 218, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

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—unknown

Super Pantry Grant Awarded to Up-County

Up-County Family Center has received a Super Pantry grant from the Center for Poverty Solutions based in Baltimore, Maryland, to teach a ten-week COOKING FOR FUN course. Nine participants are learning cooking skills that include planning, budgeting, shopping and preparations of full meals as well as helping to serve and clean up. The participants receive a food bag each week so they can re-create the meal at home. They also get a SHARE food package for their volunteer work at the Center.

Up-County staff and community agency speakers, linking the participants to community resources, teach topics such as goal setting, health and self-esteem. Students also learn good nutrition, an important life skill for their families. Karen Leppo, an Americorps member serving her second year at Up-County, teaches the cooking class. Karen brings her years of professional cooking skills to make food preparation and dining an enjoyable experience for center participants and staff. For more information, feel free to call Karen at Up-County at 301-447-2810.

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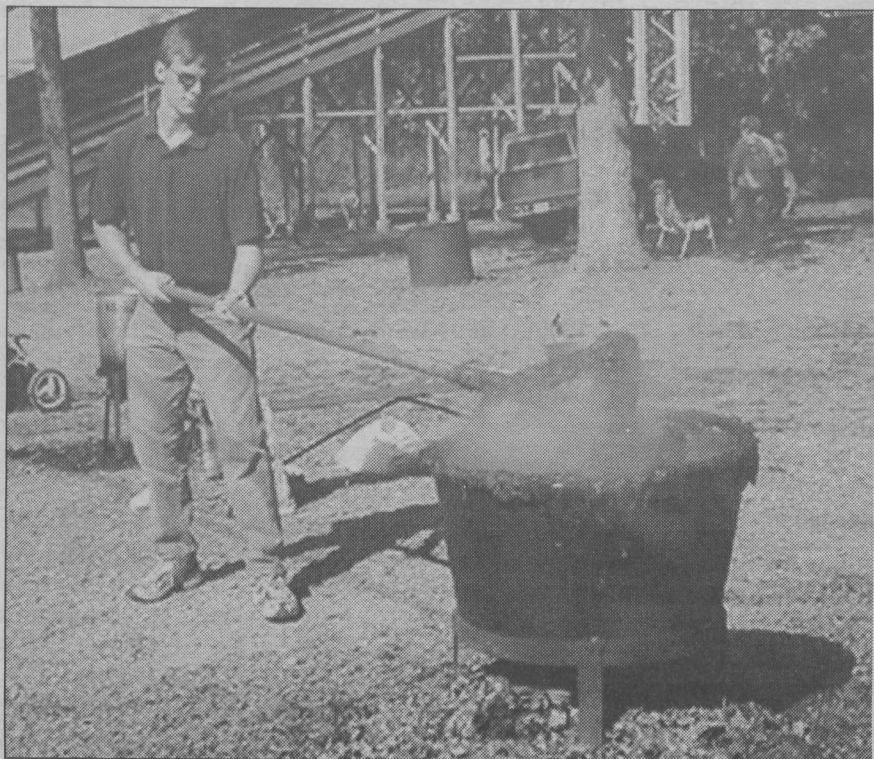
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Rocky Ridge News



Glenn Haines, grandson of Kenny and Doris Sharrer, stirs the boiling apple butter at "Ridge Fest" held at Mt. Tabor Park Oct 13. Sixty bushels of apples were peeled on Friday. Boiling began at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday in 6 cast iron kettles. Glenn began stirring at 8:30 a.m. and this last pot was finished around noon.

BY EMMA KEENEY
Dispatch Writer

Birthdays for November: Happy Birthday to Gloria Frushour, Vivien Martin, Donald Hahn, Amanda Beall, Curtis Greene, Glenn Haines, Tena Marie Beall, Chazalynn Stambaugh, Kathy Sixx, and Emma Keeney.

Anniversaries for November: Happy Anniversary to Bea and Vernon Keilholtz, and Michelle and David Martin.

Congratulations to Mr. And Mrs. Charles Keeney, Jr. Lorton, Va. They were married at Pohick Episcopal Church, Lorton Va., Oct 14. Mrs. Keeney was the former Anne Pugh, daughter of Ed Pugh, Denver, Colorado, and the later Margaret Pugh. Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keeney Sr. of Rocky Ridge Md. A reception followed the wedding at Gunston Hall Plantation, Mason Neck, Va.

Church of the Brethren News
BY PATSY FREE

Happy Birthday to Ernest Snyder, Orville Smith, Doris Simpson and Jerry Moser.

Rocky Ridge Fire Company
News
BY LINDA NORTHRUP

Money/bingo begins November 3, 2001. Every Saturday night through April. Games start at 7 p.m. at the Rocky Ridge Activities Building.

Buffet Breakfast, November 17. Breakfast will be served from 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. Adults \$5. Children \$2. Location: Rocky Ridge Activities Building.

Country Butchering, Saturday, November 17. Advance orders by Nov. 14. Call Bob Kaas 301-447-2488 or Helen Ogle 301-271-2880. Pick up meat Saturday from 6 a.m. to 12 noon.



SHOOTING MATCHES

Nov. 4, and Nov. 18

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Prizes: Pork Loins, Hams, and Money
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Library Events

BY SUE CARDELLA
Children's Librarian

"The frost is on the pumpkin and the hay is in the barn," and as another year draws to a close our thoughts turn to family and home. Our library offers some intriguing books and activities to guide you through the upcoming winter and your holiday plans.

Our adult program for November is the "Art of Temari." Temari is a traditional form of Japanese embroidery that is worked on a sphere. The result is a unique, beautiful holiday ornament. Come by and see the examples that are on display. There are a limited number of openings for this program so it is a good idea to register soon. It will take place on Monday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Our children's program develops a "make it and take it" craft. It is recommended for children aged 6 and up.

So, come in and craft a gift in time for the holidays. The program will be on Wednesday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m. Registration is required, so give us a call for either program at 301-447-2682.

The Children's Tea Party will be held Dec 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the library media room.

As usual, we have family story-time on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 and Thursday mornings at 10:30. We also have two adult book clubs. The evening club meets on the second Tuesday at 7:30, and the afternoon club is the second Friday at 1:00. In November, the Tuesday club is reading *Lindbergh* by A. Scott Berg; the Friday club is reading *One Writer's Beginnings* by Eudora Welty.

We all look forward to seeing you, so stop by to peruse the new (or old) books and say hi. See you soon.

Catoctin-Aires Majorettes offer free trial class-

The Catoctin-Aires Majorette and Color Guard Corps is now accepting registration for its annual free, four-week beginner baton twirling course. The session is being offered for youngsters from

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(See Majorettes on page 17)

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St. Anthony Shrine/OLMC News

BY ANN MARSHALL
Dispatch Writer

The Following Youth from St.A/OLMC Parishes were confirmed in their Catholic Faith by Bishop Bennett on October 23, 2001: Meaghan Eyler, Danielle Freshman, Matthew Greffen, Tiffany Higgs, Dennis Hill, Benjamin Hobbs, Laura Hobbs, Margaret Joyner, John Kennedy,

Edward Kwart, Jr., Lori Matthews, Radek Matweecha, Timothy Price, Brittany Reaver, Vincent Reaver, Bradley Seiss, Amanda Stine, Vince Testa, Benjamin Whitmore, Benjamin Whitney, Kathleen Williams.

The Pastoral Council for Our Parishes will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony's Upper Hall. Interested parishioners are invited to

sit-in on the meeting.

The Feasibility Study Committee will meet on Thursday, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony's Upper Hall. The committee will discuss the need for added space for worship and religious education.

Altar Server Refresher Training will be held in St. Anthony's sanctuary on Sunday, November 4, at 6:00 p.m. and in OLMC Parish Center on Sunday,

November 11, at 6:00 p.m.

Servers are asked to come to ONE of these sessions only.

The Knights of Columbus plan a 50's style dance at OLMC Parish Center on Saturday, November 10, music by The Shades. Tickets are \$25 per couple. BYOB. Set-ups and snacks provided. To purchase tickets, call Chuck Collins at 301-271-3062.

Sister Mary Jan Nasiadka, FSSJ, who served our parish as a pastoral assistant from 1995-1998, is in failing health. Please remember her in your prayers. Her address is 5286 S. Park Avenue, Hamburg, NY 14075

All Weekday Masses Until Further Notice 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.

Ray Horst, Bill Joyner, and Chuck Collins parked cars during Colorfest weekend at OLMC's parking area and earned nearly \$1500 for the Knights of Columbus. The money will be used for improvements needed in both parishes.

All Colorfest Volunteers are thanked for their tireless work at the Crabcake and Sausage Booth at the pavilion at the Town Park. They raised \$4,478. The food was great! Special appreciation to the Kos and Smith and Cashiola families.

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

Congratulations from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish to Thomas McLain Luhn, son of Thomas and Kimberly Luhn, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, October 21, 2001.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine Parish to Lucy Mae Estep, daughter of John and Laura Estep, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Saturday, October 6, 2001.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine Parish to Rosemarie Klosky, daughter of Stephen and Christine Klosky, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, October 7, 2001.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine Parish to Elizabeth Ann Klosky, daughter of James and Wynn Klosky, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Sunday, October 7, 2001.

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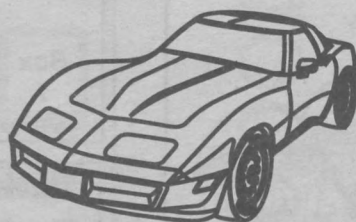
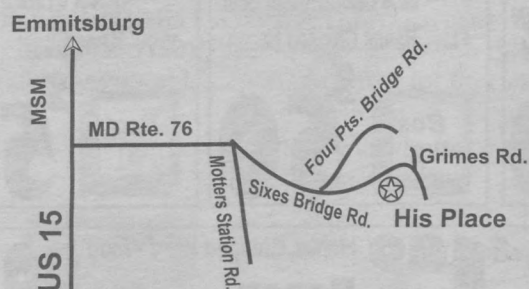
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Quilters

The care of hand-made quilts

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS
Dispatch Writer

A question that is often asked concerns the care of a hand-made quilt. There is no one type of care, in my estimation, as there is no one type of quilt. Unfortunately, most of the people ask me this question after they have "cleaned" a quilt and are dismayed at the results.

Antique quilts and very old quilt tops require special care—in storage and cleaning. I will address these in

another column.

At this time, let us start with the easiest quilt to clean—the work or utility quilt that is made primarily for use as a bedcover. This quilt may be pieced and quilted by machine. It is probably a pattern with few cut pieces or a crazy quilt made of cotton fabric. The key words here are "machine" pieced and quilted of a uniform with cotton fabric.

I have found that this type of quilt can be safely laundered in a washing machine, but should be washed in a mild detergent such as Woolite. A quilt

paste is also available, sold at fabric stores and through quilting supply catalogs. It is sold under the name of Orvus. Oddly enough, I have read that the shampoo for horses can also be used.

Use warm or cool water, gentle or delicate cycle. Fill washer; add detergent and agitate one minute, then add the quilt. Agitate no more than five minutes—or jostle with the hands. Put washer on spin cycle until time for the rinse fill up. Shut off the machine and gently move the quilt from the sides of the washer tub.

Reset the rinse, using same temperature water and procedure as in washing. Do not use bleach or fabric softeners. Remember that pulling or tugging on the quilt may break stitches. Remove from washing machine gently.

I then hang my utility quilt on an umbrella type outdoor line, using two parallel lines and many clip type clothes pins. Do not drape over lines.

I have never used a dryer for my quilts, but people who do should use a delicate cycle. The large drum dryers in laundromats are ideal. Do not forget a wet quilt is heavy and threads can be easily broken.

The second type of quilt may also

be machine pieced but hand quilted with single strand quilting thread. Some are quilted with 100% cotton thread. Both types of thread are easier to break and rip than machine locked stitches. This quilt can be washing machine laundered, but requires even more gentle handling.

Do not wash quilts every time you change sheets if you want them to last indefinitely. Tossing a quilt in a dryer on air will freshen the quilt and remove unwanted dust and lint. Using a damp terry cloth towel with a little fabric softener gives quilts a clean smell.

Some quilt care specialists recommend soaking and squeezing a quilt in the bathtub to wash it. I do not like this method because, as I said, a wet quilt is heavy, even after a washer spin cycle. Imagine how wet and heavy it is after a bath in the tub.

With this method you must spread the wet, and squeezed (not wrung) quilt on a white cotton sheet spread on the lawn grass. Then cover with another white sheet and leave until dry.

What if you don't have a lawn? What if you do and the neighbor mows his grass or washes his car? What if a flock of birds fly over?? For more articles about quilting visit emmitsburg.net

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BY VAL MENTZER
Dispatch Writer

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The 5th graders, along with their Kindergarten Prayer Partners, spent a patriotic day together acknowledging the wonderful gifts of our country. The students all wore red, white and blue, and colored a USA map together. Students also made windsocks and stars to hang in the hallway. The students then gathered around the flagpole in front of the school and sang patriotic songs together. They even feasted on patriotic cupcakes and snacks!

Congratulations to this year's Student Council Leaders

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Leadership workshop held for student council

BY JORDON QUILLEN
8th Grader & MSS Publicity Coordinator

Being a leader does mean more than just looking a certain way, as Student Council members learned at their Leadership Camp on September 26th. At Camp Mt. Airy in Thurmont, MSS Student Council and leaders from St. John's [Frederick] student government met to discuss what skills you should develop as a student leader. Mrs. Fogle and Mr. Brewer attended as adult leaders from our school.

When we first arrived we had an opening prayer service presented by MSS where we remembered the blessings we have in the United States. Next we tried an opening icebreaker, which let us get to know the students from St. John's Student Council a little better.

After that was completed, Mrs. Brauer, leader from St. John's asked, "How can you tell if someone possesses good leadership from what appears on the outside?" She delivered a speech on the fact that qualities of leadership are on the inside. We discussed five different animals and asked ourselves what qualities that animal has that make it a good leader. We also enjoyed a group lunch at the camp, and left in time to get back to our school by dismissal time at 2:30 p.m.. A fun and learning day was had by all!



Fifth grade students gather to sing patriotic songs at Mother Seton School.
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From the desk of Dr. Bonita J. Portier

Lead Poisoning

Where we live is magical. Neighbors know and love and care for each other. The folks we meet at the post office have served us at the grocery store or have upgraded our electricity or have helped on a blood drive. The rolling hills, the Norman Rockwell setting, make me feel like I am home, and it feels good. In Emmitsburg's original village there are homes that date back to the 1750's and maybe earlier. It is cool to be rooted in history.

BUT, OLD HOMES HAVE LEAD PAINT. Old homes had walls, windows, even old blinds that had lead paint. Any home built before 1978 may be a source of lead poisoning. Lead paint had been in common use until then. Also the pipes were often sealed with lead solder. Lead kills and lead causes brain damage. Lead can be a source of brittle bones, attention deficit disorder, hearing loss. Lead injury does not have many warning signs. Sometimes there is anemia or belly pain to provide a little warning. Living in history can be dangerous. The Health Departments of Frederick county and the state of Maryland show that from Emmitsburg to Thurmont to Frederick we are in the critical zone for lead exposure.

Lead gets into our bodies by inhaling and by ingesting lead. Studies show that the deep inhaling that comes

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of tobacco smoking (cigarettes and cigars) can cause more lead than usual to enter the body. Eating food at an area rich in lead can cause more lead dust to go into the body as the lead dust gets on the food easily. Little children crawling or playing in a leaded area will inhale, or eat the lead, as toys are often in touch with the lead and then the toys are sucked on or chewed by the child. Lead in the water can be cooked with or mixed with formula powder to allow the lead to get into the body. Although the lead in the water is not out of range, if this lead is added to other sources of lead, toxic level of lead can be in the body.

Sources of lead can be old or imported ceramic dishes that have a lead glaze, older furniture—even cribs and painted toys—dirt, ashes, charcoal, plaster, scrap metal dust, spray paint for boats or large objects, stained glass works, bullets, fishing sinkers, old pipes. Other sources of lead include pewter and brass pitchers possibly kept as an antique or pressed into use now

and then for a water or wine pitcher. Lead could be on our clothes or the clothes of our loved ones as they go out and return from their construction jobs or decide to repair a lead contaminated item.

How do we protect ourselves and our children? First, remove all lead contaminated objects. Hand washing should be frequent and thorough. If you rent or own a place you suspect is contaminated, request a lead inspection. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) can be called for guidance: 1-800-776-2706 or 1-410-631-4199. For a home built before 1960, we are advised to call the lead hotline before remodeling is begun. If your work may expose you to lead, ask your employer about training for lead removal and become certified through an accredited lead abatement training program. Work clothes should be kept at work, laundered at work. Clothes and shoes are to be vacuumed during the work day prior to taking food or tobacco. Respirators are to be provided by the employer and USED by the employees.

A proper diet can protect us from lead. Foods rich in Vitamin C, Calcium and Iron can help block the absorption of lead. Foods that are rich in fats as butter, margarine, potato chips and corn chips, fried foods of any kind allow

higher levels of lead.

Only six (6) percent of the children eligible for lead testing are ever tested. Ask your physician about getting your child tested for anemia and lead poisoning. A lead level of 10-14 indicates some exposure to lead. A lead level of 15-19 means a higher level and greater risk, but NOT lead poisoned. A lead level of 20-44 means LEAD POISONING is present and interventions are VERY important. A lead level greater than 45 is serious. A lead level of 70 is a medical emergency and treatment called chelation therapy must be done right away.

Hope is just a step away. The body knows lead does not belong in it in such high doses. In 40 to 60 days, after lead exposure has been stopped, the lead will be out of most body tissues. For bones, however, 120 days are needed to replace the lead in bones with healthy calcium. See the children running LEAD FREE. Call 1-800-776-2706 for more information. For educational materials call 1-410-631-3840. The Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Program Number is 1-410-631-3844. Coalition to End Lead Poisoning number is 1-800-370-5323. The Kennedy Krieger Institute has a lead poisoning prevention clinic; that number is 1-410-502-9000.

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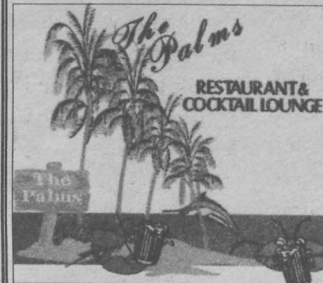
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