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Annex offers 'green' corridor, hope for new water resources

A Staff Report

Quietly, over the past several years, officials and several private citizens have been working on separate projects that have merged and promise great benefits to the town. More than several months ago local real estate developer Don Briggs entered into a "what if" discussion with environmental planner Ed McMahon of the Conservation Fund. Generally the topic was environmentally responsible development. Specifically, the discussion shifted to merge Maryland's Smart Growth plan and the state's GreenPrint Program—a plan to purchase land that would tie together protected parcels and create a green corridor in the county. Carricks Knob—College Mountain—became a focal point of the discussion and the conversation expanded to include state, county, and local planners, officials, and policy makers. What had seemed a dream became a reality. College

Mountain would be taken out of the development market and become an environmental enclave.

Recently the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources through the GreenPrint program purchased 500 plus acres that abut the Emmitsburg Water Shed and has deeded the parcel over to the town of Emmitsburg. The town will manage the parcel with some restrictions and some privileges. The land, which contains

several existing homes cannot be developed commercially. The existing homes can be renovated but not expanded. There is one property that could be renovated and be of historical benefit to the community. The town must also manage the forest but can retain the proceeds from timber sales.

Happily, officials also asked for and got the right to drill for water on this

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College Mountain is part of the 500 plus acres recently deeded to Emmitsburg by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources through the GreenPrint Program.
A Dispatch Photo

Ballot ready for election

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER/
Dispatch Writer

Election Day for Emmitsburg will be Tuesday, April 16, 2002. Ballots will be cast at the Town Office at 22 East Main Street between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm. Posting of election results will occur that evening and the newly elected officials will take office the 1st Monday in May.

Two Commissioner seats and the office of Mayor are up for election. Candidates currently registered for the position of Mayor are Patrick Boyle, James Hoover, and Clifford Sweeney (names in order as they appear on ballot). All are current Commissioners. The position of Mayor will be for a term of 3 years. Mayor William Carr will be finishing his tenure after serving for ten years.

Running for the office of

Commissioner are Frank Henry, Patrick (Ted) Brennan, and Joyce Rosensteel (names in order as they appear on ballot). Of the two Commission positions, one is for a period of 3 years, the other a period of one year. The one-year position will fill the seat which is now being held by David Vaughn, who has resigned. Potential candidates are still able to file for candidacy with the town clerk seven business days prior to the date of election.

The election is open to all registered voters who reside within the boundaries of the town of Emmitsburg. Residents must reside in the town a minimum of 30 days preceding election. Voters must be registered with Frederick County and registration was open through April 2, 2002.

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Town of Emmitsburg issues mandatory water restrictions

Effective March 15, 2002, Emmitsburg was put under mandatory water restriction. The rules of mandatory water use restriction are as follows:

1. No car washing, watering of lawns or gardens and no exterior water use will be permitted.
2. Commercial car washes will be closed all day, every day, and laundromats may be open Monday, Thursday, and Saturday only. Hours of operation can not start before 6 a.m. and can not run later than 10 p.m.)
3. All large volume users (those using 20,000 gpd / 1,800,000 gpg) will be required to reduce their use by 10%. (The Town will be reading these meters each day.)
4. Restaurants may serve water only when requested.

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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.

Preston thanks Mayor Carr

Dear Editor:

In the last twenty years Emmitsburg has had two mayors, Doc Carr and myself. If I may, I would like to comment on the tenure of Doc Carr over the last ten years. First of all one must start with a tip of the cap to our predecessor, Dick Sprankle. Mayor Sprankle's tenure in the 1970s and early 80s was filled with challenges and he met them with courage. The one act that he took that was enormously important just prior to his finishing his years in office was providing for the installation of water meters in every Emmitsburg home and business. Although mayors and commissioners obsess a bit about water and sewer issues a little more than "normal" people do, I think all can appreciate that without Mayor Sprankle's willingness to push this issue of water meters the town's utilities would have remained in a sorry state financially and physically.

During my ten years (1982-1992) as mayor we (the commissioners, Duke Martin and I) worked on the revitalization of Main Street and the creation of Emmitsburg's innovative sewer system. Emmitsburg had a state-imposed building moratorium in 1982 because of the condition of its sewer plant. These were two big projects, and thus they absorbed much of our time in the 80s into the early 90s. When we left office, we left for the mayor and commissioners of the 90s an enormous task, fix and expand the water system.

That is when Doc Carr stepped up to the plate, or well, or filtration plant. Water is an enormously complex prob-

lem, starting with a very basic issue. You either have it or you don't. Mayor Carr and the commissioners of recent years addressed this absolutely critical problem for Emmitsburg (and indeed for every community). There were other accomplishments, of course, like the Community Center, political positioning in the County and State, park expansion, etc. but the heart of a community is its people, and the essential elements of a viable community are water and sewer services. One really needs vision to appreciate how critical these services are. It is easy while in 22 East Main Street (Town Office) to be distracted by petty and insignificant issues. Address them and you have done little to assure the future of Emmitsburg. Indeed if that is all you do, you have damaged the future of Emmitsburg. But Doc Carr had the vision and thus Emmitsburg's future is assured.

Being elected Mayor of Emmitsburg is a great honor. Doc Carr and I have been often blessed by the good people of Emmitsburg with their trust of stewardship. Doc Carr now joins the ranks of those of us who have served the people of Emmitsburg in the past. Like myself, he now becomes a "has been!!" On the completion of your tenure as mayor, congratulations, Mayor Carr, and thanks for all you did for Emmitsburg.

Bob Preston
Former Mayor of Emmitsburg,
Vice President for Academic
Affairs, Trinity College

Annex

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property. Part of the newly acquired acreage lies above the same prolific aquifer that provides water for Mount Saint Mary's College. Now that the deal has been finalized, the town will begin drilling at least two wells in its quest for more water resources.-/

Concurrently, the town has entered into discussion with Mountain Manor and Mount Saint Mary's College to annex a corridor along U.S. 15 to connect and include several properties in the town limits. Such a move would make it possible to provide town water and sewer hookups for future develop-

ment. Mountain Manor is considering expansion and Mount Saint Mary's College is studying the possibility of attracting a Bio-Park to its location. There are several hurdles to be overcome before annexation becomes final, but one—the adequacy of the water source—may well be supplied by water found on the newly acquired mountain property.

"The coincidence of these two events certainly increases possibilities and opportunities for development available to the town," said Mayor Carr.

Town News

New water and sewer rates set for large volume users

At the March 4th Town Meeting, new water and sewer rates were approved. The new rates will effect only large volume users. This is being done to encourage more water conservation. There will be no increase in the water and sewer rates for average households (users consuming 1,000,000 gallons or less per quarter). For consumers using over 1,000,000 gallons per quarter the rate will increase by 20%. The rate was \$5.00 per 1000 gal. for each water and sewer. The new rate will be \$6.00 per 1000 gal. for each water and sewer. When the consumption exceeds 2,000,000 gallons per quarter that rate increases another 20%. The old rate was \$6.00 per 1000 gal. for each water and sewer. The new rate will be \$7.00 per 1000 gal. for each water and sewer.

Also at the March 4th meeting, Pat Boyle, President of the Council, informed the other Commissioners that he had seen Rick Weldon, Frederick County Commissioner, who had visited Emmitsburg's February meeting. Mr. Weldon, who had attended in order to promote communication between county and local governments, commented on how well organized the meeting was as compared to other town meetings.

The Streets Department has placed 15 mph signs in Emmit Gardens and North Gate so that all subdivisions have standardized speeds.

Mayor Carr gave the Wastewater and Water Report. He commented that the town has received only one bid so far on the reserve pump for the sewage pump station. It was also reported that warm water in the lagoon has presented algae problem and different enzymes were being tried to clear up the problem. Work has begun to prepare the Town's swimming pool for the summer. Stating that he was "very frustrated about the water plant," Mayor Carr said that the water treatment plant is not any closer to becoming operational. The current contract will default in May if the treatment plant is still not running.

The Parks Committee has stated that there is a serious problem with residents using the dumpsters behind the Community Center for personal trash. These dumpsters are not to be used in this capacity. A solution to this problem is being addressed.

An ordinance 02-05 was approved 5-0 to amend Title 17. This will allow new and used auto sales and service in Highway Service Districts only with the Board of Appeals approval. Highway Service Districts include the East End of Emmitsburg and both sides of U.S. 15.

At the request of the Little League, batting cages will be placed near the bathrooms behind the right field Major League field in Memorial Park.

Police Report

Monthly Summary for February 2002.

Investigations included the following:	Disorderly Conduct-1
32 Traffic Stops	DUI-3
(19 by Resident Deputy)	Juvenile Complaint-1
Alcohol Complaints-1	Noise Complaint-2
Assault-3	Overdose-1
Assistance-3	Request Officer-6
Burglary-2	Serious Injury-2
Destruction of Property-2	Suspicious Person/Vehicle-5
	911 Hang Up-3

Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Donald and Laurie Barnes, Adamstown, a daughter, February 3.
Laurie is the daughter of Kate Warthen and the late Bud Warthen of Emmitsburg.
Suzanne and Michael Stephenson of Emmitsburg, a son, March 1.
Linda Kreigline and John Rafferty of Emmitsburg, a son, March 5.
Rebecca and Michael Pepper of Emmitsburg, a son, March 6.

Opening Day to honor 'Hometown Heroes'

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER
Dispatch Writer

The 2002 Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball season will open by honoring Emmitsburg's fire and ambulance volunteers on Saturday April 20th beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Members of both the Vigilant Hose Co. and Emmitsburg Ambulance Co. have been invited to be part of the opening day activities. Those that are able to attend will be recognized. In the spirit of the Little League Baseball Organization's program "Honoring our Hometown Heroes" Emmitsburg invites the community to honor its own "Hometown Heroes". The tragic events of September 11th have reminded us that these volunteers willingly risk their lives to protect us, often doing it with little recognition for their deeds. Lisa Krom, President of Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball said, "I invite the community to respond by showing their appreciation for the work these men and women do."

On March 17th, league volunteers braved cold, sleet, and rain during their "Field Work Day" to

ready the facilities for the season opener. Improvements this year consist of a batting cage, which is located by the restrooms outside the Major League field. The cage will be used for practice by all division teams. The town of Emmitsburg purchased new screening for outfield fences, which was installed on Field Work Day. Electricity will be put in place for a pitching machine. The machine will be used in the Minor League this year during games and will take the place of coach pitching.

Baseball and softball is one of the few organized activities for children in town. Lisa Krom said "I love watching the children progress and mature through the different stages, turning into young adults on the Senior League fields." Lisa extends her thanks and gratitude to all sponsors, officers, managers, and volunteers who make this program possible for the children.

Come to opening day to support Emmitsburg baseball and softball and honor our hometown heroes.

To learn more about Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball, log online to emmitsburgbaseball.org

Help conserve water: simple measures

BY AMY PHILLIPS
Dispatch Writer

We knew it was coming. Friday, March 15th, the Town of Emmitsburg instituted water restrictions. Many of us grew up when water and energy sources, if given any thought, were considered inexhaustible. The lack of rainfall and an ever-increasing population has created a shortage of this life-giving resource.

What can we do to help?—a question all citizens of the world are called to ask. We can be a part of the solution by making some simple changes in our habits so water is used more efficiently, thus reducing our overall water consumption. These practices require a change in behavior, not modifications in the existing plumbing or fixtures. Behavioral practices apply to both indoor water use in the kitchen, bathroom, and laundry room and outdoor use.

Indoors we can save an amazing amount of water by not running water while brushing our teeth or shaving, by taking less time in the shower, and running only full loads in the washer and dishwasher.

When permitted, outdoor water use can be reduced by watering the lawn early in the morning or late in the evening and on cooler days, when possible, to reduce evaporation. Allowing the grass to grow slightly taller will reduce water loss by providing more ground shade for the roots and by promoting water retention in the soil. Growing plants that are suited to the area ("indigenous" plants) can save more than 50 percent of the water normally used to care for outdoor plants.

Again, when permitted, as much as 150 gallons of water can be saved when washing the car by turning off the hose between rinses. Additional savings of water can result from sweeping

sidewalks and driveways instead of hosing them down. Washing a sidewalk or driveway with a hose uses about 50 gallons of water every 5 minutes. If a home has an outdoor pool, covering the pool when it is not in use can save water.

Additional water-saving solutions that will also reap savings for your pocketbook will require an investment of time and money. Try replacing indoor plumbing fixtures with devices that save water. Low-flow plumbing fixtures and retrofit programs are permanent, one-time conservation measures that can be implemented automatically with little or no additional cost over their lifetimes. Conventional toilets use 3.5 to 5 gallons or more of water per flush, but low-flush toilets use only 1.6 gallons of water or less. Since low-flush toilets use less water, they also reduce the volume of wastewater produced.

The City of Corpus Christi, for example, has estimated that an average three-member household can reduce its water use by 54,000 gallons annually and can lower water bills by about \$60 per year if water-efficient plumbing fixtures are used. Residential demands account for about three-fourths of the total urban water demand. Indoor use accounts for roughly 60 percent of all residential use, and of this, toilets (at 3.5 gallons per flush) use nearly 40 percent. Toilets, showers, and faucets combined represent two-thirds of all indoor water use. More than 4.8 billion gallons of water is flushed down toilets each day in the United States. The average American uses about 9,000 gallons of water to flush 230 gallons of waste down the toilet per year. In new construction and building rehabilitation or remodeling there is a great potential for reducing water consumption.

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Election (Continued from Page 1)

In past elections voter turnout has been, needless to say, at a shameful rate. According to the town office, in the last Mayoral election on April 21, 1998 only 255 votes were cast. In the election on April 17th 2001, only 144 votes were cast. Approximately 1120 residents are registered to vote according to Frederick County Board of Elections.

In an effort to raise political responsibility, the *Dispatch* has produced the voter's guide which appears in the middle section of this paper on pages 12 & 13. It also is sponsoring a community forum on April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Emmitsburg Elementary

School. This is an opportunity for candidates to meet voters, and give voters the opportunity to learn from the candidates how they stand on issues of personal concern.

The voter's voice is heard by casting a vote. Silence can also be a vote or a loud voice of little care about the partnership between elected officials and the electorate. A candidate actively elected is not a place holder, but must actively address issues and propose solutions. We encourage you to attend the forum where neighbors and friends will explore the varying ideas about the needs and problems of our community and how they might be addressed.

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Commentary Folding our Tent

"Man tethers neither time nor tide."
—Robert Burns

The tides of change sweep over us all and we, Bo and Jean, are now faced with bittersweet options. As publishers of the *Dispatch*, we have had a very difficult decision to make: Next month (May) will be our final issue of the little newspaper we have been publishing for over eight years.

We have poured our creative energy into the *Dispatch*, but are finding the demands of relentless deadlines becoming more difficult to meet. We realize that our physical status is changing and now is the time to pay attention and be about the tasks of our personal life that lie ahead.

We will experience this as a parting of old friends—time and again readers of the paper have said, "I love this little paper," —and we have loved our readers and advertisers and thank you all for your wonderful contributions and support.

In this Information Age, global and national news regularly drowns out local community news. We fashioned the *Dispatch* to feature solely local news. From your acceptance we believe we hit the mark.

Our hope is and always has been that some other person or persons in the community as an individual or a team would adopt the cause of a community news service and take it to its

Conservation —

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tion by installing low-flush toilets. Plastic containers (such as plastic milk jugs) can be filled with water or pebbles and placed in a toilet tank to reduce the amount of water used per flush. By placing one to three such containers in the tank (making sure that they do not interfere with the flushing mechanisms or the flow of water), more than 1 gallon of water can be saved per flush. A toilet dam, which holds back a reservoir of water when the toilet is flushed, can also be used instead of a plastic container to save water. Toilet dams result in a savings of 1 to 2 gallons of water per flush (USEPA, 1991b).

Showers account for about 20 percent of total indoor water use. By replacing standard 4.5-gallon-per-minute showerheads with 2.5-gallon-per-minute heads, which cost less than \$5 each, a family of four can save approximately 20,000 gallons of water

per year (Jensen, 1991). Although individual preferences determine optimal shower flow rates, properly designed low-flow showerheads are available to provide the quality of service found in higher-volume models.

Faucet aerators that break the flow of water into fine droplets while maintaining wetting effectiveness are inexpensive devices that can be installed in sinks to reduce water use. Aerators can be easily installed and can reduce the water use at a faucet by as much as 60 percent while still maintaining a strong flow. More efficient kitchen and bathroom faucets that use only 2 gallons of water per minute—unlike standard faucets, which use 3 to 5 gallons per minute—are also available (Jensen, 1991).

Visit conservation websites including <http://www.epa.gov/OW/you/intro.html> or visit the local library to learn more about ways to increase our conservation of Mother Earth's resources.

Library News

**Emmitsburg Branch Library
moving to temporary location.**

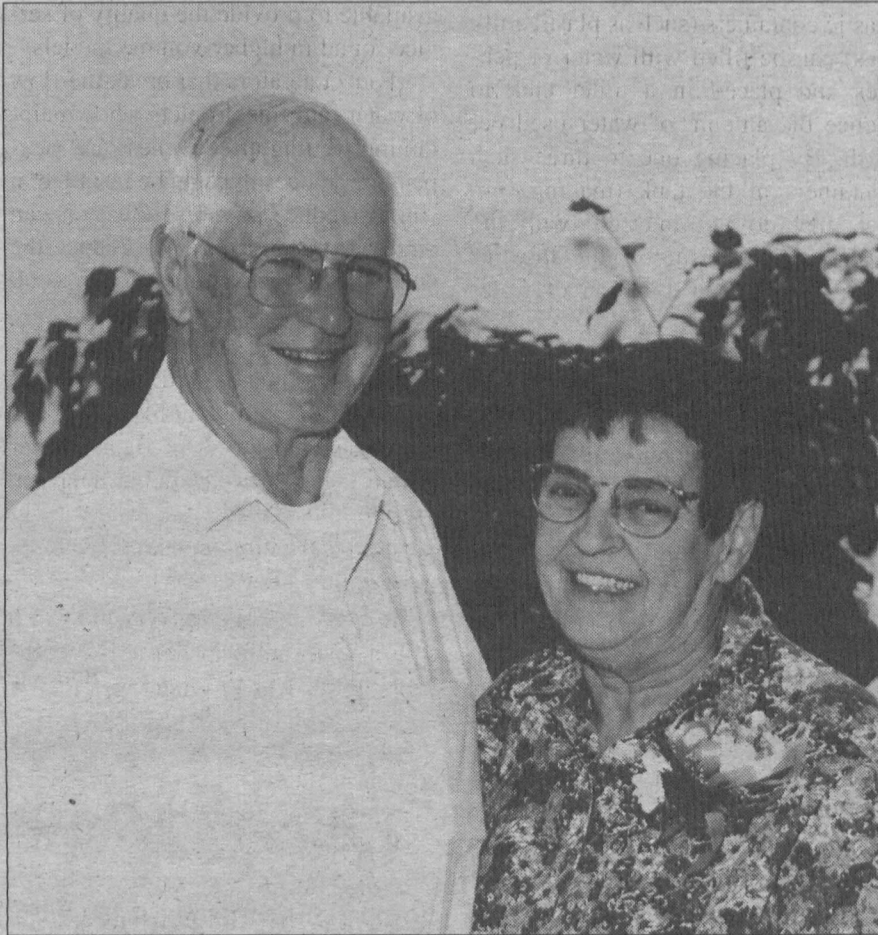
BY SUE CARDELLA
Children's Librarian

Even though it seems that everyone already knows, we are now formally announcing our move to a temporary location. Our last day in the Community Center will be Saturday, April 27. Then, on Monday, May 13, we will open at the location that will serve as our home for approximately one year while the Community Center undergoes renovation. The temporary location will be a storefront at the strip mall next to the Jubilee off Silo Hill Road. Be sure to plan to visit us there.

Until the move we will be holding a book sale, which also includes magazines, cassettes, and videos. The prices are great and many have already been thrilled to come in and sift through the offered materials, as well as back issues of their favorite magazines. So, check out the sale on your next visit.

Please note that we will not have our regular story times during April, since we will be devoting our energies to the move, but our hours will remain the same until the 27th. We will have a grand re-opening in May for the first week—Monday, the 13th through the 18th. We'll see you here or there!

Goetzes celebrate 25th anniversary



Paul and Mary Goetz of Fairfield celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 17, 2002, with their children and grandchildren.

During the festivities at Hickory Bridge Farm, they were presented with two white wicker rockers for their home's new sun porches.

Present for the dinner were Sharon, Jim, Staley and Katie Meredith, New Jersey; Liz and Bill Baker, Gettysburg;

Dave, Angie, Rebecca, Jessica, Daniel and Nathan Goetz, Fairfield; Phil, Lisa and Jason Krom, Emmitsburg; Melissa and Victoria Plank, Gettysburg.

Those children and grandchildren unable to attend were Paula Bruening, Savage, Md.; Charlie, Cindy, Stacy and Christopher Goetz, Mercersburg; Scott Krom, Emmitsburg; Debbie, Jennifer and Nicole Ripsom from California.

St. Catherine's Employee of the Month

St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for March is Mary Van Buren. Mary's co-workers nominated her because of her dedication to the residents. Mary always plans great trips and activities to keep our residents active and happy. Whenever you see Mary, you can always count on seeing that great smile of hers. Recently, Mary took the GNA class so she could be more enabling for the residents. Her dedication and longevity to St. Catherine's and the residents make her very deserving of the honor of employee of the month. Congratulations, Mary!



Catoctin FFA to host plant sale

The Catoctin High School FFA-Agriculture Program will be having their Spring Bedding Plant Sale on Saturday April 27th, May 4th and May 11th from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The sale will take place in the greenhouses near the agriculture parking area through the back gates by the baseball field. Many types of flowering and vegetable bedding plants will be available at very reasonable prices. Plants are of very high quality.

These plants are all produced at the school by the agriculture students. Money raised during this sale helps to

fund FFA and horticulture activities and purchase greenhouse supplies.

Plants available include broccoli, cantaloupe, cucumber, squash, sweet pepper, tomato, begonia, black-eyed Susans, butterfly bush, dusty miller, gallardia, geranium, impatiens, marigold, new guinea impatiens, petunia, portulaca, snapdragon, and zinnia. A selection of herbs and perennials are also available. Plants can also be purchased during the school day. For further information call 240-236-8117 and leave a message for Mr. Beavan.

Community Blood Drive

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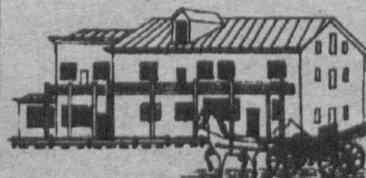
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Thurmont Middle School students read to kindergartners



Mayor William Carr administers the "Reader's Oath" to Emmitsburg Elementary kindergarten students.

A Dispatch Photo

A STAFF REPORT

Thurmont Middle School celebrated Read Across America by inviting kindergarten students from Emmitsburg Elementary School kindergarten program to celebrate the Birthday of Dr. Seuss by hearing a reading of *Sam I Am*, and feasting on green eggs and ham.

Mayor William Carr of Emmitsburg officiated at the ceremony and administered the "Reader's Oath" to the visiting kindergartners. Each kindergartner received a hard-backed copy of a Dr. Seuss book. The books were provided by Haller, Blanchard and Associates, a Frederick

business in support of reading as a life-time endeavor.

Resource teacher Candace DeSonier and Nancy Crawford, media specialist, organized the program and provided their famous green eggs and ham. Linda Meyers created a Dr. Seuss tree. Richard Cool, Carrie Wivell, Kassondra Topper, and Randy Cool, all of Emmitsburg and currently 6th grade students at TMS read aloud to the visitors.

"We feel that if we can get kids reading early through cooperative programs like these we will be opening the door for them to the Emmitsburg Library," said Mary Haller, reading specialist at Thurmont Middle School.

Care of Forest and Streams: Water is the Bottom Line

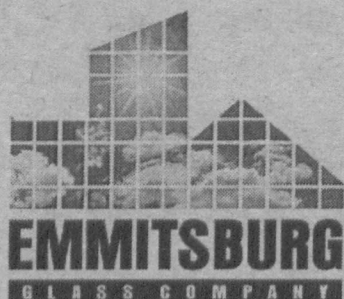
On Saturday, April 20th, 2002 the New Forest Society, Inc. will present Environmental biologist Marcia Watters at the Emmitsburg Public Library from 10 a.m. 'til noon.

Forests and streams are part of the watershed that supplies water for citizens of Frederick County and beyond. Find out what you can do to protect, conserve, and replenish our natural resources now and for generations to come.

Watters will explain stream-monitoring procedures, and there will be a panel discussion by knowledgeable representatives from local, state, and non-governmental agencies. Citizens will have the opportunity to participate with questions and/or suggestions.

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Pat Boyle is a 68-year resident of Emmitsburg. He was born, raised and educated in Emmitsburg. As an adult, Pat worked for his family's East Main Street grocery store, managing all aspects of the business. He has raised his four children in town and now watches as three of his grandchildren grow up here as well. Except for a short enlistment in the Army, Pat has never lived anywhere else. As a recent retiree, Pat can dedicate his entire time to the duties of Mayor. No other candidate can make that claim.

Pat's personal involvement with the town is life-long. He is a 50-year member of the Vigilant Fire Company and served on the Parks and Recreation Commission for more than 20 years. Pat also was a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and was Emmitsburg's second Zoning Administrator. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Pat has been serving as an usher for more than two decades.

In 1998, Pat was elected to his first three-year term as a town commissioner. He was reelected in 2001. He currently serves as the President of the Emmitsburg Town Council. As President of the Council, Pat has served with distinction. His leadership of the Council has proven to be instrumental in tackling the most difficult problems now facing our town. In fact, Mayor Carr has commended Pat for his commitment and exemplary leadership of the Council. In addition to his regular duties, Pat has served as interim Mayor, giving him the type of real hands-on experience he will need to succeed as Mayor. While Pat under-

stands that the work of the Mayor and the Town Council is a team effort, it takes strong leadership to build the kinds of relationships needed to accomplish the most difficult tasks. Under Pat Boyle's leadership, the Town Council has accomplished many of its goals, but much more work needs to be done. As Mayor, Pat will work very closely with the Town Council and other town leaders to ensure that the needs of the town are met.

Pat's experience in all aspects of work, home life, town government and community service, as well as his strong dedication and love of community will be of great service to the town and its residents. That means Pat will ensure that Emmitsburg's schools will continue to provide our children with the type of education they will need to succeed, including making the building of a middle school in Emmitsburg a top priority. It means that Pat will help create new jobs in town by making Emmitsburg a more business-friendly community. Having well-paying jobs in town would mean less commuting for residents. Pat also will continue his strong support of Emmitsburg's parks as well as the fire and ambulance companies.

On April 16, voters will go to the polls in Emmitsburg to pick a new Mayor. Pat has the experience, education, leadership and personal commitment to lead Emmitsburg into the future. Pat Boyle has dedicated his life to this town. As your Mayor, he will dedicate his full-time attention as well.

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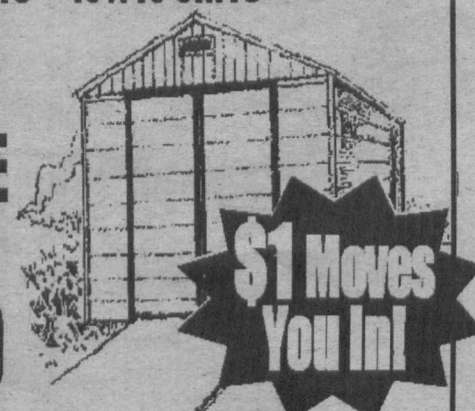
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As candidate for Mayor I would like to explain a few issues to you. Several residents have talked to me because they have been told that I am against Mother Seton School and against the building of baseball fields in our town park.

The rumor that I am against Mother Seton School is just that, a rumor. Last year Mother Seton School presented the mayor and commissioners with a fund raiser presentation. After the presentation the mayor and commissioners had several discussions over how much to donate to the school expansion project. At those discussions the mayor and commissioners were contemplating donating \$10,000.00. I did not favor that large a donation because I felt it to be a very large amount of Emmitsburg tax dollars. I did not believe we should donate so much of Emmitsburg tax money to a project that benefits more non-residents than residents. I was concerned that in making such a large donation the town might set a bad precedent and be viewed as if we can donate large amounts of tax dollars to businesses if they plan to expand. I fought this issue at several meetings until I came up with a compromise. I told the mayor and commissioners if they would agree to donate an equal amount of money to Emmitsburg Elementary School I would vote in favor of the donations. After I made that compromise, it was at our next town meeting I moved to donate \$5,000.00 to each school and the money was to be used at each school's discretion. The motion was carried and voted 5-0. This compromise was important because I did not want Emmitsburg viewed as setting a precedent to donate tax money to private businesses, but more importantly it also showed that our town supports the schools and education in

Emmitsburg.

As for the baseball fields built in Community Park, it is true, I voted against the new men's softball field. It is not and was not my position that I am against baseball/softball but again I took a stand and asked for other projects such as a bathroom, parking lot, benches etc. to be built in Community Park first. Even though I knew the men's softball league was very much in favor of getting a new field, I thought since we already had a softball field it would be nice to provide other equipment and or facilities for the whole community to enjoy. I planned to not focus on one area of interest but to stagger projects so that as a community we could all enjoy the park. As you know the new men's softball field was voted on and voted 4-1 (I voted against). With a 4-1 vote the project was approved and construction began shortly thereafter. At that time the mayor and commissioners voted to spend \$5,000.00 of town (tax) money and \$15,000.00 state grant money to complete the field. At this time two years later the Town has spent \$30,000.00 of town (tax) money plus the grant money and the field is not done. There is another bid before the mayor and commissioners at this time for an additional \$5,000.00 for the cost of cutting out the infield. So now the town is forced to spend \$35,000.00 of town money on a project that was only planned for spending \$5,000.00 of town money plus \$15,000.00 grant money. No, it is not that I am against baseball. It is that I hope to see town projects planned so that everyone in Emmitsburg can find the form of enjoyment they prefer right here in Emmitsburg.

If you have any questions about these or any other issues, please contact me so that we may discuss them together. I can be reached at 301-447-2140.

Quilters

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS
Dispatch Writer

I'm back! No, I didn't go south to avoid our cold winter. (Hah!) Quilts and related items have not been a priority—although I've made a few sample blocks, a "Lone Star" top and over half of a "Wedding Ring" quilt top. These projects have not been a problem. However, something called "Writer's Block" has plagued me since December. Since my daughter and her son moved in with me last May, we have planned and bought all the fabric for at least 10 quilts. When we weren't at a fabric store, we were re-arranging the house to put away our new fabric with all we already had stashed away.

New ideas and procedures for making quilt items are difficult to explain without diagrams of each step. "Paper piecing" can apply to at least four different methods of quilt making.

"Foundation piecing" can be done on fabric, paper, or pre-printed medium.

Another method of making quilted items is called fusion. A thin two-sided film is ironed to the wrong side of fabric pieces; then the cut out shape is fused (ironed on) to the background fabric. The cut edges are not turned under as in applique, but are sewed down on a machine with zig-zag or embroidery stitches.

A friend and fabric shop owner recently related her experience of using one of the new methods to make a small quilted hanging. It was to be used as a display introducing a new line of

designer reproduction fabric. She followed the pattern instructions step-by-step using up precious time reading and re-reading to be sure she didn't miss anything. Her final analysis: "They took the fun out of quilting."

It is too soon to tell how long a fused quilted item will last. More than likely, the raw edges will eventually fray and the "fusion" layer will lose control and float. Remember the designs you fused to your sweat shirts? If that loosening happens, the quilted items may be discarded or packed away "to fix later."

In the world of quilts we tend to think of foundation piecing as a new trend. It is not. The "Crazy Quilt" of Victorian days was foundation pieced and elaborately embroidered. Collectors and quilt historians have found evidence of crazy patched quilts existing before the Victorian era. They were utility covers made from wool, linen, and cotton patches from sewing and used clothing. The varying sizes and shapes of fabric were sewed to old sheets, ticking, and even old tattered quilts.

If you have questions about quilting, let me know and I'll try to answer in print or tell you where you might find the answer. The public library has a good selection of quilt-related books. If you are interested in new methods of quilt making, most of the quilt magazines carry ideas and instructions. If you are interested in the slower, quieter, people-friendly, and therapeutic quilt methods, refer to a book or an old-fashioned quilter like yours truly.



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Worship or Entertainment?

BY PASTOR WADE MARTIN
Trinity United Methodist Church

One of the issues confronting the church today is what constitutes worship, and how to differentiate between worship and entertainment. This is an issue, as pastor, I struggle with as I consider worship alternatives. I am very much a fan of traditional and contemporary worship in all its many forms. And I believe as a leader in the church I have the responsibility to explore different worship alternatives, realizing we all don't experience God in the same way.

But where and how do we draw the line between worship and entertainment? This is a question, which challenges many congregations and it's not an easy question to answer.

I do believe the issue of "worship versus entertainment" goes far beyond the more popular debate between traditional music and contemporary music. Type of music does not define whether a church service is worship or entertainment, although often this is where the line is drawn. Worship transcends music. Therefore our task is to move beyond music to the more fundamental issue of worshipping God.

What is worship? Worship is a time of praise, adoration, thanksgiving, and petition directed toward God through our actions and attitudes. Christian worship is Trinitarian in form as praise is offered to God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

To determine what is worship and what is entertainment, I use four questions to guide my discernment process. I believe if these four questions are answered yes, we as a faith community are worshipping God regardless of the



Trinity United Methodist Church's symbol of the Easter season.

music and the other facets of our various worship services. They are:

Is the Word of God proclaimed? Is there evidence of transformation taking place within those present? Are gifts of the Spirit visible? Are those present experiencing the presence of God?

Worship is a verb meaning it's something we as Christians are called to engage in on a regular basis. We are to worship our God, the creator of all things, giving thanks with a grateful heart for all that he has done and will do in our lives.

If you aren't currently active in a faith community I encourage you to visit any of the churches in the Emmitsburg area to find a place where you can worship God. Trinity United Methodist Church conducts Sunday worship services at 9:00 a.m. immediately followed by Sunday School at 10:15. Come join us, as our congregation strives to grow in faith to grow God's kingdom.

St. Anthony's OLMC News

BY ANN MARSHALL
Dispatch Writer

Both Churches were beautifully decorated for Easter, made possible by the many memorial donations from parishioners who especially honored their departed loved ones at this time of resurrection. Those memorialized were listed in the Easter Sunday Bulletin so that they could be called to mind and remembered in prayer by the faith community.

OLMC needs sacristans to set up for weekend Masses. Sacristans prepare the altar and altar goods needed for the Holy Sacrifice. They serve about six times a year as a team member in this "behind the scenes" ministry. The total commitment for a year is only about three hours but the service is crucial to worship. For more information, call Sister Carol at 301-447-2367.

Father Paul Redmond, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Mount St. Mary's College, has served our parishes on the weekends for many years. He recently had leg surgery and his many friends from St. Anthony's and OLMC pray for his speedy recovery. His address is 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

All Catholic men in our parishes are invited to join the "Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Anthony Shrine Council" of the Knights of Columbus. This is a wonderful opportunity to share with others in

good works and fellowship. Please contact Bill Joyner at 301-271-4708 for enrollment information.

Nancy Golowski is our new youth minister. She will work with the young people of OLMC, St. Anthony's, and St. Joseph's in Emmitsburg. Please introduce yourself to Nancy (especially if you can offer volunteer help) and welcome her to our parishes and to her very important ministry. Nancy lives in Taneytown.

Tuition assistance is available for parents who send their children in grades 1-8 to Catholic schools. St. Anthony's also offers a one-year scholarship to Catholic high schools, colleges, or trade schools. Applications may be obtained from the Parish Office at St. Anthony's and must be submitted by April 15. Call 301-447-2367 for information.

The April Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18, at St. Anthony's Upper Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes to Patrick Robert Beckman, son of Gregory and Patricia Beckman, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on March 17, 2002.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes to Lillian Clerc McKinnon, daughter of William and Theresa McKinnon, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on March 17, 2002.

Emmitsburg Area Churches

Incarnation United Church of Christ

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

124 West Main St.
Sunday service: 10 a.m.
Interim Pastor: Rev. Ted Haas
301-447-2270

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.

100 N. Seton Avenue
Weekly services: Monday - 7:30 p.m. (with the Miraculous Medal

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

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

301-447-2326

St. Anthony Shrine

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

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

Pastor: Reverend James W. Hannon

Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity United Methodist Church was founded in 1833. The present sanctuary was built in 1807. Trinity has been a religious presence in Emmitsburg for 168

years.

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

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
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.

Solved: fate of local airman missing since 1942

**WILBUR ROLAND LONG:
AN EMMITSBURG HERO
1918-1942**

By John Fuss

Of the 155 Emmitsburg area men to serve in World War II, Wilbur Roland Long was the first to lose his life in action. It happened 60 years ago.

In the 1970's, former Emmitsburg resident John M. Fuss, a first cousin of Wilbur Roland Long, received from Roland's mother, Carrie, a collection of clippings, correspondence, and other information about her son's service in World War II. Last year, becoming interested in the fate of his cousin, John researched the history of S/Sgt. Long's unit and located veterans who had served with him and put together a comprehensive report which was shared with family and relatives. The following is an abbreviated version of that report.

* * * *

Wilbur Roland Long, known locally as Roland, was born on October 6, 1918, on a farm south of Thurmont. His parents were Wilbur Long and Carrie Mable Fuss Long. Their 1917 marriage was dissolved by divorce.

Roland, Carrie, and her mother lived at 115 East Main Street in Emmitsburg from 1929 until he entered military service. Roland graduated from Emmitsburg High School in 1936. He played the clarinet in the high school orchestra and was a member of the Future Farmers of America. He was remembered by classmates as being a rather quiet young man.

After high school, Roland worked

on farms and did other general labor. Because of the high unemployment in the area as a result of the Great Depression, some time later Roland left Emmitsburg. It is known that he worked for a time on the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River near Spokane, Washington. He also went to California where he lived and worked for a time with his Uncle Robert. Around the beginning of 1939, Roland returned to Emmitsburg, working at various odd jobs, mostly for relatives and other farmers.

During the summer of 1939, Roland enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was in San Francisco, ready to depart by ship for training in Hawaii, when, on September 1, 1939, Germany invaded Poland, marking the beginning of World War II.

He trained at Hickam Field, an Army Air Corps base on Oahu in the then Territory of Hawaii, which was adjacent to the big naval base at Pearl Harbor. He was assigned to the 26th Bombardment Squadron. A few letters from that period reveal that Roland completed a course in aircraft mechanics and trained as an aerial combat photographer. He received a sharp shooter rating. In his extra time he was taking college courses and evidently sent home money from his pay every month.

Carrie had at least three photographs of Roland taken in Hawaii, including one showing his rank as Staff Sergeant. Otherwise, she had little information from her son from this point until his death. He was in a combat unit which was continually in a war

zone. Individual servicemen were not allowed to communicate their location or activities to their relatives.

On September 22, 1942, Carrie Long was sent a telegram from the War Department stating that Wilbur Roland Long had been reported Missing in Action since September 14 in the Southwest Pacific Area. She received two letters from an officer of Roland's Squadron regarding the disposition of his personal effects. A year after he was declared Missing in Action, Carrie received word from the War Department declaring Roland to be Presumed Dead, having been aboard an airplane that failed to return from a combat mission. This designation authorized the termination of pay and allowances, permitted payment of a death benefit, and enabled Carrie to settle Roland's estate. A letter was received from the Secretary of War, stating that the Purple Heart had been awarded posthumously to Roland by the direction of the President.

In attempting to learn more about the circumstances of her son's death, Carrie elicited from the War Department a letter in 1946 containing a few details: "Sergeant Long was one of nine crew members of a B-17 type aircraft which left its base in the New Hebrides on the late afternoon of 14 September 1942 in search of Japanese naval shipping reported to be north of those islands. The plane was unable to find its objective and became lost on the return trip. The craft radioed that it was making a landing on the water and although searches were conducted for a number of days, no trace was found of the plane or its crew." Further commu-

nications from the War Department indicated that Roland's plane was returning home in the dark and was unable to pick up the base radio beam.


We now know that after Roland's bomber group had left Hawaii for Midway, participating in the battle there which was later regarded as the turning point in the Pacific war, they had moved on to the New Hebrides to participate in the preparation for the Marine landing on Guadalcanal. Once there, Roland was on at least 17 combat missions to bomb Japanese warships or installations. He was on even more search missions, looking for the Japanese fleet. Because action had been so intense, for a few days before his plane was lost, Roland's squadron and others of the bomber group had a brief break, enjoying a rest and even playing softball.

Through contact with veterans of the bomber group and some records now available, John Fuss was able to learn more details of the events of September 14, 1942. Roland's plane and six others attacked a big Japanese task force of battleships, heavy cruisers, destroyers and smaller craft. Roland's plane bombed with the second flight and set off for home alone with a damaged number 4 engine. It was later believed that the crippled plane became lost after hitting bad weather. A touching incident was relayed to John by a lieutenant (later a general) who was a good friend of Roland's pilot, Lt. Owens. Lt. Lowery remembered sitting in the dark on a log at the edge of the runway with the group commander, waiting for the B-17's to return from the mission. Roland's plane never made

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Obituaries

Nina Jane Baumgardner

Mrs. Nina Jane Baumgardner, 89, of East Baltimore Street, Taneytown, died on March 14 at Carroll County General Hospital in Westminster.

She was the wife of the late George Delmar "Delly" Baumgardner, who died in 1997.

Born December 13, 1912, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Baumgardner and Nina Morrison Baumgardner.

Mrs. Baumgardner was a graduate of Emmitsburg High School and attended Towson University. She had been employed by the Carroll County Board of Education as a cafeteria worker for nine years.

She was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taneytown.

Surviving are one daughter, Edith Rebecca Kelso of Taneytown; one son, Thomas Delmar Baumgardner of Joppatowne, Md.; four grandchildren, Edmond "Ted" and Andrew Baumgardner, both of Warrenton, Va., Ganece Quintal of Edgewood, Md., and Scott Baumgardner of Joppatowne; one great-grandson, Thomas R. Quintal of Edgewood; and one sister, Polly Shank of Fairfield.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Carroll Baumgardner and by four sisters, Helen McNair, Anna Gall, Bruce Shorb, and Dorothy Knox.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 38 West Baltimore Street, Taneytown, MD 21787.

Miss Norma Davis

Miss Norma Vernice Davis, 83, of Shriver Road, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, March 5, at Green Acres Adams County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born June 27, 1918, in Rogersville, Tenn., she was a daughter of the late John B. and Ida D. Larmer Davis.

Miss Davis was a homemaker and worked on the farm most of her life.

Surviving are one brother, John Davis of Emmitsburg; two sisters, Eileen Davis and Bernice Gibbs, both of Baltimore; two nieces; and two nephews.

Funeral services were held on March 11, at the funeral home, with Deacon Charles Barphart officiating.

Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

Dora Elder Paidakovich

Dora Elder Paidakovich, 85, who directed the St. John the Baptist 12:00 Folk Group from 1968 until her retirement in 1986, died March 10 of congestive heart failure at her home in Silver Spring, Md.

Mrs. Paidakovich played a pioneering role in the creation and direction of the first contemporary liturgical lay folk group in the Catholic archdiocese of Washington, a group whose surging popularity tripled church attendance in the late 1960's and 1970's. The group was also engaged in numerous volunteer performances and benefit concerts for nursing homes, hospitals and drug rehabilitation centers, and participated regularly in ecumenical events.

Dora Elder was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. and grew up in Emmitsburg, Md. She was the daughter of the late John DuBois Elder and Genevieve Spalding Elder, and a direct descendant of William Elder, one of the original settlers of Frederick County in 1736. William Elder originally named the area just south of Emmitsburg "St. Mary's Mount," and after his death a parcel of his original property was donated by his family in 1808 for the founding of Mount St. Mary's College, the nation's second oldest Catholic college and seminary.

Dora Elder's father, John DuBois Elder, was the owner and publisher of *The Emmitsburg Chronicle*, a prominent local weekly newspaper which remained in publication by the Elder family from 1922 until 1971. Mrs. Paidakovich, an avid writer and journalist, penned the *Chronicle's* spirited showcase column, "Most Anything at a Glance" by Abigail, as well as weekly hard-news stories, from the 1930's until her final column in 1971.

Mrs. Paidakovich graduated from St. Joseph's College High School in 1935 and attended St. Joseph's College in Emmitsburg, Md., from 1935 to 1937. A talented singer, she was a frequent featured performer on live big-band programs aired by local commercial radio station WFMD in Frederick, and other radio stations in Maryland and Pennsylvania during the 1930's. She also toured locally with the popular Elder Brothers Orchestra. She belonged to several local drama clubs and appeared in numerous local plays, comedies and musicals.

In the early 1940's, Mrs. Paidakovich moved to Washington, DC, and worked at the FBI in 1943. In 1952, she moved to Silver Spring and

resided there until her death. She was active in the choirs of Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington, and St. Bernadette's and St. John the Baptist in Silver Spring in the 1950's and 1960's, until assuming the directorship of the St. John the Baptist 12:00 Folk Group in 1968.

Mrs. Paidakovich was a devoted wife and mother who treasured her faith and her family. Her interests included cooking, bridge, crocheting, dancing and animals.

Her husband of 45 years, Matt J. Paidakovich, died in 1990.

Survivors include a son, Matthew Elder Paidakovich of Herndon, Va.; two daughters, Lynn Ann Godfrey and Lisa Paidakovich Elder of Silver Spring, Md; two sisters, Genevieve R. Smith of Timonium, Md. and Yvonne Wiegand of Williamsport, Md.; and two grandsons, Michael J. Paidakovich of Reno, Nev. and Paul A. Godfrey of Rockville, Md. Also surviving are numerous relatives, including Art Elder of Emmitsburg, Md., Virginia Gay Hahn of Thurmont, Md., Dale Ann Norton of Frederick, Md. and David Elder of Fayetteville, Ga.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, N. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Md., on Friday, March 22, followed by interment at the New St. Joseph's Cemetery. A Memorial Mass in celebration of Mrs. Paidakovich's life was held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church at 12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Md., on Saturday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m., with a reception following. Memorial donations may be made to: Community Services for Autistic Adults and Children (CSAAC), 751

Twinbrook Pkwy., Rockville, Md. 20851, Attn: Peter Donaghe.

Infant John McGlaughlin Jr.

Infant John Kermit McGlaughlin, 2 months and 17 days, died Saturday, March 9, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

Born Dec. 22, 2001, in Frederick, he was a son of John Kermit Sr. and Shelly Stull McGlaughlin Sr. of Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his parents are one sister, Ashley Renee McGlaughlin of Emmitsburg; five stepbrothers and stepsisters, Tabathia McGlaughlin and Andrew McGlaughlin, both of Fairfield, Pa., and Jasmine Butterbaugh, Robert Lowery, and Kristopher Lowery, all of Emmitsburg; maternal grandparents, Paul and Marcelene Stull of Jefferson, paternal grandparents, Dennis and Patty McGlaughlin of Emmitsburg; and maternal greatgrandparents, Paul S. and Eileen Stull of Walkersville.

Funeral services were held March 12 at Skiles Funeral Home, the Rev. Joe Ivey officiating.

Mr. Curtis Topper

Mr. Curtis David Topper, 88, of Howard Street, Thurmont, formerly of Emmitsburg, died Monday, February 25, at Comfort Companion, Taneytown. He was the husband of Anna Myers Topper, who died Oct. 4, 1984.

Born May 20, 1913, in Zora, Pa., he was a son of the late James Lewis and Margaret Florence Topper. Mr. Topper was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. He was

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A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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a member of Knights of Columbus Bruté Council 1860, Emmitsburg, and was a past Grand Knight. He was a member of Bishop McNamara Assembly 4th Degree of Knights of Columbus, Frederick.

He had worked as a carpenter for John H. Hampshire of Baltimore, retiring in 1975. After retirement, he enjoyed woodworking.

Mr. Topper was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a member of American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121, Emmitsburg, where he served as past post commander. He also served as a past Frederick County commander.

Surviving are 10 children, Richard C. Topper and M. Dolores Rodgers, both of Westminster, Anthony D. Topper and Joan F. Tracey, both of Emmitsburg, Michael J. Topper of Hagerstown, Patrick A. Topper of Taneytown, Joseph E. Topper of Manchester, Stephen E. Topper of Lancaster, Pa., Douglas J. Topper of Thurmont, and Susan A. Simmons of Roseboro, NC.; 33 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Topper was preceded in death by two sisters, Julia A. Fitzgerald and Gertrude E. Roberts; and two brothers, Stewart Topper and James L. Topper Jr.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 1 at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carroll Hospice Inc., 95 Carroll St., Westminster, Md. 21157.

Mrs. Loretta Myers

Mrs. Loretta Ruth Sager Myers, 74, of East Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Monday, March 11, at her home. She was the wife of E. Eugene Myers.

Born Oct. 3, 1927, in Strasburg, Va., she was a daughter of the late Samuel Carson and Daisy Ruth Middleton Sager.

Mrs. Myers was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, and a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was a charter member of the Vigilant Hose Co. Auxiliary.

Surviving in addition to her husband are five children, Pat Orner and husband Doug, Mike Myers and wife Mary, and Steve Myers and wife Brenda, all of Emmitsburg. Kathy Rohrbaugh and husband Rick of Littlestown, Pa.; and Doug Myers and wife Mary of Frederick; one brother, Jim Sager of Fairfield, Pa., and one sister, Frances Smith of Waynesboro, Pa.

Mrs. Myers was preceded in death by one brother, Bev Sager; and one sister, Dolly Topper.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 15, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, PO Box 1799, Frederick, Md. 21702-0799.

An Easter Thought

BY JEANETTE THOMAS
Dispatch Writer

Some of you don't know this about me, but I have two kids who live with their dad in Minnesota and are 16 (my daughter Christina) and 12 (my son Robert). They are great kids (of course!)

I was talking to my daughter on the phone tonight and she was in the middle of creating a French menu for class for the imaginary "Night Escape Café."

I studied only a little French in school, but I have often picked up sundry study guides from yard sales, and stumbled around a few words, so I was trying to help her.

She had to have a certain number of items listed, but they could be her own choice. When she ran out of ideas, I said "Vin?" "What's that?" she said. "Is that the word for wine—everybody over there drinks wine...(generalization!)" I said. "Oh yeah—I don't know," was her response.

Her text didn't have it and I couldn't find my English-French Dictionary in a hurry, so she finished off the menu with something else.

It wasn't until I got off the phone an hour later—including 3 trumpet pieces in my ear—that I thought to haul out the last French learning book I had acquired.

I didn't find vin or wine or anything ("Do they call it simply blanche or rouge..." some little question rang out), but I found something else that really gave me pause for thought.

See, I write to this bishop in another part of the country and he always writes right back to me so it's a pretty

rewarding letter venture.

At first, he only wrote about what I wrote to him, a brief one or two line reply with concern and promise of prayers. But lately, he has begun to include one or two paragraphs about what he is doing across his diocese. One of those things was an ecumenical talk he had to give on the meaning of suffering. He thought I might have a thought or two on the subject to enlighten him. He wasn't really asking, just contemplating out loud, but of course I took it upon myself to try to enlighten him with my great wisdom. (He being the bishop, and I being the fallen-away Catholic who has barely been getting around to being more "observant.")

I wrote him what I told my daughter when some extreme suffering she had to go through was agonizing her because it was so senseless: "No—it isn't fair!" I told her, "Yes, you can yell and scream at the outrage of it. And yell until you are finished. But then....pray." (I waited a minute.) "Sometimes....sometimes.... the suffering will bring us closer to God. And then...it is a gift." (We both got real quiet, and then we were okay.)

When I was looking for vin or whatever it is in my text glossary, my eyes rambled over all the v and w words until my heart stopped.

There was "wound" and the French word for wound is "blesser." Blesser means "to wound, hurt." How very, very close in appearance is that word to "blessing".

That was my Easter meditation for tonight, and probably for a long, long while.

Silver Fancy Garden Club Tree Wells Decision Postponed Due to Water Situation

The Silver Fancy Garden Club plans to sponsor the 2nd Annual Tree Well planting contest. However, because of the water situation in Emmitsburg, we are postponing this decision until May 1, 2002. If we get the needed rain we will be planning to plant sometime in May. Please look for dates, times, and rules in the May issue of the Dispatch.

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Emmitsburg Election
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Who May Vote?

Emmitsburg residents who reside within town boundaries. Must be a resident for a minimum of 30 days. Must be a Frederick County registered voter.

The Candidates and Votes Permitted

FOR MAYOR Vote for One

- ☐ Patrick Boyle
- ☐ James Hoover
- ☐ Clifford Sweeney

FOR COMMISSIONER Vote for Two

- ☐ Frank Henry
- ☐ Patrick (Ted) Brennan
- ☐ Joyce Rosensteel

In an effort to promote political responsibility, The *Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch* has produced this voter's guide for use in the upcoming election. The *Dispatch* does not support nor oppose any candidate and nothing in the voter's guide should be interpreted as an endorsement. Names of candidates are listed in order as they appear on the ballot.

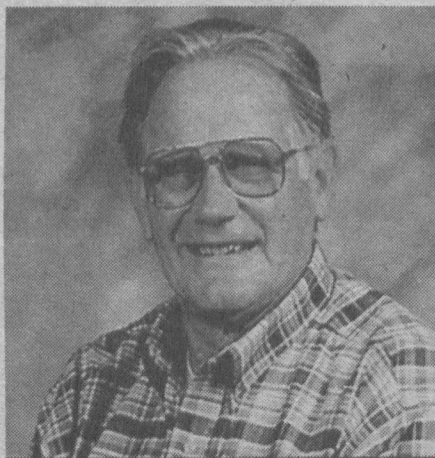
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Candidates for Mayor



Pat Boyle

Born- Emmitsburg (8/12/33); Raised and Educated- Emmitsburg. Grad. Mount St. Mary's (1960). Married- (8/17/58); Nancy LeGore. 4 children; 6 grandchildren. Employment- B.H. Boyle and Sons (30 years); Manager and Buyer. Baltimore Life Companies (17 years); Agent; Retired (2000). Service to Emmitsburg- Parks and Recreation Commission; Member; (20 years). Planning and Zoning Board; Member (1st Board); Zoning Administrator (2nd Board). Commissioner-1998-2001; present, President of Board. Organizations Affiliations- Vigilant Fire Co Member; (50 years). St. Joseph's Church Member; Usher (20 years). Mason-Dixon Babe Ruth-Coach/Manager (27 years); League President (6 years). American Legion-Member.

1. Reasons & Goals

The Mayor should serve as a leader as well as an overseer. He needs to be aware of the daily operations of the town and he must make himself accessible to the towns people. With my years of volunteer service, I believe I can offer leadership, dedication, and as a recent retiree, my complete attention to the office of Mayor. Emmitsburg must continue on its present path of carefully considered, steady growth. We should also make every effort to encourage new businesses to locate here. Far too many of our citizens are being forced to commute out of necessity.

2. Priorities

Water System: All residents should be provided with a safe and reliable water system. All old, water lines must be replaced, beginning in areas deserving top priority.

Law Enforcement: Over the next four years, I would like to see our budget gradually reworked in order that funding be made available for 24-7

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Jim Hoover

My family and I have lived in Emmitsburg since July 1995. I have been married to Diana for 18 years. Diana's a nurse at Mountain Manor Treatment Center. I am the Supervisor of Train Operations for the MARC Train Service. I am also an active member of the Emmitsburg Lions Club and on the advisor board of CASS. I have been active in Town Government since February 1996 when I was appointed to the Streets & Transportation Committee. Since that time I have also been active on the Planning and Zoning Committee and on the Town Council since August 1998.

1. Reasons & Goals

I feel the Mayor is the senior manager of the town. It is his responsibility to ensure that the town staff follows the guidance of the Mayor and council while fairly enforcing ordinance and laws governing the town. I am running for office at this time, because I want the office of Mayor to be managed in an effective manner to protect the rights and interest of the public. I hope to accomplish a more user-friendly town government that is more sensitive to the residents/businesses and encourage more public participation.

2. Priorities

Resolve the difficulties at the new water plant and get it into operational service. I plan to resolve this issue by instructing town staff to force contractors to adhere to contracts and impose any penalties allowed. Improve water delivery/upgrade lines. Water lines in need of replacement should be prioritized and funding put in place to allow repair in a timely manner.

Improving communication and cooperation between town government, residents and businesses. Communication can be improved by providing agendas prior to meetings,

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Clifford Sweeney

My name is Clifford Lee Sweeney. I am 36 years old. I was born and reared in Emmitsburg. I am married to Elizabeth Ott and have two children, a daughter aged 15 and a son 12. I have worked for W. F. Wilson & Sons Construction Company for the past 16 years. I'm very involved in church, Little League, men's softball league, and school activities. I am a Board Member and officer of the Knights of Columbus, Past President of the Emmitsburg Community Chorus, Parks Commissioner for 6 years and a sitting member of the Emmitsburg Town Council. I love this Town and spend all of my extra time helping make it a better place to live.

1. Reasons & Goals

I think the Mayor should love the Town and want to help it grow and prosper. I think the Mayor should get out and talk to the residents, and hold their opinions as top priority. I am running for office because I want to keep it a fit and safe Town and see it grow with proper development. If elected Mayor I would concentrate on repairing the water lines and bringing some activities into Town, such as movies, bowling alley, and possibly an arcade and strive to get the Emmitsburg Community as a whole involved. Education and growth are top priorities, too.

2. Priorities

The three main issues facing the Town are: 1) getting the new water plant on line, 2) finding new water sources, 3) rehabilitating old water lines and paving the streets. To solve these issues I would hunt for grant money; there is money available if looked for hard enough. The streets could be fixed by digging out the bad spots and overlaying with 2 to 3 inches of asphalt. Digging new wells on our newly acquired land will help with the water problem.

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In Their Own Words: Candidates Share Their Views

To help residents better understand the view points of the candidates running for elected positions, The *Dispatch* asked each candidate a series of seven questions.

Questions presented by The *Dispatch* to the candidates were:

1. What do you think is the responsibility of the position of Mayor/Commissioner? Why are you running for office and what do you hope to accomplish (100 words).

2. Priorities: What do you believe are the three most important issues facing the Emmitsburg community? What measures would you take to solve these issues? (100 words)

3. How do you think the community should approach future growth? In what ways should the town encourage and promote new businesses to be part of the community? (75 words)

4. What is your perception of Emmitsburg as a community? In what ways do you want to see the town change and in what ways do you want it to stay the same? (75 words)

5. Management: What changes, if any, do you think the town management needs to make in the way it governs? (50 words)

6. In what ways do you propose to help the youth and the elderly of the community? (50 words)

7. What is your greatest strength that you would bring to the office of Mayor/Commissioner? (50 words)

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Candidates for Commissioner



Frank Henry

My name is Frank Henry. I am 57 years old. I have lived here for the past 4 years with my wife, Maria, and my son, John Paul. I have been on the Planning/ Zoning Commission here for 2 years. I served for two years on the Water Commission in Thurmont, where we lived for three years prior to moving to Emmitsburg. For the past 16 years I have been a Code Enforcement Officer with the Montgomery County Department of Permits. I have been in charge of building and electrical inspection for the Bethesda and Potomac areas.

1. Reason & Goals

I believe the job of Commissioner is to do as any elected official should do - what the residents of the town elected him to do, to vote on issues in a way that will benefit the town and the people who live in it. I would like to bring more people out to vote and become more involved in solving its problems. I am running for office because I like living in Emmitsburg with my family. We have made many friends and I think serving on the Commission would be a way to help the town and serve the townspeople.

2. Priorities

I believe that the three most important issues for the people of Emmitsburg are work opportunities, affordable housing, and public transportation to jobs. I would also like to see businesses come to Emmitsburg. I would try to meet with owners of businesses to find out what it would take to attract them to come here. At the present time we need transportation for residents to get to their jobs and to

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**Patrick (Ted)
Brennan**

I have been a resident of Emmitsburg for the last seven years. I am married with three children, ages five, two, and one. I graduated from the University of Notre Dame. I currently work as a professional staffer on the House International Relations Committee in Congress. I have served on the Board of Appeals and am currently serving in my third year as the President of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission. I am committed to balancing the need for economic growth while protecting the unique qualities that make Emmitsburg the ideal place to live.

1. Reason & Goals

The main responsibility of a commissioner is to serve with the best interests of his/her constituents and those of the town in mind. I am running for office because I believe that the people of Emmitsburg deserve a commissioner who understands what it means to provide quality constituent service. Through constituent service, I hope to improve the quality of life for all in our town.

2. Priorities

Safe and reliable water, education, local economy. I plan to ensure that the town has reliable sources of water and that the quality of those sources remains high. I will work hard to support our local schools, at all levels of government, to ensure our children get the world class education they deserve. This includes building a middle school in town. Local businesses bring better local jobs. I will work with local business leaders in to ensure that Emmitsburg will become

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Joyce Rosensteel

My name is Joyce Ann Rosensteel and I am a candidate for the Office of Commissioner for the Town of Emmitsburg. I recently retired from the City of Frederick's Department of Human Resources after 19 years of service. A resident of Emmitsburg for 47 years, I am married to Gene Rosensteel. I have four children and five grandchildren. I graduated from St Joseph's High School and am an ongoing student at Frederick Community College. I am an active member of St Joseph's Church, currently an auxiliary member of VFW Post 6658 and of American Legion Post# 121, and Past President of the Ladies of Brute of the Knights of Columbus # 1860.

1. Reason & Goals

The responsibility of the commissioner is to serve the citizens of the town under the mayor's directorship. I retired a year ago, and have spent a fair portion of my life as a citizen of Emmitsburg and enjoyed the results of other elective citizens' time and efforts. As a citizen of the town of Emmitsburg, I feel obliged to offer my services and experience in assisting the management of the town. As commissioner, my accomplishments would be to continue to make the town a better place to live and raise a family and to make sure that all the citizens of the town are proud to live in Emmitsburg.

2. Priorities

Growth, facilities (water, sewer, safety and fire/ambulance protection), and Main Street traffic.

Growth: I feel that growth is necessary, but must be carefully controlled. You have to set goals and stick with them. Requests for annexation and

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Mount president announces retirement

After almost a decade, Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary President, George R. Houston, Jr., has announced that he will retire effective June 30, 2003. President Houston was the Mount's 23rd president since the college and seminary was founded in 1808.

A Washington, D.C. native, Houston is an alumnus of Georgetown University, where he spent over three decades as a faculty member and an administrator before assuming the role of president at the Mount.

His reputation coming to the Mount was unparalleled. As a teacher he was awarded an honorary degree by Georgetown in 1982 and named School of Business's Distinguished Professorship in Accounting in 1991. As an administrator he was treasurer, vice president for financial affairs, senior vice president and managing director of Georgetown's endowment fund. With all these qualifications, Houston was able to make tremendous strides in the Mount's financial base while president.

President Houston stated that his decision was not easily made and was a result of much reflection and prayer. In an interview he explained "As I look ahead at my future and the future of the

Mount, I see this is the right time for us to part ways." He further explained that in 2004 the Mount will begin the leadership phase of its Bicentennial Campaign, and then in 2005 both the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the National Collegiate Athletic Association will be sending teams for the school's ten-year reviews. "In preparation for these studies and the Bicentennial Celebration, the Mount will have to prepare self-studies, including a new five-year plan during the fiscal year ending 2004. This should be completed by the next president."

Throughout the years Houston has kept true to his initial agenda and three focal points for his agenda as president. He has been one of the most accessible presidents the Mount community has had. In an average year President Houston entertained over 3,000 guests in his private residence annually, ranging from prospective students and their parents, faculty, current students, alumni and friends of the Mount.

The following is a partial list of Houston's accomplishments since 1994:

Developed a strategic five-year plan for the college and seminary; implemented shared governance struc-

ture; strengthened Catholic identity, financial base, and academic programs; successfully completed largest campaign in Mount history, raising \$39 million; constructed McGowan Center, a major renovation of existing Cogan Student Union building; constructed Bishop John R. Keating Hall, a major addition to the seminary; renovated the Coad Science Building; developed external programs - weekend college, accelerated degree completion program, and accelerated MBA; increased applicant pool and stable undergraduate enrollment; served as president, Frederick County Chamber of Commerce; served on Maryland Chamber of Commerce; served on Maryland Spending Affordability Committee; President, Northeast Conference, NCAA; increased the endowment by over 140%; balanced budgets; developed Emmitsburg Community Social Club

"The Mount community has been blessed with President Houston for nine years. He has made the Mount his life and we have all benefited. He will be sadly missed, but has established a foundation and momentum that will keep the Mount on the right path as we approach our 200th anniversary," commented Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees Chairman, John Walsh.

President Houston has made an indelible impression on Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary, members of the Mount community, and the surrounding areas. Throughout the coming year he will continue his duties as college and seminary president, as well as assist the Board of Trustees in a national search for his successor.

Today the Board of Trustees accepted President Houston's early retirement. Cardinal William H. Keeler, Mount Board member and



GEORGE R. HOUSTON, JR.

long time friend of President Houston stated, "George Houston, a friend for more than 23 years, has brought great energy and extraordinary leadership qualities to his work as president of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary. From the moment of his assuming office, he has been so wonderfully supportive of our seminary program and has helped the whole Mount family better appreciate and deepen the strong Catholic identity that is our heritage. We thank the Lord that, having brought Mount St. Mary's to new levels of achievement, President Houston will continue to guide our venerable Mount for more than a year to come."

As he addressed the Mount community regarding his decision to retire, President Houston reiterated, "This was not an easy decision to make for I have come to love this old house and you who make it what it is."

Seniors present memorial gift

Mount St. Mary's College is pleased to announce that the Class of 2002 has continued the tradition of donating a senior class gift. This year the funds were raised by the class to be used in the naming of a classroom in the new McGowan Center in memory of deceased classmates Mindy Lookingbill (Taneytown, Md.) and Sean Popper (West Chester, Pa.).

Mindy was killed in an automobile accident and Sean died of natural causes, both near the beginning of their sophomore year.

Under the leadership of Senior Class President Mafia Berberabe (South Plainfield N.J.), the class raised

nearly \$3,000. In addition to the personal pledges, the class held a social and several raffles to raise funds. "I am very pleased to see the members of the Class of 2002 dedicating their senior gift to the memory of Mindy and Sean," commented Scherika Nick, Assistant Director of Annual Giving and Senior Class Gift Project Coordinator. "They have not only solidified their legacy, but also assured that their classmates will never be forgotten."

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The (Retired) Ecologist's Corner

Requiem for the great white hawk

BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Writer

By watching the calendar, I knew the vernal equinox arrived and spring began on schedule, but it was hard to tell by looking outside. Winter, what there was of it, was gone a long time ago; the only news about it was of things that didn't happen.

We did have a couple of snowfalls big enough to require scraping off the driveway and sidewalk, but not worth getting the snowblower out for. It got cold a few times, but not bone-chilling; we retired geezers played golf in January and February. Considering the temperature, grass should have turned green and flowers should have been up earlier than expected; those things didn't materialize only because it didn't rain. And for only the second time in the past 20 years, the Great White Hawk didn't come back.

I've written about the Great White Hawk before, but for the benefit of those who don't remember, it was an albinistic red-tailed hawk that I saw for the first time in November, 1982. I can still remember my first sighting of it; it was in the top of a dead elm tree, in a fence row on the old Frailey farm just southwest of town. Seen through binoculars at a distance, it was unmistakably a hawk because of its size and posture, but it was the wrong color: pure white except for its face, which was charcoal gray, three symmetrically arranged jet-black feathers on its back, and two pale russet-colored feathers in its tail. It stayed around that winter, and reappeared the following year in the pasture across from the bridge on Annandale Road. The year after that, it settled into a permanent winter territory in the cornfield along Mountain View Road; it returned there each winter thereafter,

I was two years short of grandparenthood when the white hawk first came to Emmitsburg, and over the years it became a sort of storybook creature for my grandchildren. For them it became the Great White Hawk, a being of mythic stature, and in turn each of them was taken to look for it when they visited during the winter months.

except for 1994-95. Over the next couple of years it lost the few colored feathers and became pure white all over, except for the face. It was well known among local Audubon groups; birders from as far away as Chambersburg regularly asked me about it.

Albinism is a disadvantage of lethal proportion for most animals; the lack of protective coloration draws unwanted attention. Perhaps living at the top of the food chain makes a difference, for this hawk far outlived its life expectancy. Captive birds in zoos have lived well into their 20's, but banded birds in the wild rarely complete two decades. Mortality is depressingly high in the first year. Fledgling hawks have a full four-foot wingspan when they leave the nest, and their parents continue to feed them for several days. But many do not survive flight school; they break wing bones by flying into things before they learn to steer, especially in stormy weather. Once on their own, they instinctively recognize rabbits, squirrels and field mice as potential meals, but like all adolescents, they are clumsy. Catching prey is a learned skill, and even experienced adult hawks miss their prey more often than they catch it.

Juvenile hawks go hungry often. Those that survive the first summer are faced with the perils of migration; again, instinct directs them along the timeless paths southward, but bad weather, harassment by crows, predation by great horned owls, flying into power lines or microwave towers, human hunters, and assorted other misfortunes take a heavy toll. And when they finally reach a suitable wintering area, they find all of the best territories are already taken by older hawks that are decidedly unfriendly. They spend their first winter wandering about the edges, living marginally on what they can catch before being chased away by crows or aggressive territorial adults. If that first winter happens to be a harsh one, most of them will not survive.

For those that make it through the first winter, life improves. There is a year or two of carefree bachelorhood before settling down for life with a mate. After that, summers spent raising young and winters in the south, usually in the same place, follow in succession until the string runs out. Disease, parasites, territorial battles with others of their own kind, or the accumulation of toxic pesticides eventually catches up with them. You don't have to be too much of an ecologist to figure out that of all the offspring a pair of hawks have in their lifetime, the population will remain stable if only two survive to adulthood (a harsh reality that also

applies to us humans, and that results in problems we have yet to deal with successfully). Since hawk populations are actually declining, it is clear that fewer than two offspring per pair of parents are surviving. My hawk is all the more remarkable for that reason.

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Dragons, we are told, live forever, but not so, red-tailed hawks.

When it didn't appear last fall, I held out hopes that maybe it was because of the weather; perhaps it simply didn't migrate as far south as usual this year. Maybe, like Mark Twain, reports of its demise are exaggerated; maybe it will come back again next fall, as it did in '95. But even if it doesn't, it has already beaten the odds by many years. As The Preacher knew when he wrote Ecclesiastes 3,000 years ago, time and chance happeneth to us all.

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Book Review

AT THE YEAR'S ELBOW

REVIEWED BY
JACK DEATHERAGE, JR.
Dispatch Writer

Every decade or so I do a "culture check" to see if I have acquired any. Have I sat in a restaurant that serves its food on plates? Nope. Have I attended church services? Naw. Do I understand current movies and television programs? Ha! Can I read a book of poems? And if I can, will I understand any of it?

Seeing *At The Year's Elbow* by Anne Higgins on the "New Books" shelf at the Emmitsburg branch of the county library, I decided to check my culture level. Heck, the book was only 70 pages* and the poems were short. I might even get through it in a month—or two.

The first poem, *At The Year's Elbow*, snapped me vividly back to 1961, end of summer, Columbus, Ohio, bug-eaten leaves in the trees I climbed, the last flowers, and (for me) the terror of starting another year of school. How could this woman know?

Ms Higgins jerked me from memories into depression with the next piece, "The Missing Children." I quit there—to blazes with culture!

Flipping to the back of the book I read the author's bio. Oh, no! She has an attachment to Emmitsburg. Worse, she lives a life that has always intrigued me. Could I pass the chance to gain some insight about this woman and the things she has seen, done and thought? (I've never been that smart.) Back to page 1, in light of who Anne Higgins "is."

Thankfully I don't have the education, or life experience, to understand much of *At the Year's Elbow*. Still, poems such as "Red Maple Keys" can be enjoyed by even me:

"Backlighted,/ they are fine grained silk./ Embryo of seed/ like a quotation mark,/ meets its twin/ across the thin stem./ Inside is a tree/ that will pump water from the earth,/ defying gravity,/ singing in the forest wind,/ surrendering itself/ into house, chair,/ paper for a poem."

"Cherry Tomatoes" took me back to the late 50s. My mother's parents' home outside of Emmitsburg, late in the summer, the tomatoes covering sheets of plywood on saw horses alongside the tractor shed. I ate those sun-warmed fruits as if they were candies. "so warm and sweet/ from the attentions of the sun,/ the juice burst in my mouth."

At the Year's Elbow kicked open the door to my mind and ransacked it. "Thief" left me understanding how she

felt, lying in bed, shoes on, and ready to run. Only, where could I run to?

Page 70, at last! "Teresa at Lake Artemesia:" "You relish the feeling / of the deep surprise,/ of the dim sense of / seeds breaking open / somewhere in the dark./ You feel like dancing in the rain / with the thirsty earth./ Eventually you have to reach the car / and dry off, / but oh,/ the wet laughter / of the mean-

time!"

Thank you Anne Higgins. You've led me from childhood horrors and delights into grownup nightmares and contentments. You've caused me to remember, and hope for forgetfulness, all in one little book. You've shown me that some "culture" must have stuck to me while I wasn't paying attention.

You've also convinced me to do my next "culture check" in a restaurant.

There, only my nose and taste buds are likely to be abused. Even a church sermon would have been easier to endure than another poem!

I highly recommend *At the Year's Elbow* to those who can read such stuff. Everyone else should stick to the back of cereal boxes; they're easier to consume.

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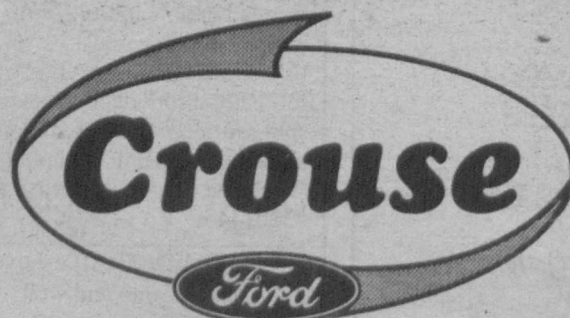


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Rocky Ridge News

BY EMMA KEENEY
Dispatch Writer

Ohler, and Jeremy Shields.

April birthdays - Happy Birthday wishes to: Loretta Glass, Bonnie Eyler, Michele Dinterman, Lori Angleberger, Kevin Albaugh, Doris Sharrer, Shirley Greene, Betty Moser, Mary Louise Peomroy, Marlene Danaher, Russell

Happy Anniversary wishes to Franklin and Marie Stambaugh on their fifty-first anniversary, April 7, as well as James and Loretta Glass, Kenneth and Gloria Frushour.

Church of the Brethren News

BY PATSY FREE

Happy Birthday wishes to Erma Black, 4/13; Dorothy Baker, 4/21; Terry Free, 4/12; Nancy Glass, 4/7; Pam (Saylor) Kilcoyne, 4/18; and Lynn Ott, 4/19.

Happy anniversary to Orville and Erma Black, 4/16.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Esther Valentine Delauter, who lived in the Rocky Ridge area for many years.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dennis Wolfe, who also lived in the Rocky Ridge area for many years.

Rocky Ridge Fire Company News

BY LINDA NORTHRUP

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Sportsman's Night - May 18, 2002, for information call Alan at 301-271-3370.

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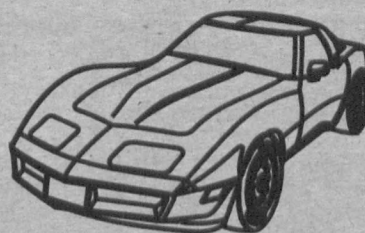
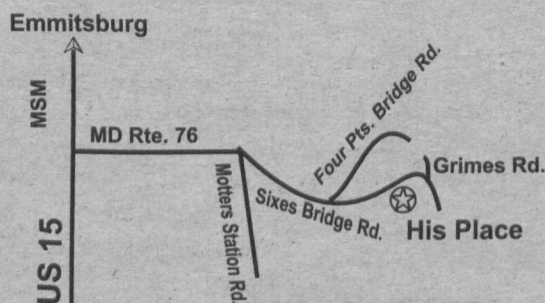
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*Pat Boyle continued
from page 12*

police protection. The Youth: We cannot afford to overlook our young people. Our present youth programs should be continued and we must constantly be on the look-out for new ideas. Emmitsburg also has wonderful parks and recreational fields which should be increased in the future.

3. Growth/Economic Development

Any development should be kept within the nature, history and charm of the community. We have our own Planning and Zoning Board as well as access to county agencies should we need any assistance. If we are unable to offer adequate housing, we cannot hope to attract new businesses and we certainly need both. Above and beyond all else, the good of Emmitsburg should be our priority.

4. Perception

Emmitsburg has always retained its small town atmosphere and charm. Therefore, I am against any major changes being made to the original town. We must try to remember also, that nothing ever remains the same and that development and new business is inevitable. I think we can keep old Emmitsburg and still provide future generations with a prosperous and thriving community.

5. Management

Management and Staff alike must continue to work at improving their "people friendly" skills. We have already made progress in this area, but more can be done. The Town needs to communicate with the public often and in a more detailed manner. Perhaps our TV Emmitsburg Channel can be utilized for this purpose.

6. Youth & Elderly

Youth- refer to # 2-Priorities. Some of our elderly have been experiencing a variety of problems. I would like them to come to the Town Office to discuss their needs with our Administrator or the Mayor. I am certain we can offer some type of assistance or at the least, point them in the right direction.

7. Greatest Strength

My greatest strength is in communicating with people from all walks of life. I enjoy talking with everyone and have always tried to treat them as equals no matter what their station in life may be.

*Jim Hoover continued
from page 12*

posting issues in the dispatch, web page and cable channel. The town manager will provide a monthly public report.

3. Growth/Economic Development

The town should approach future growth conservatively until improvements are made to old water lines and additional sources (wells) of water are located. New businesses should be encouraged to locate in places of existing business or on properties, which already have preliminary approval from the town. Several sites have preliminary approval that's more than ten years old. The town should recognize and consider sites with preliminary approval will be users of our water resources.

4. Perception

Emmitsburg is a close-knit town full of volunteer spirit that provides a friendly atmosphere. What I would like to see change is the cooperation and communication from the town to the residents and business owners. I would like Emmitsburg to retain its friendly family oriented atmosphere.

5. Management

I think the town needs to define the chain of command and change the way the town staff is managed. The Mayor needs to be seen as the chief executive officer who sets the guidelines for the Town Manager and Town Clerk to follow and direct employees reporting to them.

6. Youth & Elderly

I plan to have the Parks and Recreation committee review the existing Community Park Plan and make recommendations to the council on how the town should proceed on developing Community Park so that we can provide service to all age groups.

7. Greatest Strength

My greatest strength is the amount of management experience I have in a fast-paced environment that requires immediate attention with accurate results and my desire to make a town government that is customer oriented. I have over 15 years of management experience in highway /railroad transportation and customer service.

*Clifford Sweeney continued
from page 12*

3. Growth/ Economic Development

I think the Community should approach growth slowly. Without growth the Town will become stagnant and no one would want to live here. On the other hand too much growth would overwhelm the Town's resources. The Town can help encourage and promote new business by extending the boundaries and promoting our Town web site.

4. Perception

I remember the Town being so close to everyone, knowing everyone. Having our Middle and High school children taken from Town really hurt the moral. New development the Mayor not getting out working the people and business owners hurts too. The Community is not as close as it used to be, I hope we can get back what we lost. I would like to keep the small town atmosphere as much as possible, keeping it this way makes people want to come back to visit.

5. Management

Staff needs to try to be more people friendly. In the past year of my term I have seen a great change and hope it continues. Printing our agenda in the Town paper each month will help let residents know when meetings are, also putting it on the cable TV each month has helped. Communication has been a problem but it is getting better. I think staff should be able to approach the Mayor with no reservations and not be afraid to speak their minds.

6. Youth & Elderly

I would establish a youth program such as CYA and put in a football and/or soccer field. Bringing in affordable elderly housing will help. Southgate may secure an elderly community with the senior center being upgraded and putting in walk paths in the park.

7. Greatest Strength

My greatest strength would be leadership and caring. I've helped run many organizations. I have run a crew of men for nine years doing evaluations and pay raises. I've done enough community service for ten people in Town. I care about all Emmitsburg residents, parents, grandparents, etc. I would give my right arm for this Town. I plan to live and die here.

VFW Auxiliary News

BY DOLORES HENKE
Auxiliary Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Emmitsburg Memorial post 6658 was held recently; President Mary Topper presided.

Following the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, thank you notes from those individuals who had received a Christmas remembrance from the Auxiliary were read. Also read was a letter of appreciation from the Department of Veterans Affairs at Martinsburg Medical Center for the Christmas party for the veterans and for the monetary gift from the Auxiliary and the Post. A letter of appreciation from the Catoctin Pregnancy Center for the monetary gift and the clothing given by the members was read.

It was passed to send a donation to Catoctin High School for the YMCA Maryland Youth and Government Program. It was also passed to purchase 500 poppies to be used to make wreaths for Memorial Day. The Auxiliary will also send \$2.00 per member to Cancer Aid and Research.

The winner of the Voice of Democracy essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary, the topic which was "Reaching Out to America's Future" was awarded to Thomas L. Hood, a student at Catoctin High School. A check in the amount of \$200 (\$100 from the Auxiliary and \$100 from the Post) was presented to Thomas at the meeting of the Post on February 6, 2002. Kelly Zier, from Mother Seton School, who won First Prize in the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary, the topic which was "Is Freedom Really Free?" in the local competition, received Second Prize in the District Essay Contest.

Chaplain Gloria Bauerline, in her report for the past month, advised that a sympathy card was sent to member Gloria Krietz on the death of her husband, Gene; \$25.00 was sent to the Heart Association in his memory. A sympathy card was sent to member Joan Tracey on the death of her father.

(See VFW on page 22)

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From the Desk of Dr. Bonita J. Portier D.O.

The "tooth of the matter" is that without good oral health, we cannot get well or stay well. No matter how brave we have to be, or how much saving we need to do ahead of time, or how many payments we have to make after the fact, we must take care of our teeth. OK, lets all go to the mirror and do some poking and prodding for a good reality check. Hmmnn—look at those gums. Those red areas are major apartment areas for many types of bacteria—viridens, fusiforms, anaerobes and facultatives. They really prefer that we don't floss twice daily and are happy when we are too busy or too late to do a thorough brushing and rinse job. Oh dear, check out those broken teeth, the tender ones, the blackened ones. Check the breath—aaahhh, bacteria breath! Yes, now touch the jaw and over the sinuses and down the neck. Tender parts! There could be some trouble here. Hmmnn.

Maybe our family and friends love us just the way we are. But our other body parts might not be so accepting. Chronic sinus troubles despite a cupboard full of nasal sprays and tablets and capsules may be a sign that the upper teeth and gums are in poor repair. Can't get over a cold or bronchitis and the doctor is dedicating a special room for the frequent visits, suspect troubles of teeth and gums. Chronic stomach troubles may also

come from swallowing large amounts of bacteria from the mouth. Granted that most of the bacteria are killed by the fierce acid in the stomach. However, the dead bodies of the bacteria release toxins that keep us disturbed and sometimes sick.

Many who suffer from diabetes find that even with great effort—diet, exercise, complex medications and regimens—the blood sugar will not go to that goal of 140 or less. Many know that when there is infection in the body, the sugar in the blood stream is often higher. Many also have become very aware that it is harder to heal when the blood sugars are high. When diabetes is present, the white blood cells are injured and cannot do their job well. Enter the oral bacteria excess. Chronic mouth infections will cause the kind of inflammation that will allow the blood sugar to stay elevated which injures the cells of the body and allows for other infections. Just as it is important for those with diabetes to keep up with eye care, it is very important to minimize gum and tooth infections. When those infections happen, it is important to get treatment.

Early heart disease and late heart disease can be worsened and accelerated by bacteria from the mouth. The constant seeding of bacteria from the mouth can allow the bacteria to overgrow, causing inflamed areas in the

blood vessels and valves of the heart. These inflamed areas are treated aggressively by our immune system. Patches and plaques and injury and repair and re-injury and more bacteria can put us at risk for heart disease, heart attacks. This same scene can also put us at risk for strokes from carotid

artery disease and disease in the aorta. Even if we feel good now, and our energy is good, keeping a very healthy mouth will help us stay young. Brush and floss and rinse and see the dentist of your choice. May you stay forever young.

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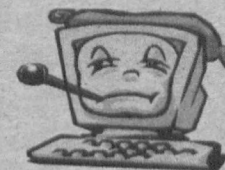
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Fitness

Moderation: The Key to Good Health

BY LINDA STULTZ
Certified Fitness Trainer

Moderation is the way to maintain the good health God gave us. The reason we become overweight is not eating well, not getting enough exercise and not taking care of ourselves. For whatever reason, we get so wrapped up in our busy lives that, before we know it, we are 5 or 10 pounds overweight, or even more. Sometimes we even see the weight creeping up on us, but we think we can take care of it later. By the time "later" comes, we are overwhelmed and confused about how to get the weight off and, of course, we want it off NOW.

It is true that, in order to lose weight you need to lower or maintain your present calorie intake while increasing your daily activities to burn more calories. The trap most people fall into is lowering their caloric intake too much while not increasing their exercise level at all. In doing this, they confuse their body into thinking that it is being starved and therefore it holds on to every bit of food consumed. Weight loss is different for each person, but in most cases starting out slowly and developing healthy eating habits is the key to steady, permanent weight loss.

When I decided to write this article about moderation, a very wise friend of mine told me that "We can't handle doing things in moderation." I realized she was so right. People either go overboard with strict diets that are completely unlivable or they don't watch what they eat at all. As I stated above, when trying to lose weight you do need to keep track of what you are eating and make some changes, but most people could just modify their eating habits and add a little exercise and watch the pounds slowly disappear. What we need to realize is that the weight did not accumulate overnight and it is certainly not going to disappear overnight. Small changes in your life and especially patience will bring you the results you are looking for.

Check with your doctor, nutritionist, support group or a trainer if you are not sure where to begin. Everyone needs a little help sometimes. The successful people are the ones that ask for it. Join the people who are improving their health for the future and for their quality of life in the present. Moderation is so much easier to live with than strict, unhealthy diets.

If you have any questions, please call 717-334-6009. Keep Moving! You'll be glad you did.

Building Healthy Families and Communities

Heroin use epidemic among local youth

BY EVE TAGLANG
Substance abuse counselor

Harry, Smack, junk, horse, H, skag, China White, Mexican Brown, tar: heroin, by any other name, still destroys lives. It is a narcotic and a derivative of the poppy plant whose effects on the body are similar to morphine. Its new popularity is a very real threat and has the potential to make addicts and fatalities out of many more people in our area before this epidemic is over. Euphoria is what's up and young people are finding it with heroin. The majority of the heroin in Frederick County is coming from Baltimore on day trips and is *not* being sold in large quantities in our area or even in Washington, D.C. Most users make the drive to Baltimore to save the middleman's cut.

Extremely potent, inexpensive, and easily administered, heroin can be found for personal use through established drug cultures in our local schools and neighborhoods. The strength of heroin and its use among teens went up as its price and the age of its users went down over the last decade. Due to its increased potency, heroin can be snorted or taken orally, eliminating the need for needles, which once weeded out the squeamish. Users who become addicted don't want to wait for that immediate "rush" and start to inject it out of impatience. Addicts who inject the drug come to enjoy the prick of the needle due to its association with pleasure. In exchange for this temporary pleasure, addicts run the risk of malnutrition, infection, poisonous chemicals (either mixed with or substituted for pure heroin), AIDS, and inevitably withdrawal, prison, or death. The new potency of heroin, combined with ease of use, increases the risk of addiction and overdose.

Know your enemies! Marijuana use is a clue that further scrutiny is

called for. Very few heroin users bypass this seemingly benign "all natural" drug of first choice. Typically, when the thrill is gone because of tolerance to marijuana, curiosity and thrill seeking takes users to the next level. Symptoms of heroin use are euphoria, loss of appetite, constricted pupils, drowsiness, throwing up, respiratory depression, constipation and loss of sexual desire. Those who are snorting heroin will have irritation of the nasal tissues. The drug itself is a bitter-tasting white powder. The presence of additives or impurities can vary the color from white to dark brown.

Paraphernalia to look for are a "tool box" which can be something like a 4x4 plastic school supplies box or a make-up pouch. Users like to have their "tools" on hand in case of an opportunity to use. Inside there will be a restrictor, which could be made of rubber or just a shoelace, cotton balls (some users carry cigarettes for the cotton in the filters), matches or a lighter, needles, a syringe, and something to heat the heroin in, such as a wide mouth bottle cap. A user who injects will also carry water (usually bottled or they will melt ice from the fast food soda fountain dispenser to save a dollar). Ironically, tap water is not used because of the chemicals it contains.

Be on the look out for frequent day trips to Baltimore as well. A user generally deals with one person who "takes care" of them. Common names for heroin, invented by the dealer whose signature it represents are O'Malley (after the Mayor) and Ben Laden.

If you suspect that someone you care about is involved with heroin use, don't ignore it. A list of treatment centers, public and private, as well as educational material can be accessed confidentially at the Frederick County Health Department by calling 301-694-1775.



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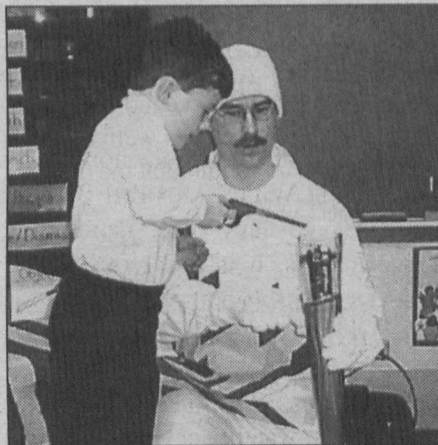
BY VAL MENTZER
Dispatch Writer

The Olympics May Be Over ... But The Medals Live On!

First graders at Mother Seton School have taken home their own gold, silver and bronze Olympic medals! Mrs. Warehime and Mrs. Hyde's first graders participated in their very own Olympics complete with uniforms, medals, national anthems and flags. Mrs. Warehime's students designed their own uniforms using iron-on crayons. Each student represented a different country and designed that country's flag on their uniform. Many thanks to the MSS parents for donating the white shirts used for the uniforms!

Of course, there were the events - Socks Speed Skating, Scooter Bobsled, Snowball Toss and Ski Jump Rope! All students won either the bronze, silver, or gold and were honored with the raising of their country's flag and the playing of that country's national anthem.

A special treat to make the Olympic moment very real was the lighting of an actual Olympic torch used in the Salt Lake Games. Mr. William Bosche and son Marcus (as shown in photo) demonstrated the official torch lighting. Mr. Robert Imming, a colleague of Mr. Bosche's, was an actual torchbearer this year and was allowed to bring in the torch, and wear the official warm-up suit. Mr. Imming was nominated to carry



Mr. William Bosche and son Marcus demonstrate the torch lighting. the torch in Martinsburg, West Virginia, by his daughters through the Coca-Cola Company.

Congratulations to all of the MSS first graders for their own Olympic success story!

Congratulations, Olympic Stamp Designers!

In keeping with the Olympic spirit, MSS art teacher, Mrs. Val Hocker, chaired an Olympic Stamp Design Contest. Middle School Students designed their original stamps and anonymously displayed them on the school walls for a student vote! And the winners are:- Zachary Smith, Nicholas McAvoy, Sarah Denning, Morgan Maze, Katherine Clements, and Chelsea Lance. Students receiving Honorable Mention were: Katie Oliverio, Amanda Durski and Tyler Mentzer. Great job!

American Legion Auxiliary Meeting

BY LOIS HARTDAGEN
Auxiliary President

The meeting of Francis X. Elder American Auxiliary was held recently with the President, Lois Hartdagen, presiding.

Roll was called and there were 12 members in attendance. Secretary Penny Adams read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved as read. Treasurer Anna Adams gave her report which was accepted subject to audit.

Chaplain Patty Troxell reported that Lillian Sites had recently passed away and we sent a dish garden to the funeral home and also that she and Pres. Lois had paid their last respects at the funeral home. Mass cards for Curtis Topper were sent to daughters Joan Tracey and Dolores Rodgers on the death of their father.

Membership chairman Lois reported we have 132 members in the department. Three new members were voted into the Auxiliary. Under old business, the annual covered-dish celebration of the Post's birthday was discussed.

The president gave a report on the February 18 visit to the VA Center in

Martinsburg to play bingo with the residents. This is a Post project. We will be going again on March 18 with the Post members. Three Auxiliary members, 6 Post members, and 1 guest went in February.

The shave and haircut proceeds from the box placed in the bar area was emptied and donations amounted to \$41.25. The Auxiliary will make up the difference to total \$200.00 to be taken over to the VA hospital.

It was announced that Melva Hardman and Lois would be attending a District Meeting in Hancock on March 17. It was announced that a "Beauty Contest" would be held at the Post sometime in the future featuring the men of the Post as contestants. Further on this next month.

The secretary announced that she had purchased a new secretary's briefcase, cost \$10.00. Dorothy Gebhart's name was called for the door prize of \$35.00, but was not present. Next month's drawing will be for \$36.00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 and the ladies joined the men for dessert after the covered dish supper.

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services needed outside of Emmitsburg. On the subject of housing - we need affordable units for young families as well as for those over 50. These needs are urgent.

3. Growth:

Having served on the Planning/Zoning Commission, I believe we should have controlled growth. This growth should include affordable housing for all, assuring the old part of town stays historic and the new areas have water and all the services they need. Regarding new businesses, I would like to see what they have to offer the residents of the town. I would try not to put too many obstacles in the establishment of new businesses.

4. Perception:

Emmitsburg is a small, friendly community. You can get to know people easily. Most people go out of their way to help others. Being a parishioner of St. Joseph's Parish, my wife and son and I are very happy living here. We plan to stay here for a long time.

5. Management:

As a newcomer I have not had a chance to observe this in the short time I have lived here. However, I can say that, if elected, when I see a problem I will try to make the changes that would most help the town and its citizens.

6. Youth & Elderly

The town needs more after-school activities for the youth and more work opportunities for them. I would call on parents to form guidelines to establish activities. For the elderly, the town needs to provide them with safe and affordable housing where they can live in peace and security.

7. Greatest Strength

A lifetime of honest work in service to citizens; the experience of serving my country in the Armed Forces; being the head of a family. I care very much for the town and I would do the best I can do in the position of Commissioner to serve it well.

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more friendly to businesses.

3. Growth:

Good planning is the only way to approach future growth. People want to live in Emmitsburg. We have room for them, but only if our resources will allow such growth. I will ensure that any future growth will be governed by the available water and other resources. Businesses want a friendly government and a strong economy. I will work hard to ensure that the town government and businesses work as partners.

4. Perception:

Emmitsburg is a close knit community with tremendously talented and dedicated people. I think the town should jealously guard its historic charm and beauty. However, it should also be open to economic opportunities that will provide local jobs.

5. Management:

Proper management of any resource takes 100% commitment. While Emmitsburg has been managed well by and large, closer attention needs to be paid to keeping the residents informed of all town activities, specifically government action.

6. Youth & Elderly

I support youth activities in town. I will ensure that the recreation budget is sufficient to support our local teams and ball fields. I will work with the local churches and other volunteer groups to provide seniors with such services as transportation to the doctor or the grocery store.

7. Greatest Strength:

Experience. I have worked at all levels of government. I know how to cut through red tape and get the job done. My experience in government will allow me to provide the town and its residents with the highest quality of constituent services and better access to government resources.

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building permits must stay within goals established and consideration given to the availability of water, sewer, schools, traffic impact, and the effect on the general health and welfare of the citizens. It is important that the tax base be included in the mix.

Facilities: The water usage, especially with the recent town expansion and the proliferation of building permits, obviously has increased the water usage. My thought would be to continue to look for other alternative ways to increase the water supply for the town so that we may continue to have controlled growth. For the fire/ambulance companies, I would like to make sure they are fully capable of coping with the town and the areas surrounding the town and to make sure they get all the support and funds needed to accomplish that. For police protection, I would re-evaluate the present means of police protection from an economic and efficient standpoint.

Main Street traffic: I would take steps to have the county continue to pursue a means of alleviating the heavy truck traffic or at least come up with some alternate route.

3. Growth

Very cautiously!!! We must have our present facilities in good shape for any shortcomings prior to considering any future growth of any magnitude. I am for controlled growth so long as we have the facilities to cope with it and we stick to a plan.

4. Perception:

Emmitsburg is an old, historic, beautiful small Maryland community with a prideful citizenry and I hope and pray that it stays that way. Growth, yes, but not changing the atmosphere of the town.

5. Management:

In my opinion, the present method, having a mayor and commissioners, with a town manager, suffices for the size of our town. It seems to me to function well.

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Curtis Topper; a donation of \$25.00 was sent to the Carroll County Hospice in his memory. She also took fruit baskets to four members who were ill.

Refreshments for the Post on March 6 were served by Lois Hartdagen and Betty Lupinski. At this meeting of the Post members, Auxiliary President Mary Topper was presented with an "Appreciation Award" for her work with the Auxiliary and the Post. Lois Hartdagen and Betty Lupinski gave a report on their visit to the V.A. Medical Center in Martinsburg on February 18. Bingo was played and the veterans received a canteen book for each game won which they may use for purchases.

The men of the Post donated a check to the Auxiliary which is to be used to purchase toiletries for the 69 residents for Easter. A letter was read from Staff Sergeant Brian Pryor, Fort Bragg, KS, requesting the Auxiliary sponsor his platoon by preparing care packets for the men in this group which would be a morale booster for the men. The ladies of the Auxiliary and the men of the Post will work together on this project.

A discussion was held regarding changing the time of the Auxiliary meetings. It was agreed that in the future, beginning with the April 4 meeting, Auxiliary meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. Prior to the meeting a covered dish social was enjoyed by the members.

6. Youth & Elderly

Emmitsburg is very fortunate to have many facilities for the elderly and its youth. Obviously there are always new avenues to explore and I anticipate doing just that.

7. Greatest Strength:

My enthusiasm, pride, and loyalty to the town. My time, my availability to get things done, and my experience in many functions to city government.

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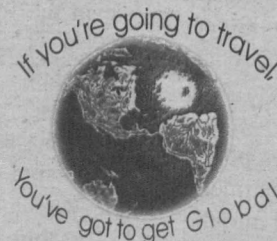
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Saturday, April 6

The Catocin High School Band Boosters will hold a Baskets 'n' Bears Bingo at the Thurmont American Legion, with filled baskets and a well-known collectible bear. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Food and beverages available. Proceeds will benefit the music programs at Catocin High School. For information, tickets, etc. call Candy at 301-271-2962, or Sue at 301-447-6891.

Saturday, April 6

A Turkey and Oyster Supper will be held by Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Road from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Featuring turkey, oysters, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, stuffing, peaches, cracker pudding and drinks. Adults \$10. Ages 5-10, \$4.50. Carry-outs \$11. Bake & Craft Table available.

Saturday, April 6

Gospel Music Concert with Sherman Mason and the Versatiles sponsored by Thurmont United Methodist Church. 7:00pm Freewill offering. Thurmont United Methodist Church at 13880 Long Road, Thurmont, MD. For information, call 301-271-4511.

Wednesday, April 17

Amish Day Tour, Lancaster, PA. sponsored by Thurmont Senior Center. Cost is \$62 Farmland tour and dinner in an Amish home; Bird-In-Hand Farmers Market; Kitchen Kettle Village shopping; Intercourse Cannery; National Christmas Center. For more information call 301-271-7911 or pick up detailed flier at the Senior Center at 806 East Main Street, Thurmont, MD.

Friday, April 19

Basket Bingo sponsored by Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue at the fire

hall on Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit. Tickets are \$15, which includes 20 basket games. Doors open at 6pm with bingo starting at 7pm. There will also be special games and raffles. All proceeds help support the services that the fire and rescue provide to the community. For more information, call John at 717-794-2323.

Saturday, April 20

Chicken BBQ sponsored by the Emmitsburg Volunteer Ambulance Co. 11am-all dinners are sold. Meals contain: 1/2 BBQ Chicken, applesauce, baked beans, and a roll. Cost \$6.50. Carry-out or dine in. Emmitsburg Ambulance Building, 300 South Seton Ave. Emmitsburg. More info 301-447-6626.

Sunday, April 21

Good Old Country Breakfast sponsored by the Taneytown Rod and Gun Club. 7am-11am. Menu includes pancakes, buck wheat cakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fried potatoes, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding and hominy, hot apples, fruit cocktail, hot cheese, toast. Adults \$5.00, children ages 8-12 \$3.50. For more information call 410-751-1685.

Saturday, April 27

"Water, The Life of a Community" a colloquium for Northern Frederick County. 9am-1pm. Thorpewood, 12805 Mink Farm Road, Thurmont. Reservations required. Contact Shirley DePaolis, 301-271-4000. \$3 materials and beverages, bring your own lunch. Bipartisan, sponsored by Northern Frederick Democratic Committee.

Saturday, April 27

Yard Sale sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church. 313-315 West Main Street, Emmitsburg. Beginning at 8am in the church hall. A variety of items will be for sale with baked goods and light lunch items also available. The yard sale will be held in the back of the church in the church hall, so weather will not be a problem. Parking is available in the back of the church and also on Main Street. Any questions, please call Rachel Wivell at 301-447-3766 after 5pm.

Saturday, May 4

Craft Fair sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club from 9am-2pm at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company. Doors will be open at 7am for set up. Tables will be provided for \$15 per table or \$25 for 2, on a first come first served basis. For more information call 301-447-6892.

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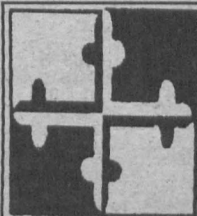
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