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Hoover elected mayor

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER

On April 16, around 10 p.m., in front of the Emmitsburg Town Office, a



MAYOR-ELECT JIM HOOVER

group of approximately 30 people waited in anticipation as a notice was posted in the window with election results. A new era in Emmitsburg will begin on May 6th with Jim Hoover as its new Mayor. The two open Commissioner seats will be filled by Joyce Rosensteel and Ted Brennan.

Polls opened shortly after 7 a.m. with 15 votes cast the first hour. Voting was steady throughout the day with the highest number of votes cast between 5 and 6 p.m. During that hour, thirty-nine votes were cast. Final election results were 358 total votes cast, with one vote spoiled. Jim Hoover received 174 votes, Pat Boyle received 166 votes, and Clifford Sweeney received 16. For Commissioner, Joyce Rosensteel received 229 votes, Ted Brennan received 219, and Frank Henry received 164.

All the candidates were present among the group awaiting results, except Joyce Rosensteel. When the results were posted, Pat Boyle shook Jim Hoover's hand and congratulated him, leaving shortly thereafter. When Jim Hoover was asked by the *Dispatch* for his initial response, he replied, "I'm glad to see the large turnout of voters. I'm looking forward to working with the Town Council and staff members, and I look for all the candidates to stand behind their commitments." Mr. Hoover said he hopes for communication and cooperation during his term as Mayor.

Election judges were Alice E. Boyle, Rita C. Byard, and Danielle White. Judges were present the entire day managing the electoral process and tallying votes after the polls closed.

Baseball kicks off 2002 season

BY DEAN TORGERSON
Secretary, Little League

On April 20, the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League kicked off the 2002 season with opening day ceremonies. The theme for this year's ceremony was remembrance and recognition of the brave volunteers who serve with the Emmitsburg Fire and Ambulance companies. Honorees in attendance were personnel from the Emmitsburg Fire and Ambulance Companies, outgoing mayor William Carr and newly elected mayor Jim Hoover. The League was very fortunate to have a very talented singer, Casey Crough, perform the national anthem. Fire Company president Tim Clarke and the Ambulance Company chief, Steve King, threw out the opening pitches.

With temperatures near 80 degrees, it was a terrific day to play ball and attendance was high with family and friends cheering on the players. The local fans were entertained with some exciting games. In major league baseball play, the winners were the Red Sox and Dodgers and in minor league base-

ball play, the winners were Expos and Astros.

Our girls' softball teams each won their first games of the season. The Wildcats defeated the Brunswick Diamondbacks 13-6. The Panthers played the Thurmont Cardinals, winning 6-5 in a rain-shortened game.

The Emmitsburg Baseball and

Softball League would like to express its appreciation to our team sponsors, Emmitsburg Town commissioners, mayor, Emmitsburg Town manager, team managers/coaches, and the parents and friends who cheer for the players and encourage them to do their best.

(See related photo on Page 3)




Children carrying the flag on opening day

-photo courtesy Sharon Forrence

Emmitsburg Food Bank moving to Seton Center. It will close Sat., May 11th and reopen Weds., May 15.

**Same hours:
Weds. eve. 7 - 8 p.m.
Thurs. 10 - 11 a.m.
Sat. 10 - 11 a.m.**

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.

Museum of Fine Arts worth visiting

As a long-time collector I have watched the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown grow during the last decades from a ho-hum institution into a gallery that highly impresses art collectors nationally and elsewhere.

The Museum is no longer a mausoleum to be visited once. It has expanded twice to house its growing collection and activities, while its able staff provides classes, lectures and concerts open to the public, in addition to changing exhibitions of considerable

merit.

Great paintings by Thomas Moran, Frederic Church and John LaFarge, now on exhibit from the Museum's collection, are reason enough to visit the Museum. Quality works from the Society of Marine Artists and the Women's Art Exhibition also make a trip to the Museum worthwhile.

For a pleasant surprise, as well as an enriching experience, I recommend a visit to the Museum.

Harold Cotesworth Craig II
Emmitsburg, Maryland

A Thank You from Jim Hoover

At last month's Town election many residents commented that we had one of the biggest (if not the biggest) voter turnout in Emmitsburg. I personally want to thank all of the residents who came out to vote and show support for their candidates. I also want to thank all the candidates who ran for office. Being an elected official in any form of government is not always an easy job. Small town

government is no different, in fact many times I believe it may be harder to act as an elected official in a small town where your family and friends live. Each of these candidates should be congratulated for their efforts. Just by signing up to run for office these individuals showed their commitment and dedication to Emmitsburg.

Jim Hoover
Mayor-Elect

To the citizens of Emmitsburg

Thank you for your votes and your support.

I consider it an honor to be elected to serve you as a commissioner of

Emmitsburg.

Joyce A. Rosensteel
Commissioner-elect

Library is moving to a new location!

SUE CARDELLA

The Emmitsburg Library is moving to a temporary location at the Silo Hill shopping center while the Community Center is being renovated. We will be closed the first two weeks of May during the move. The library will resume regular hours and programs at the new location on Monday, May 13th. The book drop will remain at the Community Center until May 6. After that materials must be returned to the new location.

The Community Center will be fully renovated. When the work is completed, in about 18 months, the library will have doubled in size. We are looking forward to a newer, larger facility.

Storytimes for May are as follows:

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5)
Wed. at 7 p.m. and Thurs. at 10:30 a.m. May series May 15-23
Two-Terrific! (Age 2 with an adult)
Tuesday May 14 at 10:30 a.m.
Babies with Books (birth-24 months) Tuesday May 21 at 10:30 a.m.

The Tuesday Book Club will meet on the 14th at 7:30. The selection for May is *The Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, a fascinating tale that traces the provenance of a supposed Vermeer painting from present day back to its origins.

The library will be closed Monday May 27th for Memorial Day. For information about the library or programs, call us at 301-447-2682. See you at the new location!

Town News

Mount Annexation Petition Withdrawn

BY MAYOR WILLIAM CARR

Mount Saint Mary's College has withdrawn its petition for annexation into the town of Emmitsburg.

In a letter to the Mayor, President George Houston notified the town of the petition withdrawal. The major reason for the action by the college was an inability to negotiate a reasonable

agreement on water supply by the town to the proposed annexation property.

The strong relationship between Mount Saint Mary's College and the community of Emmitsburg will continue, as always. The open discussions and communication throughout the proposed annexation process reaffirms the strong ties that the college and community have always enjoyed.

Police Report

Monthly Summary for March 2002

Investigations included the following:

39 Traffic Stops (27 by Resident Deputy) This number does not reflect stops made during selective enforcement

Alcohol Complaints-2
Assault-1
Assistance-4
Burglary-3

Destruction of Property-4
Disorderly Conduct-3
Drug Complaint- 5
DUI-2
Juvenile Complaint-1
Noise Complaint-2
Request Officer-5
Serious Injury-1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle-5
Theft-4

Silver Fancy Garden Club to sponsor Adopt a Tree Well Contest

BY FRANKIE FIELDS

Silver Fancy Garden Club is sponsoring its second annual Adopt a Tree Well contest. We are trusting that the rain will continue and the water ban will cease.

Emmitsburg has Bradford Pear trees on either side of Main Street. Many tree wells of these Bradford Pears are bare—with no flowers or greenery. Some do have vinca or other greens. Flowers planted in the tree wells will help beautify Emmitsburg; thus making it more beautiful for all residents, any travelers who pass through our town, and any visitors who linger awhile.

Anyone living close to a tree well, any business or organization wanting to advertise their business, anyone living out of town, all are welcome to participate in the contest.

The contest will run from Memorial Day to Labor Day. It involves choosing your tree well, preparing the soil, purchasing and planting the flowers, watering and weeding and then standing back and admiring your work.

On October 17th, 2002, Silver Fancy Garden Club will announce the winners of the contest, present the prize money, and have pictures taken for the newspaper. 1st Prize - \$25.00, 2nd prize-\$15.00, 3rd prize- \$10.00.

Please choose your tree well and sign up at the town office 301-447-2313 or call Frankie Fields at 410-756-2380. Members of Silver Fancy will be planting the town square planters and Post Office planter the last week of May. Please contact the town office so all the tree wells will be adopted and Emmitsburg will be a glorious garden by Memorial Day.

Emmitsburg Ambulance Company receives award

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of the 2002 Frederick County Fire Rescue Association (FCVFRA) Fire/Rescue Departmental Training Award.

Each year, the FCVFRA recognizes Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Departments and mem-

bers within the county for various outstanding achievements.

According to the FCVFRA web site, the Fire/Rescue Training Award "was established to recognize the accomplishments of a department in maintaining professionalism through

(See Ambulance on page 7)

'First Haircut' gift certificates offered by Up-County and My Father's Footsteps

BY ERIKA LAVOIE
Up County Family Center
Service Coordinator

A local barbershop and salon has partnered with Up-County in donating first haircuts to children. Kerry Shorb, owner and operator of My Father's Footsteps has graciously offered to give a free first haircut to the tots of participants at Up-County Family Center. A "First Haircut" gift certificate will be given to the child's parent, who can then set up an appointment with the salon. In honor of the event a picture will be taken and of course a lock of hair will be saved to make this a memorable time for both parent and child.

Mr. Shorb has owned My Father's Footsteps for 20 years, naming the business for his father who also had a barber shop in the same building many years ago. Kerry Shorb has followed in the family tradition of *haute couture*. He offers many hair care services such

as colors, perms and cuts along with Nails by Jeanne and tanning. For services at My Father's Footsteps call 301-447-6600.

Up-County, in Emmitsburg, provides educational services for the community. This includes ABE/GED, Flexible High School and Home Teaching. In addition there are employment and computer programs available for parent(s), both male and female, of children under the age of 4. Up-County's staff provides encouragement and support through education, developmental daycare and parenting programs. Basic life skills (such as cooking and budgeting), computer classes, and job readiness are also services that we offer. Up-County is also a place that welcomes and nurtures all families (regardless of income) who are raising young children. These services help strengthen the family. Up-County is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and can be contacted at 301-447-2810.

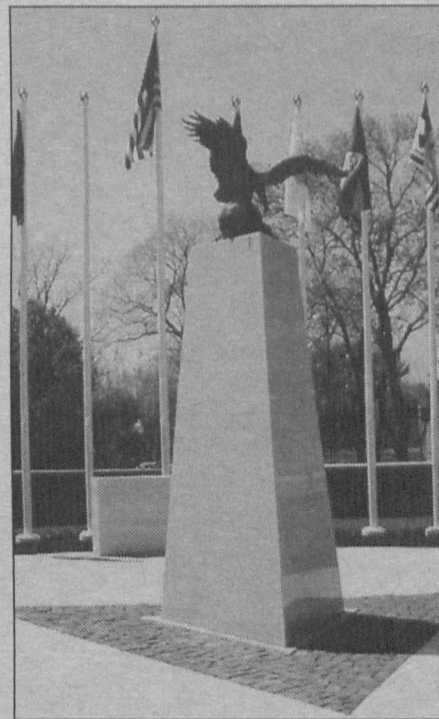
Catoctin Area Rec Council needs you

Hello, Northern Frederick County! The Frederick County Department of Parks and Recreation is pleased to announce an important gathering to form the Catoctin Area Recreation Council. This council will be one of 10 volunteer recreation councils established under Frederick County Board of County Commissioners through Parks and Recreation to provide recreation and leisure opportunities to residents in our communities. This council will serve Northern Frederick County residents. So far, interest has

been expressed in starting holiday programs in Emmitsburg and teen programs in Thurmont. This is just a sampling of the types of recreation services that can be provided by volunteers in this 501c3 organization.

To establish this council, we need individuals to serve as board members and volunteers. Make things happen, take part, do good things. We will meet on Monday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. in classroom C at the MSM Knott Arena. Please call 301-694-1649 with any questions. See you there.

New memorial at FEMA



On April 16, the dedication ceremony for the Civil Defense/Emergency Management Monument took place on the grounds of the FEMA National

Emergency Training Center in Emmitsburg. Congressman Roscoe G. Bartlett (MD-6), who introduced the bill authorizing the construction of the monument, spoke to the gathering of people from all over the country. Later, he summed up the significance of the occasion: "This is a twenty-year dream come true for the many citizens led by Col. John E. Bex. This monument is a tribute to the sacrifice and commitment of our emergency management workers and volunteers. Congratulations to the many members of the Civil Defense Monument Commission for their unselfish dedication in getting the job done."

On November 13, 1999, President Clinton signed into law H.R. 348, Dr. Bartlett's bill authorizing "the construction of a monument by the private non-profit National Civil Defense Monument Commission in honor of those individuals who have served the nation during times of disaster." The monument was built entirely with private funds.



Lisa Krom, President of Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League, presents certificates of recognition to Steve King (left) and Tim Clarke (right).

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Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy

The Dispatch will Continue

BY RAYMOND AND JENNIFER
BUCHHEISTER

Gaining strength from one another-

Through out its life Emmitsburg has been with and without its voice in the form of a newspaper. Bo and Jean Cadle returned the voice to the town approximately eight and one-half years ago when they started the *Emmitsburg Regional Dispatch*. The *Dispatch* was formed to connect individuals by sharing local information for the strength of all in an effort to build up the community. Now the question is, Will the little paper that so many have come to love continue?

We too, Ray and Jen, have come to love this little paper and are of the opinion that letting it go would be a far greater loss than the sweat and tears it will cost to continue. As a team, like Bo and Jean, we will try to do our part, but a community newspaper only works because of the contributions of

all. Only you know the stories and have the information that needs to be shared. Therefore our contributors are most important.

Our advertisers are of equal importance, making it possible for everyone to get the paper by paying for printing and equipment costs. Our modern society has reduced most things to a commodity with a price. Even volunteer organizations struggle to survive as we place guarantees on the dollar bill.

The *Dispatch* also has struggled in this area, utilizing volunteers and trying to compensate them where it could. Unlike the traditional newspaper, where reporters scour about looking for information, this paper's primary goal is to be a community voice. Some feature stories need to be covered by staff writers, but ultimately the paper should be the voice of the individuals within the community.

It is our intention to continue in the footsteps of our predecessors with the focus on community news. Some changes are inevitable; without change there is stagnation and no growth. The necessary changes may not be visible, but are needed to improve the workings of the paper in order to meet deadlines. With the effort of all, the paper will continue and we'll gain strength from one another.

Introductions—

As your new publisher/editors we are Raymond and Jennifer Buchheister. We reside at 74 Wenchhoff Road in Pennsylvania, just outside the town of Emmitsburg. We have two children, Rebecca age 11, Elizabeth age 11 months, and are expecting another baby in September. We are active members of St. Joseph's parish and attend various community organization functions on a regular basis.

Raymond was born in Baltimore and lived in Reisterstown until he was ten, when his family moved to a farm in Gettysburg. He attended St. Francis in Gettysburg and graduated from Delone Catholic High School in McSherrystown, Pa. He has been a member of the Emmitsburg communi-

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responsible and talented community members are coming forward to guide the enterprise through the next period of change. Change can be unsettling but if we of the greater Emmitsburg community continue to support the paper in the coming years as we have done over the past, we will be amazed and justly proud of what a village can do.

Commentary

For every season there is a time, and it is now

BY BO AND JEAN CADLE

Time was, about nine years ago, the then Director of Humanities, Robert Hackney, called for a national conversation among the top people in various academic disciplines. That rankled. We thought the conversation also needed to be held among the people who live, play and work with each other in their everyday lives.

But, here is a guy, we thought, we could ask for some advice on organizing a small-town journalism enterprise. "How do you," we asked, "publish a village newspaper—a dialogue among community members—when there is no money, limited news (we thought), and no trained staff?" He didn't answer. We had to come up with our own formula.

We sent out twenty or so letters inviting people to attend a meeting on forming a community newspaper and about ten people responded. Diagrams were drawn, notes were taken, heads nodded and by evening's end the word was "go ahead, do it and see what happens."

The word became real. The *Dispatch* was born, an 8½ by 11-inch, eight-page missile. Volunteers helped us do all sorts of things. An unexpected and greatly appreciated alliance between people in the community (readers and merchants and the worker-bees) over the following months helped

the paper to gain firmer footing. This little band, our extended family, nurtured the growing child. ("It takes a village," wrote Hillary Clinton, "to raise a child.") The paper continued to gain acceptance among the greater community. We continued to work hard and soon the paper became a small tabloid regularly publishing 24 pages.

This original little band of silverbacks has grown "long-in-fang" and now the dream of community journalism is being nurtured by a combination of an emerging band of worker bees led by Ray and Jen Buchheister and current volunteer writers who are willing to take up the challenge of keeping conversation alive.

As far as we know, there were few, if any, national conversations ever held, but the *Dispatch* chatted on. Writers, of less than national stature, but with their unique voices, kept us informed of what was going on in our churches, clubs, service organizations and homes across the greater community. Local merchants and groups were willing to bend their bottom-line thinking and underwrote the *Dispatch* by placing ads or making donations to insure that the *Dispatch* was able to pay its way. Small-town journalism was taking root, not spectacularly, but the entire community, the *Dispatch's* extended family, was contributing and the paper became a household word.

And now a younger band of

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Lions scholarship deadline May 18

The Emmitsburg Lions Club announces the **Dr. George Morningstar Memorial Scholarship** and the **Bob Gauss Memorial Scholarship** each for a class of 2002 high school student residing in the Emmitsburg Lions Club service district. This district includes the Emmitsburg Elementary School district and the 21727 zip code.

Both of these one time scholarships will award \$1000 for college or other post high school education based upon the merits of an essay of application produced on a computer and a cover letter signed and submitted by the applicant. This essay of application should contain such information as career goals, high school activities, non-school activities, and any other information deemed relevant by the applicant.

A cover letter accompanying the essay will contain information that identifies the applicant so that the

judges will not know the name of the applicant writing the essay. If necessary the scholarship chairman will render the essays anonymous and submit them to the judges.

Alternatively the applicant may, in a signed cover letter produced on a computer and sent by US Mail, notify the scholarship chairman that the essay of application will be e-mailed along with any other text information (no graphics) deemed relevant by the applicant. The signed cover letter and the essay of application or the signed cover letter of notification to e-mail and the e-mailed essay of application must be received no later than midnight Saturday May 18th, 2002.

Mail or e-mail all cover letters and essays of application to: Chairman, Emmitsburg Lions Club Scholarship Committee Post Office Box 1182 Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727 E-mail address: lions@emmitsburg.net

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ty for approximately 15 years. Ray works as a project manager for a company located in the town of Emmitsburg. To the position of publisher and editor, he brings two years of working knowledge as a writer and doing the *Dispatch* design layout. He will enjoy applying his skills as an artist, writer, an eye for detail, and ability to manage.

Jennifer was born in Frederick and raised in the Emmitsburg area her entire life. She attended Mother Seton School and graduated from Catoctin High School. Her parents are Becky Chrismer and Robert Brown. Jennifer's grandfather was John Everett Chrismer, an Emmitsburg native who lived on East Main Street, where Jennifer's mother was raised. Jennifer is a full-time mom and is currently home schooling our 11-year-old daughter. Jennifer has reviewed Ray's writing for the past two years and been his partner in writing approach and editing. To her new position with the paper Jennifer brings joy, the ability to work well with people, and marketing experience from past employment.

We, Ray and Jen, hope to continue the work that Bo and Jean have started so the *Emmitsburg Dispatch* will continue to be a source of joy and strength for the community.

We invite you to respond. The

Happy Mother's Day

Dispatch addresses - (e-mail) dispatch@emmitsburg.net and P.O. Box 358 are fully operational and will stay in place. Using these two avenues will ensure that we receive your correspondence. The office at 130 South Seton Avenue is currently staffed by volunteers. The office will be there through May but its future is questionable at this point. The *Dispatch* phone numbers will remain the same through May but will probably be changing. We will keep you informed.

Rosensteel Anniversary



George and Sylvia Rosensteel on their wedding day, Feb 9, 1952, and 50 years later on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

George and Sylvia Rosensteel of Emmitsburg celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on February 9.

A special Mass was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church where they were married on Saturday February 9, 1952. In attendance, along with many family members and friends, were their best man and matron of honor James and Regina (Orndorff) Kelly of Hagerstown, Md. Their altar servers, Donald Rodgers of Westminster, Md., and William Sterbinsky of Joppa, Md.

were there, as well.

A reception followed at the Carriage House Inn, Emmitsburg. The special day was given by their children and their spouses, Vince and Joyce Rosensteel, Denver, Col.; Jay and Yvonne Arrison, Orrtanna; Eric and Donna Rosensteel, Rocky Ridge; Tom and Milissa Fogle, Waynesboro; and Owen and Dawn Rosensteel, Fairfield. The couple also have 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Recycling of plastics in Frederick County

The Frederick County Recycling Office would like to clarify for county residents what plastics are acceptable at the recycling satellite dropoff centers and in residents' curbside recycling bins. The only plastics that have ever been acceptable since the beginning of the recycling program in Frederick County are bottles. No other plastics are acceptable for recycling. Bottles are the only plastics that should be placed in the recycling bins.

All plastic bottles are acceptable except motor oil bottles and antifreeze bottles. For additional information call 310-696-2960



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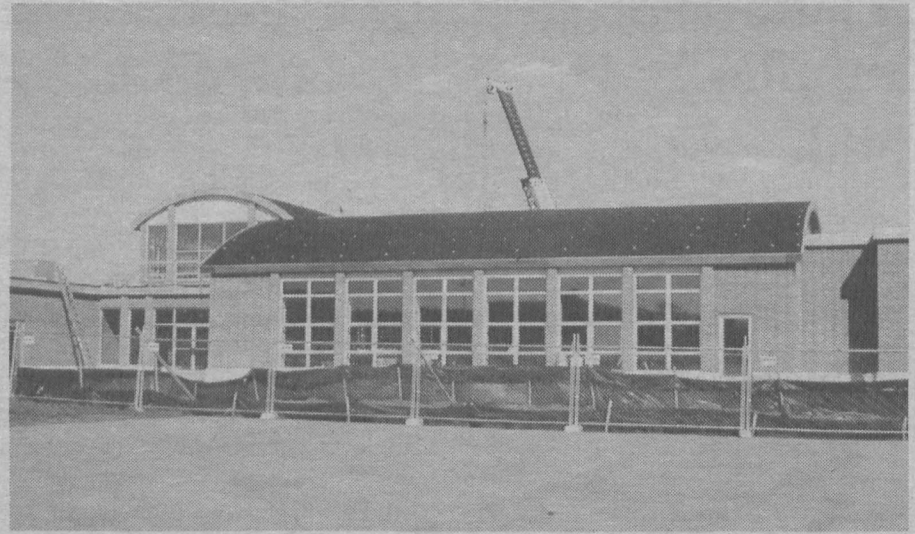
Emmitsburg Glass News

Editor's note: Since December of last year, Emmitsburg Glass Company has become a corporate sponsor of the Dispatch. It is the hope of the Dispatch and Emmitsburg Glass to provide more business-related news. Through periodic articles the Glass Company hopes to share with the community what the company is doing and we at the Dispatch hope other community businesses will follow their lead, thus helping to form a business page in the paper.

In recent news, the Emmitsburg Glass Company installed windows in the new Mother Seton School addition.

Construction of the addition has been progressing at a steady rate over the past several months. Emmitsburg Glass wishes to acknowledge Bruchey Builders for their tenacity in continuously working out details to keep this project moving. The windows were installed in April. The job site crew, led by foreman Steve Wivell, was Joey Wetzel, Dave Bushman, and Matt Tipton.

The windows were a donation to the school's capital campaign "Celebrating Our Past...Building Our Future." For the Reavers this slogan also fits. Dan and Greg, owners of the



Mother Seton School's new multi purpose room as seen from rear of school.

-photo courtesy of Emmitsburg Glass Company



Dave Bushman and Joey Wetzel, Emmitsburg Glass Mechanics, glaze windows at Mother Seton School.

-photo courtesy of Emmitsburg Glass Company

Glass Company, both attended the school as do their children. It was gratifying for Dan and Greg to be able to return this contribution to the school for helping them in the past with their Catholic education. Emmitsburg Glass was able to make this contribution in part due to the generosity of their suppliers. They wish to thank YKK AP America for discounting the aluminum material, Lawton Architectural Products and PDC for discounting the glass. Special thanks to Metro Sealants, Inc. for donating caulking material and Rodney Hutzell of Rodney's Caulking for donating his labor.

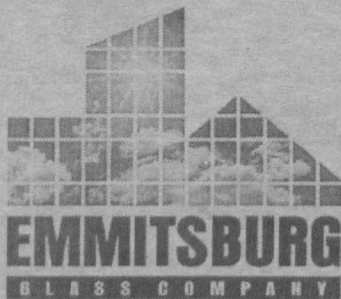
In past news, the company held its yearly safety awards program. Winners were presented their awards at the company's annual Christmas party, which was held in JoAnn's Ballroom at the Charriage House Inn. Award winners for the past 2001 year were first place winner -- Wayne Kaufmann winning a trip for two to the Florida Keys for 3 days and 2 nights; second place--Tommy Shorb winning dinner for two including a limo ride to Ruth's Chris Steak House in Baltimore; and third place--Joey Wetzel winning \$100 gift certificate at Home Depot. These employees are individuals who have gone above and beyond in complying with OSHA regulations in the areas of eye protection, head protection, and fall protection. Other areas of compliance deal with material handling and glazing; wearing glass gloves. These individuals not only looked out for themselves but also their fellow workers.

Emmitsburg Glass and its safety committee are making great strides at keeping employees safe. The safety committee is made up of all job site foremen and other company key personnel. Decision-making for the com-

pany is shared with the safety committee. The committee meets once a month and is chaired by Anthony "Pye" Myers. According to George Heiderman, the company's Safety Director, employees are rewarded for taking the proper safety precautions on the job. Nominated for awards on a monthly basis, employees are selected by their peers, not by management, through the safety committee. At the end of each calendar year three employees are chosen for yearly awards. Heiderman said, "I'm very proud to be a part of Emmitsburg Glass and it's a pleasure working with these professional men and women. They are the most safety conscious people in all the trades I've come in contact with on the construction site."

Emmitsburg Glass continuously receives awards because of the performance of its employees. From Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, the safety committee received an award commending Emmitsburg Glass for their "exemplary safety methods." The award stated, "The fall restraint procedures exhibited by your men were especially impressive and would be a good example for others to follow." The award was received for the Mount St. Joseph's High School project which was headed up by Job Site Foremen Kevin Boyd and Victor Rodgers. From Gilbane Building Company, Emmitsburg Glass received a subcontractor award "for displaying exceptional timeliness, quality, and willingness to help" on the construction of the University of Maryland Parking Garage project. Most recently, in March 2002, Emmitsburg Glass received a Contractor of the Month Award by Gilbane/Smoot in recognition of their outstanding service at the Comcast Arena project.

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Dave and Joey position glass for large main entrance.

-photo courtesy of Emmitsburg Glass

Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Heather and Christopher Bowen, Fairfield, Pa., a son, April 12

Ambulance Company launches building fund campaign

For the past several years, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company (EAC) has been faced with the need to construct a larger, more efficient building in response to the increased requirements of the Emmitsburg community as well as that of the surrounding areas. However, according to President Joseph Pelkey, the Company decided to wait until all allegations made against them were cleared up. With the determination by the Frederick County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association that the EAC meets or exceeds all standards, the Company is ready to move forward.

The new facility, to be located in the vacant lot just south of the present building, will include a four-door ambulance bay, a dining hall with a seating capacity for 350 people, an approved kitchen, and new offices, as well as sleeping quarters, showers, a lounge, and utility rooms. The community hall will be used for numerous fundraising events such as suppers and bingo. It will also serve as a gathering place for community functions and also a shelter for emergencies and disasters.

As the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company is comprised of volunteers and not supported by tax dollars, community contributions are vital. Volunteers come from every walk of life and spend an average of two to thirty hours per week providing services to the community. For this hard work and dedication they receive no pay or compensation of any kind. In addition to the responders to emergency calls, other members participate in roles such as fundraising events and administrative duties.

Continuing support of volunteer EMS is what is essential in maintaining our current tax base. Without significant contributions to our volunteer EMS, the taxpayers will have to absorb

the total financial burden. The Company serves an area of approximately 75 square miles including the entire Emmitsburg area, Carroll Valley, Greenmount, and provides 24-hour first due emergency services to approximately 5,000 citizens. Last year EAC members responded to nearly 1000 emergency calls.

Chief Steven King explains the need for expansion: "Our current building was fine when we were handling only seven hundred calls per year. Now we're up over a thousand, and expect our call volume to increase by about five percent per year. We don't have enough storage space for our supplies and equipment and our offices are little more than large closets. There are no shower facilities on site for our duty crews, and their 'bunkroom' is also our small meeting room, library, and lounge."

The estimated cost of the new building as well as an additional ambulance, needed because of an increase in population, will be approximately \$900,000. Donation levels include: under \$1,000, a Copper contributor, from \$1,000 to \$2,499, a Bronze contributor, \$2,500 to \$4,999, a Silver contributor and from \$5,000 to \$10,000, a Gold contributor and for all contributions over \$10,000, a Platinum contributor. Donations may be offered in regular and anonymous form. Regular donations should be made payable to the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company and sent to Building Fund Campaign, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, P.O. Box 1101, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Donations may be made in person at the station (300 South Seton Avenue) or anonymously at Farmers and Mechanics National Bank in Emmitsburg. Reference your donation to the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Building Fund.

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participation in formal fire, rescue, emergency medical services, and hazardous materials training. It is based upon the average number of formal training hours per active member for fire and rescue training completed in the fiscal year prior to the award. This award is presented to the department which has the highest average number of formal training hours per active member."

"This is just another example of the commitment to excellence the volunteers here at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company strive to main-

tain in our continued service to the citizens of the greater Emmitsburg community," said Chief Steven King.

President Joseph Pelkey agreed, stating: "We may not receive paychecks for what we do, but we are definitely professionals. We look at this award as representative of that fact, and thank the FCVFRA for its public recognition."

This is the second time the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company was recognized by the FCVFRA for its commitment to continuing education, receiving the first award in 2000.

Mission of Mercy Clinics to operate on emergency schedule

On Friday, April 12, 2002, while at a business retreat in Phoenix, Arizona, Dr. Michael Sullivan, Medical Director of Mission of Mercy, underwent emergency open heart surgery said Mr. David Liddle, CEO of Mission of Mercy. "We expect him to make a full recovery, but he will not return to the mobile clinic for over a month. In the mean time we have implemented a limited clinic service schedule at all clinic sites."

"On the way to the operating room, he told me that God's hand is in this," said Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan, Foundress of Mission of Mercy and Dr. Sullivan's wife. In a letter she wrote to patients and volunteers, Gianna said, "It is important for us to keep loving each other during this critical time of recovery. At the moment you give [love], you will receive. We can do it together. We all need each other."

Mission of Mercy volunteers will be at each clinic site during regularly scheduled clinic hours to answer both medical and non-medical questions.

We will continue to operate on a limited schedule during May. We are providing med refills and seeing scheduled patients. We are not taking walk-ins. We are also not operating the dental clinic at this time and it will not reopen until later in May at the earliest.

"Anyone with a question can call our office at 301-447-3939," said Mr. Liddle, "or they can call the local appointment number for their town. Our transition plan calls for slowly restoring all medical and dental services to a more normal level as soon as possible. Details of those plans will be released as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we ask for your prayers for Dr. Sullivan's full recovery, as well as your prayers for our patients and volunteers."

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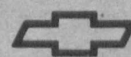
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How Much Is Enough? The hope that lies before us

BY PASTOR WADE MARTIN
Trinity United Methodist Church

Greed. It is one of the most destructive sins we encounter, and we encounter it every day of our lives. It's addicting, it's alluring, it's consuming and it's deadly. Greed is called one of the seven deadly sins, along with pride, covetousness, lust, anger, envy, and sloth.

Spiritual writers and theologians single out the seven sins because they are the inevitable source of other sins, and can lead to spiritual death. Greed clearly belongs on this list.

Money and possessions. There is no other topic to which Jesus speaks more frequently in the Bible. Even the topics of love and prayer come in a distant second. At first this may seem hard to believe, but when you think about it, it's hard to speak of love and prayer when one's heart is consumed with greed and the worship of idols such as cars and houses. Money and possessions is a topic we tend to shy away from in church because it causes uneasiness and it strikes at the very heart of one's values. But I believe if Jesus thinks it's an important enough topic to address repeatedly in the Bible, then we as his church should address it as well. We ought to discuss money and its use or misuse, not in a judgmental way, but rather in a helpful and Biblical way.

It is also said that the love of money is the root of all evil, and if you reflect on this statement for a while you begin to realize there is truth in it. We are an economically driven people.

Most of our thoughts and decisions revolve around the economic realities we live in. Barely a conversation goes by in which the topic of money or possessions doesn't seem to come up. Take one day and listen carefully to the conversations you have and see just how many times money is mentioned.

The spending rate in America today is at an all-time high. Consumer debt is rising and revolving credit card debt now exceeds 500 billion dollars. I've heard that the average daily balance on a family's credit card these days is now around \$5000. The fascination with "money and things" is getting out of hand. The Romans had a proverb which said, "Money is like seawater: the more a person drinks the thirstier he becomes."

It's interesting that in 1956 the Treasury Department started imprinting and engraving "In God We Trust" on our currency. But the question we need to ask is to which god do they refer, the god money or God the Father?

God placed us in this material world and expects us to live in it, but always at arm's length because our rewards will not come in this life. Jesus encourages us to tune out expensive enticements and concentrate instead on the truly good life - living in a relationship with God and doing God's work.

As Christians we ought to pray for the grace to be able to say, in a culture of over-consumption and greed: "Lord, give us the wisdom to know when enough is enough, and help us to say no when the world entices us too much." Amen.

A letter from Cardinal William H. Keeler to the Diocese of Baltimore which includes our local parishes.

Editor's note: The Roman Catholic Church has been under the scrutiny of the nation's media over the past month concerning sexual child abuse among its clergy. In response to an invitation received from Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos, Prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy of the Holy See, Cardinal William H. Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, traveled to Rome for special meetings to discuss sexual abuse issues in the United States. For our parishes locally the Cardinal addressed this topic along with the topic of vocations in a letter which was shared throughout the diocese on April 20, 2002.

In his letter entitled "The Hope That Lies Before Us" Cardinal William H. Keeler writes:

"I would like to address matters of importance to all of us, and especially appropriate to this Good Shepherd Sunday.

"In recent months we have heard a great deal about some priests who have betrayed their call to holiness through the crime and sin of sexual child abuse. I invite you to join me in praying for the victims.

"Prayer, compassion and assistance for the victims of abuse are essential, but not enough.

Since at least the mid-1980's, we in the Archdiocese of Baltimore have, as a matter of policy, reported credible allegations of sexual child abuse to civil authorities.

"We also do not place anyone who has been credibly accused of child sexual abuse, regardless of the outcome of

any legal action, back into positions where they might harm someone again.

"Probably you have seen how we responded, in recent months, to two tragic cases involving lay teachers in Catholic schools who have been accused of sexual child abuse.

"We are committed to vigilance - with your assistance. If you are aware of instances of wrongdoing, please let us know. We stand with you in unwavering concern for the safety of our children.

"For years, one of the ways we have been working to prevent sexual child abuse is through the screening and evaluation of those who would be priests. Also, we are grateful that the seminaries we use have strong programs of formation in chaste and prayerful living. We need healthy, intelligent, dedicated and spiritual-minded priests to serve the next generation of Catholics here.

"Today we are introducing you to a document entitled 'The Hope That Lies Before Us.' This document is the culmination of nearly two years of work by a dedicated committee of priests, deacons, religious women and laypersons, men and women. One of the two basic elements of this report is the encouragement of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

"We believe that a vocation is a call from God to serve God's people. We also understand that we have a role in identifying, nurturing and supporting those who are called.

"In the coming months we plan to

(See Hope on page 13)

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.

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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.

Pastor: Reverend Wade A. Martin
Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church
Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church

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

415 West Main St.
Service 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend R. Benjamin Jones
Tom's Creek United Methodist Church

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

301-447-2693

Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

100 West North Avenue
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.

Wivell Memorial Walk to be held June 15

The Michael L. and Douglas A. Wivell Memorial Walk will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2002, at the Thurmont Community Park. This is the second year the Walk has been held in honor and in memory of two of the sons of Betty and Bernard "Bun" Wivell. The Walk is the result of a very caring individual's desire to do something for the Wivell family and to help all of us in the grieving process. Mary Van Buren, Activities Director of St. Catherine's Nursing Center, spearheaded the 2001 event, which raises money for the Memorial Fund, and continues to be a great supporter.

The Fund's first gift was given in the fall of 2001. The Fund provided a building to the Catoctin High School Boosters Club. The building, located next to the press box above the football field, will be used during sporting events.

As the year passed a clearer vision of the Memorial Fund was developed. It is to give the youth of the communities of Emmitsburg and Thurmont the opportunity to attend various sports camps, thus enhancing both their athletic abilities as well as building their characters.

The family will work closely with the coaching staff at CHS and its feed-

er schools in determining the needs of student athletes and will fund camp participation this summer.

The following will provide you with a little background on the two young men that this Fund honors. Michael, the middle son of three, was killed in an automobile accident on December 27, 1980, at the age of 18 while at home during the Christmas break of his freshman year at East Tennessee State University. He had graduated in 1980 from Catoctin High School, where he participated in both football and baseball. One of Mike's dreams was to play major league baseball. He made a step toward that dream when he traveled to Johnson City, Tennessee, and "walked on" to the baseball team. Mike loved baseball and excelled in pitching and base running. His speed and kicking ability were evident on the football field as well. Mike just loved sports.

Douglas was just 5 years old when Michael died and was left with very few memories of him. Doug also graduated from Catoctin High School in 1993 where he participated in football, track and field, and wrestling. Wrestling is where he found his niche. With superb coaching and a "never-give-up" attitude, Doug won many

honors and went on to wrestle as a "non-scholarship" athlete at Clarion University, Clarion, Pa. After four knee surgeries, countless hours of practice, physical therapy and reconditioning, Doug got to compete in a Division I wrestling match. He was thrilled. While at Clarion he developed many wonderful friendships and once again discovered his passion—teaching. He graduated in 1999 with a degree in secondary education with concentrations in history and sociology.

Doug at 25 years of age was just two months into his second year of teaching at Hamilton-Holmes Middle School, Aylett, Va., when tragedy struck. While practicing rolls in a newly purchased kayak something went wrong. Unable to right the kayak, Doug lost his life just off the shore of the Rappahannock River in Tappahannock, Va, on October 15, 2000. He was a dreamer and lived as though nothing was impossible. He was passionate about many things and didn't hesitate to take on a cause or get involved. While in high school he served as Student Government President and attended Boys State. He was not afraid to say how he viewed an issue. But he is most remembered for his incredibly huge heart, his amazing-

ly infectious smile, and his zest for life.

The invitation to participate in the Walk is extended to anyone who would like to contribute to the lives of our young people. The Walk activities will begin at 10 a.m. with a few moments of reflection and sharing. You may arrive any time between 10 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and walk the 3-mile course. Everyone who is registered as a "walker" will receive a Memorial Walk T-shirt. You may contribute to the Walk even though you may not be able to attend that day. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, directions or registration forms, please call 301-271-2682 or 301-695-3869. Note: If you are a business and would like to make a contribution and have your business's name included on the 2003 T-shirt, please call one of the above numbers.

So, come.... Enjoy the fresh air, the exercise and the satisfaction that you have played a part in something that will impact the lives of students for years to come. We look forward to meeting all of you. God bless you.

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Obituaries

Mr. Richard Andrew 21727.

Mr. Richard Edward "Chief" Andrew, 74, of Hampton Valley Road, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, April 2, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa.

He was the husband of Iris Fogle Andrew, his wife of 53 years.

Born Sept. 29, 1927, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Russell and Nellie Bowser Andrew.

Mr. Andrew was a member of Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg.

He was superintendent at Hoke Furniture Co., Thurmont, where he worked for 34 years.

Mr. Andrew was a veteran of World War II, serving as both a medic and military policeman in the U.S. Army.

Surviving in addition to his wife are one son, Wayne Andrew of Emmitsburg; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; three brothers, Stanley Andrew and Earl Andrew, both of Emmitsburg, and Joseph Andrew of Hagerstown; one sister, Vera Eiker of Emmitsburg; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Andrew was preceded in death by one son, Richard Allen Andrew; and one brother, Charles Andrew.

Funeral services were held on April 5 at the funeral home, with Deacon Charles E. Barnhart officiating.

Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family c/o Wayne Andrew, 8620 Hampton Valley Road, Emmitsburg, Md.

Mr. Ronald Eyler

Mr. Ronald Eugene Eyler, 55, of Rocky Ridge, died Thursday, March 28, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

He was the husband of Alice I. Lescalleet Eyler. They were married 33, years.

Born July 3, 1946, in Rocky Ridge, he was a son of Norval and Rowmain Baker Eyler of Rocky Ridge.

Mr. Eyler was a member of Monocacy Congregation Church of the Brethren.

He was a 1964 graduate of Thurmont High School. He attended trade school at Landis Tool in Waynesboro, Pa. He was maintenance manager and, most recently, safety and environment manager, for Moore Business Communications Services, Thurmont, where he was employed for 32 years.

Mr. Eyler served in the U.S. Army Reserves, Unit 558, in Frederick He was an active member of Edwin C. Creeger, Post 168, American Legion in Thurmont for 23 years. He was commander from 1990 to 1991, finance officer of the Western Maryland District from 1993 until the time of his death, Frederick County commander 1997 to 1998, and executive committeeman of the Department of Maryland from 1999 until the time of his death. He was also a member of Voiture 155 of the 40/8 and a member of the Past Commanders Club of Maryland.

He was an avid golfer, starting the first golf league at Moore BCS. He also enjoyed working in his garden and doing yard work

Surviving in addition to his wife and parents are three daughters, Lisa Reed and husband Dale of Cascade, Lynn Ott and husband Brian of Emmitsburg, and Tracey Gormer and husband Joshua of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; four grandchildren, Adrian Ott, Kayla Reed, Megan Ott and Cory Reed; one brother, Ralph L. Eyler and wife Deborah; two adopted sisters, JoAnn Hurley and husband Paul, and Loretta Hargett, six nieces and nephews, Joshua Eyler, Tobey Eyler and wife Carreanne, Tony Eyler and wife Christine, Bobby Hargett, and Ashley and Heather Hurley, and four great nieces and great nephews, Samantha Eyler, Anthony Eyler, Cotey Eyler and Colton Eyler

Mr. Eyler will also be remembered by numerous co-workers.

Funeral services were held on April 1 at Monocacy Congregation Church of the Brethren, Rocky Ridge.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Those desiring to do so may send memorial contributions to either Monocacy Congregation Church of the Brethren, 13517 Motters Station Road, Rocky Ridge, MD 21788; or Edwin C. Creeger, Post 168 American Legion, 8 Park Lane, Thurmont, MD 21788. Attn: Scholarship Fund.

Mrs. Irene Wantz

Mrs.. Irene Agnes Miller "Dink"

Wantz, 70, of Old Frederick Road, Emmitsburg; died Tuesday, April 9, as a result of a motor vehicle accident in front of her home.

She was the wife of Robert Henry Wantz, her husband of 51 years.

Born July 5, 1931, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Herbert and Mary B. Topper Miller.

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

She was a retired cook at Seton Day Care Center, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to her husband are nine children, Robert L. Wantz and wife Theresa, Elinor Lee Young and husband Rick, Patricia Wivell and husband Randy, and Joy Krietz and husband Larry, all of Emmitsburg, Michael L. Wantz and wife Patty of Thurmont, Mary Mowery and husband Bill of Orrtanna, Pa., Joan Wantz and husband Bill, and Thomas Wantz and wife Kelly, all of Fairfield, Pa., and Lisa Dayberry and husband Martin of York Springs, Pa.; 20 grandchildren, Bobby and Kayne Wantz, Andrew and Kristin Young, Michael and Nicholas Wantz, Sarah and Justin Wivell, and Taylor Krietz, all of Emmitsburg, Keith, Daniel and Lisa Mowery, all of Orrtanna, Holly, Dianah, Angie Wantz, and Drew Wantz, all of Fairfield, and Becky, Tricia, Sam and Nate Dayberry, all of York Springs; nine brothers and sisters and their spouses; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Wantz was preceded in death by a grandson, Josh Wantz.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 13 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with Mrs. Wantz's pastor, the Rev. James O. Kiernan, as the celebrant.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Maryland Area Office, 3120 Timanus Lane, Suite 106, Baltimore, Md. 21244-2883.

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Remembering the Motter House

BY HAROLD CRAIG

The large brick house at 225-227 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, was built as a tavern sometime between 1794 and 1809. Later it became the residence of Joshua Motter and his descendants, who lived there for 158 years. The last of his descendants to occupy the house was the late well-known teacher, Mrs. Mary Higbee Hoke, who moved there in 1942. Joshua Motter's father was Lewis Motter of 103 West Main Street. Mrs. Hoke's great-grandfather, Joshua Motter, was prominent both as a businessman and as a layman in the German Reformed Church, now the United Church of Christ. Her paternal grandfather, Joshua Motter's son-in-law, was the Rev. Mr. Elnathan E. Higbee, a noted Reformed pastor, theologian, and educator, who was a Superintendent of Education for the State of Pennsylvania. Her father, the Rev. Mr. E. Lewis Higbee, was the much-beloved pastor of the Church of the Incarnation for many years.

According to Mrs. Hoke's notes,

the house was built by Solomon Kephart, who purchased two lots numbered originally 97 and 98, from William Emmitt in October 1794. Kephart was from York County, Pa. When Kephart died in 1908, the property was sold to Henry Fahnestock, who sold it in June 1809 to Abraham Hebling. Hebling sold it in August 1815 to John Obermyer, who sold it the same day to Peter Boyle. In November 1826 the tavern was tenanted by James Loughhead. In March 1832 Boyle sold the tavern to Joseph Danner, as well as four acres on which stood a large brick barn and sheds. When Danner died, his executors sold the tavern, store and four acres to Joshua Motter in November 1843. According to James Helman, Joseph Danner had built the store adjoining the tavern on the east in 1838. This store, formerly Joshua Motter's place of business, is now the house numbered 221 West Main..

In her notes on the house Mrs. Hoke commented that there are not many of our modern day houses that would be still standing, comfortable and desirable, after these many years.



The Motter House at 225 - 227 West Main Street

-photo by Raymond Buchheister

Remembering the Queen Mum

BY MARY ELIZABETH BUCKHAM
Zora Village

When I taught in England in 1975, as part of the marvelous Fulbright Exchange Teacher Program, we were all invited to tea at Buckingham Palace. A detailed list was given to each with various instructions, such as to wear a knee-length dress, as that was the length being worn by the royal family on that day. We were told to hold out our hand and bow or curtsy, but at no time were we to speak to the royal family unless addressed first.

The Queen Mother headed the

receiving line with two of the royal corgis, and the teachers from the various states quickly went along with no conversation whatsoever, until the Queen Mother saw my name tag which had my state on it, too. She grabbed my hand, as I nervously reversed the curtsy and hand holding out order, and she said, "Mary-land!! What a beautiful part of the world!" I was dumbfounded to find she was speaking to me. Though I'm usually quite talkative, all I could do was pull my hand away from her firm grasp and say, "Yes," as we both smiled.

The Queen Mum will be missed; she was a beautiful person.

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Babe Ruth, pictured on Echo Field May 7, 1921, with Monsignor Bernard J. Bradley, president of Mt. St. Mary's.

'BASEBALL AT THE MOUNT AND THE BABE ON ECHO FIELD' EXHIBIT SET

The Mount St. Mary's College office of archives and special collections is pleased to announce the opening of the "Baseball at the Mount and the Babe on Echo Field" exhibit. The exhibit traces the long and illustrious history of Mount baseball through photographs, schedules, and programs. The exhibit is running now through mid June in the Knott Auditorium.

Featured in the exhibit are photos of one particularly interesting game. On the morning of May 7, 1921, the students of Mount St. Mary's were treated to a batting display by arguably the greatest baseball player of all time, George Herman "Babe" Ruth. As the gregarious and good-humored star slammed ball after ball into the sky above Echo Field and obligingly posed for photographs, Mount students

scrambled for their cameras and recorded the historic moment for posterity.

Baseball has been a long and honored tradition at the Mount, first appearing on campus around 1855. By 1869, the Mount had formed its first intramural teams and it was an officially organized sport by the early 1880s. Early Mount baseball teams were genuine and well-respected powerhouses, and began a great tradition at the school. This exhibit pays tribute to many of its founding fathers and those who helped shape the program into the success it is today.

For additional information please contact the Mount's office of archives and special collections at 301-447-5397.

Search committee announced

Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary President George R. Houston, Jr. announced his retirement last month, effective June 2003.

The process of selecting the 24th president of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary provides an opportunity for the Mount community to join together to review the many accomplishments under President Houston's leadership and to set forth the challenges of the future, especially as the Mount prepares to celebrate its bicentennial in 2008.

John Walsh, chair of the Mount's Board of Trustees, has appointed a presidential search committee. The committee will be chaired by Tom O'Hara, C'64, and member of the Mount's Board of Trustees. Recognizing the complexity of the process, he appointed representatives from the Mount's primary constituency groups: trustees, faculty, students, alumni, administrators, and staff.

In addition, the committee engaged the expertise of R. H. Perry & Associates, nationally recognized search counsel to higher education institutions. Dr. Allen Koenig, senior consultant, is spending three days on campus meeting in small focus groups with representatives of all constituencies. After his visit, he will work with the search committee to develop an executive profile to be used in the selection process. The board of trustees will ultimately approve this executive profile.

"The search committee will spend the next four months conducting an internal review determining the goals of this search. A public search will then begin in late August," commented O'Hara. The successful candidate will be selected by mid-December 2002, and will assume the position July 1, 2003.

The 16 search committee members are John Butler, member of the Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees; Richard T. Christopher, vice chair of the Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees; Martha DeNardi, C'75; The Honorable Jennifer Dougherty, C'83; Rev. J. Thomas Finucan, Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees; Dr. Sue Goliber, Mount St. Mary's department of history; Dr. Judy Johnstone, Mount St. Mary's department of education; Mary Anne Kelly, Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees; Nick Meekins, student from the Class of 2003; Rev. J. Daniel Mindling, academic dean at Mount St. Mary's Seminary; Msgr. Godfrey T. Mosley, S'79 and Mount St. Mary's Board of trustees; Thomas G. O'Hara, C'64, Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees, and chair of presidential search committee; Dr. Steve Rockwood, director of Philips Library and administrator representative; Dr. Michael Towle, Mount St. Mary's department of political science; Eugene M. Waldron, Jr., C'64, and Mount St. Mary's Board of Trustees; and Jack Weller, staff representative.

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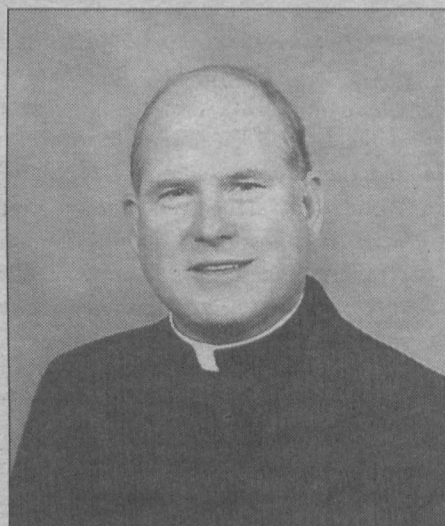
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Msgr. Ken Roeltgen, former rector of Mount Seminary, dies

Monsignor Kenneth W. Roeltgen, 54, pastor of St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church in Northwest Washington, D.C., since June 1997, died April 8, 2002, after an unexpected recurrence of cancer.

Msgr. Roeltgen is well known nationally, having served as rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., for nine years, from 1988-1997. Mount St. Mary's is the second oldest and one of the largest Catholic seminaries in the United States. Under Msgr. Roeltgen's direction, it prepared men from 40 dioceses throughout the nation for the priesthood.

Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Washington in 1979, his first assignment was as associate pastor of Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md., from 1979-1984. He then served as assistant director and then director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington until 1987.



MSGR. KEN ROELTGEN

In those positions, he assisted men discerning a vocation to the priesthood and oversaw the formation and evaluation of seminarians preparing to become priests.

(See Msgr. Roeltgen on p. 20)

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initiate actions, again with your help, to ensure the future of the Church in the Archdiocese of Baltimore through priests dedicated to God and God's people.

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"In brief, our efforts will be in the following three directions.

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"Second, we will encourage religious women and lay ecclesial ministry, in other words, the ministry of religious women and of dedicated and competent laypersons in the Church. This is already happening and we will take additional specific measures to enhance this.

"Third, we will continue to emphasize the calling that all of us have through baptism and confirmation. These sacraments call us all to participate in the mission that Jesus gave to the Church, in ways that are appropri-

MSM 2002 Commencement Exercises

Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary celebrates the end of the academic year Sunday, May 19, with its 194th Commencement Exercises in the Knott Arena. Approximately, 484 undergraduates and graduate degrees will be awarded during the commencement ceremony.

While the commencement ceremony on Sunday is the institution's key event, the entire weekend of May 17 - 19 will focus on the end-of-the-year celebrations. On Friday, President George Houston and the National Alumni Association will host the Class of 2002 Barbeque at the president's house. The Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday, May 18, will be at 5 p.m., also in the Arena. Rev. Ray Harris, the Mount's chaplain and director of campus ministry, will be the homilist.

The Mount's Commencement exercises will begin at 11 a.m., on Sunday, May 19, in the Knott Arena. Although precise numbers will not be known until the week before the ceremony, approximately 315 undergraduate degrees will be awarded: 112 B.A. and 237 B.S., as well as the following

graduate degrees: 28 M.Div. and 7 M.A. degrees to Mount seminarians, and 77 MBA and 23 M.Ed. degrees. MPAS, the Mount's accelerated undergraduate business degree program, will also graduate 24; and the weekend college will graduate ten.

Seminarians leave campus earlier and do not generally receive their degrees in person. Because most MBA and M.Ed. graduates are older than traditional students and have more potential time conflicts, many of their degrees are awarded in absentia.

Due to limited seating, attendance is by invitation only.

The seminary celebrates the end of the academic year with two Masses the previous weekend. On Friday, May 10, members of the second-year class will be installed into the Ministry of the Acolyte during a 7 p.m. Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on the Mount campus. At 10 a.m., on Saturday, May 11, some members of the third-year class will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate during Mass at Seton Shrine Basilica in Emmitsburg.

New Youth Minister for local parishes



MARY GOLOWSKI

Mary Golowski is the new Youth Minister for the combined youth group of three Frederick County Catholic parishes: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Thurmont; St. Anthony, Emmitsburg, and St. Joseph, Emmitsburg. The tri-

parish youths all come together as a single group, very appropriately calling themselves, "Three in One." The group is comprised of youths in grades 7 - 12.

Seeking to implement meaningful service projects through the parish youths, Ms. Golowski describes her goal for the youth group, "I would like it to be purposeful, fun and really a faith in action ministry."

A native of New Jersey, Nancy, her husband, Mark and daughters, Melissa, aged 7 and Peyton, aged 1 live in Taneytown. Ms. Golowski and her family are members of St. Joseph Parish, Emmitsburg. She holds a bachelor degree in English from Indiana University, Bloomington.

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The (Retired) Ecologist's Corner

A 40th anniversary... *Silent Spring* revisited

BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Writer

Every year, the beginning of May brings the memory of Rachel Carson to my mind, but this year is special... a 40th anniversary. It was in 1962 that her book, *Silent Spring*, was published. Maybe someone somewhere is planning a celebration; if they aren't, they should be. It may have been the most read and discussed book on biology since the *Origin of Species*, and because of it, ecology became a household word.

Before World War II, ecological problems like deforestation, the dust bowl, and the extinction of native wildlife were widely recognized, but both the policy makers and the general public saw them in the framework of conservation. Soil erosion was a practical economic problem, and hunters clamored about the loss or decline of game birds and animals; but these were things to be concerned with saving, not threats to one's personal life. Writers like Edwin Way Teale, John Burroughs and Aldo Leopold had wide followings, but are now remembered more for their prose styles than their influence on public opinion and policy.

After the war, ecologists were confronted with a new set of problems, which arose from the increased industrialization and urbanization of the

world. Air pollution from automobile exhaust and industrial fumes produced caustic smog, resulting in an increase of respiratory ailments and occasionally fatal thermal inversions over cities. Water pollution from the sewage of burgeoning cities, strip mining, and non-degradable detergents got worse every year. These were all obvious problems; people could feel their eyes and throats burning, and could see foam in their tap water. But an even more serious situation was developing in the water and soil, unknown to the public and ignored by policy-makers who were warned by scientists. It was the buildup of toxic pesticides, insecticides and weed killers; it was most visible to birdwatchers. And Rachel Carson was a birdwatcher.

Carson was a classic case of the right person at the right place and time. First of all, she was an excellent writer who was already well known to the non-scientific public. Her book, *The Sea Around Us*, reached the best-seller list and won the National Book Award in 1951; then it was made into an outstanding documentary movie that was a hit at the box office and also was shown widely in schools. Second, in addition to her gift for writing, she was a well-trained scientist; as a young woman, she earned a Master's degree in marine biology from Johns Hopkins University in the early 1930's. Economic difficulties during the Great Depression pre-

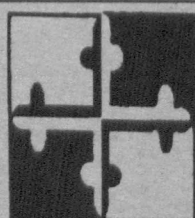
vented her from completing her Ph. D., but she went on to teach at the University of Maryland and do research at the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the country's premier marine lab, Woods Hole. Hence she had credibility when she wrote about environmental problems. And third, she was either shrewd enough or lucky enough to select a title that caught the public's imagination.

I recently got my copy of *Silent Spring* down from the shelf and re-read it. Looking back with the cynicism of one who has watched industrial lobbies and special interests manipulate uninformed or self-interested politicians for nearly seven decades, I am amazed that *Silent Spring* worked. Carson's prose is still compelling, but the book is full of detail, documented by sources ranging from technical scientific papers to congressional hearings, and demands one's full attention while reading; one would think the public would have dozed off before finishing it. It is passionate, sometimes emotional; one would have expected the scientific audience to be turned off. Carson was vilified by the agricultural and chemical industries and ignored by government agencies. Yet despite all odds, the book succeeded.

Part of its success was a matter of timing... as the '60's went on and the large population of baby-boomers reached college age, idealism came to outweigh economics in the public psyche... but there were practical reasons also. Signs of environmental crisis became more obvious when DDT was confirmed as the cause of the threatened extinction of visible symbols like

the American Eagle, and the effects of a modified weed-killer, Agent Orange, became known among Vietnam veterans. An aroused public celebrated the first Earth Day in April, 1970, and environmentalism suddenly became a respectable political position. A decade after the book was published, DDT was banned in the U. S., and the Environmental Protection Agency was established. Sad to say, Rachel Carson never saw her victory; she died of cancer two years after her masterwork was published.

Had she lived, she would be celebrating her 95th birthday on May 27, and it is tempting to wonder what she would think of the state of the global environment now. Eagles, pelicans and peregrine falcons have come back from the brink of extinction, and bluebirds, which had disappeared in the Emmitsburg area, now regularly appear on my daily records. But while DDT can't be used in the U.S. any more, it is still being manufactured and sold for use overseas, and the list of other toxic pesticides on the market grows daily. Each spring, fields around Frederick County show the scorched brown color produced by the weed-killers used in no-till corn crops. Spring is not silent yet, but it is getting quieter. Most of the bird species I saw in the 1950's still show up on my lists, but in fewer numbers each year as their migration routes and winter habitats are destroyed by sprawling human populations. If she were still here, I suspect Rachel Carson would regard the effect of her book as a stay of execution rather than a victory.



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Up-County visits sheep farm

BY CECILIA GREGORY
Up County Family Center
Service Coordinator

On a recent field trip, Up-County Family Center participants, parents and children, were privileged to enjoy the peaceful serenity of Windborne Farm. Known as the "sheep farm" by the children, it is owned and operated by the Ruppert family in Fairfield, Pa.

We were barely up the country lane when we were surrounded by a lush green pasture brimming with fluffy sheep. Dr. Geoff Ruppert greeted us and escorted us to the barn. We were introduced to newborn triplets and then

we all got to pet a two-month-old lamb. Next, we observed Dr. Geoff as he sheared a sheep and answered our questions—everything you ever wanted to know about sheep farming. What a fascinating sight—a woolly sheep going from fluffy to flat! Boy, did she seem cooler!

Lastly, Dr. Geoff took us on a hayride through fields so green it was like a magic carpet ride! We wound around past farm ponds brimming with turtles, frogs, and nesting geese honking a cacophony of greetings. We truly enjoyed our visit to the Rupperts' sheep farm and we look forward to returning in the fall!

St. Anthony Shrine/OLMC News

BY ANN MARSHALL
Dispatch Writer

Children Making Their First Communion may receive the Eucharist at any weekend Mass which is convenient for their families. A child may be the only first communicant at a certain Mass or a group may choose to receive the sacrament at the same time.

May God bless the children of our parishes who have received First Eucharist on April 6, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass: Renee Delauter, Samuel Delauter, Ryan Miller, Brandon Spoor, Tara Woelfel;

April 7, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass John McCulloch;

April 13, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass Amanda Gebhart;

April 14, at the 1:00 p.m. Mass Connor Carter;

April 21, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass Brian DeRoner, David Hickerson, Patrick McElwain, Emily Murphy, Daniel Myers, Alexandra Nigida, Brian Patrick Reaver, Jr., Rose Samples, Ashley Springer, Julia Steinly;

April 27, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass Michael Robinson; and

April 28, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass Rosemary Hawkins.

The First Communion Class of 2002 will celebrate together with special festivities on Sunday, June 2, at the 9:30 Mass. The ceremony will include a procession, Benediction and a communion breakfast in the Parish Hall.

Altar Flowers at St. Anthony Shrine for the April 6-7 weekend were donated by the family of Luella and Lewis Kreitz, for the April 20-21 weekend in honor of Daniel Myers' First Communion by Karen and Robert Myers and family, and for the April 26-27 weekend in loving memory of Roy E. Miller by his family.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is scheduled at alternate churches on Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30. At SAS on May 4 and May 18; at OLMC on May 11 and May 25.

The May Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Center at 7:00 p.m.

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. The next activity is a spaghetti dinner at OLMC Parish Center on May 19.

Meetings of the Mom's Group will be at the St Anthony Shrine Schoolhouse from 10:00 a.m. until Noon on May 6, 14, and 20. Are children welcome? Of course!

Rev. Leo Wetzel, O.M.I., a son of St. Anthony Shrine, will celebrate his 50th Anniversary to the priesthood on June 2, 2002. Congratulations go to: 486 Chandler Steet, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

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Big Yard Sale at St. Anthony Shrine on July 26 & 27. As you do your spring cleaning make a pile of donations for the sale. They may be delivered to the Parish Office.

Congratulations from St. Anthony Shrine and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes to Conor Brian Laraia, son of Brian and Alice Laraia, who was baptized in the Catholic Faith on Saturday, April 20, 2002, and to **Joseph Michael Claxton**, son of Michael and Julie Claxton, who was baptized on Sunday, April 21,

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The American Legion Hesson-Snyder Post 120, 9 Broad Street, Taneytown, is looking for boys from 9 years old to 12 years old, who would like to attend two weeks of summer camp at Camp West Mar, Sabillasville, in the Catoctin Mountains, from July 21st to August 2nd. For more information, call Godfrey Miller 410-751-1685.

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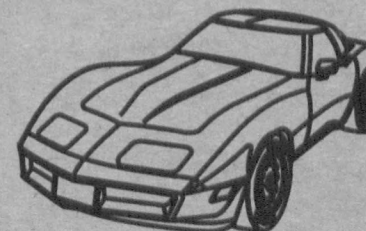
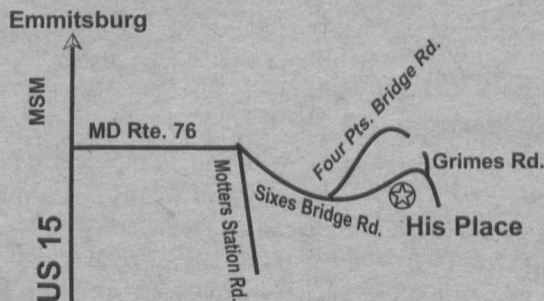


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The Hunter's Edge

Tactics for Spring Gobblers

BY GENE BAKNER
Special to the Dispatch

Taking a long-beard is an exciting experience and a great excuse to get into the woods between deer seasons. I had a lot of help from some very talented turkey hunters along the way, and the things they taught me I'm passing along to you. Their tips should also make you a better turkey hunter.

Simple yelps are all that's required to take the overwhelming majority of toms. String a half-dozen together and repeat the series every few minutes. Box calls are by far the easiest for new turkey hunters to master. With one of these you'll sound like a boss hen in no time. With practice a mouth diaphragm call can be mastered in a couple of weeks. It offers the ultimate in hands-free flexibility when the birds are close. Because the setup is so critical to successful turkey hunting, turkey hunters find themselves moving less than inexperienced ones. Since it is much more difficult to intercept a gobbler moving with a group of hens, you'll often have to call in a whole flock in order to get at the gobbler.

How to call hens: Calling hens requires a different touch than calling gobblers. Some lead hens like soft passive calling (such as purrs and clucks) while others like excited cutting. The only way to find out what the leader of the pack wants is to experiment. Assuming the flock is feeding or loafing within earshot, listen to what the hens answer to most readily. Feed them a continuous line of what they want and they'll soon come to check you out, bringing the gobbler in tow.

Set-up success: Success often depends upon your ability to predict where a tom will travel and then to choose a location where the approaching bird can be blind-sided. Scout out the natural travel routes toms use to get from their roosting area to their strutting and feeding area (you'll need to do some scouting to find a tom's preferred strut zone). This kind of scouting is very similar to the type you'd conduct when trying to setup to tag a whitetail on a feeding pattern. Often these routes will be as obvious as field lanes and old logging roads, but can be as subtle as an open ridge top or even a fence line. It may take a couple of days of hunting to figure this out.

Follow along at a safe distance as the turkeys take you through their daily pattern a time or two. Ideally, the tom will walk past your position, and not stop short looking for you. You stand a

good chance of pulling him past for an easy shot if you put a decoy about 25 yards beyond your ambush, farther along the gobbler's expected trail. Call sparingly, and as he starts to head in your direction, stop calling altogether. You want him to focus on the decoy once he gets close -not the calling. If everything works according to plan, the gobbler should strut right past your hideout, heading in for a closer look at your fake hen. This way you'll know exactly where to set up.

Certain elements of the topography dramatically affect turkey movement and you need to take advantage of these. They hate to cross a ditch or creek, and woven wire fences seem to be particularly bothersome. Toms like to show off to hens and will strut and gobble on high ground, generally in the open. While not as possessive as some species, boss toms do have a territory where they spend most of their time. Within this territory there are roost sites, watering holes, feeding areas, dusting and resting areas and strut zones. It is in these strut zones that most of the displaying and mating occurs. Strut zones are always fairly level, open spaces. The gobblers are using these sites to display their "charms," so naturally they want to be seen over a long distance. This means open creek bottoms, pastures, ridge tops and hay fields near timber are the best strut zones. Strutting also takes place on open ridge tops within timber.

Decoys for turkey: A gobbler's reaction to a decoy seems to depend on the bird and the amount of hunting pressure he's experienced. I've seen toms come strutting right in and try to mount a decoy, and I've also seen distant toms come in at a dead run when a little motion was added to the decoy. But, then there have been those troublesome toms that spotted the decoy and hung-up out of range, trying to gobble the "hen" over to them.

In general, the consensus seems to be that decoys won't hurt your hunting and over the long run they can help put a few more toms in the freezer - which makes carrying them worth the effort. A Jake and two hens is a typical spread. Presumably the tom will come to chase off the Jake and take over the hens.

Now that turkey season is upon us, take the time to utilize these tips and tactics; you should fare well in the turkey woods. I have, and you can too. Good luck, and happy hunting.



Gene Bakner (left) with a 19 lb. 9 1/4" bearded gobbler and Gene's hunting partner Barry Jordan (right) with a 20 lb 10" bearded gobbler.

-photo courtesy Gene Bakner

Gene writes to us from Waynesboro, Pa., where he was born and raised. His father, Gene Sr., taught him to hunt ever since he could walk. Gene has since learned from pro hunter Ron Johnson of Cascade, Md., former call maker for Mt. Hollow Game Calls. He has also picked up some techniques from interacting with pro staffer Michael Waddel from Realtree Outdoors, Dave Watson from Bushnell's "Secrets of the Hunt," and Bob Foulkrod with Bass Pro. Gene enjoys art, taxidermy, and is an avid hunter and fisherman.

BY EMMA KEENEY
Dispatch Writer

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

May anniversaries: Congratulations to Ronald and Diane Hahn, David and Michelle Dinerman, Bill and Regina Dinterman, and Charles and Emma Keeney.

The annual Mount Tabor churches' family night will be held on Wed., May 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rocky Ridge Fireman's Activity Hall. There will be a \$2.00 charge for adults; children under 12 are free. Bring a covered dish; fried chicken will be provided. See committee members Kathy Six, Rosie Stambaugh, Betty L. Mumma, Burneda Russell, and Pauline Duble. Children of all ages: let the committee know if you would like to tell a story about your favorite animal or pet. Prizes will be awarded.

The 30th Holt-Moser reunion will be held at Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge on Sunday, May 19. There will be cake walks, a cake auction, games for kids, kids' raffle, adult raffle. Remember to bring your plates, cups, silverware, napkins, and drinks. The reunion will be held rain or shine. If you have any questions, call Tom Strawsburg at 717-334-6452.

Church of the Brethren News

BY PATSY FREE

Happy birthday to Nancy Anders-5/9, Pauline Duble-5/13, Lori Ann Eichelberger-5/1, Alice Eycler-5/3, Erin Hobbs-5/24, Genevieve Portner-5/29.

Happy anniversary to Orville and Daisy Smith-5/24, and Forrest and Jean Knipple-5/30.

Deepest sympathy to family and friends of Ronnie Eycler, who died March 28. He will be missed by everyone.

Rocky Ridge Fire Company News

BY LINDA NORTHRUP

Basket Bingo—May 5. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and games begin at 1 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$10.00; tickets at the door \$15.00. This price includes 20 games and door prizes. Also available at the door will be 2 special games to include the 2002 shamrock Basket and 2002 Large Easter Basket and 2 raffles to include the Large Oval Waste Basket and Small Work Day Basket. For tickets, call Bonny at 301-271-3370.

Sportsman's night—May 18. For information call Alan at 301-271-3370.

Open House—May 19 at Rocky Ridge Engine House for the dedication of the trophy cases and EMS Open House. The Open House will be from 1-4 p.m., with the dedication beginning at 1:30, an extrication demonstration at 2 p.m., and door prizes announced at 3 p.m. You must be present to win.

Lyme disease becoming serious problem for dogs

By DR. GARY KUBALA, D.V.M.
Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital

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Canine Lyme disease has become a serious problem of dogs and people in the Mid-Atlantic region. This disease is caused by small, spiral-shaped bacteria called *Borrelia burgdorferi* which are carried by deer ticks. Symptoms of the disease include fever, joint swelling, lethargy (lack of energy), and joint swelling in the early or acute stage of the disease. If left untreated, some dogs will go on to have chronic arthritis, intermittent or permanent lameness, kidney failure or even heart problems. As in people, it has been established that the dog's own immune system is intimately involved in the symptoms of the disease and may even make the dog's symptoms worse.

In order for a dog to become infected with Lyme disease bacteria, it must be bitten by an infected deer tick. These ticks are much smaller than the common dog tick and some of the infective stages of this tick will most often go unnoticed. Once a dog is bitten by a tick, it takes approximately 24 to 36 hours for the deer tick to transmit Lyme disease bacteria. It is therefore important to thoroughly examine pets daily and properly remove any visible ticks. Tick control can also be accomplished by using Frontline, a monthly topical flea and tick treatment, or a Preventic collar. Both of these products will aid in preventing ticks from firmly embedding into your dog's skin and transmitting Lyme disease bacteria.

Lyme disease prevention can also

be accomplished with vaccination. Though multiple problems surfaced with the human vaccine, a safe and effective vaccine has been available for over 10 years for dogs. Though no vaccine is 100% effective, combination strategies of vaccination and tick avoidance strategies will most likely keep your dog free of this troublesome disease.

A newly released test is now also aiding the veterinary community in coming to grips with this disease. Annual heartworm testing has long been a staple of good preventative care with your dog. Recently, a combination test for Heartworm, Lyme disease and Ehrlichiosis (another tick borne disease) makes tackling the problem of diagnosing Lyme disease somewhat easier. At Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital close to 6% of the dogs tested have been positive, making Lyme disease one of the biggest animal health threats seen in our area. Fortunately, prompt treatment with appropriate antibiotics, will help to keep dogs from developing the more stubborn chronic form of Lyme disease.

A frequent question at our hospital concerns the transmission of Lyme disease from pets to people. This is not likely to happen, though a stray infected tick brought in by a pet would be potentially infective to people.

So, as spring is on us, tick season will not be far behind. Lyme disease is a preventable disease by using vaccination and tick control products. Call us for an appointment to have your pet tested and vaccinated for this potentially problematic disease.

(For more pet health information visit us at www.emmitsburg.net)

Plans for 46th Annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show

A meeting was recently held at the Thurmont Grange Hall to plan the 46th annual Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show. The show dates will be September 6, 7 and 8, 2002, at Catocin High School.

Officers elected were President, Rodman Myers; Vice President, Robert Valentine; Secretary, Robert Beavan; Assistant Secretary, Jane Savage; Treasurer, Jean Myers; Historians, Patty Johnston and Sue Sanders.

On Friday evening, September 6th, the Community Show will honor the 50th anniversary of the Emmitsburg Community Show and the 100th

anniversary of 4-H. All past 4-H agents and area 4-H clubs will be recognized. Denise Valentine will chair the 4-H event. The area community flag ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the cake sale starting at 8:30 p.m.

The cost of advertisements for the community show booklet will remain the same as last year and the deadline is May 1, 2002.

Premiums will remain the same as last year. There will be additional classes added in the Baked Products category to include sugar-free cakes, sugar-free pies, sugar-free candy, sugar-free bread and sugar-free cookies. There will also be some minor changes to other departments.

Thurmont Cub Scouts shine in Volunteer Frederick's Big Sweep



Sponsored by American Legion Post #168 of Thurmont, Cub Scout Pack 270 members participate in the "Big Sweep."

—photo courtesy of Michelle Hill

On the 23rd of March, Cub Scout Pack 270 of Thurmont participated in the Big Sweep. Sponsored by Volunteer Frederick, the Big Sweep is a service event that raises money for all participating area nonprofit organizations. The many participating organizations collected pledges to go out and pick up trash in areas around Frederick County.

Pack 270 placed third in the competition to raise the most money. We would like to thank all those that gave to this fund raiser for the Cub Scouts. Zachery Johnson raised the most money in the pack, receiving a certificate from the Big Sweep committee. He was congratulated by Congressman Roscoe Bartlett and Frederick Mayor Jennifer Dougherty.

Seventeen cub scouts and their parents participated in the event. Pack 270 was assigned to clean up Fishing Creek Road in the Frederick watershed area. Led by committee chairman Denise Thompson, the cub scouts spent four hours working hard alongside the road and in the woods, picking up everything from old bottles, toys, used tires, old clothes, and a couch. There were also many roofing shingles, car parts and pieces of wood with nails in them. All these things are a danger to our wild life, as well as to us if we were to go for a walk out there. The pack would like to thank all of the cub scouts and parents who gave their time, and again to those who gave money. We thank you all very much.

In the end, our society will be defined not only by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy.

— John C. Sawhill
The Nature Conservancy

Alumni Beef, Sheep and Swine sale will be held on Saturday evening, September 7th at 7:00 p.m.

The Thurmont Grange Turkey and Ham Buffet will be held on Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the Catocin FFA Alumni Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on Sunday, September 8th, beginning at noon.

Dave Harman will again be hosting the barnyard olympics on Sunday afternoon in front of the school and have other educational events and exhibits for children.

The Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, Catocin FFA and Catocin FFA Alumni and the

On display this year in the old gymnasium will be the old pictures of Thurmont by John Kinnaird and Dennis Smith and the button and emblem display by Helen Mackley. These displays were at the show last year and were a huge success as part of Thurmont's 25th anniversary celebration.

The "Silver Wings" Air Force band may return on Saturday night for a performance and the Glade Valley Travelers (bluegrass music) will perform two shows on Sunday afternoon.

The annual Pet Show will be held on Saturday, September 7th at 10:30 a.m. in front of the school.

The 28th annual Catocin FFA

Fitness

Exercise: The Stress Buster!

BY LINDA STULTZ
Certified Fitness Trainer

Many articles have been written about how to deal with stress. Unfortunately, we don't take them seriously. Today's world is made up of two types of people. The first type is extremely busy with work, family and other daily activities. This group wants everything fixed immediately. When they gain some weight, get a headache, or develop some other physical or health problem, they want a pill to instantly fix it. Pop a pill for weight loss: but it doesn't work and we get upset and eat more. Pop a pill for the stress: but it doesn't work so we give up and eat more. Pop a pill for energy: but it doesn't work so we sit and watch TV. All the time we are taking the pills, we are seeing on TV that Americans are getting fatter and need to lose weight. TV gives us examples of how to lose weight and get healthier, but that's too much like work.

This brings us to the second type of people. The second group of people in the world are the doers. They are just as busy with work, family, and daily activities but they realize that by adding just one other very important duty to their day they can enjoy the other duties even more. This group of people have made the time to exercise.

Msgr. Roeltgen from page 13

Msgr. Roeltgen also served as an advocate on the Archdiocesan marriage tribunal, was an elected member of the Archdiocesan Council of Priests from 1982-1985, the director of continuing education for clergy and a member of the Priests' Personnel Board for many years. Recently named pastor of Annunciation Parish in Northwest Washington, he was to have started in that post last week.

He was born on December 22, 1947, in Irvington, N.J., where he attended St. Leo School and Archbishop Walsh High School. He received a B.A. in history from The Catholic University of America in 1971; a master of education from Massachusetts State College in Worcester, Mass., in 1975; a master's

Their exercise routine is just as much a part of their day as brushing their teeth and going to work. I'm not saying finding the time may have even started out as another stress in their day. Fortunately for them, they quickly realized the benefit of exercise. They saw how much better they felt and how much more energy and less stress they had.

Again, I'm not saying starting and keeping a good habit is easy. The bad habits develop before we know it and are very easy to keep up. Surveys show that to develop a good habit takes about six months (for some of us even longer). Once we incorporate exercise into our daily lives, all the other duties of the day seem to go better. The people in this group reduce stress and sometimes even medications, shots and doctor visits—just by taking the natural way to better health. More energy comes naturally as an added benefit along with more family time and more satisfying relationships. I'm not saying exercise is the "cure all" but it surely won't hurt and most definitely will help. Ask your doctor what type of exercise would be right for you to start with. You'll know when you are ready to move up.

Any questions, please call me at 717-334-6009. Keep Moving!

degree in psychology and counseling from Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., in 1975; and degrees in theology from the University of St. Thomas in Rome, Italy, in 1978 and 1979. He was a member of the Xaverian Brothers from 1965-1976 and taught at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, Mass., from 1971-1976.

He is survived by his mother, Madeline Roeltgen of Morganton, N.C., and by two siblings, David J. Roeltgen and Karen Yuschak.

A vigil was held April 11, at St. Stephen Martyr, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. The funeral was on April 12 at the Church of the Little Flower, Bethesda, Md. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Building Healthy Families and Communities

Volunteer Opportunities in Emmitsburg

BY NANCY MILLER, MSW
Intern at CASS

Have you ever thought about doing some volunteer work, only to doubt whether you could find a place near home that could use you? And what if you can't commit to very many hours a week? Have no fear. You are greatly needed, and many agencies would appreciate even a one-hour commitment a week.

How do you find a good fit for you? Start where your interests lie; for example, children, teenagers, the elderly, animals, community issues, etc. Then check out the internet and make a few calls. Even in the Emmitsburg - Thurmont area there are plenty of people who could use your help.

If you enjoy working with children, or if you want to share your clerical skills, the public schools are waiting to hear from you. At the elementary level, you can read to the children, help a child who is having trouble in one of her/his subjects, or help a teacher set up a bulletin board. If you have an interesting occupation, or if you are a senior citizen, you may share your experiences with a group of children. And the office always needs help with paper work. Thurmont Middle is looking for hall monitors and help in the office. In the fall, Catoctin High School holds a fund-raiser in conjunction with Colorfest, and can always use more help. Also, you could be a chaperone for fieldtrips, and enjoy some place new in the process. To volunteer, call the school directly, and ask for the volunteer coordinator.

Friends of the Library help with fundraisers and as community resources for the Emmitsburg branch of the Frederick County Library. They meet once a month. Call 717-642-1253, if you are interested.

CASS (Community Agency School Services) is looking for someone to

help with light office duties. Even just one hour a week would help. Call Bill Derbyshire at 301-447-3611.

These are just a sample of volunteer opportunities in the area. To find an extensive list, log onto HYPERLINK "<http://www.volunteerfrederick.org>." Go to "Volunteer Opportunities," and check out the agencies under "Volunteer Opportunities by Agency." (If you don't have access to a computer at home, the library has several with internet access, and librarians who will be glad to instruct you on using the computers.) You will find Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo, Catoctin Mountain Park, Bridge to New Life Mission, Inc. in Thurmont, Emmitsburg Child Care Center, Up-County Family Center, and the Food Bank-Thurmont, to name just a few.

Catoctin Park is looking for campground ride volunteers who walk with handicapped visitors, campground hosts, and youth volunteers. Catoctin Zoo is looking for volunteers for birthday parties, zoo family sleepovers, the catfish derby, and membership assistants.

Bridge to New Life needs donations of educational software and musical instruments, volunteer counselors, drivers and store volunteers. Emmitsburg Child Care Center can use child care volunteers, and Up-County Family Center is looking for a van driver, and tutors. Food Bank-Thurmont can use volunteers from age 12 and up.

The opportunities are endless, and volunteering is an easy way to help out the folks in your community, and have some fun at the same time. Why volunteer? A quote on the Volunteer Frederick website puts it simply, "I receive more than I give when I volunteer."

Watch for our article next month, featuring students who are graduating from Emmitsburg Elementary School.



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Quilters

Quilts during times of war

BY MARY ELLEN CUMMINGS
Dispatch Writer

Making quilts for gifts has been a practice for a very long time. Many "museum" quilts fall into this category—especially those given as wedding gifts. These quilts conveyed the sentimental and loving generosity of the quilt maker. Therefore, such quilts were used only for special moments, or were packed away because they were too precious to use and risk ruin. These quilts were usually made by family members.

At the beginning of hostilities between the North and South, President Abraham Lincoln issued a call for mobilization of 75,000 militia. A group of women in Cleveland, Ohio, asked how the "charity of women" could serve their country. Since two militia companies had left the Cleveland area, the women took up a collection of various items, including quilts, for the men's families. Some were in desperate need since the wage earner was gone.

The women learned that 1000 new volunteers were marching into camp, expecting to be fully equipped there. However, there were no supplies for them. Because they had no blankets, the men would be forced to sleep on the cold ground without covers. The ladies of Cleveland went door to door collecting bedding for the troops. "By night-fall 729 blankets and quilts were carried into camp." (Virginia Gunn in

Making Quilts in America- Beyond the Myths.) By June 1861, these ladies were organized as the "The Ladies Aid Society of Cleveland."

Aid societies were organized in cities throughout the northern states. During 1863, donations of 5,459 quilts had been made to the Hartford, Connecticut, society. Grant's army at Vicksburg received 2,429 "comforts" in a four-month period. Records of some to the societies were lost, misplaced or not reported. It is recorded that Chicago donations totaled 15,131 quilts, Cincinnati, Ohio, reported 13,892 and Cleveland 13,473. A conservative estimate of the number of quilts made and donated during the Civil War would be 250,000.

World War II was also a period of quilt (coverlet) making for the benefit of civilians and troops in the European Theater of Operations. Joyce B. Peadan, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, reported on the ward to which she belonged, saying that each ward made and donated quilts on a regular basis. The donation with which she was familiar totaled 5,044 quilts in 1945 for post-war rehabilitation in Europe.

Today, we are fighting several "wars"—against terrorism, drug addiction, unwanted pregnancies, care of drug-addicted and AIDS babies. Again, America's women are using quilts as part of their contributions. It is hoped that records are being kept so that



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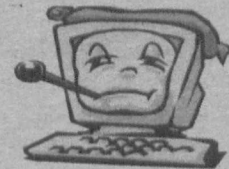
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From the Desk of Dr. Bonita J. Portier

We always knew french fries and potato chips would be our undoing. But now there may be reason to fear these products in a new way. This morning in my April 25th issue of the Washington Post was an article by Marc Kaufman which should send out alarms across the United States. On April 24, 2002, the Swedish government released a statement saying that these foods and crackers are a possible source of many cancers. Who of us has not indulged and reveled in these very products. We have taken our children to the fast food places and rewarded them for their shots at the doctors offices, for being good, or for our just being too tired to cook. I have seen french fries be the very first solid finger food of babies. Now we must think hard— what are we doing, what have we done.

Why are we worried? The very act of baking (yes, baking!) or frying starches (Oh, the donuts!) causes a chemical reaction that forms a plastic product called acrylamide. In high doses this product is a carcinogen. It seems that boiled and raw foods are

free of this acrylamide. Starches are the susceptible products to do the transformation. We have no word as yet on proteins and baking or frying. So it is back to the crock pots for our potatoes, boiling and not baking our pastas, steaming our vegetables. In the text by Dr. Myles H. Bader, 10,001 FOOD FACTS, CHEF SECRETS & HOUSEHOLD HINTS, Chapter 2, is a blurb about the fact that raw bread has 35% more protein than toast. The process of toasting caramelizes the bread transforming the sugars and proteins into fiber. Toasting is a kind of quick baking. Maybe acrylamides are formed here as well.

We have some hard thinking to do. It may be time to let go of french fries and potato chips and perhaps some of our crackers as mainstays of our diet. It could be our very good excuse to go back to family meals, home cooking. I wonder if that crock pot could be put to good use. Maybe the timing of this finding is just what we need to get back to family bonding. Men and women, boys and girls, lets discover the joy of cooking!

Catoctin High FFA Chapter Update

Project PAL's continues at Emmitsburg Elementary. FFA members are visiting with the school about every two weeks.

National FFA Week was celebrated from February 16-23. Many activities were enjoyed including attending church at Graceham Moravian Church, having breakfast at Mt. Gate, and going to All Stars in Gettysburg. Among other activities were the teacher's social and official dress day, and the FFA Greenhand and Chapter FFA Degree Program.

We had two displays at the Fredericktown mall during Ag Week. One featured FFA activities and the other agriculture science. On Tuesday night, Julie Roop, Sarah Phelps and Mr. Beavan demonstrated how to make ribbon roses and gave away about fifty corsages.

March 5th was the Prepared Public Speaking CDE. Two students from Catoctin participated. Julie Roop placed first in the Junior Prepared Public Speaking while Sarah Phelps placed fourth. Both of these members are eligible to participate at the state level in early May.

The butchering took place on March 8th. Fourteen hogs were processed with about forty adults and students participating. The top sellers were Jamie Carbaugh, first; Jessica Valentine, second; Crystal Forrest, third; Brad Lambert, fourth; and Steve Little, fifth. A Great Big Thank You to all who helped.

Bedding Plant sale dates are May 4th and 11th.

The FFA banquet is set for May 16th at 7:00 p.m.

THURMONT SENIOR CENTER: SUMMARY OF 2002 TRIPS

May 5, 2002 (Sun.) Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, Baltimore: *Bravo Broadway* - \$55

May 19-23, 2002 (Sun.- Thurs.) Cape May, NJ / Atlantic City / Philadelphia - \$399/dbl

June 19, 2002 (Wed.) Totem Pole Playhouse: *Breaking Legs* (a comedy) - \$48 includes lunch at the historic Dobbin House in Gettysburg.

July 10, 2002 (Wed.) Toby's Dinner Theatre: *The Jazz Singer* - \$50

August 21, 2002 (Wed.) Chesapeake Music Hall Dinner Theatre, Annapolis: *Copacabana* - \$47

September 4, 2002 (Wed.) B&O Railroad Museum, Homewood House, Evergreen House, Baltimore: tour and lunch - \$49

September 19-21, 2002 (Thurs.- Sat.) Lexington, VA - Two-night stay at Natural Bridge, Symphonic Light Show, tours of historic homes, VMS parade, D-Day Memorial, Thomas

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October 3, 2002 (Thurs.) Mystery Trip - A full day of fun - all inclusive! - \$62

October 21-23, 2002 (Mon.- Wed.) "Diamonds on the Delaware," 3 historic waterfront towns; cruise to Fort Delaware State Park; Dover Downs races with lunch buffet - \$291/dbl

November 14, 2002 (Thurs.) Capital Dinner Theatre, Harrisburg: *Jingle Bell Rock* - \$54

December 11, 2002 (Wed.) Capitol Theatre, Chambersburg, Pa.: *A Christmas Carol* - \$51 includes family-style meal at the Main Street Restaurant in Chambersburg.

Call 301-271-7911 for more information or pick up detailed flyers at the Center at 806 East Main St., Thurmont.

Thurmont High School Alumni Dinner Scheduled

The Thurmont High School Alumni Association will be holding a dinner on Saturday, June 1, 2002 at the Thurmont American Legion Post # 168. The event is open to anyone who attended Thurmont High School whether or not they graduated. The invitations were mailed out the last week in March. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, please contact the Secretary of the Association, Victoria Mathias, at 301.695.8800 ext. 229 or send your address to Victoria Mathias at 7929 Black Road, Thurmont MD 21788.

The social hour for the event will

begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a ham and turkey dinner at 7:00 p.m. The classes to be recognized for the evening will be those ending in 7 or 2. The chorus will be performing again this year by popular demand.

The price for the dinner is \$12.50 per person. **Tickets will NOT be available for sale at the door.** Paid reservations must be returned by Friday, May 17 1h 2002. For more information, contact T.H.S. Alumni Association President Ann Miller at 301.898.9033, Treasurer Bill Eyler at 301.663.1134 or Secretary Victoria Mathias at the number given above.



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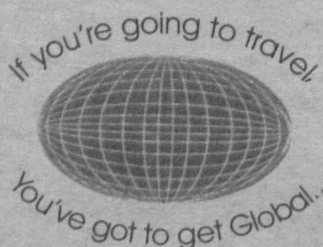
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Emmitsburg Elementary PTA



The Emmitsburg Elementary PTA recently presented the students and staff at the school a beautiful welcome mat for the school entrance. PTA members unveiled and presented the gift at the annual Spring Fling event on April 12, 2002. The mat is in school colors with the Emmitsburg Eagle mascot displayed in the middle. The PTA welcomes any interested persons to please stop by and see this beautiful project! Thank you students, staff, parents, and community for another successful year!

Mother Seton School News

By VAL MENTZER
Dispatch Writer

Seldom in the newspaper industry do you meet positive thinkers -journalists who report about the uplifting news of their community, and reflect the good qualities that best define that community. We have been fortunate to have two such positive thinkers writing about the community of Emmitsburg.

This month for the *Dispatch*, I would like to dedicate the Mother Seton School column as a tribute to Bo and Jean Cadle. Since this May edition is their last as editors, I would like to say "Thank you" from our students and their families, our faculty and staff, - and from me.

When I began writing articles the Mother Seton School column for the *Dispatch*, Bo and Jean were so excited about publishing the works of and about the students. They wanted the design for the school pages, both for

Mother Seton and Emmitsburg Elementary, to be a vehicle for reflecting the positive qualities of children. Many times they attended school functions and were always very generous when I needed a little more space on our column, or needed to extend a deadline to include some interesting school news!

I will truly miss their warm and generous spirit. I always looked forward to dropping off our column for the month at their home office. Many times we shared vacation and family stories, and Bo opened my eyes to the wonderful world of baking casseroles, in clay cookware. We have all been very blessed to have two such professional and caring people cover the news in the community of Emmitsburg. Thank you, Bo and Jean, for your many years of service to this community of Emmitsburg, and for being such a dear friend to the community at Mother Seton School!

Catoctin High Seniors Present Senior Projects

The senior class of Catoctin High School is pleased to announce its sixth bi-annual Senior Project Presentation Open House on Tuesday, May 21, from 7-9 p.m. Catoctin is one of two area high schools piloting this exciting new program. The seniors have been working all semester on projects of their choice and will be ready to show them off on Presentation Night.

Last semester some chose to do research on a possible future career such as culinary arts, photography, education, landscaping, cosmetology, business, nursing, and automotive repair.

Others chose to pursue a long-neglected hobby such as writing poetry or music, rappelling, quilt making, and cartoon animation. Still other students chose community service projects such as nursing home or preschool year-books, a history of Thurmont, and an American Red Cross blood drive. This semester's projects promise to be equally varied and interesting.

The students, faculty, and staff of CHS would love to have community members join us Tuesday, May 21, to see some of the positive things our young people have done.

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American Legion Auxiliary News

Reports on March and April meetings BY LOIS HARTDAGEN Auxiliary President

With President Lois Hartdagen presiding, the usual business was conducted, with reports from the secretary and the treasurer, and hours of service taken by the secretary.

Chaplain Patty Troxell reported she had sent sympathy cards and Mass Cards to Joan Tracey and Dolores Rodgers on the death of their father, Curtis Topper. She had also sent a planter to the family of Lillian Sites who had recently passed away.

She and Pres. Lois visited the funeral home in Fairfield. Easter cards were sent to 8 members and a bud vase to Penny Adams. Four new members were voted into the Auxiliary, namely Kathryn Hamm, Patricia VanBrakle Penn, Brandi Sharer and Kathy Smith. A thank-you note from the Topper Family was read. Covered dish refreshments were served at the March Meeting.

The visits to the VA Center at Martinsburg on February 18 and March 18 were discussed and everyone agreed that a good time was had by all the guests at the hospital. Three Auxiliary members went in February and one in March. The money collected for shaves and haircuts for the patients at the center was \$41.25 and the Auxiliary increased the amount to \$200.00.

A District meeting was held in Hancock in March, attended by Melva Hardman and Lois.

It was noted that the secretary purchased a new briefcase.

A big thank you to all who dyed eggs for the Easter weekend to serve at the bar area.

The S.A.L. presented the auxiliary with a very generous check as a thank you for supplying desserts and for help at their Annual Daytona feed In February.

The President announced that the Annual Stanley/Fuller Brush Party would be held on April 24th.

Red, white and blue stars will again be sold at the Post Home for Memorial Day.

Auxiliary members along with Post Members attended a flag raising at St. Catherine's recently.

Nominations of officers for 2002-2003 were held in April. Those nominated were: Pres.- Lois Hartdagen, 1st VP-Judy Kemper, 2ndVP- Jeanne Cool, Sect- Penny Adams, Treas.- Anna Adams, Chaplain- Patty Troxell, Historian-Peggy Ott and Mary Lantz, Sgt. at Arms, Betty Goulden. Elections will be held at the May meeting.

Dorothy Gebhart's name was called in March for \$35.00 but she was not present, and

Margaret Smith's name was called in April for \$36.00, but she was not present, either.

VFW Auxiliary News

BY DOLORES HENKE Auxiliary Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary to Emmitsburg V.F.W. Memorial Post 6658 was held at the Post Home on April 4, 2002 at 7:30 p.m., with President Mary Topper presiding.

Following the reading of the minutes, correspondence and the treasurer's report, a discussion was held on the bingo scheduled for April 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Company building. Members were requested to donate finger foods for the bingo and to provide prizes for the baskets.

Volunteers were also needed to work at the food table and to call out the numbers of those winning a game. The bingos held twice a year help to provide financial assistance to the various projects which the auxiliary undertakes for the veterans and others to be remembered at Christmas, Easter, etc. Chaplain Gloria Bauerline sent an Easter card to the Gold Star Mother, Betty Krom, and advised that an Easter Dinner was given to a veteran and his family.

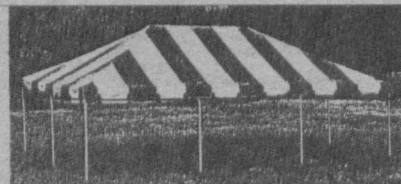
A report was given on the visit to St. Catherine's Nursing Home for Easter remembrances. The following members helped with distributing a gift

to the 68 women, and planters to the four veterans at St.Catherine's: Mary Topper, Rita Byard, Maria Topper, Beth Miller and Post member, Donald Byard.

A discussion was held on the upcoming Department Convention to be held in Ocean City in June and it was decided to provide gas money for the trip to the members attending this conference. The names of the delegates and alternates from the Auxiliary will be sent to the Department Secretary by the Secretary, Dolores Henke. Members Lois Hartdagen and Gloria Bauerline will represent our Auxiliary at the Convention.

Nominations and elections for the upcoming year were held with the following results: Mary R. Topper, President; Lois Hartdagen: Sr. Vice Pres.; Dixie Vivaldi, Jr. Vice Pres.; Treasurer, Rita Byard; Chaplain, Gloria Bauerline; Guard, Mary Bowne; Trustee (3 years) Joan Tracey. Appointed positions were Dolores Henke, Secretary; Patriotic Instructor, Lois Hartdagen. Bea Umbel and Rita Byard will prepare dinner for the men of the Post at their meeting on May 15. Mary Topper won the monthly draw prize. Installation of officers for next year will be held on May 2 at 7:30 p.m.

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Looking Ahead

Saturday, May 4

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

Saturday, May 4

Chicken Bar-B-Q sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club from 11am-7 at the Emmitsburg Community Center, South Seton Avenue. All proceeds to benefit Lions Club activities and programs.

Saturday, May 4

30+ Family Annual Yard Sale. 7am-3pm. Baby items, furniture, books, clothing, bikes, and more. From Thurmont go west on Rt. 77, go approx. 5 miles thru Catocin Mtn. Park, turn right on Foxville-Deerfield Rd. Veer right at the fork. Sale is on the left. Rainedate May 11th.

Saturday, May 4

Youth Safety Day sponsored by the Liberty Township Police Department and the Mid Atlantic Soaring Association. 9am-2pm at the Glider Airport on Pecher Road off Tract Road, Fairfield Pa. Displays include police vehicles and demonstrations, fire and rescue vehicle demonstrations, bomb squads, haz mat teams, search and rescue teams, search dogs, medvac helicopters, bike safety robot, car seat inspections, military vehicles and much more. Free to the public. For more information, call Liberty Township Police at 717-642-6103.

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Wednesday, May 15

Pet Bereavement Session sponsored by the Frederick County Human Society. 7pm-8pm. Frederick County Humane Society, 5712 D Industry Lane, Frederick, Md. For those who have recently lost or given up a pet, or are considering options for an aging or seriously ill pet. Led by Hood College psychology professors. Informal sessions, free and do not require advance registration. For more information, call 301-694-8300.

Saturday, May 18

Walk-N-Wag sponsored by the Frederick County Humane Society. 9am-1pm. Baker Park, Frederick, Md. Contests, prizes, entertainment, and informational displays. For more information, call 301-694-8300.

Sunday, May 19

Good Ol' Country Breakfast sponsored by Taneytown Rod and Gun Club. 7am-11am. Menu includes pancakes, buckwheat cakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fried potatoes, sausage gravy, chipped-beef gravy, pudding and hominy, hot apples, fruit cocktail, hot cheese, toast, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Adults \$5.00 each. Children 8-12 \$3.50 each. For more information, call 410-751-1685.

Sunday, May 19

Italian Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #11975. 2:30pm -7:30pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Thurmont, Md. Menu includes spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, Italian bread, hot and cold drinks and dessert. Tickets are Adults \$7.00, age 6-12 \$3.50, and age 5 and under is free. For tickets or information, call 301-271-7272.

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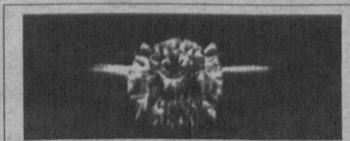


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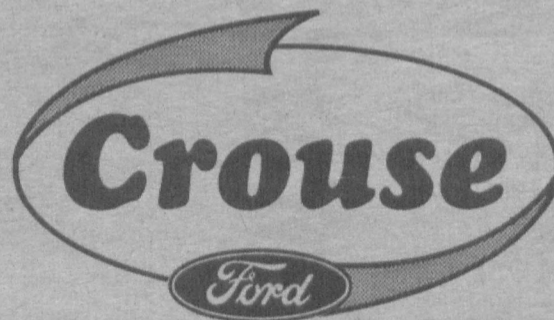


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