

## Water Ban Relaxed

Staff Report

The strict water ban that has been in effect since March 15, 2002 was relaxed by Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners with a 4-0 vote at the town meeting on July 1. After much consideration of water availability and review of other municipalities' water ban policies, they decided to permit the use of a hand held hose, but not sprinklers, between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. only. Someone must be attending the hose which may be used only for the watering of plants and gardens, the washing of kennels, animal pens and of car-tridge type pool filters.

The commissioners made another major change. Laundromats are now allowed to be open every day at regular hours. The water use policy, still in effect, prohibits the following:

- No car washing
- No filling of private pools
- Commercial car wash can be open all day, but are limited to 3500 gallons per week
- Restaurants may serve water only at a customer's request

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## Annexation: Another petition!

By Raymond Buchheister  
Publisher

At the June 3rd town meeting the board of commissioners voted 3-1 (Commissioner Pat Boyle abstained) to accept a petition for annexation of the Boyle farm located on North Seton Avenue. The request was made by Buckeye Development of Frederick, MD who is the developer of Pembroke Woods. Company owner Ed Smarig said they're planning large lots for this development like those in Pembroke Woods. Smarig said Ryan Homes, the builder of Pembroke Woods, is also interested in building this project. The commissioners' vote was only an acceptance to consider

the petition, which is a requirement by state law.

The Boyle property is 62 acres which is currently being farmed. In the county it's currently zoned R-3 low density residential. Among the existing outbuildings are a bank barn and a farm house which dates to the late 19th century, and may be eligible for placement on the National Historic Register. With a total of 56 acres proposed to be rezoned residential, the net developable acreage would be 39, on which the petitioner has proposed 160 dwellings to be built.

The request for annexation is to rezone a total of 66 acres. According to a June 18 Town extension report, 44 acres are to be R-1 low density residential and

would have a development potential of 112 single family detached dwellings with a lot size of 12,000 sq. ft. The petitioner is proposing 80 single family homes. 12 acres are to be R-2 medium density zoning and would have a development potential of 87 townhouse dwellings with a minimum lot size of 1600 sq. ft. The petitioner is proposing 80 townhouse dwellings. 8.5 acres would encompass floodplain along flat run and would not be developable and 1.5 acres is designated for general business and would zone in the Ott property, currently Piggy Dukes.

On June 24 the Annexation was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission by Fran Denmark, a representative of Buckeye Development. The presentation consisted of a survey showing the location of each rezoning and two roads, Silver Fancy Lane proposed to come off North Seton Ave and intersect with Brookfield Drive. Brookfield Drive

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## Sale of Historic Stamp begins in Emmitsburg



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## New well enough water?

Staff Report

In May, with a permit to drill test wells on watershed property, the Town had a well drilled and found water in Emmet Gardens. The Town had drilled several wells in the past on watershed property with very little success. It had ceased using a study done 30 years ago that located key places to drill. Emmet Gardens was one of those places.

A 72-hour pump test was done on the new well located in the park area. The well was pumped at a rate of 100 gallons per minute for 72 hours, during which the water level in the shaft dropped only 70 feet. The water source is at a depth of 330 feet. According to Town Manager Dave Haller the Maryland Department of Environment will likely grant a permit that will allow the Town to draw 100,000 gallons per day (70 GPM) from the new well. This would increase the Town's water supply by 30 percent.

In order to put the well on line, the Town will build a small building in Emmet Gardens where the water will be chlorinated before being released into the main water supply.

This well will also provide the Town

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Emmitsburg Dispatch encourages its readers to express their thoughts and opinions about issues that appear in this publication or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the Dispatch and should be no longer than 300 words in length. They must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number to be used for verification. The Dispatch reserves the right to edit for content and space. Deadline for letters is the 15th of each month.

### Loophole in gun laws causes local death

The deficiency in our gun control laws hit our family hard on June 3, in my son's brain above his right ear, to be precise. Damian ended his life within sight of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, using an antique style gun. This was his desperate termination of decades of torture by phantom voices, depression, and severe tinnitus (noise in his ears 24/7).

Thanks to gun merchants' lobbies, no background check is required for the buyer of black powder guns, but they're just as deadly as any other. The pawn shop that sold this lethal weapon to my son was not obliged to learn anything about his personality or character, whether he was dangerous because of mental illness or evil intent. And, obviously, he did not care.

The profiteers who oppose better management of gun sales keep telling us a truism, "Guns don't kill; people do." As the same time they prevent society from knowing about the people who buy guns. They argue, too, that guns are no more dangerous than other things used to kill people, like hardware and kitchen tools, whose sales are not controlled.

Their argument is irrelevant. Society must supervise the sale of guns — as of armored tanks — not because of

their actual use, but because of what they are made to do, which is evident from their design and function. Someone may use a tank to bulldoze a road or a pistol to pound in a nail, or a hammer to commit murder. But these exceptional uses do not hide their obvious purpose — a hammer has been designed and produced for constructive use, tanks and pistols for destruction.

Social management of all gun sales, by licensing and background checks, does not require banning guns. People use guns for sport, hunting food, and other good ends. But justifiable uses do not change the fundamental nature of real guns. From the beginning guns were designed and made to kill, they are especially efficient at killing, and people who intend to kill usually get a gun to do it, not a screwdriver.

That's why society should supervise the sale of all real, working guns: they are made to kill and are the weapons of choice by killers.

It is, certainly, an inconvenience to wait for a background check, and to pay a license fee to obtain a deadly weapon. Hunters, collectors, and sportsmen may gripe about this, but they are not the obstacle to social supervision of gun sales. They are smart enough to care what kind of persons possess guns, and humane enough to tolerate trivial inconveniences. They, too, want laws blocking gun sales to criminals and the mentally ill.

The obstacles to sensible laws are weapons merchants and their lobbies, and the legislators whom they support with campaign contributions. They persistently insult us all by implying that legitimate gun buyers are weaklings who can't wait, skinflints who won't pay, and timid children, fearful that soon all guns will be banned. But all that is false. Legitimate gun owners will vote to stop a total ban on guns, and so will I, although I've never owned a gun.

It is merchants, lobbyists, and legislators who have blood on their consciences, not gun owners.

We think Damian chose to seek relief at the religious shrine not far from our home in Emmitsburg in order to let us know that he had the faith and hope which spoke about in his last letter. Priests and laypersons believe God has already bestowed mercy on this man whose mind was damaged by a brain disease, schizophrenia. As for the gun profiteers who worship greed and insult gun owners, God cannot show mercy until they repent.

—Bill Steo

### Births

Tony and Corey Gardner Emmitsburg, MD- a son- May 20, 2002

James F. and Sherry L. Flohr-Rocky Ridge, MD- a son- May 23, 2002

Robert and Tammy Harrington-Emmitsburg, MD- a son- May 28, 2002

Bryan Biggs and Lisa Schilling-Emmitsburg, MD- a daughter- June 1, 2002

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony (Shannon L. Schaffer) Bitzel- Taneytown, MD - a son - June 4, 2002

Timothy and Janice Grams Fairfield, PA- a daughter- June 10, 2002

Paul Eyler and Sarah Rohrbach-Emmitsburg, MD- a daughter- June 12, 2002

James and Michele Ritter- Fairfield, PA- a son- June 17, 2002

Jamie and Schelly Kline- Fairfield, PA- a daughter- June 18, 2002

Heather Pryor and Shannon Knighton, Emmitsburg, MD - a daughter - June 26, 2002

### Town News June 3, 2002

## Annexation of Boyle farm asked; in-Town water pressure tank studied

### Town Manager's Report:

Town Manager Dave Haller announced that his report would have a new format; it will be broken down into categories:

**Streets:** Installed several new signs including "water ban in effect" at the entrances to town.

**Water:** The Town is studying the addition of a water pressure tank within corporate limits; to provide better pressure and supply pressure if the main lines from the mountain failed.

The town has hit a potentially good well in the Emmet Gardens park area. Preliminary tests indicated a yield greater than 50 GPM.

Separmatic Fluid Systems completed a pilot study of the town's water. A report to follow soon will include recommendations related to water treatment at the new plant, and possibly chemical contact time during treatment.

**Wastewater:** The treatment plant is operating fine, but is at time overtaxed by the inflow of so-called "wild water." Haller has instituted a long term maintenance program to avoid deterioration of the plant — chipping and painting, rebuilding and replacing of valves, etc.

**Parks:** Made repairs to the bathrooms at Memorial Park. Installed new horseshoe pit in the pavilion area. The caboose was removed from Community Park to make room for planned new bathrooms.

**Zoning:** Seven permits were issued during May.

**Code Enforcement:** The code enforcer issued 115 tickets for May; 25 zoning violation notices were issued. \$1865.60 was collected as fees and/or fines.

### Commissioner Brennan's Comments:

Commissioner Brennan introduced Bud Otis from Congressman Bartlett's office. He was invited to the meeting. Brennan said he talked to the Congressman about Emmitsburg and various water issues. The Congressman suggested a need to dredge Flat Run.

Brennan also told the council that he is interested in setting up a water

committee. He said that several citizens had contacted him personally about water ban violators. It was suggested that Brennan draft and present a proposal for the Council to approve. Haller stressed that complainants need to specify the violator's address.

### Mayors Comments:

Mayor Hoover clarified that rain-water mentioned in the Town Manager's report isn't supposed to be there; it's due to broken sewer lines. He is looking into making repairs. The first goal, he said, is to replace water lines, and then fix sewer lines. The Mayor noted that he is pleased with the enforcement provided by the police.

### Committee Reports:

Council President Boyle reported that the Board of Appeals had one petition in May.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Brennan reported that the Committee was reorganized because of the election. Diane Walbrecker is now the chair. Frank Henry is vice-chair. Sarah Miller remains secretary. Ron Lind is a new member.

Parks Commissioner Rosensteel reported that the Parks Committee has worked on the final plans for the Community Day scheduled for Saturday, July 6.

### Other Business: The Commissioners:

- Voted 4-0 that the Mayor will not vote with the Council, but he continues to have veto power.
- Voted 4-0 to increase the tax on property by six cents per \$100 of its assessed value. Mayor Carr and the previous Council had prepared this tax increase in order to balance the 2002-2003 general fund budget.
- Voted 4-0 to accept street dedication of Brookfield. This would allow the gas, water and sewer lines to serve the residents of that area without running the lines on top of each other.
- Voted 4-0 to set August 5 as the deadline for the Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital and the Sanderson Bed and Breakfast to pay all fees and complete their connection to the town sewer or face a daily fine.
- Voted 4-0 to increase the water and sewer tap fee from \$6,000 to \$7,000.



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## How to speak up at Town Meetings

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In Emmitsburg we can do it at Town meetings.

Are there any rules for speaking at meetings? Not many. Have something to say, say it briefly, and sit down. The first rule, of course, is courtesy. But the mayor and commissioners have others.

They say that anyone who wishes to speak at a Town meeting, must do these things:

**Before the meeting** (all Town meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.)

1. Sign the attendance sheet.
2. If you intend to speak about a specific item on the agenda, indicate what it is when you sign in. You can name more than one item.

## Meeting

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This additional money will help finance another water pressure tank to be located within the corporate limits. The Town says Emmitsburg fees remain significantly less than in other towns.

- Voted 4-0 to continue research and set up a meeting with the Catocin Soil Conservation group to deal with a request by Gary Stouter to graze cattle on land next to his. The Council agreed to let him do so for one year.

- Voted 3-1 (Commissioner Pat Boyle abstaining) to accept the petition for annexation of the Boyle farm located on N. Seton Avenue behind Piggy Dukes. This would incorporate the farm into the Town's limits and entitle it to all the Town's services. By law the council was required to accept the developer's petition but their action did not represent approval or denial of the annexation. On July 1, at the town meeting, the Council will announce County hearing dates only. (No public comments or council discussion.) At the Town meeting on August 5, council members will vote for, or against, the annexation.....

Public comments will be allowed at the August 5 meeting by all who sign up before it begins. See article in this issue about how to speak up at Town meetings.

- Voted 4-0 to allow the men's softball league to place a shed outside the right field fence, for storage of league tools and equipment.

You will be given your time to speak when the council addresses the items you chose.

If you do not name anything on the agenda, you will be given time to speak after the council finishes addressing the last agenda item

### At the meeting

1. When the president of the Board of Commissioners recognizes you, go to the podium and speak.

2. Address your questions or comments to the President of the Board, currently Commissioner Patrick Boyle. He will address the other Council members and Town Staff as needed. You don't

3. Limit your speaking time to three minutes or less.

4. When finished, return to your seat.

## Police Report

Monthly Summary for May  
Investigations included the following:

Citations Issued- 231  
Warnings Issued- 73  
Repair Orders Issued- 11  
Traffic Arrest- 1  
Criminal Arrest-1

Burglary-1  
Commercial Alarm-6  
Destruction of Property-1  
Disorderly Conduct-4  
Harassment-1  
Juvenile Complaint-3  
Noise Complaint-1  
Overdose-1  
Request Officer-7  
Suspicious Person/Vehicle-7  
Theft-3  
911 Hang Up-4

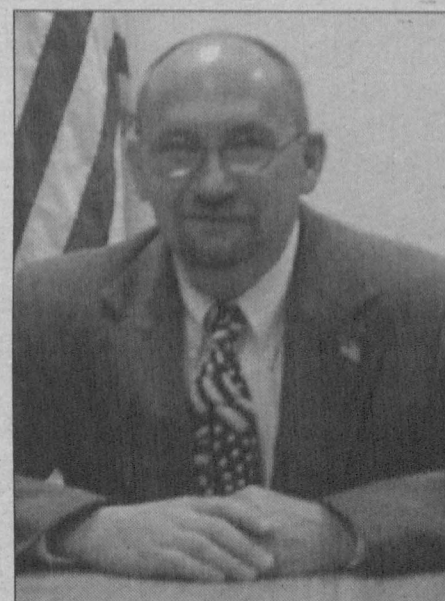
Emmitsburg has a new town deputy, DFC Kevin Eyler. DFC Kevin White returned to service on June 3, 2002. The above statistics are from both the Community Deputy and Patrol Deputy.

## From The Mayor's Desk

**Developer wants annexation.** At its June meeting the Town Council was presented with another annexation petition. This request came from Buckeye Development and was approved for consideration by the commissioners and forwarded to the Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission for review at the June 24, 2002 meeting. Buckeye Development is requesting that the Town annex the farm property on the west side of North Seton Avenue (the Boyle farm). If Buckeye Development is successful in achieving annexation, this developer is planning to build single-family homes on approximately 75 percent of the land, and town houses on approximately 25 percent of the land.

**Water issue.** As many of you know Mt. St. Mary's College just recently withdrew an annexation petition to annex property along South Seton Ave. and Old Frederick Rd (on the east side of Rt. 15). Mt. St. Mary's made the decision to withdraw due to the Town of Emmitsburg not being able to meet the annexation request. In Mt. St. Mary's annexation petition the Town was required to guarantee 120,000 gallons of water each day. Although the Town has been attempting to locate additional resources of water by drilling additional wells, to this date, the Town still does not have a sufficient surplus of water to make that type of guarantee with our water supply.

**More houses.** If the Town of Emmitsburg approves Buckeye Development's annexation petition, this property could yield approximately 160 homes. Although the Town was concerned about the amount of water needed in Mt. St. Mary's annexation request,



I do not believe Buckeye Development's request will be hindered on the same issue. In most cases residential property uses far less water than commercial properties. On average, residential units/homes in Emmitsburg use less than 200 gallons of water per unit per day.

**Annexation Meetings.** Municipalities have a legal obligation to hear and consider all annexation requests in a timely manner. Buckeye Development's annexation petition is being considered by the Town Council and reviewed by the Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning Commission. It is expected to be heard and voted on at the August 5 Town Meeting. This annexation request is scheduled to be heard by the Frederick County Planning Commission on Wednesday July 17 at 3 p.m. and by the Frederick County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday July 30 at 8:30 a.m.

—James E. Hoover  
Mayor, Emmitsburg

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## "Heroes of 2001" Stamp

By Bill Steo  
Editor of the Dispatch

An important, historic stamp went on sale across the nation last month, but the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) chose to tell of the event in Emmitsburg. On June 7, with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, it announced the sale of the "Heroes of 2001" stamp on the campus of the National Fire Academy at the site of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The Heroes of 2001 stamp honors the emergency personnel who died or were permanently disabled because of the terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001. The announcement came on the six-month anniversary. President Bush had already displayed the image of the stamp on March 11 at the White House.

The new self-adhesive stamp will help raise money for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, because it is a "semi-postal," which costs

more than its postage value. It costs 45 cents but its postage value is only at the first-class first-ounce letter rate in effect at the time of purchase, now 37 cents. The difference between the sales price of the stamp and its value as postage is the amount of the buyer's tax-deductible contribution.

On June 7 the USPS started producing 205 million copies of the Heroes of 2001 stamp which was designed by Derry Noyes of Washington, D.C. featuring a detail of the now famous photograph taken at ground zero by Thomas E. Franklin. It expects the stamp will remain on sale to the end of 2004.

The Heroes of 2001 stamp is the second semi-postal in U.S. history. The first was the Breast Cancer Research stamp, which will be available through the end of 2003. So far it has brought in \$26 million. A new semi-postal, for funds relating to domestic violence, will be on sale from January, 2004, to the end of 2006. Information: 1 800 STAMP-24; <http://www.usps.com> - click "Stamps."



— photo courtesy of Gettysburg Hospital

Tara Houser, public relations manager for The Boyds collection Ltd® and Steven Renner, president of Gettysburg Hospital watch 11-year-old Megan play on the new PC Pal unit that was donated to the hospital earlier this week by Starlight Children's Foundation and The Boyds Collection Ltd®.

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## PC PAL PROGRAM UNVEILED AT GETTYSBURG HOSPITAL

On Tuesday, June 25th, kids at Gettysburg Hospital received a new distraction from treatment - PC Pal. The five-foot tall, bright orange mobile computer unit designed specifically for pediatric patients was officially unveiled by Tara Houser, Public Relations Manager of The Boyds Collection Ltd.® and The Starlight Children's Foundation. Gettysburg Hospital was one of the first hospitals in the country to receive this new program, bringing exciting educational, entertainment and communication opportunities to pediatric patients of all ages.

Eleven-year-old Megan was one of the first kids at Gettysburg Hospital to use the unit. As soon as she logged on, she went straight to the games, navigating her way around the computer like a pro. After a rousing game of Ms. Pac-man, she gave the unit a "thumbs-up" and predicted that it would be a hit for all of the kids in the pediatric facility.

Speaking at the dedication ceremony, Tara Houser, public relations manager of the Gettysburg-based The Boyds Collection Ltd. ® said: "I'd like to thank the Starlight Children's Foundation for placing a PC Pal at Gettysburg Hospital in Boyds' honor. It's truly a great honor to work with Starlight and help make the hopes and dreams of thousands of seriously ill children come true."

Steven W. Renner, president of Gettysburg Hospital also thanked The Boyds Collection Ltd® and Starlight.

"Our kids love the other Starlight programs at our hospital," said Steven W. Renner, president of Gettysburg Hospital. "I have no doubt that PC Pal will be a very popular addition to our pediatric facility."

"Gettysburg hospital was selected at the recommendation of The Boyds Collection, Ltd.®," explains Katherine Culpepper, executive director of Starlight Children's Foundation. "Boyds is one of our largest corporate donors and they were eager to place the PC Pal in an area that would benefit their immediate community."

The Boyds Collection Ltd.®, a leading domestic designer and importer of high-quality collectibles and other specialty giftware, is one of Starlight's largest corporate donors. "The Boyds family takes great pride in

our ability to make a hospital stay more comfortable and tolerable for thousands of children," said Jean-André Rougeot, CEO of The Boyds Collection Ltd.® "In working with Starlight, we've all become aware of the painful situations that many ill children and their families face. We hope they take comfort in knowing that every Boyds employee and the wonderful people at Starlight care and want to provide them with entertainment, activities, and a place to play."

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## Water

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• All large volume users (who use 20,000 gallons per day or more) are required to reduce their use by 10 percent. The town will be reading meters weekly.

The board of commissioners also voted to begin enforcement of violations with fines. Residents who violate the ban will receive a warning for their first offense, a \$50 fine for the second, and a \$75 fine for the third and each offense thereafter. The fine for large water users will be even stiffer, at twice the base rate, for the gallons of water by which they exceed the required reduction.

According to Town Manager Dave Haller citizens have done a wonderful job reducing water consumption. However, that hasn't been the case with the Provincial House of the Daughters of Charity. Calling the Provincial House "a real problem," the commissioners remarked that its water consumption has not gone down but up by 73 percent over its consumption when the water ban started. The Provincial house now consumes 27 percent of all the water supplied by the Town. Prior to the institution of the ban, they only used 13 percent.

The Dispatch learned Saturday, July 6, that Provincial House staff had a meeting with the town to explained its excess use.

Overall water consumption is down by 19 percent with the ban in place. The Fire Academy has reduced its consumption by 30 percent.

## Well

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with some security if anything should happen to the water plant on the mountain. The Town will begin setting aside funds to build a tower to store water in the event the plant fails. It projects that the new well and the storage tank will provide a 24-to-48-hour supply of water. Construction of the tank is not expected for several years.

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# Proud to be Americans



photo courtesy of Bobbi Jo Barber

**"PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN"** was the theme of the annual PTA-sponsored talent show on May 31 at Emmitsburg Elementary School. Bobbi Jo Barber and PTA member Michelle French trained 24 fourth- and fifth-graders to stage their individual acts, make decorations, and learn about the importance and honor of being an American. At the end they presented each child with a medallion. The young entertainers were: L-R (Back Row): Misti Bradshaw, Katie Sweeney, Colleen

Heaton, Matthew Bradshaw, Deanna Nettleton, Anna Schwaritan, Amanda Barber, Shelby Workman, Myra Derbyshire, Victoria Long, Ashley Barber, Ashley Hansborough, Josh Brotherton, Bradley Wilt, Brandi McCarty, Montana Bailey. (Bottom Row): Danielle Pozzuli, Jessica Boller, Olivia French, Rachel Stouter, Jessica Reckley, Rachel Hoover, Erin Nell, Jessica Clarke and Jessica Little.

**Asteroid.** An asteroid the size of a football field passed extremely close to Earth late in June. The flying rock missed our planet by only 75,000 miles, which is about one-third the distance to the moon. It was one of the closest near collisions ever recorded.

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'00 Saturn LS1	\$12,995
'00 Chevy Camaro	\$15,995
'00 Pontiac Sunfire SE 4DR	\$10,995
'99 Mazda 626 LX 4DR	\$10,995
'99 Chevy Cavalier 2 or 4DR	\$8,995
'99 Chevy Cavalier Z24	\$10,995
'99 Ford Taurus LX	\$9,495
'99 Buick Century Custom	\$11,995
'99 Saturn SL S-speed	\$7,995
'99 Chevrolet Malibu 4DR, 34K	\$11,995
'98 Saturn SW2 Wagon	\$6,995
'98 Ford Mustang V-6	\$10,495
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'99 Chevy Blazer 2DR, 2WD	\$11,995
'99 Chevy S-10 4x4, Long bed	\$13,495
'99 Chevrolet Blazer 2DR	\$14,995
'98 Nissan XE 4x4	\$11,495
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'99 Chevrolet Tracker 4x4, 4DR	\$12,400
'99 Chevrolet Tracker 4x4, 4DR	\$10,900
'99 Chevrolet S-10, Ext. Cab, Extreme	\$13,900

## July's Best Buy!

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## High School in Emmitsburg graduates 11, has Prom

By Erika LaVoie  
Service Coordinator  
Up County Family Center

There is a high school within the town limits of Emmitsburg although not in its own special building. Eleven of its students recently received their high school diplomas there, at the Up-County Family Center, 303 W. Lincoln Ave. They are:

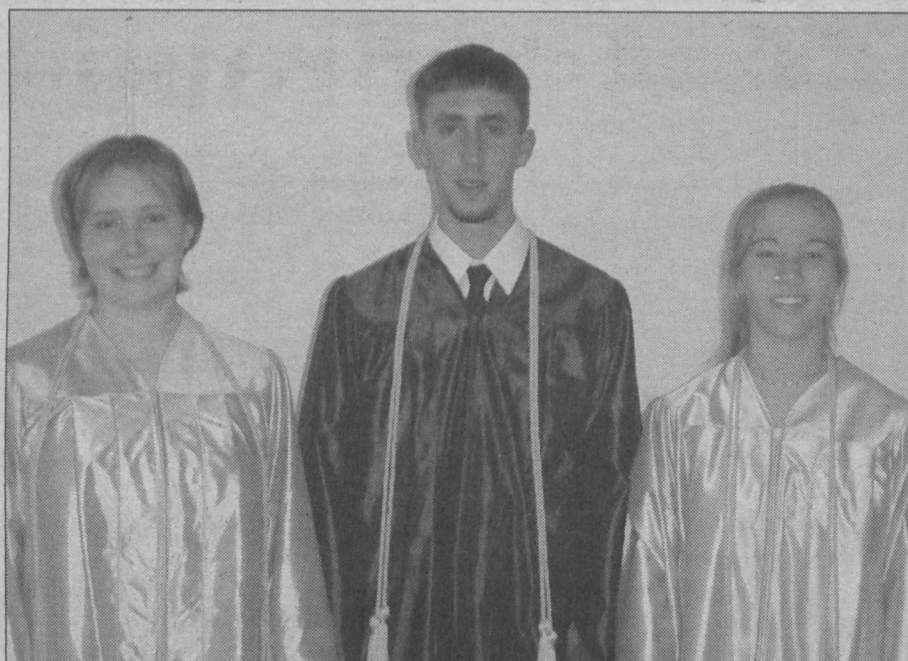
Reuben Aruldass, Shelly Hahn, Amelia Heffner, Isaia Jackson, Kate Jones, Lisa Manahan, Kimberly Rorbah, Becky Walker, Crystal Walker, Brent Wolfe and Gretchen Woodward.

Like other high school graduates, these teens and guests attended a prom — the first ever for Up County graduates. It was held May 30th at Kessler's Interior Trim in Gettysburg, PA, where

they had a buffet meal and danced to music provided by DJ Darryl Crockett — all in a background of greenhouses filled with exotic plants.

The prom was a community gift: Kessler's donated the use of its hall; Giant Grocery Store in Gettysburg donated a \$25 certificate for food; Flowers For You, in Emmitsburg, donated boutonnieres and corsages; Mary Margaret Biddle donated prom dresses for the young women; Linda Myers of Thurmont Middle School donated snacks and soda.

These young women and men received their education free at the Up County Family Center. Next month The Dispatch plans to report more fully on the remarkable education programs at the Center, including tutoring on basic reading and writing, even for non-English-speaking persons.



—photo courtesy Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association

**Scholarships.** Rebecca Calimer, Justin Masser, and Cayla Bollinger, recent graduates of Catocin High School in Thurmont, each received a \$750 scholarship from the Northwestern Frederick County Civic Association. Rebecca will major in environmental engineering at Wilkes University. Justin will major in mechanical engineering at Virginia Tech, and Cayla will major in visual communications/graphic design at Salisbury University.



—photo courtesy UpCounty Family Center

## Track & field athletes take part in AAU meet

Local track athletes traveled to Columbia, MD, on June 8 and 9 to participated in a State AAU Track and Field Championship Meet. Athletes that placed in the top six in their event can advance to the Regional AAU Championship, July 12-13 in Fort Washington, PA. The 19 athletes who participated in the State Meet are: Amanda Barber, John Dabbs, Michael

Compton, Mary & Kate Robinson all of Emmitsburg ; Justin Albright, Cherie Petrie, Brent Johns, Matty Thompson, Samantha Keeney, Hanna Dubois, Ashley & Stephanie Miller, Bryan & Ashley Smith, Andrew Loewen, Katie & Taylor Myers, and Ashleigh Bohn, all of Thurmont. Their Coach is Bobbi Jo Barber of the Catocin Track Club.



John Dabbs (Emmitsburg) prepares to compete in 100 m. dash.



Amanda Barber (Thurmont) and Justin Albright (Emmitsburg).

## St. Catherine's Employee of the month



Beth Gilbert

Beth Gilbert, St. Catherine's Nursing Center Employee of the Month for June. The Center's employees each month choose an admired coworker for this honor.

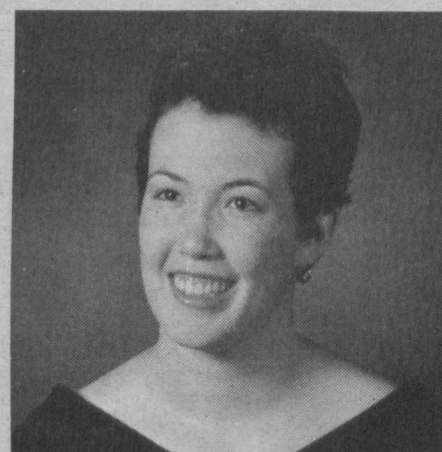
## Member of Park & Rec Graduates from Mount

Carolyn Ainsworth Miller graduated from Mt. St. Mary's College on May 19, 2002, with a Masters of Education Degree. Mrs. Miller is a teacher at Emmitsburg Elementary School and is a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee for the town of Emmitsburg.

## Pregnancy Center volunteer get award

Jodi Trio, a volunteer at the Catocin Pregnancy Center in Emmitsburg, received an annual Spirit of Service award on June 8 from her employer, Mid Atlantic Medical Services, Inc. For eight years Jodi has served several times a week as a counselor at the non-profit Center that supports unwed teenage mothers. She also helps provide supplies such as diapers and formula to young mothers and babies.

The Spirit of Service Award honors a M.A.M.S.I employee for ongoing humanitarian service to a charitable organization or the community, and is accompanied by a \$1,000 donation to the organization where the recipient has volunteered. The winner of this award is nominated by fellow employees.



Kathleen Levandowski, daughter of Marion and Edward Levandowski of 226 W. Main Street, recently graduated cum laude from the University of Dallas with a B.A. in theology. She has accepted an internship, which begins in July, with a producer for PBS TV in Boston.



# Dr. Carroll observes twenty-five year anniversary

By Raymond Buchheister  
Publisher

For a quarter of a century Dr. Alan Carroll, M.D. has been treating patients at the Emmitsburg Family Practice office on S. Seton Ave. Friends and patients describe him as generous, compassionate, and having a sense of humor. They applaud him for serving the community faithfully and for being one of the few doctors that still makes house calls.

Dr. Carroll was born in Washington, D.C.; he's the third of eight children of Charles and Amelia Carroll. His father was in the Air Force so he attended six grade schools in eight years. He's a graduate of Loyola University in Chicago, IL, where he received a degree in philosophy and met his wife, Rita. He received his medical degree from the University of Maryland Medical School and completed his family practice residency there.

It was the family practice residency which brought Dr. Carroll to Emmitsburg. The University of Maryland used to have a two-month block in the third year of residency in which students were required to work in the real world. He came to Emmitsburg and externed with Dr. George

Morningstar, M.D. Dr. Carroll said, "I enjoyed working with him immensely so when he asked me to come back, I said, 'Yes.'"

Drs. Carroll and Morningstar became partners in 1977. When Dr. Morningstar died suddenly in 1988 following surgery, he left Dr. Carroll to carry on the practice alone. He says, "I really liked Dr. Morningstar and I feel fortunate to have worked for and with him for 11 years."

Dr. Carroll has been married to Rita for 33 years. When they first moved to town, they had four children, Sarah, John, Eric, and Brendan, and since moving here, have had three more, Peter, Amelia, and Ruth Ann. All are now adults. Eric has just returned from a tour with the Peace Corps in Morocco and is considering entering medical school.

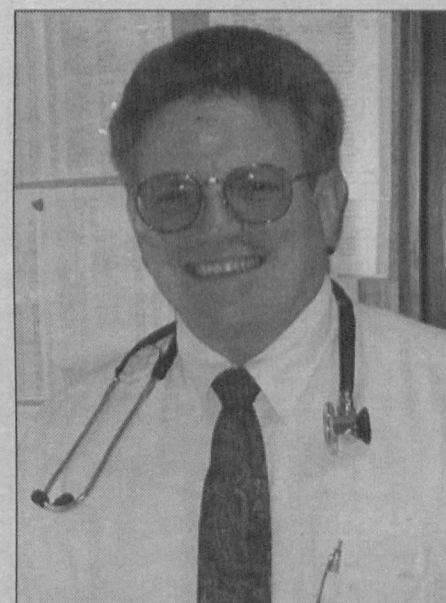
Professionally Dr. Carroll is a member of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland, the Frederick County Medical Society, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American and the Maryland Medical Directors associations. He serves on The Gettysburg Hospital medical staff.

Locally he is a member of St. Joseph's Parish and has served on the Parish Council, the Board of Trustees of

Mother Seton School, and in the Health Service at Mt. St. Mary's College. He frequently helps at the Up-County Family Center (where Rita works) on a regular basis. Some of Dr. Carroll's pastimes include music, reading, photography, and skiing, which, he said, he rarely gets to do.

The Emmitsburg Family Practice is one that sees patients from birth to death. Along with seeing patients in the office and on house calls, Dr. Carroll takes care of patients in Villa St. Michael and in the two nursing homes in Emmitsburg of which he is the Medical Director, St. Vincent's and St. Catherine's. He currently provides service to approximately 5,000 patients, most of whom reside within a 10-mile radius of Emmitsburg. He is not accepting new patients at this time so that, he says, he can give the best care to the patients he has. Dr. Carroll says that the mission of his practice is in some small way to help build the kingdom of heaven on earth.

When asked about Emmitsburg, Dr. Carroll told The Dispatch: "I love the Emmitsburg community. I wanted my children to have roots in one place, unlike my own childhood, and they've had that here..... My one negative thought is that I would like to have non-



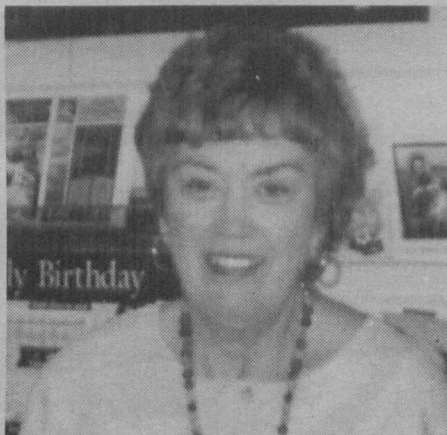
Dispatch photo

Dr. Alan Carroll

rusty water, just having changed the filter again after only three days." He is pleased that Emmitsburg is a small town but close to the big city. Speaking about its future, he said, "I would like to see more local job opportunities for the community but would not like to see us become 'Frederick North'." He also expects to retire in Emmitsburg but at this point hasn't given any thought to retirement. He likes practicing medicine, Dr. Carroll says.

## Dispatch writer's book published

An Emmitsburg Dispatch staff writer, Marion Lee, has authored a book entitled "Of Moose and Miracles," and has received an award for it from Project Oasis, a charitable organization that helps impoverished children throughout the world. "Of Moose and Miracles" is the story of a family of seven children, the youngest with an inoperable brain tumor. Marion describes the book as "a personal glimpse into the deep faith of a family nurtured in love." It has been published by CMJ Marian Publishers, Chicago, IL.



Marian Lee

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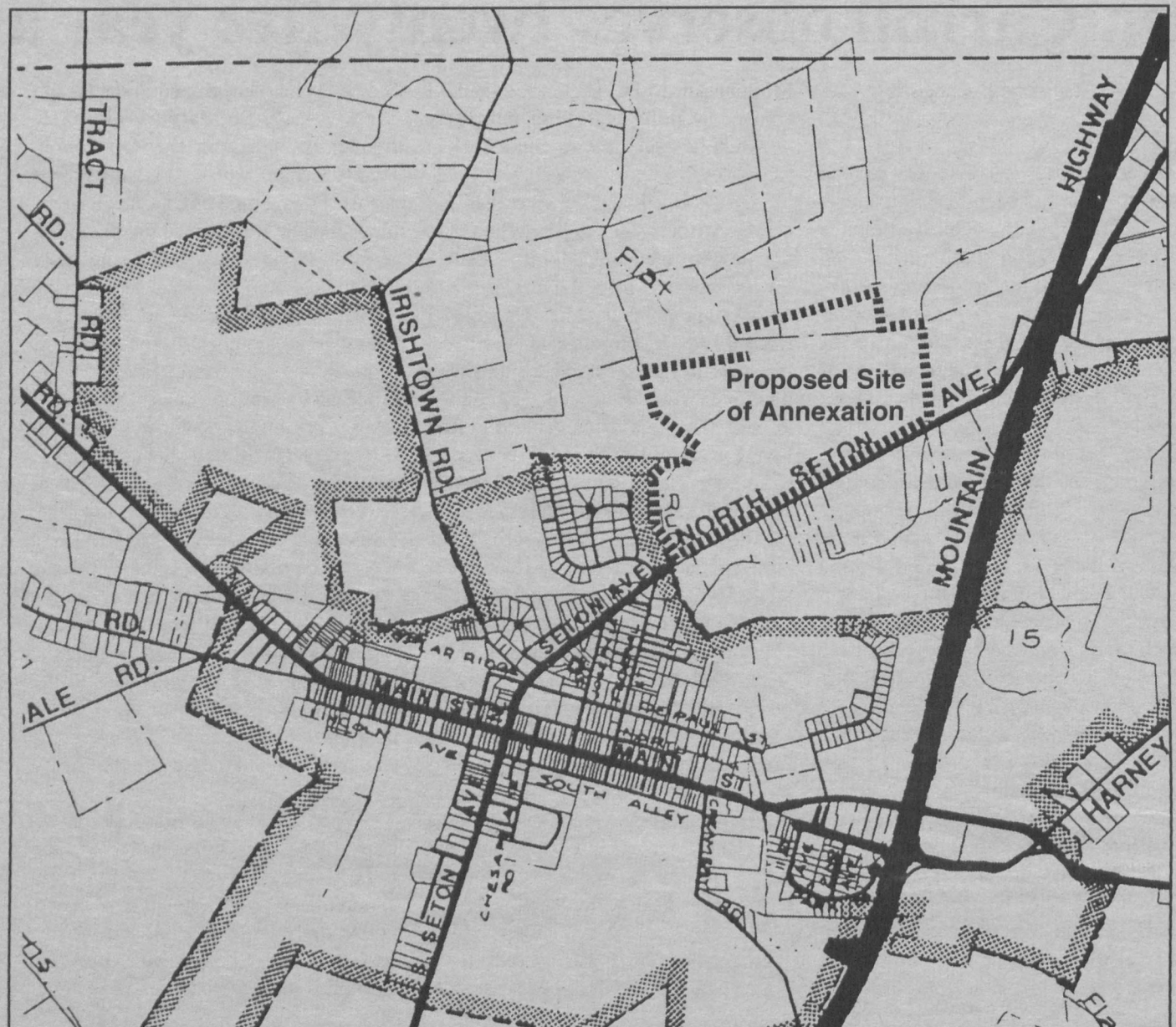
Staff Report

This is the time of year when many of us like to work around the house to improve our properties. Before you begin a project, you should find out from the Town Zoning Administrator whether you need a building permit.

The most typical projects that require building permits from the Town of Emmitsburg are fences, decks, interior and exterior renovations, garages, sheds and house additions.

If you need a permit, stop by the town office and fill out an application for one. You need to provide a sketch including a site plan of what the improvement will look like, and an estimate of its cost. For larger projects such as new houses, additions, driveways or garages, your sketch may need to be drawn professionally by a licensed surveyor who will verify property lines and set-back requirements. Ask the Zoning Administrator how detailed your site plan needs to be for approval. Emmitsburg's Zoning Administrator is available Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Normally it takes 5 to 7 business days for an application to be approved. The Zoning Administrator will notify you if and when you may come to get your permit. If your application fees have been paid in advance, the Zoning Administrator can mail your permit. If your application is not approved, the Zoning Administrator will tell you why the application was denied and what must be done to get it approved.



### PROPOSED ANNEXATION Annexation

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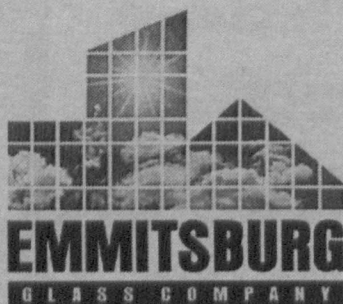
being the same that runs through the developments of Pembroke and Brookfield. Denmark's proposal was based primarily on the developer's ability to meet the Town's comprehensive plan.

Ted Brennan, speaking as Town Commissioner and board member of planning and zoning questioned the liability the Town would have in providing water and sewer, and maintaining roads. Brennan said he wanted to see more than "pretty sidewalks and driveways." He wants to see some type of study showing the minimum estimated tax revenue the Town could hope to see and a commitment from the developer and builder to defray costs of infrastructure that will be required to provide services to the new development.

Brennan further questioned if Annexation was even necessary. Jim Gugel from the Frederick County Department of Planning and zoning said without the services of the Town the development would need to have their own water and sewer systems. He said, it's unlikely the county would support that since it's so close to the town, it borders the community of North Gate.

The annexation request is scheduled to be heard by the Frederick County Planning Commission on Wednesday July 17 at 3:00 pm and by the Frederick County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday July 30th at 8:30 a.m.

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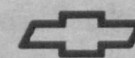
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## Harry Potter — a critique

*Editor's note: When the film "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" opened to record box-office receipts, author Michael D. O'Brien commented in an interview with the Zenit news agency. Here are excerpts.*

O'Brien: I have read the four volumes of the Harry Potter series [by J.K. Rowling] three times, and with each reading the serious defects of the novels appear in clearer light. The most obvious problem, of course, is the author's use of the symbol-world of the occult as the dramatic engine of the plots. It presents these to the child reader through attractive role models, such as Harry and Hermione, who are students of witchcraft and sorcery. This has the potential of lowering a child's guard — both subconscious and spiritual — to actual occult activity, which is everywhere and growing.

Rationally, children know that the fantasy element in the books is not "real." But emotionally and subconsciously the young reader absorbs it as real. This is further complicated by the fact that in the world around us there are many opportunities for young people to enter the occult subcultures, where some of Harry's powers are indeed offered as real.

The resemblance between the works of Christian fantasy writers and Rowling is only superficial. Yes, there is "magic" in both. [But] Tolkien, in his great epic "The Lord of the Rings," shows that powers that do not rightly belong to man always have a corrupting influence on man. Christian writers underline the fact that defeat of radical evil depends on humility, courage, love, self-sacrifice — in short, our natural human virtues.

In Rowling's Potter-world magic is presented as an inherent faculty of human nature that only needs awakening and formation through the pursuit of esoteric knowledge and power. There is not even a whiff of divine presence. Magic is portrayed as a morally neutral power, which in the hands of "nice" characters serves the good, and in the hands of negative characters serves evil.

Simply saying that the Potter books show good as better than evil, is not sufficient defense of the series. Rowling has radically blurred the lines between good and evil. In the Potter series there is an attempt to portray courage and loyalty in the "good" characters. But courage and loyalty can be found in all peoples, even those involved in the worst forms of [evil].

Wholesome fantasy reinforces the moral order of the universe in a child's mind. Corrupt fantasy undermines it. The Potter world is corrupt fantasy with a little cosmetics. There are other serious problems in these books, notably the question of authority and obedience.

Harry's faults are rarely punished, and usually by the negative authority figures in the tale. The positive authority figures actually reward Harry for his disobedience when it brings about some perceived good. His lies, his acts

of vengeance, and his misuse of his powers are frequently ignored. The message of "the end justifies the means" is dominant throughout.

With the appearance of the film version of the first volume an added dimension of psychological influence is at work. By using both overt and subliminal techniques, it can override the mind's natural critical faculty. A constant onslaught of indoctrination pours into our children's lives through films, videos, books, music and all the other forms of social communication

— peer pressure being one of them.

Reasonable parents would not permit their children to read a series of enthralling books depicting likable young people involved in drug-dealing, or premarital sex, or torture. We would not give our children fiction in which a group of "good fornicators" struggled against a set of "bad fornicators." Why, then, have we accepted a set of books which glamorize and normalize occult activity, even though it is every bit as deadly to the soul as sexual sin, if not more so?

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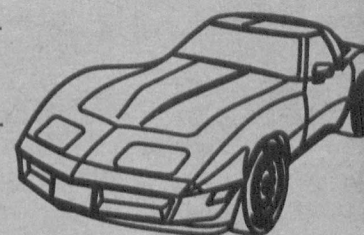
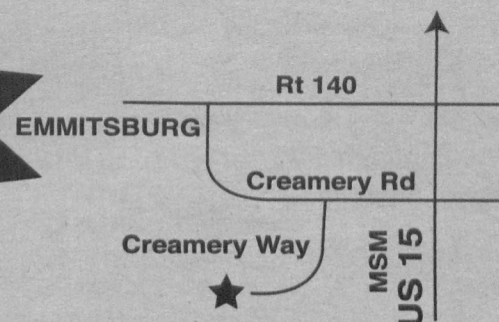
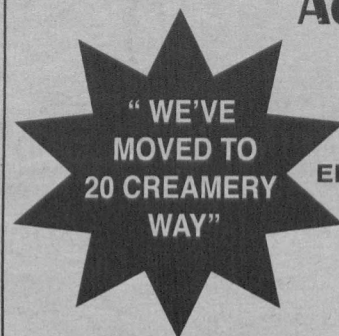
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## Son Worship

By Pastor Wade Martin  
Trinity United Methodist Church

With summer underway and the annual rite of vacations in full swing, many look forward to worshipping the sun, seeking the warmth and glow the sun offers. This makes us feel and look good. But worshipping the sun, and receiving the warmth and glow of a tan is short-lived. Yes, we may feel and look good for a short time, but eventually those feelings and physical appearance will wear off as the season changes.

I encourage you this summer to worship the Son. A sense of warmth and feeling good is also achieved, but not for a few short months, for all eternity. I believe if you take time to worship the Son while you are on vacation you will feel the Spirit move in ways you have never experienced before. Attending worship in a more relaxed

manner and in a different location, perhaps even in a church with a tradition different than your own, may be just what you need to rekindle that flame which burns deep inside you, thus providing that warmth and glow you long for.

Vacation is a wonderful time to experience new and different styles of worship. If you do attend a worship service while on vacation, share your church bulletin with your pastor when you return. I personally find bulletins from other churches interesting, often-times offering new ideas and new experiences. Perhaps you can set up a bulletin board in your church and invite people to hang up bulletins from services they attend while on vacation. This is a great way to share where you and your fellow parishioners have been during the summer.

Have a blessed and safe vacation!

-Trinity United Methodist Church conducts its summer Sunday worship service at 9 a.m. Pastor Martin can be reached at (301) 606-8393.

## Vacation Bible schools for children and adults

**For children:** "Brave Believers: Extreme Faith Stories" is the theme for the Emmitsburg Council of Churches Vacation Bible School this year. Children ages 3 to 12 can journey on the road of faith exploring the courageous acts of Old Testament believers like Samuel, Rahab, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Elias Lutheran Church during the week of August 5th through 9th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Registration forms are at a various locations around town.

To help at the school, or for

information: Johanna Schmearsal at 301-447-3523 or

emmitsburgvbs@hotmail.com

— Another vacation Bible school will be held at the Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren in August. See Rocky Ridge News.

**For adults:** The special qualities of the first five books of the Bible, the Torah, will be the focus of attention in Bible study for adults this summer in the Hall at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Meeting times are 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning July 16th (not 9th, as previously reported) — but a majority of those who come may vote to change the day or time. Information: 301-447-3220

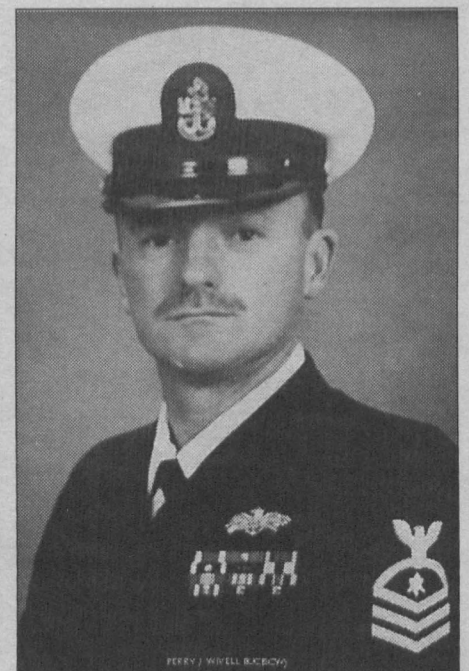
## St. Joseph's Secretary retires after twenty year

Rev. James Kiernan, C.M.  
Pastor, St. Joseph's Catholic Church

I wish to take this opportunity to express a very sincere thank you in the name of our Parish Community to Shirley Dillon, for her twenty years of service in the Rectory, fourteen years as Parish Secretary/Receptionist, who is retiring from full time service in the Parish at the end of June 2002. I, the Vincentian priests, and you, the community, appreciate her friendly manner, her loyalty and dedication to the Parish, and her steady and hard work over these years. I/we wish her Christ's peace and good health as she begins semi-retirement! Because of her knowledge of the responsibilities as the Parish Secretary and her sense of the history of the Parish, Shirley is willing to continue to serve the Parish in a part-time position. Beginning in July 2002, Shirley will be working in the Rectory two days of the week. I express a word of welcome to Mary Ann Osborne who will serve as the Secretary/Receptionist on the other days of the week and be responsible for the over-all operations of our Rectory Office. Again, thank you, Shirley, and welcome Mary Ann.

## St. Joseph's New Pastor.

St. Joseph's will have a new pastor in August, Rev. William O'Brien, C.M., who has been Director of the Miraculous Medal Association in Philadelphia. former. His post will be taken over by Rev. James Kiernan, C.M., the pastor of St. Joseph's since 2000. Fr. Kiernan expects that his last weekend at St. Joseph's will be August 3-4.



Chief Perry J. Wivell has retired after more than 24 years of active duty in the U.S. Navy.

## Breast Cancer

Staff Report

An international group of specialists agreed in May on a standard surgical procedure for early-stage cancer patients. The sentinel node is the first lymph node in the breast to which cancer spreads. By inserting a blue dye and a harmless radioactive tracer around the breast tumor, doctors can track the dye to the sentinel node. A biopsy (removal of a small bit of tissue) is performed on the sentinel node. If the node is clean, further surgery may not be necessary. Research has shown that, in 97 percent of cases, the sentinel node accurately predicts the spread of cancer.

# Emmitsburg Area Churches

### Incarnation United Church of Christ

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

124 West Main St.

Sunday service: 10 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ted Haas

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### St. 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: Rev. James O. Kiernan, C.M.

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### St. Anthony Shrine

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

16150 St. Anthony's Road

Mass schedule: Saturday, 4:00 p.m.,

Sunday, 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. 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: Rev. 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: Rev. 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

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



# Obituaries

## Mrs. Marjorie Butler

Mrs. Marjorie Claire Pundt Butler, 81, of DePaul St., Emmitsburg, died Friday, May 31, at Memorial City Hospital, Houston, TX. She was the wife of Charles Maurice Butler Jr. who died April 10, 1977. Born May 30, 1921, in Houston, she was a daughter of the late Lockett J. and Zelda Owens Pundt. Mrs. Butler was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are seven children, Charles Maurice Butler of Houston, James Patrick Butler of Baja, Mexico, Katherine Ann Butler and Mary Elizabeth Butler, both of Emmitsburg, Thomas Edward Butler of Albuquerque, NM, Richard John Butler of West Palm Springs, FL; and Shirley Ann Butler-Smith of Atlanta, GA.; 21 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers Lockett John Pundt and John Owen Pundt, both of Atlanta; and one sister, Gloria Pundt-Sheehan of Tulsa, OK. Friends called from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 7, at Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, where the rosary was recited at 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m., June 8, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, by Rev. Michael Kennedy. Interment was in the New St. Joseph's Cemetery in Emmitsburg. Memorial donations may be made to Mission of Mercy, P.O. Box 102, Fairfield, PA 17320.

## Mrs. Naomi Demmon

Mrs. Naomi Elizabeth Demmon, 78, of Phoenix, AZ., formerly of Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, June 5, at Heartstone Rehabilitation Center, Sun City, AZ. Funeral arrangements were made by Stauffer Funeral Home, Thurmont.

## Mr. Milton Harvey

Mr. Milton Howard Harvey, 45, of Federal Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, June 11, at Chambersburg Hospital, Chambersburg, PA. Born April 24, 1957, in Baltimore, he was a son of Milton and Dorothy Mae Wetzal Harvey of Emmitsburg. He served in the U.S. Navy and the National Guard. He was a security guard for a number of businesses in the Baltimore area. In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Betty mae Bishop of Swansboro, N.C.; and one brother, Robert Lee Hood of Baltimore. Graveside services were held June 14 at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Baltimore, with Deacon Charles E. Barnhart officiating. Arrangements were made by Skiles Funeral Home.

## Mr. Wayne Kerns

Mr. Wayne Edward "Smoke" Kerns, 39, of Catocin Furnace Road, Thurmont, died Wednesday, June 12, in a boating accident. He was the husband of Jo Ann Smith Kerns, whom he married Oct. 21, 1989. Born June 16, 1962, in Thurmont, he was a son of the late Harry Robert and Ada Mae Kerns Carson. Mr. Kerns was a member of Blue Ridge Sportsmen Club and Thurmont American Legion Post 168. He was employed by Miller & Long Construction Company of Bethesda as a superintendent for over 21 years. Mr. Kerns loved to hunt, fish, camp, and was a NASCAR enthusiast.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are one son, Wayne E. Kerns, Jr., of Thurmont; one daughter, Kelsey Ann Kerns, at home; three sisters, Donna West and husband Tommy of Thurmont, Linda West and husband Butch of Emmitsburg, and Tammy Shilling and husband Gene of Waynesboro, PA, one brother, Larry Kerns and wife Sherry of Inwood, WV, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, including nephew Chad Kerns. Mr. Kerns will also be remembered by his friends, Ed Smith, Craig Weant, Bobby Smith, Bruce and Tracy Boyd, Terry Young and Dave Powell. The family received friends on Sunday at Robert E. Daily & Son Funeral Home, E. Main St. Thurmont. Funeral services were held June 17 at the funeral home, with the Rev. Wade Sandridge, of Evangelical Bible Church, officiating. Interment was at the Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

## Mrs. Mary Nolte

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Carbaugh Nolte, 65, of Taneytown Pike, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, June 12, at Gettysburg, PA, Hospital. She was the wife of Milton Nolte, who died in 1984. Born Oct. 6, 1936, in Edgemont, she was a daughter of the late Ira and Thelma Ott Carbaugh. She is survived by two sons, Robert Vaughn of Westminster, and Bruce Vaughn of Granger, MO; one grandson, Tyler Vaughn of Union Bridge; one sister, Loretta Shorb of Fairfield, PA; and five brothers, Harry Carbaugh of Smithsburg, Charles Carbaugh of Eaglesville, TN., Lawrence Carbaugh of Westminster, and Robert Carbaugh and Fred Carbaugh, both of Emmitsburg. Friends called from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., June 16, at Skiles Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., June 17, at the funeral home, with the Rev. David Knodel officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

## Damian Steo

Damian Steo, of Frederick, MD, died June 3 in the parking lot of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes near Mt. St. Mary's, Emmitsburg. He had suffered schizophrenia, depression, and severe tinnitus for several decades. Damian was born Jan. 18, 1964 in Riverdale, MD. He graduated from Good Counsel high school and had an associate's degree from Montgomery College. Before his illnesses became acute, he managed a small engine repair shop in MD. Afterwards he received Medicare Disability and held part-time employment as a gardener and carpenter.

Damian's survivors are his parents, William and Shirley Steo of Emmitsburg, his brothers, Austin and Mark Steo, his sister, Leah Huston, and 10 nephews and nieces. His remains were cremated and interred in the new cemetery of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Rev. James O. Kiernan, pastor, celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:30 p.m., June 8, in the Church, and conducted the graveside liturgy.

## Mrs. Marguerite Wolfe

Mrs. Marguerite E. Peters Wolfe, 89, of South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Friday, May 31, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg. She was the wife of D. Fred Wolfe. Born October 24, 1912, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Bernard and Gertrude Bowling Peters. Mrs. Wolfe was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. She was a retired telephone operator with C&P Telephone and Mt. St. Mary's College. Surviving in addition to her husband, are three sisters, Theresa Hollinger and Sister Baptista Peters, D.C., both of Emmitsburg, and Barbara Vaughn of Thurmont. There was no viewing or visitation to the funeral home. Graveside funeral services were held at 11 a.m., June 4, in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, with Mrs. Wolfe's pastor, the Rev. James O. Kiernan, officiating. Arrangements were made by Skiles Funeral Home.

## Catoctin High School Class of 1992 10 Year Reunion

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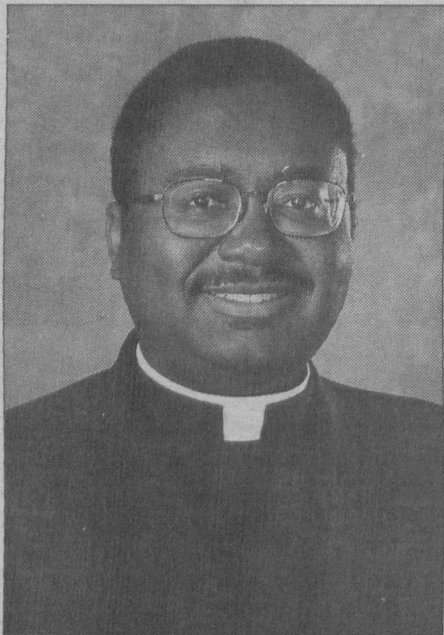
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## Chaplain Harris assumes extra duties at Seminary

Rev. Raymond Harris, chaplain at Mt. St. Mary's College, has assumed additional duties, at the Seminary. He is now its part-time formation advisor and spiritual director. He had already supervised six seminarians in the pastoral field formation program.

Fr. Harris was born in Baltimore, MD. He graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion, and completed his studies for the priesthood with a Master of Divinity degree from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. Then-Archbishop Keeler ordained him



a priest on June 4, 1994. In 2000 Fr. Harris came to Mt. St. Mary's College to serve as chaplain and director of campus ministry.

## Gravel, dirt roads to be protected

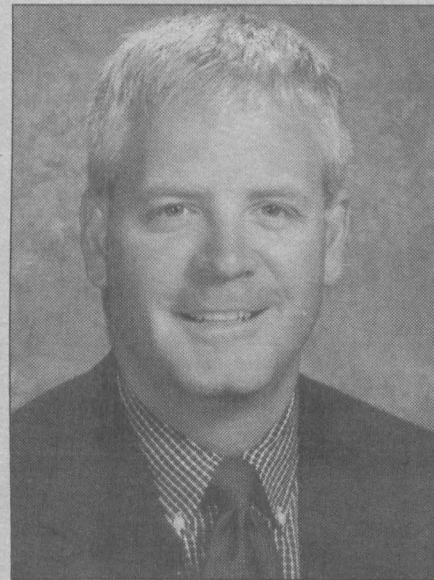
From news reports

Gravel roads in Frederick may be preserved from widening and paving under a plan tentatively approved recently by the Board of County Commissioners. They voted down a similar plan, 2 to 1, in 1995. In 1993 Montgomery County set aside about 1,100 miles of roads — both paved and unpaved — in its Rural and Rustic Roads Program.

The commissioners will hold a public hearing this summer or early fall. If the plan is accepted, about 70 miles of gravel roads would be protected — unless a majority of property owners along a given stretch of road petition the county.

Each year the county's Department of Public Works paves over several miles of dirt or gravel roads with tar and gravel. Opponents say that as Frederick County keeps getting developed, the need to preserve some of the county's rural past has become greater. "Like the county's covered bridges," an activist has said, the gravel roads are "little gems."

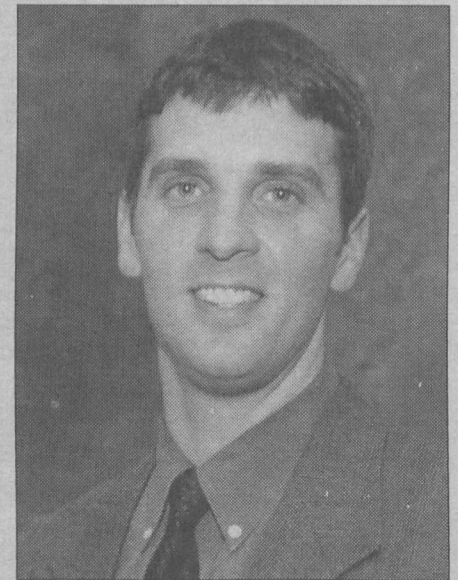
## New communications, publications directors



James C. "Duffy" Ross III

James C. "Duffy" Ross III has been named director of communications and marketing at Mt. St. Mary's College and Seminary. He will be responsible for coordinating the college's marketing plan, its media and community relations, and advertising.

Ross brings more than 15 years of high-level communications experience in educational institutions to the Mount. He spent the last seven years as director of publications and public relations at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe, MI, the state's oldest independent college-prep school. Previously, he worked for several



Joseph A. Cliber

higher education institutions. He holds a B.A. in journalism from Central Michigan University.

Another development in the communications office is the promotion of Joseph A. Cliber as director for publications. Before joining the Mount in 1999 as associate director for publications, Cliber worked as a graphics manager. He received his B.A. in graphic design from McDaniel College, formerly known as Western Maryland College, in Westminster, MD, in 1989, and has more than 10 years of experience in the publications field.

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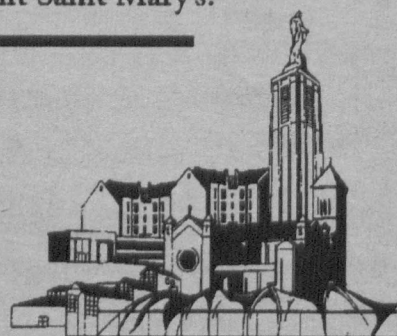
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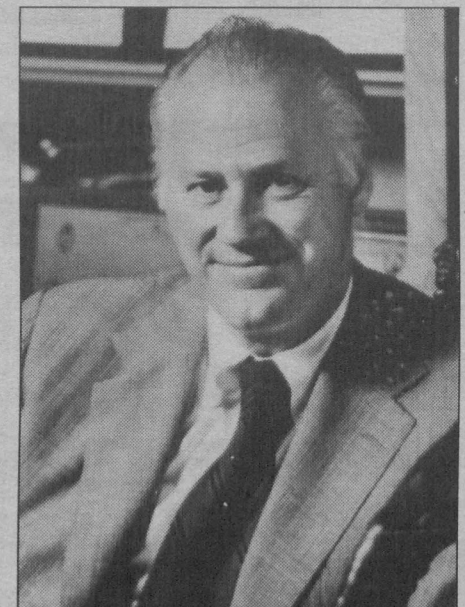
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## Bruté Medal honorees

One of the first students to attend Mt. St. Mary's after its foundation in 1808 was Rev. Simon Gabriel Bruté, later dubbed the "Angel Guardian" of the Mount because of his compassion for its students. In his honor the College annually bestows the Bruté Medal on persons with similar qualities. On June 1 this year, the Mount awarded the 38th medal to two alumni, Edward F. Egan, C'52, and John D. Graham, C'57.

## Former baseball commissioner given MSM's DuBois Medal



A former commissioner of major league baseball, Bowie K. Kuhn, was given the 40th DuBois Medal awarded by Mt. St. Mary's College and Seminary, at its annual Alumni Reunion Banquet in May. As MLB commissioner from 1969-1984, Kuhn saw the advent of free agency and designated hitters, and weathered a 57-day players' strike. Currently he heads a Florida-based consulting group and travels the country speaking to others about his Catholic faith.

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*The (retired) Ecologist's Corner*

# Of Miracles and Illusions

By Bill Meredith

Every morning when I get up, I go into the bathroom and turn on the faucet over the sink, and a miracle happens: water comes out. This has been happening for a long time, but it still amazes me. In my early childhood, water was always a topic of concern to my parents and my grandmother, and their worries readily transferred to me. It was a formative influence; it still dominates my thinking.

The house I was born in had no bathroom, but it did have running water, after a fashion. There were two sources of water. One was a pump at the end of the kitchen sink; it drew water from a well just outside the kitchen door. The well was 16 feet deep; my father had dug it by hand, blasting a hole out of solid rock when he built the house 10 years before I was born. It was good drinking water, but in those pre-detergent days, it was too hard for washing; my mother's tea kettle, in which she heated coffee water on the stove, would develop a thick, limy crust which eventually plugged up the spout, and she would have to get a new one every year. In addition to the pump, there were hot and cold faucets over the sink, but the hot faucet wasn't connected to anything; water only came out of the cold one. It was supplied by a large tank in the basement, which received rainwater that drained

from the roof of the house via eaves-troughs and downspouts. That water wasn't clean enough to drink, but it was soft, and therefore ideal for washing.

This system worked well when there was plenty of rain, but those were the dust-bowl years of the 1930's, and we had droughts nearly every year. Every summer, the tank in the basement would go dry, and we would have to use the hard water from the well for washing. Then, eventually the well would go dry, and we would have to carry water from my grandmother's house, about 100 yards away. Luckily for us, her well never went dry, but the fear that it might was always on our minds.

While Grandma's well was reliable, her water system was not. Her house was old, and instead of a proper basement it had a cellar that was dark, damp and not large enough for an adult to stand up in. It was illuminated by a 25-watt light bulb, which was turned on by pulling a string that you never could find in the dark; even in the daytime, we had to take a flashlight to find it.

In the corner of the cellar was a pump, which drew water in from the well in the yard; it was powered by what must have been George Westinghouse's original electric motor. Periodically, the motor would fail to come on; you could hear it buzzing,

and if you didn't go down to the cellar at once and start it by hand, a fuse would blow. There were two ways to start the motor. You could pull on the belt that connected it to the pump, but that was always damp and sometimes gave you an electric shock, and it also ran the risk of catching your finger in the pulley. The preferred method was to hit the motor with a stick, which was kept there for that purpose; that seemed to be a sort of miracle at the time, though I now know it simply jarred loose the brushes, which had corroded and were always getting stuck.

All of these memories have revisited me this summer, as drought conditions resulted in a state-wide ban on excessive water use. After the driest winter on record and a drier than normal spring, we have had normal rainfall for the past month; my lawn is green and the garden is flourishing. Some friends recently noticed that the town's reservoir, Rainbow Lake, was full, so they went to the town office for permission to wash their car. They were somewhat put out when they were told the water running over the spillway at the lake was an illusion, and permission was denied. But while "illusion" may not have been the most tactful choice of words, it does describe the situation accurately. We do not have as much water as it may appear. Even when the present drought is over, we face a long-term shortage.

The average rainfall in the Emmitsburg area is about 43 inches per year, give or take a couple of inches. In bad years it may drop to 30 inches, while in wet years it may exceed 65. Ecologists learned a long time ago that it is the extremes rather than the average that determine the quality and quantity of life a place can support, and the quality of the oak forests that exist naturally around here tell us this has historically been a dry region (if it were

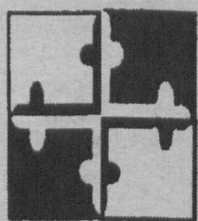
wetter, the forests would be composed mainly of maple and beech trees).

When it rains, the water has three choices: some evaporates back into the air, some runs off the surface into streams, and some soaks into the ground. The latter fraction has two destinations: some is taken up by plant roots, sustains plant growth, and eventually is released back into the air by transpiration, and whatever is left percolates downward to recharge the water table.

If a drought occurs during the growing season, its effect is immediately evident; crops fail, lawns dry up, streams go dry, and dust fills the air; there is no illusion about it. We have seen this around here in the mid-1960's and the late '80's—early '90's. By contrast, a drought during the winter, followed by normal rainfall in May, can produce the illusion that there is plenty of water because the surface soil has enough moisture to sustain plant roots. But while the surface may appear normal at such times, the water table can be perilously low.

As more people move into our area, especially into formerly forested regions, the water-absorbing forest soil is replaced by lawns and paved surfaces, and runoff is increased; recharge of the water table is diminished. At the same time more wells are dug, more water-using industries and businesses are encouraged, and the water table is depleted faster.

The water table is like a bank account; it is constantly in flux as a result of deposits and withdrawals, and restraint is required to maintain a balance. By this analogy we are living on a "fixed income," unless we can find a way make it rain more; yet our "expenses" are increasing. There are no miracles in sight; the so-called benefits of growth are an illusion. It shouldn't take much of an economist, let alone an ecologist, to see that we are headed for trouble. Our town planners need to take note; our hydrologic bank account is dropping. Continued growth will bankrupt us.



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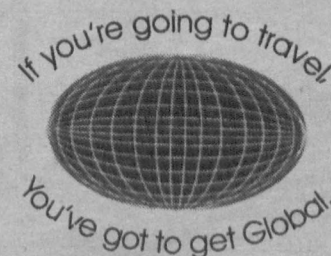
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## Essay on gratitude contest open to writers of all ages

By the Editor of Small Town Life

Small Town Life magazine is the "home of the free thank-you ads." Each month these little classifieds allow our readers to share and acknowledge many different types of gratitude. We know there's always a larger story behind each "thank-you ad" - and we've decided we want to hear those stories! So Small Town Life is sponsoring an essay contest.

We invite you to write us an informal essay on what thankfulness and gratitude mean to you - what roles have they played in your life? Who are you most grateful to, and why? Do you think it's important to be aware of gratitude, and to make it a priority? Why? And how are you putting gratitude into practice? (Your essay does not have to be based on a "thank-you ad" you've placed with us - but we encourage you to place one if you haven't already.)

The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. In addition, the winning essay will be printed in our magazine. The author will receive three complimentary copies of the magazine, along with a byline crediting the winner by name. Complete guidelines are shown below. Good luck - and thanks in advance for sharing your stories with us!

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Please be sure to include the following when submitting your essay: full name, age, gender, mailing address, phone number, and email address (if applicable). If any of this information is missing, we may have to disqualify your entry.

The decision of the contest judges is final. Winners will be notified by telephone or email. Winners will be required to provide a brief biographical overview upon request. To protect privacy, winners' personal data, i.e. telephone number, address, etc., will not be printed unless by specific request of the winner.

Winners will be required to provide a quality photograph of themselves, or to give permission for a photograph to be taken and printed by Small Town Life Magazine.

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Essays may be submitted by regular mail, to Small Town Life Magazine, 1046 Barnett Hill Road, Punxsutawney PA 15767; by fax, at (724) 349-3290; or by email, to: editor@smalltownlifemagazine.com. (If using email, please paste your essay directly into the main body of the message in order to avoid software compatibility problems.)

The deadline for receipt of all entries is September 1, 2002. Please contact us by email, or at (724) 349-7366, with any questions about this contest, and we will be happy to assist you.

## Scholarship dollars wait for students

Staff Report

Billions of dollars for student scholarships are waiting for takers, not only from the Federal government, but from the private sector. Much private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance—College Bound is one that supplies the public with over 900 different private scholarships sources. The scholarship list includes the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships, and the amount the scholarship

will pay a child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, four-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. That is not true.

A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10, envelope to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

## Recreation Ideas Brewing

Ideas for recreational programs will be welcomed by the Catocin Area Recreation Council at its meeting July 10. Some already percolating are: an over-30 women's soccer team, an all-ages floor hockey team, a women's self defense course, a reading time or story time for preschoolers, a teen dance club with dance contests, and a healthy breakfast coffee shop with cultural activities. The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Knott Auditorium, at Mt. St. Mary's. Questions: 301-694-1649.

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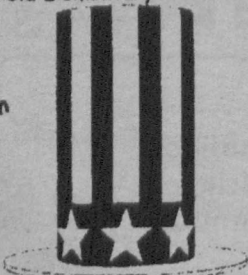
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# Mission of Mercy opens prenatal clinic in Frederick

By David Liddle  
CEO, Mission of Mercy

Mission of Mercy, the charitable organization that operates three free mobile medical clinics in Frederick County, has recently opened a prenatal clinic in Frederick City to serve expectant mothers who don't qualify for medical assistance and have no insurance. The Mission of Mercy has seen more and more expectant mothers who fall through the cracks and have nowhere to turn. Some may go through their entire pregnancy without seeing a doctor. They may have serious undiagnosed medical conditions which put both mother and child at risk.

Last year Dr. Gail Griffin, OB, and Cherrie Evans, Certified Nurse Midwife, began volunteering at the Mission of Mercy mobile clinic in Frederick. At first they saw a handful of expectant mothers for whom they provided the usual prenatal care — pregnancy test, complete examination of the mother and developing child, ultra-sound test, blood tests, vitamins, and free prescription medications. However, the Frederick clinic only operated two Mondays a month, so they could not closely track the progress of mother and child. Moreover, they could not keep up with the increasing number of new expectant mothers.

In response the Mission of Mercy

assigned additional volunteers, including translators, to assist Dr. Griffin and Nurse Evans. They arranged with the clinic site sponsor, Frederick Church of the Brethren, for an additional room as an exam area. Most recently the Frederick Health Department agreed to provide an examination room where Mission of Mercy volunteers can treat expectant mothers on the Mondays the mobile clinic is not in Frederick, especially during the last weeks of pregnancy.

An obvious question is "who delivers the child?" The answer is that while it is not an emergency to be pregnant, it is an emergency when the child is ready to be delivered. Frederick Memorial Hospital's Emergency Room is the usual place that uninsured mothers go to deliver. The Mission of Mercy sends the mother and child's medical records and tests to the hospital a week or two before the mother is due to deliver.

Mission of Mercy's new prenatal clinic operates every Monday in Frederick. Expectant mothers who are uninsured and don't qualify for medical assistance can make an appointment by calling the Religious Coalition of Emergency Needs at (301) 631-2670. Anyone who wants a brochure or to learn about this program, to volunteer to serve, or to offer financial support, may call Mission of Mercy's office at (301) 447-3939.



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## Healthy Families

# To spank or not to spank

By Rose Berdahl  
Special to the Dispatch

One of the hot topics for parents, pediatricians, family educators and early childhood researchers is "to spank or not to spank" Whether you are a new parent or a seasoned one you likely have either taken a firm stand against or for spanking your children.

I am writing to you, not to convince you to do either, but rather to bring the issue before you. You may have already made an informed decision from reading or obtaining information in another manner about the latest research on spanking, or you may, which is far more common, be following the example of your own parenting.

The way you made your decision is highly important. If you spank your children because "I was spanked and I turned out just fine," you likely have never questioned why you practice spanking or why your parents spanked. Rather you just do it, they just did it, and if you go back far enough you will discover great grandma and great grandpa just did it also! Much less common is a heritage of non-spanking. Others spank because it's a quick fix, adhere to the "spare the rod and spoil the child" philosophy, or other methods just seem to fail.

To begin the process of making an informed decision about this very important issue, I would like to suggest that you first fully discuss this matter with your pediatrician. Follow this up by going to the reference area of the library and read the current journal research

about spanking. Notice I did not suggest reading a book or two on the subject as most authors contradict each other or ride the fence in order not to alienate the reader. This will result in more confusion for you.

As an alternative to researching on your own find, a parent education group that will openly discuss this sensitive issue. To ensure this will be done, ask the facilitator if he or she has current research on spanking and if it will be shared in an unbiased manner. Parents must also have the opportunity to freely discuss the findings and relate their own experiences about spanking.

Having the knowledge and making a thoughtful decision that both you and your spouse/mate feel comfortable with is just the beginning. If your decision is to spank, you must carefully follow through with the researchers' criteria of circumstances, and the ages spanking is appropriate, in order not to fall into a child abuse situation. If, on the other hand, you decide not to spank, you will need to acquaint yourself with all the age-appropriate ways to discipline your child, while keeping in mind that each of your children is unique and what will work for one may not work for another.

Parenting is not easy for anyone, we all make mistakes and we all need help. Resolve not to ignore this very important parenting issue any longer, become fully informed, and then begin disciplining in a manner that is both safe and beneficial to your child.

— Rose Berdahl, M.Ed. is a family educator for Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)

## Fitness

# Exercise cautiously in summer heat

Don't stop exercising because it is hot; just be smart about it. People don't realize how much the heat can affect their internal system. When we sweat, we lose moisture, but we lose at lot more. Most of the time we don't really think about how much our body needs to be hydrated. The body is made up of 70 percent water. That's why we can live longer without food than we can without water. By the time we feel thirsty, we are already starting to dehydrate. When we get a glass of water, that replaces the liquid lost in daily activities. In summer we sweat more so we need to drink more. Before starting your walk, workout or even just a day at the park, have a glass of water. Hydrate your body before it asks for it. Try to drink a glass every half-hour or so. Prepare a water jug full of ice to last all day. Make it a fun game for the kids by putting their water in their favorite container or get them a water bottle like mom's or dad's. Most of my clients don't like to drink water. They would rather have a soda or something else. Water is one of the most important parts of my nutrition plan and should be one of the most important items in your daily diet.

You should continue to exercise as usual during the summer months, but remember to drink lots of water and plan your exercise according to the temperature outside. Try to walk in the early morning or late afternoon or evening. If possible, exercise in an air-conditioned place. Be aware of what your body is telling you. Of course, you will be more fatigued in hot weather, but don't push yourself.

Your body knows just how much it can take and it will take no more. Hydrating your body and giving it proper nutrition will help you through those workouts. Just remember that doing a little each day is better than doing nothing at all.

Exercise, but be smart about it. If you have any questions, please call me at 717-334-6009. Remember, Keep moving! You'll be glad you did.

— By Linda Stultz  
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Mother Seton graduates, on bridge: L-R (top row) Danielle Ott, Sarah Warthen, Artie Crum, Becky Peters, Jared Rogers, Heather Willis, David Reese, Bobby Knox, Chris Evans, Angelina Koontz, Casey Crough, Tara Wiggins, Alexis Demuth, (middle) Sam Hettich, Ashley Reaver, Patrick Monacelli, Jonathan Adams, Adam Delauter, Sarah Langan, (bottom) Jennifer Armstrong, Kate Robinson, Katherine Clements



Mother Seton graduates, on bleachers, L-R (top row) Robert Schwaner, Nick Myers, Courtney Smith, Jordon Quillen, Zach Winters, (2nd from top) Tyler Mentzer, Rachel Hallinan, Patrick Hathaway, Robby McCutcheon, (middle) Ricky Robinson, Robby White, Lauren Dorsch, Brittany Griffith, Nina Krauss, Elise Hawkins, (bottom) Nathan Smith, Kelliann Caulfield, Chelsea Lance, Caitlin Ott, Ashton Rippeon, Anna See, Christine Portier

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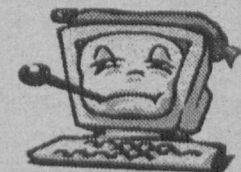
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# Quilters

## Children's Quilts – A gift to last a lifetime

By Mary Ellen Cummings  
Dispatch Writer

Every year in the weeks surrounding July Fourth, the United States comes alive with patriotic symbols — the flag, the eagle, and the colors red, white, and blue. We are all aware of the show of patriotism since 9-11-01, and the world of quilters has been inundated with ways to use red, white and blue in our projects. I am just as patriotic as the next fellow (more than some), but I just can not imagine myself or my home decorated with flag colors. So I'll write about children's quilts as promised.

Most quilters, and some non-quilters, eventually reach the decision to make a "baby" quilt. Of course, emotions dictate that the quilt must be dainty, pastel and of a baby design — lambs, baby bunnies, puppies, kittens, etc. Preprinted fabric is very popular for such a project. If this is your choice, you can save time and frustration, but still have a great gift for that special baby.

However, some quilters prefer to piece or appliqué their gift quilt — whether for a baby, toddler or school-age child. Following, you will find a few suggestions for anyone making children's quilts.

If your quilt is a delicate baby quilt, meant as a keepsake, remember baby is aware of feeding and cuddling only. Mother may decide the gift is too pretty to let baby spit, wet, and do-do on it. If she packs it away, don't be upset.

If you choose to wait until the child is a little older to make your gift quilt, pattern selection is of utmost importance. Children's quilts must be appealing, safe and sturdy to last for years. The quilt might be dragged through a mud hole; pulled by a dog;

snagged by a cat; used as a tent or in a tug-of-war. You might feel that hand-sewing and quilting best expresses your love. However, a quilt made and quilted by machine will last longer.

A choice of pre-printed children's fabric makes a good first quilt. It also gives you more time to finish that very special keepsake. "Now-you-are-a-teen" can be a fun quilt to make. You might choose high school graduation, or a college quilt.

My last tip is perhaps the most important. Know the child well. Some children do not relate well to images of animals. My daughter was afraid of a teddy bear her dad gave her. She would not accept bears in any form — pictures or toy — without crying. My son wanted everything the color blue. He did not like red or yellow and acted adversely if presented anything in those colors.

One child I knew loved merry-go-round horses. She wanted pictures, toys, and clothing with horse designs. She did not want the carousel, giraffes, tigers — just horses.

My own children, and those of some friends, related best to crazy patch quilts. Such quilts, made of many shapes and colors, served as a learning experience. The kids had no trouble in school with colors or geometric shapes. They had learned them from the crazy patch. To make the quilt more interesting, insert surprise pieces of fabric — a santa, clown, or tree. Perhaps a race car, an airplane or a rose. Don't use too many such pieces as an overall designless appearance is an important feature of crazy patch.

Finally, whatever happens to that quilt, don't blame the child, (or the mother). Remember you made the gift to be cherished and used by the child. The quilt might not last for eons, but the memories will.

# Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney  
Dispatch Writer

**Events.** Antique Tractor Pull has been cancelled.

Mt. Tabor Joint Council of Lutheran and United Church of Christ will hold a festival July 20th beginning at 4 p.m. until 7, at Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge. Food includes soup, sandwiches, pies, ice cream, and more. There will be a fancy table with all kinds of interesting things. Games for young and not so young. Music by Gospel Travelers. Biggest sliding board in the area. Held rain or shine.

Family Fun Night was held at the Rocky Ridge Fireman's Activity Hall. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal followed by entertainment by a group from Emmitsburg singing patriotic songs led by Father David Shaum with Bonnie Sanders playing the piano. Some children and Pastor Esther Ziegler told stories about their pets. Committee members were: Kathy Sixx, Rosie Stambaugh, Betty L. Mumma, Burneda Russell, and Pauline Duble.

**July Birthdays:** Bradley Wiles, Cody Wolfe, Carl Keeney, Cora Setherly, Eddie Stambaugh, Calvin Keeney, Melvin Troxell, Dorothy Smith, Michael Dinterman, Shirley Bowman, Jason Mozingo, Kevin Sharrer, Kenneth Frushour, Jason Roser, Connie Humerick, Tounior Lee Brown, Richard Stambaugh, Michael Duble, Charles Keeney, Jr., Mary Shriner, Brandon Humerick, Brenda Lee Brown, and Barbara Shriner.

Congratulations to graduates from the churches: Glenn Haines, Rebecca Shields, Melissa Wiles, Bethany Wolf and Heather Stambaugh.

Autumn Renee Saunders was received into the Kingdom of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on June 9 at the Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. She is the daughter of Doug and Amy Saunders.

Pauline Duble, Thurmont, was honored on May 11th with a surprise 80th

birthday party given by her family: son and daughter-in-law Gerald and Lois; grandson and wife Kevin and Vickie, and grandson Brian; great-grandsons Christopher, Matthew, Kyle and Justin. 35 family members (including sisters Eileen Stall, Olive Duble, and Erma Black; and brother Ernest Rice) and friends gathered at the United Church of Christ to celebrate. Activities included sharing stories, humorous readings and games. Her grandsons and great-grandsons highlighted in song Pauline's special hobbies, quilting and crafts.

## Rocky Ridge Fire Co. News

By Linda Northrup

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Co. held its Open House on May 19. Pastor Jim, the company's chaplain, dedicated the new trophy cases. Also for the afternoon event there was an extrication demonstration, mailbox sign making, blood pressure screening, My Home Towne replicas of Rocky Ridge Vol. Fire Co, sheriff department for Child Safety, door prizes and lots of giveaways. A document on the Company's history was also available to look at and viewers could take a copy with them.

Rocky Ridge Annual Carnival will take place Aug. 12 - 17. Entertainment nightly. Parade on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 7 p.m. Lots of Good Food and Friendship. Hope you will come join us!

## Church of the Brethren News

By Patsy Free

**July Birthdays:** Rick Baker, Tammy Colbentz, Jerry Free, Jo Ann Hurley, John Eichelberger, Sr., Leon Stover Sr., Weston Ritchie, John Baugher, Steven Eichelberger.

**Anniversary:** Ralph & Debbie Eyler. Vacation Bible School will be held at the Rocky Ridge Church of the Brethren, Aug. 5- 9, from 6 to 8:30 pm. More information next month.

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## Drama workshop children 8-12

Children aged 8 through 12 can participate in a free, weeklong drama workshop in August. Called "Drama by the Pond," it will take place at Oakside Community Park in Biglerville from 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 5 through 9. This year the workshop will feature theater games and exercises and "Poetry Alive!" plus a story for family audiences at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 9.

Ann Griffith of the Adams County Arts Council will direct the workshop, which is co-sponsored by the LeVan Family Foundation. Registration is limited but still open. Information: 717-334-5006 or acac@desupernet.net

## Art Exhibiton and sale

"Spirits Alive" Presented at the Spirit Art Gallery

An art exhibit and sale, "Spirits Alive," is being presented by Spirit Art Gallery, 342 N. Market Street, Frederick. The exhibition features the works of four women artists: Dorothea Barrick, Susan Beverly, Karen D. Dosch, Victoria Jackson, and Beckie Laughlin. All different medias will be presented in traditional to contemporary work. Show dates are July 5 to August 24, 2002.

A reception to meet the artists and see the exhibition was held on Saturday, July 6, 2002 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Spirit Art is a new alternative gallery for artists wishing to show in a professional setting. The gallery is open by appointment only. For more information,

August. The Council receives many requests for arts services, performers, and groups. The Directory has been a way for it to connect professional and amateur artists with anyone looking for works of art, or art services, such as instruction and entertainment.

The Council will place copies of the Artists Directory in area schools, libraries and not-for-profit agencies in the fall.

The Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust is supporting publication of the

updated Directory, which is under the supervision of Sue Williams, the Council's new Arts-In-Education Coordinator (717-334-5006).

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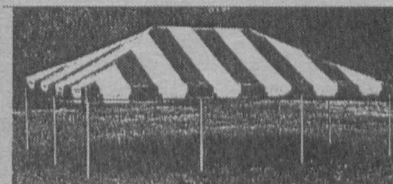
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