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Little Leaguers celebrate the Lion's Club 20th annual Community Day. See center-fold for first-ever color photos in an Emmitsburg newspaper. Color sponsored by Jubilee.

## Ambulance chief resigns

By Raymond Buchheister  
*Publisher*

Steve King resigned as chief of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company on July 17, 2002 at the company's Board of Directors meeting. According to company officials his resignation was due to internal conflicts with fellow officers and members. King chose not to make any comment to The Emmitsburg Dispatch. Brian Koenig was elected chief at the company's regular meeting, July 28. Koenig, an emergency medical technician (EMT) and driver had been assistant chief. His position is now held by Jeanette McGuire, a recently registered national EMT paramedic. "I'm honored that the company has placed their trust in me," he told The Emmitsburg Dispatch.

"My immediate goal," he said, "is to strengthen the internal operations and foster a better relationship with neighboring companies." Koenig appeared to allude to the tension that has existed between Emmitsburg Ambulance Company 26 and neighboring companies when he added that, because he's a relatively new member, he has no past history here and gets along fairly with neighboring company members.

Koenig, who lived in Emmitsburg four year while attending Mt. St. Mary's College, recently established permanent residency on Main St. He works as a contract security guard for the National Emergency Training Center.

In the past month Steve King's wife, Penny King, also resigned. Marie Straw has taken her position as assistant secretary. Unlike husband Steve, who resigned both as chief and from the company, Penny remains an active member of Ambulance Company 26.

At its July 28 meeting the company accepted seven new members. With another member they will begin EMT training this month. The organization hopes to build its EMT team from 17 to 24.

## Town to vote on annexation, citizens can speak up

By Bill Steo  
*Editor*

Anyone who cares about life in the Town of Emmitsburg may want to attend the Town meeting Monday, August 5, at the Sleep Inn hotel. After adjourning its regular business meeting the Board of Commissioners plans to open a public hearing and vote on the latest proposal to expand Emmitsburg. Will it improve or degrade the Town in the long run? Citizens can speak their minds for three minutes each, if they sign up beforehand.

After hearing the citizens the Board will vote on a resolution to annex property on N. Seton Ave., according to a petition of Buckeye Development which it accepted at its June meeting. Last Tuesday Frederick County said the plan conforms to its zoning ordinances. On Monday, if the majority votes "Aye," the Town commissioners will cause Emmitsburg to expand by about 66

acres, although the measure takes effect only after 45 days.

The Commissioners' other options are to defeat the resolution, or table it for 30 days.

The annexed property would include the Boyle farm, the Piggy Duke lot, and a strip of land along Flat Run creek between the Boyle farm and the Northgate subdivision. An affirmative vote on the resolution would incorporate the land within Town boundaries and approve new residential zoning. This would allow the installation of water and sewer lines hooked up to the Town's systems.

Buckeye presented its petition with claims that the Town would receive tax revenue from future homeowners, and that businesses might see increased sales. But it did not offer studies, estimates or calculations to support its claims. The Town has the right to ask Buckeye for

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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.

### Help write our Town's history

The Historical Society of Emmitsburg plans to publish a History of the Greater Emmitsburg Area in 2006. The goal is to have all written and pictorial material which will be in the book ready for the publisher by 2004.

I am a member of the committee which is tracing the history of education in our area since Colonial times. We have defined "greater Emmitsburg area" as District No. 5 (up-county not including Thurmont) plus adjacent areas in Pennsylvania and Carroll County.

I wish to tell your readers: if you attended, or if some older relative told you about attending, a long-ago school in our area — private, religious, public — our committee would like to hear

from you. Pictures of schoolhouses, classes, teachers, are of great interest and will be carefully handled and returned. We would love to see report cards, graduation programs, etc.

We are delighted that some people who attended one-room schools have written to describe their school day, even the games played at recess. We need more. It's a long history.

Please help us make our record on education in our area as complete as possible. Please write me: 16507 Annandale Road Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Or, if you have a story you don't want to write down, phone me. Perhaps I can write it for you. 301-447-2928.

-Ann Hall Marshall

### Harry Potter novels— a defense

In his interview printed in July's Dispatch regarding the suitability of the Harry Potter novels, Mr. O'Brien makes several points that beg for rebuttal. I find his criticisms to be skewed and narrow-minded.

Argument 1: "There is not a whiff of divine presence." While this is true, there are many who find this a laudable quality. By leaving deity out of her novels, the magical world is no longer stigmatized and becomes a vessel through which Rowling can set up a parallel world in which many valuable lessons can be taught concerning social issues we are plagued with today, such as bigotry, misuse of power, child abuse, and irresponsible media reporting, to name a few.

I cannot help but conjecture that what Mr. O'Brien wants as a divine presence would be the god of Christianity. Would he be satisfied if Harry and his friends were Buddhists or Muslims? Are the followers of this religion so weak that a children's novel will cause them to abandon their values?

Mr. O'Brien bandies the word "occult" around as if it is synonymous with satanism, while Webster's dictionary defines it as something "hidden, secret, mysterious". The magical arts only became occult when the practitioners faced death under the over zealous Christians of old. The wish to eradicate these arts stems from fear of something they couldn't explain, and yet Christian history is filled with unexplainable events otherwise known as "miracles."

Argument 2: "Rowling has radically

blurred the lines between good and evil."

And so she should, because that is life. We do our children a grave disservice if we raise them to believe that every person, every situation is firmly black and white. Just because a person isn't nice, doesn't mean he or she is evil.

Ted Bundy was charming and seemingly "good"; Professor Snape is mean-spirited and yet ultimately does the right thing. He hates Harry and treats him unfairly. We want him to be the bad guy and yet he saves Harry's life repeatedly. We do not well equip our children to live in and improve our world if we don't raise them to acknowledge life's ambiguities.

Argument 3: "There are other serious problems in these books, notably the question of authority and obedience." Mr. O'Brien disapproves of Harry's lack of obedience and flaunting authority. Yet do not some authority figures need to be questioned, if not disobeyed? Some rules are wrong. Our country was built on disobedience to a "tyrannical" authority. Would not the world be a better place if children were taught to question adults and disobey molesting priests and teachers? If no one broke the rules, would women have the vote? Would schools be integrated? Would India still be a colony?

I would maintain that "reasonable parents" will do what they have always done with regard to whether their children should read these books: they will preview them and decide if their children are mature enough and they will

## No penalty, poor compensation for killing of Irene Wantz

I am corresponding to you because of a traffic fatality April 9, 2002 on the old Frederick Road near Emmitsburg, MD. I am heartsick by this terrible incident that took the life of my beloved sister-in-law, Mrs. Irene Wantz. In the report of the accident [in another newspaper], the driver was cleared of all charges. The point I am confused with is that the section where the accident occurred is a straight bit of road for nearly a mile... a posted 40 mile speed zone. The driver is said to have struck the victim near the center of the roadway in the northbound lane. He was traveling south, changed lanes and struck the small lady killing her instantly.

I arrived at the scene shortly after. Since the victim was near the middle of the road, [she had the] right-of-way on the northbound lane. This slight woman of probably a scant 100 pounds, alert and active, had little chance against an automobile coming directly at her. I cannot imagine what the last moment of her life must have been.

To my knowledge there are no houses on the right side of the southbound lane for several miles. All the home occupants must cross the road to secure their mail and although there are no marked crosswalks, it has been foremost in all driver's training that the pedestrian be given the right-of-way; and one involved in an accident prove that every effort to avoid contact was made. My question is: Was any extra effort attempted except for the lane change?

Her crushed and broken body slid off the automobile's hood and shattered windshield possibly 50 feet beyond the mail box.

The victim and her husband routinely arose early in the morning, possibly 5-5:30 a.m. Her husband, upon awakening saw that his wife had obviously gotten up before him. He saw their door was partly open and assumed his wife had gone for the mail. When she did not come into the house as he was expecting, he ventured outside and saw the ambulance and crew, several

talk to them about the books. These books open up unimaginable opportunities for discussion with plenty of opportunities for parents to inject their own ethics.

If these books provoke us and our children to think, then they are already better for our kids than half of what society markets for them.

But that is a gripe for a different day.

- Sabrina Paxton-Daily

policemen and a covered object on the road. Startled, bewildered, he hurried to the road, but was apprehended by an officer and advised as to what had occurred.

I joined my brother and family shortly after the accident and was there nearly three hours until the body was removed; the agony and disbelief was unbearable. Two officials came into the home with half of her glasses, a broken necklace, her rings bent and broken with a gemstone missing, her shoes and socks and several pieces of mail.

The widowed man received a form in which he was to respond with accounts of expenses incurred through the accident. After the form was returned, a ridiculous check was awarded by the insurance company; not nearly enough to cover expenses, not to mention the loss of his wife, the mother of nine children and 20 grandchildren, his helpmate and marriage partner of over 50 years.

When an inquiry was made regarding the check and the loss of valuables, the insurance personnel said that perhaps the early morning sun might reveal the hiding place of the gem; it would be like searching for a needle in a hay stack. I could not believe the response given my brother. I believe that the victim and the family have been disrespectfully responded to by what I have always considered a distinguished and compassionate company. I have a very different attitude now.

-J. Russell Wantz, Jr.

### Tribute to Ralph Lee Keilholtz

If you did not know Mr. Ralph Keilholtz, you missed the opportunity of learning the true value of living. He contributed to mankind the time he had on this earth.

Ralph was well-known in the Rocky Ridge and Emmitsburg areas. I once read that everyone is a stranger until you meet them. Well, Ralph's friendly personality attracted everyone. He knew how to be happy and he shared this happiness with others. I will always remember his smiling face.

Ralph was a loving husband and father. Having lived in Rocky Ridge near Ralph's family, we all knew each other well. Also, I was known to his children as one of their babysitters. They truly had a special dad!

Ralph Keilholtz was an honorable man and will be greatly missed. It is not how much you know about life but how you live your life that counts.

- Jeanne (Sharrer) Angleberger

## Town Meeting August 5, 2002

### PLACE and TIME

The Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners will meet this month in the Sleep Inn, Silo Hill, 7:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

- St. Joseph's Parish Hall, water use issue: 4-inch meter for sprinkler system in basement
- Water ban, restriction/penalty issue, new ordinance
- Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, presentation-request for parking
- Sister Mary Jo Stein: presentation-request weed control at Willow Rill
- Sewer Extension, hook-up: Veterinary Hospital & Stonehurst B&B request a 60-day extension
- Water Service termination: McKenna/Annandale Road
- Public Comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING**, to take place immediately following the Town Meeting.

On a resolution concerning the Silver Fancy Farm Annexation.

### AGENDA

- Presentation by petitioner
- Frederick County representative's comments
- Town Manager's report
- Council members' questions related to input and reports
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (see conditions, below)
- Petitioner's rebuttal
- Council discussion and vote

Conditions for citizens who wish to speak:

1. You must sign the attendance sheet and note your intention to speak.
2. You must do this before the regular Town Council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
3. If you intend to speak about a specific item on the agenda, you should indicate what it is when you sign in. You can name more than one item.
4. You will be given your time to speak when the council addresses the items you chose.
5. 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

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.

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## A word from The Mayor's Desk

# The Provincial House did reduce water use

Over the last month the Town has modified the water ban restrictions. In an attempt to resolve what appeared to be an ongoing problem at the Provincial House, the Town Manager reported that the Provincial House water consumption was 70 percent higher than normal for this time of year. The Town Manager gave this report at the July Town meeting and the Frederick Post made some incomplete quotes about management ability which highly upset the staff and residents at Provincial House.

Although the Frederick Post information was not printed as stated, it did prompt an immediate concern from the Provincial House to meet with the Town to discuss their increased use of water. The meeting was held on July 5; the Town and Provincial House left that meeting with a very clear understanding of why the Provincial House is using more water.

In previous years the Provincial House used an on-site well to supply coolant water to the air conditioning system. Last year the Frederick County plumbing inspector required all inside use of the well to be discontinued. The County code prohibits the use of a well when municipal water is available and in use. This restriction is to avoid the possibility of contaminating the Town's water system. Without the use of the well the Provincial House is forced to use public water to keep their air condi-

tioning units operating.

The Town was aware that the use of the well had been discontinued and expected a daily increase of the water use at the Provincial House. But the Town was not aware that the water use would be more than double. Together the Provincial House and the Town will be reading and monitoring meters to determine how much water is being used for coolant and how much is actually being consumed.

The Town has placed a requirement that large users such as the Provincial House reduce their total water consumption by 10 percent. Since the Town and/or the Provincial House cannot control how much water is used for coolant, the Town will not penalize the Provincial House for the extra water used for cooling the air conditioning units. The Town will bill the Provincial House for consumed water and water used for coolant, and the Town will also penalize the Provincial House if the consumed water is not reduced by 10 percent as compared to previous years.

After reviewing the previous year's water consumption at the Provincial House to the amount of water consumed this year, the Town now recognizes that the Provincial House has reduce their water use as required.

—James E. Hoover  
Mayor, Emmitsburg

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## Commentary

# Do not let Emmitsburg be annexed to death

Next Monday three members of the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on a petition by Buckeye Development that the Town annex properties on N. Seton Ave. The company needs Town water and sewage services in order to build houses there.

Buckeye did not give the Town any reason to justify expanding its boundaries. At the hearing, however, it will be asked to reply to questions given to it by the Town earlier. Supporters of annexation allege the development would produce more property taxes and more sales to local business. But analysis suggests these outcomes would be small and greatly offset by two consequences. First, annexation would cause economic losses and, second, something much worse. It would initiate the dying of Emmitsburg.

Will annexation do any good to the people who live here now? No one has explained how. No one, it seems, has considered the costs and damages a housing development will inflict on this Town. Some have casually predicted tax income but no one has provided

an estimate. A reasonable estimate would consist of a pro-rated schedule showing how many houses might be built each year, when they would be occupied, and how much tax revenue they might generate annually.

With this information at hand, the Town commissioners would have another question to answer: Would the estimated tax revenue exceed, equal, or be less than the costs that will befall the Town? Will we have a net gain or a net loss? Without facts and figures the prediction of tax revenue is empty. The same must be said of the promise of increased sales to local businesses. No one has provided demographic and statistical analyses — like those used by successful businesses.

In short, the citizens of Emmitsburg now have no way of knowing that annexation will do any good or, if any, whether it's worth the cost. If the Town commissioners are in the same fix, they have no justification for approving the resolution on Monday.

Annexation will certainly generate costs to the Town — it makes no difference how much — costs for improving infrastructure, for services, for wear and tear on its physical parts. The people who live in the development will use the Town, after all. They will cause some small addition to Town maintenance costs, and to the taxes we all pay.

But there is something else stunningly more important than economic loss. House owners in the development will not be current residents. They will be people who move here for the varied splendors of our small town that the development will begin to destroy — familiar acquaintances, easy friendships, secure privacy, public quiet, undamaged buildings, healthy air, natural habitats, living creatures, and many other nearly intangible components of good living.

We commonly fail to appreciate what we always have in our environment. In a certain way nature lavishes affection on us through our senses. The green world bestows many pleasures of sight, smell, touch, sound, and even taste. Like the love of our spouses for us, we don't think about nature's affection all the while we enjoy it; and rightly. It would be madness to be always reflecting on our experiences while having them. But sometimes we must reflect, as now, in order to appreciate what we would lose, in some

degree, if another block of houses closes in on downtown Emmitsburg and if its residents swarm through it.

No, we would not lose all the blessings of nature, but surely some. We will at once lose a large open space, the largest nearest to the center of Town. We will soon lose a measure of the purity of our air and of that quiet that springs from, and produces, peace. Is it unlikely the development will add more roaring trucks and motorcycles, and cars with adolescent speakers blaring? Most certainly, we will lose some birds and small animals. And over time our losses will be significant.

Sadly, it's when we don't hear bird music, or don't see squirrels skittering, when we don't smell the ingredients of fresh air, when we don't sense the velvet quiet — it's then, from their absence, that we appreciate what we've lost. But then it's usually too late. Where a grandeur of trees once stood, there lies now the bleakness of a parking lot.

No one can make a numeric measurement of the quality of living with natural things. Still less can numbers identify degrees of friendship. A dozen unknown persons on the street may give us no pause, but encountering a single unfamiliar stranger in a familiar place may cast a cloud over the moment.

It is not the number of strangers that matters, but the possibility that strangers will replace acquaintances wherever we go. It is not how many birds will be lost, but the fact that some birds will be lost and we will know it. It is not how many more decibels louder the car speakers will be that spills an ounce more dismay into life, but the knowledge that more noise may trample our thoughts. Mere concern about all these probabilities diminishes our serenity and so, the quality of our lives, but not in ways subject to measurement.

Someone asked, Can the Town grow in population and still maintain its quality of life? There is no numerical answer, but there is obviously a turning point. Would anyone suggest that living in Emmitsburg would be the same if it were as large as Washington, Baltimore, or even Frederick? One annexation would not make our lovely Town into a Frederick North, but it would diminish us in that direction.

If some foretell economic growth from annexation, teach them this: the substance of a business plan is a calculation of income and expenses based on expert research. That's Business 101, and it has not been done.

If they insist their economic guesswork is not meaningless, change to the more important subject: the gradual erosion of the joy of living in Emmitsburg. So far the Town and its

officials have kept Emmitsburg healthy. Will it be able to protect us from erosion caused by the Buckeye development, and the next one? The process of annexation can be a tumor imperceptibly degrading a beautiful Town into a shoddy crossroad surrounded by suburbs.

It would be disgraceful for any Town commissioner to vote in favor of the resolution if Buckeye fails to present a justifying argument at the hearing. Why was it not required to present one sooner?

In every situation where someone makes a proposal, he or she is obliged to provide evidence and arguments that show the value of adopting it. We see examples in courtroom dramas. If the prosecution doesn't present good reasons for bringing a case to court, the judge may dismiss it at once, without arguments.

The developer will get another chance to make a case, at the hearing. If he fails again to show that the benefits of annexation outweigh the costs — including the damage to the quality of our lives — the commissioners have no choice but to vote against the resolution.

In our democracy the citizens, too, will be heard. We urge them to help stop developers from gobbling up this precious Town. Another annexation could well begin the long, slow dying of Emmitsburg.

The whole question of growth has been framed in the wrong terms — in numbers of people, water and sewer lines, money — things that are external to the lives of people. Our Town should indeed ponder how we can grow — in friendship and public service, in the enjoyment of human and natural beauty, in knowledge of each other and of our country's government, history and laws, and of our neighbors on the next street. There are dozens of ways this Town can and should grow, and none absolutely require, or forbid, an influx of people.

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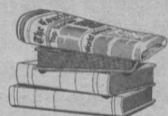
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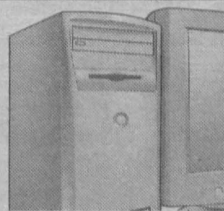
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## Library News



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Silo Hill. July finds us in the middle of the Summer Reading Program with many of Emmitsburg's children and teens earning prizes for their reading efforts. Teens and children alike are looking forward to the August celebrations.

Our July program, Bubble

Trouble, was a cool success with wet relay races, water balloons, and tons of bubbles. About 25 children accompanied by their parents joined us in Memorial Park for the event.

The following is a list of our August programs:

Family Storytime (all ages) Wednesdays and Thursdays, August 1, 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 7 pm (Wed) and 10:30am (Thurs).

Babies with Books (birth - 24 months) Tuesday, August 20 at 10:30.

Two-Terrific! (Age 2 with an adult) Tuesday, August 6 at 10:30 am.

Chalk Talk (ages 5-11) sidewalk fun and chalk art, Tuesday, August 13 at 10 am.

Summer Ice Cream Finale for readers who complete the SRC game board.

Teen Pizza Party for teen readers who have submitted coupons from "Say What."

The Tuesday Book Club will meet on the 13th at 7:30. August's selection is Charms for the Easy Life by Kaye Gibbons.

Information: 301-447-2682.

—Sue Cardella  
Librarian

involved with Emmitsburg baseball and softball for 12 years. Besides managing the concession stand, Lisa was the league's player agent. For the last two years she has served as the league president. She will continue managing the concession stand.

League vice-president Mike Forrence is also stepping down. He has served the league for the past several years as a coach, player agent, and vice-president. The election for league officers will be held this October.

Here's a quick recap of the 2002 season.

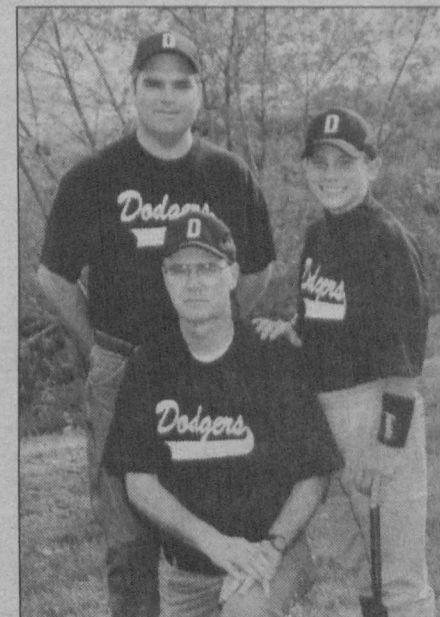
Minor league division (ages 7-9): The Yankees had the best regular season record. The 7-8 minor league all-stars won the Fairfield Age 7-8 Coach Pitch Tournament.

Major league division (ages 9-12): The Dodgers finished the season with the best regular season record and the Giants won the inter-league divisional tournament. As winners they went on to represent Emmitsburg in the Second Annual "Bragging Rights" game against the Fairfield Orioles, which was won by the Giants. Justin Shank of the Giants set the Emmitsburg little league single-season home run record with 10 home runs. The 9-10 B all-stars won the West Manheim Invitational Tournament. The 11-12 B all-stars came in second at the Emmitsburg Invitational Tournament. The 9-10 and 11-12 teams competed in more tournaments throughout July.

Girls softball division: In District 2A competition, the 9-10 girls lost to Thurmont, so Thurmont is representing this district in the State Tournament. The 13-14 girls were slated to go to the State tournament in July, and the 15-16 girls were the host team for the sectional tournament held in Emmitsburg in July.

League players and officials said they sincerely appreciate the support by team sponsors, team managers and coaches, the players' families and friends, and the Town of Emmitsburg.

Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball is Emmitsburg's only organized youth sporting activity.



— photo courtesy of Emmitsburg Little League

### Bingo jackpots reach all time high

The progressive jackpots hit an all-time high at the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Monday night bingo July 29. When it hosted its "Christmas in July," 120 people attended but no one won the special jackpots. They remain to be won this coming Monday night, August 5. Special Jackpots prizes are: Little Jackpot, \$500; the U-PIC-EM jackpot, \$1000, The Big Jackpot, \$1,500. Bingo begins at 7 p.m. at the Ambulance Company, at 300 S. Seton Ave. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for early birds. Information: 301-447-6626.

## Emmitsburg Little League ends 2002 season and an era

The end of the 2002 season for Emmitsburg Little League baseball and softball marks the end of an era. The founder-coach of the Dodgers, and both the president and vice-president of the League are departing.

After 32 years of coaching little league baseball, Frannie Lingg has announced that this season was his last.

Now 62 and semi-retired, Mr. Lingg told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that he picked this year for retirement partly because it is the last year his only grandson, Mark, would play with the team. He said, "We won the season title 14-1, it's a good time to go out, on top." League president Lisa Krom, also, has called this her last year as a league officer. She has been



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## Catoctin service agency to temporary locations

By Bill Derbyshire  
Catoctin CASS Coordinator

Due to the renovation of the Emmitsburg Community Center, Catoctin Community Agency School Services (CASS) will be moving to several locations. All services will continue in the temporary locations listed below beginning in August 2002.

Outreach Services, Seton Center, beginning Aug. 14, will meet every second and fourth Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Information: Rosalind Wilson, 301-694-2451

Families NOW, in Frederick; information Nikki Jesse, 301-694-4530.

Heartly House, Seton Center, beginning in August. Make appointments by calling Rosemary Thomas, at 301-662-8800.

Teri Heger of Behavioral Health Partners, Thurmont Middle School,

Wednesdays beginning in August. Make appointments by calling 301-662-3223, Ext. 308.

Fred Balius, Frederick County Mental Health (FCMH), Emmitsburg Elementary School. Appointments begin once school begins in late August. Fred will continue to see Clients until August 14 in the Community Center. Information about FCMH: 301-694-1755.

Woman's Clinic, Frederick County Health Department, Dr. Christine Curley, MD, 302 W. Main St., Emmitsburg. Woman's clinic will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 28, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and every fourth Wednesday of each month unless otherwise notified. Information about the Clinic: Lori Stockman, 301-694-1739.

Bill Derbyshire, Catoctin CASS Coordinator, Catoctin High School, beginning Thursday, August 15.

## Developer for low-income gets \$10k from bank

Staff report

Interfaith Housing of Western Maryland has received a \$10,000 donation from the Bank of America. Interfaith Housing is a non-profit developer that tries to fill the housing needs of low-income person in the five westernmost counties of Maryland. At

present it has 39 projects in four counties.

James Upchurch, President of Interfaith Housing, accepted the check in Frederick, in front of the Weinberg Apartments, a 23-unit apartment complex for the elderly. The Bank of America (then NationsBank) made the complex possible when it formed a partnership with Interfaith Housing in 1994.

Upchurch said that the gift would be used as seed money to start future rental and home-ownership projects that are affordable to low and moderate

### Many useful subjects taught at Up-County

It's like a one-room school for all grades, or even a tiny department of education. At the Up-County Family Center in Emmitsburg, students of all ages can learn everything from how to read, to advanced computer skills and how to dress for a job interview. They can even get their high school diploma

Students who are unable to attend high school because of illness can participate in home teaching through Up-County. They may either receive instruction at Up-County for part of the day or have a teacher come to their homes for as much as six hours of instruction weekly.

Some people miss all or part of high school and cannot attend a regular school because they're working or tak-

ing care of children. At the Up-County Center they can complete their studies in the Flexible Evening High School program. They can take two courses at once, complete 4 to 6 credits during the traditional school year and earn their diploma. In June four students did just that — graduated from high school at the Center

Companies and colleges that ask applicants for a high school diploma accept a General Equivalency Diploma (GED). The Center helps people obtain one. Teachers provide individual education plans, which allow students to proceed at their own pace. Last year seven students earned the GED there.

Both the high school and the GED programs issue the same diploma issued by the State of Maryland. Those who receive them are eligible to participate in graduation exercises held each May.

Students at the Up-County Center can work at computers using a full-scale instructional program called "PLATO." Using the computer and this program they learn, take tests and get credits. PLATO is available to others who just want to learn without getting school credits. The Center also provides individual tutoring.

The Up-County Center also offers English as a second language (ESL) for non-English speaking students, and training in basic literacy. The classes are individualized so that students can receive immediate feedback and practice. Currently six students are taking ESL classes

The Center staffers help students become more likely to be employed. They help them, one-on-one, to create a resume and cover letter. They give classes in employment readiness skills such as how to dress and act during an interview, and hold practice interviews with the staff.

At the Center residents can take an

introductory course in basic computer skills or to increase their knowledge about computers. Students learn word processing for letters and other forms of writing, and acquire knowledge of computer programs, such as Windows, Power Point, Excel and Access. Advanced students can take self-paced courses in the use of the Internet and the basics of web design.

Up-County has a computer lab where the computers are connected in a network, and all can access the internet. Many students search the internet for jobs or research projects.

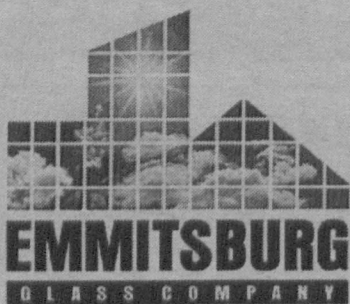
The Up-County serves families, with support for parents with children under the age of three. Students participating in Center activities can receive developmental child care services. The Center provides transportation for the parent and child, and offers parenting programs and parent/child activities, including weekly field trips.

At the Center students can take Basic Life Skills classes to learn budgeting, tax preparation, cooking. And there are Smoking Cessation classes.

The Up-County Family Center provides its services for Frederick County residents (from Walkersville north) Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It has one part-time teacher and an instructor in basic literacy and ESL. They are hired through Frederick County's Adult Education Department. It is seeking an AmeriCorps volunteer and student intern from Mt. St. Mary's to provide one-on-one tutoring for students.

A non-profit organization the Center receives funds from several sources — the United Way of Frederick County, the Frederick County Commissioners, the Department of Health and Hygiene, and local businesses. The Carriage House in Emmitsburg has two fund-raising activities yearly for the Center. Information: 301-447-2810.

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# Community Day Winners

## Greased Pig – Trophy

(Age group) Name (age)

1-4 Justin Messner (4)

5-8 Regina Mitchell (8)

9-12 Nathan Goetz (11)

13-16 Mike Riley (16)

17+ Travis Sanders (19)

## Sack Races- Single – Ribbons

1-4 (1<sup>st</sup>) Justin Messner (4),

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Bandon Gooden (2)

5-8 (1<sup>st</sup>) Graham Netleton

(2<sup>nd</sup>) William Miller (8)

9-12 (1<sup>st</sup>) Ian Ridenour (10)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Erin Emory (10)

13-16 (1<sup>st</sup>) Timmy Gieger (10)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Danny Geiger (12)

2<sup>nd</sup> heat (1<sup>st</sup>) Dan Goetz (14)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) R.C. Carr (14)

17+ (1<sup>st</sup>) John Frentiere (17)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Jamie Bush Jr. (42)

## Sack Races- 3 Legged- Ribbons

1-4 (1<sup>st</sup>) Zoe Emory (3) & Justin

Messner (4)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Brandon (2) & Blake

Gooden (3)

5-8 (1<sup>st</sup>) Sidney Weaver (7) &

Mary Miller (8)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) William Miller (8) &

David Dorsey (7)

9-12 (1<sup>st</sup>) Wade Droneburg (11) &

Jerrett Jenkins (10)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Misty Bradshaw (10) &

Erin Emory (10)

13-16 (1<sup>st</sup>) Triscia Carr (13) &

Megan Bradshaw (13)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Chris Carr (13) & Dan

Goetz (14)

17+ (1<sup>st</sup>) James Bush, Jr. (42) &

James Bush Sr. (74)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Ashley Kauffman (17)

& Carrie (17)

## Egg Toss- Ribbons

(1<sup>st</sup> prize) Dan Goetz (14) & R.C. Carr

(14)

(2<sup>nd</sup> prize) Jerry & Becky Wilson

(husband & wife)

## Water Balloon Toss – Ribbons

(1<sup>st</sup>) Nathan Goetz (11) & Angie Goetz

(mom)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Jerry & Becky Wilson (husband

& wife)

## Pie Eating – Ribbons

1-4 (1<sup>st</sup>) Joseph Miller (2)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Sara Wilson (1)

5-8 (1<sup>st</sup>) Lydia Emory (8)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Kevin Dorsey (7)

9-12 (1<sup>st</sup>) Donny Geiger (12)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Wade Droneburg (11)

13-16 (1<sup>st</sup>) Bobby Knox (14)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Kirk Little (15)

17+ (1<sup>st</sup>) Jerry Wilson (21)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Richard Craney

## Water Mellon Eating – Ribbons

1-5 (1<sup>st</sup>) Branden Gooden (3)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Blake Gooden

6-8 (1<sup>st</sup>) Jared Suit (7)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Tie –Patrick Miller (6)

& Lydia Emory (8)

9-12 (1<sup>st</sup>) Nathan Goetz (11)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Matthew Bradshaw

(11)

13-16 (1<sup>st</sup>) Bobby Knox (14)

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Dan Goetz (14)

17+ (1<sup>st</sup>) 3way Tie- Jimmy

Regnier, Matt Knox, Gary Suit

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Becky Gooden

## Closest to the Pin - \$61 Prize

“Dean”

## Horseshoe Winners – Trophy

(1<sup>st</sup>) Bob Deweiss & Jim “Flounder”

Miller

(2<sup>nd</sup>) Walter Kwarta & Kevin Shorb

(3<sup>rd</sup>) Eugene Hamrick & Brian Varner

on the other, the County cannot build a prison or steel mill next door.

How will the vote on annexation go? Commissioner Patrick Boyle has recused himself from voting because his property is included in the proposed annexation. Commissioner Ted Brennan has said he wants to see more facts. Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that she, too, wants more facts and is concerned about water and traffic issues. She sees a problem with “so much growth so fast.”

Commissioner Cliff Sweeney told The Dispatch that he favors annexation in general, but has reservations about too rapid growth. He said, however, that only “something really bad” would prevent him from voting for the resolution. He thinks annexation will not cost the Town anything. Asked whether those who may speak at the hearing would influence him, he said No, because “the development has nothing to do with those people. They can’t even see it.”

Mayor Hoover can accept or veto the annexation but is known to favor it on the ground it may generate tax revenue. The Town’s staff report has no information the possible number of houses that might be built, nor on possible tax revenue from them.

The vote may depend on the opinions of citizens who speak up. The Board anticipated much comment,

which is why it scheduled the hearing in the first-floor breakfast meeting room at Sleep Inn. The room will have chairs for 45 people. The Commissioners will sit behind a table facing them. The Inn can be reached via the road that passes between the Exxon station and McDonald’s.

One commissioner will be elected temporary chairman of the Board of Commissioners. He will listen first to a presentation by Buckeye Development, presumably expecting answers to the Board’s questions. Then the Board will hear citizens. The likely chairman said he will listen for the allowed three minutes to everyone who signs up. “Even 50 people?” we asked. “I will listen to all 50 for three minutes each,” he answered. Finally, the Board will vote on the resolution or table it for 30 days.

If the Board approves the resolution, Maryland State law requires a 45-day waiting period before it takes effect. This is to enable citizens who disagree to petition the Town for a referendum so that all registered voters can vote on the annexation. This opportunity was used by the citizens of Woodsboro several years ago to overturn an annexation decision of their town officials. The process has been going on in Brunswick, also relating to an annexation, and may be resolved when this issue is printed.

## Annexation

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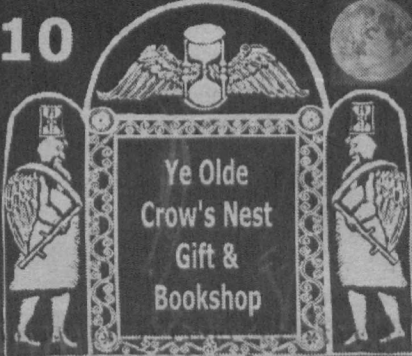
an impact statement, showing what its housing development would do to Emmitsburg and the surrounding area. Before the hearing the Board will give the developer its own “Silver Fancy Farm Annexation” report prepared by the Town staff, and a list of required information.

In 1998, for the first time in 20 years, the Town of Emmitsburg revised its comprehensive plan and obtained control of its future growth. This action has ensured County approval for most requests by Emmitsburg to expand north to the Pennsylvania line and south to Mt. St. Mary’s, and it prevents the County from developing those areas according to its own plans. On the one hand, Emmitsburg is not obliged to expand;

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## *A word from the pulpit* Is Prayer Worthwhile?

By Rev. Stephen P. Trzeciecki, C.M.  
Associate Pastor,  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he had finished, one of his disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us how to pray as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins for we too forgive all who do us wrong; and subject us not to the trial.'" (Luke 11: 1-4)

If I asked Jesus today to teach me how to pray, would he answer me in the same way in which he answered that disciple? Perhaps he would. What is interesting about the Lord's prayer is that Jesus encourages me to ask for what I need; daily bread, forgiveness and deliverance from temptation. Jesus encourages me to ask because he knows how generous the Father is. If this is true then why don't I receive what I ask for? The answer to this question may lie in the process of asking rather than in the lack of generosity on the part of the Father.

Three Gospel stories exemplify the attitudes I need which will guarantee a response to my prayer. These three attitudes are: first, the awareness of my real need not apparent or imaginary; the second, the sincere desire to receive that which I ask for; and third, the expectation that God is going to answer what I ask for.

The first attitude, the awareness of my real need, is indicated in Matthew's

account of the woman with a hemorrhage (Matt 9:20-22). She recognized she had a real need, she was suffering from the illness for twelve years and there was no relief in sight. Her need was real, not imaginary. A cure was imperative if she was to lead a normal life.

The sincere desire to receive is exemplified in Luke's account of the blind man near Jericho (Luke 18: 35-43). When he calls out to Jesus, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Lord," he answered, "I want to see."

Mark exemplifies the third attitude, the expectation that God will answer what I ask for. There is no hesitation whatsoever. This third attitude is powerfully narrated in the story of the Daughter of Jairus, an official of the synagogue, who "seeing Jesus, fell at his feet and made this earnest appeal: 'My daughter is critically ill. Please come and lay your hands on her so that she may get well and live'" (Mark 5:22-23). Jairus asked for and clearly expected an answer to his prayer.

Jesus was so impressed by Jairus that even after some people had arrived from the official's house saying that the daughter had died, "Jesus disregarded the report that had been brought and said to the official: 'Fear is useless. What is needed is trust'" (Mark 5: 36).

These three Gospel stories are expressions of an honest faith. The three characters in the story are aware of their needs, sincerely desire to

receive, and firmly expect a positive response to their prayer from the Lord.

Rereading the stories I see some more lessons. Although God will only give if I come to him with these attitudes, I must also approach Him with honesty. Each of these three characters approach Jesus as they really are; there is no attempt on their part to be something they are not. They do not try to make a deal with Jesus nor do they try to impress Him.

I also see another powerful lesson. Their prayer is short. They are not long-winded. They come to the point. They express themselves simply, clearly, and without extra adjectives. They teach me to pray in public but they do

not "show off."

Each of the Gospel characters come to Jesus in critical moments of their lives. He is their first recourse. They know how to cut to the heart of the matter. They go to Jesus. They come to Him in the negative moments of their lives, when the presence of God is not apparent but seems distant. With these attitudes they find that the Lord is not only present, but active in their lives.

Maybe the original question I asked in the title, "Is Prayer Worthwhile?" is valid when I read, reflect, pray over, and apply the Gospel stories to myself. If I do that, then prayer is worthwhile.

## Obituaries

### Mr. James Bentz, Jr.

Mr. James L. Bentz Jr., 48, of Old Frederick Road, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, July 6, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA. He was the husband of Pamela Kuykendall Bentz of Thurmont.

Born July 12, 1953, in Gettysburg, he was a son of James L. Bentz, Sr. of Emmitsburg, and the late Helen Dorothy Harbaugh Bentz. Mr. Bentz was a carpenter.

Surviving, in addition to his wife and father are one son, Anthony Bentz of Emmitsburg; one daughter, Tammy Turvin and husband Jeff of Hagerstown; one granddaughter; Megan Turvin of Hagerstown; three stepdaughters, Marjorie Kuykendall of Emmitsburg, and Brandi Miller and Amber Miller of Thurmont; three step grandchildren; one sister; Jeanie Myers Shriver and husband Bob of Emmitsburg; two nephews, Troy

Myers and Robert Myers III; and two great-nephews, Bobbie and Nicholas Myers.

Mr. Bentz will also be remembered by his friends, Bob Myers Jr. and Doug Miller.

The family received friends July 8 at Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg. Funeral Services were held July 9, at the funeral home with Deacon Charles E. Barnhart Jr. officiating. Interment was held in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

### Mr. Ralph Keilholtz, Sr.

Mr. Ralph Lee Keilholtz, Sr., 75, of Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, June 18, at his home. He was the husband of Francis M. Baker Keilholtz, his wife of 53 years.

Born August 9, 1926, in Rocky Ridge, Mr. Keilholtz was a son of the late Ernest F. and Edith C. Valentine Keilholtz. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific theater from 1944 to 1947. Upon discharge from the Navy,

## Emmitsburg Area Churches

### Incarnation United Church of Christ

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

124 West Main St.

Sunday service: 10 a.m.

Interim Pastor: Rev. Ted Haas

301-447-2270

### 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.  
301-447-2326

### St. Anthony Shrine

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

16150 St. Anthony's Road

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

Pastor: 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

301-447-6239

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



he worked for the U.S. government at Fort Ritchie for 25 years. Upon his retirement from the government, he was employed at Mt. St. Mary's College for 15 years.

Mr. Keilholtz was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, Brute Council 1860 and Emmitsburg Post 6658 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1961 he founded the Rocky Ridge Progressive 4-H Club and was leader for 12 years.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters, Rebecca L. Thompson and husband Bernard of Frederick, Mary Ann Gill and husband John of Waynesboro, PA, and Angela M. Keilholtz, at home; four sons, Ralph Lee Keilholtz Jr. and wife Charlene of Thurmont, Thomas E. Keilholtz and wife Karen of Orrtanna, PA, Jeffery M. Keilholtz and wife Debra of Smithsburg, and Stephen D. Keilholtz and wife Lori of York Springs, PA; 24 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Anna V. Law of Gettysburg, PA, and Hazel M. Stonesifer of Keysville; and one brother, Vernon G. Keilholtz of Emmitsburg.

Mr. Keilholtz's two sisters, Dorothy A. Knipple and Novella E. Dinterman; and two brothers, Merle F. Keilholtz and Raymond E. Keilholtz, had died previously.

Friends attended Christian wake services on June 21 at Skiles Funeral Home. A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 22 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Interment was in the Church's new cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Western Maryland Chapter, 108 Byte Drive, Suite 103, Frederick, MD 21702 or Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702-0799.

#### Sister Angela Kujawa, DC

Sister Angela Marie Kujawa, 86, died Tuesday, July 9, of a stroke at Villa St. Michael in Emmitsburg, where she had been a resident since 1999. Born into the St. Stanislaus Parish as Wanda Mary Kujawa, in Baltimore, she was a daughter of the late Walter J. and Sophie A. Kujawa.

Sister Angela Marie graduated from Seton High School in 1934. She entered the Daughters of Charity in 1935 and attended St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg.

Sister spent 24 years teaching in Michigan, Virginia, and Maryland, and 12 years in parish ministry and catechetics. She taught elementary grades at St. Vincent Home in Saginaw, MI 1936-1943; St. Joseph's Villa, Richmond, VA 1947-1950 and 1955-

1959; St. Catherine Laboure School, Wheaton, MD 1969-1972. During her years in parish ministry she served in North Carolina at St. Mary's Center in Greensboro from 1972-1975 and 1976-1977, and briefly at St. Joseph House, Raleigh, in 1973. She served in St. Charles Parish in Baltimore, from 1977-1984, and St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Wheaton, MD from 1984-1991. In 1991 she was assigned as patient visitor to the retired Sisters in Villa St. Michael, where she served until her own retirement in 1999.

Sister Angela Marie is survived by three sisters, Irene, Clare, and Christine Kujawa, Baltimore, one niece, Angela M. Dix, Reisterstown; and two grand nieces, Tricia Daryman and Kathy M. Dix.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Friday, July 12, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of Charity Support Fund for elderly and Infirm Sisters, 333. S. Seton Ave., Em

#### Mrs. Anna Marshall

Mrs. Anna Marie Marshall, 91, of N. Church Street, Thurmont, died Monday, July 1, at St. Catherine's Nursing Home, Emmitsburg. She was the wife of Jesse Merhle Marshall. They were married for 52 years.

Born June 30, 1911, in Gettysburg, PA, Mrs. Marshall was the daughter of the late Walter Mathias and Edna Jane Humbert Bupp. She was a member of the Weller United Methodist Church and the Senior Citizens of Thurmont. She had worked for Claire Frock for 23 years.

Surviving in addition to her husband is on brother; Lloyd Bupp of Michigan, one sister, Mary Sowers of Fairfield, PA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Marshall will also be remembered by her friends, Karen Novello, Carroll Clabaugh, and David and Darlene Fogle.

Mrs. Marshall's two brothers, Richard Bupp and Malcom Bupp, and two sisters, Catherine Bupp and Grace Bupp, had died previously.

Services and interment were private. Arrangements were by Stauffer Funeral Home, Thurmont.

#### Mrs. Helen Overholtzer

Mrs. Helen Overholtzer, 76, of Gettysburg, PA, formerly of Franklin Road, Thurmont, died Saturday, July 6, at Green Acres Nursing Home, Gettysburg. She was the wife of Chester Overholtzer, who died in 1987.

Born March 13, 1926, in Lantz, Mrs. Overholtzer was a daughter of the late Herbert and Ivey Smith Brooks. She was a member of St. Elias

Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. She had been employed with Cambridge Rubber Co. and Thurmont Shoe Co.

Surviving is one daughter, Bonnie Overholtzer Kiel and husband Richard of Fayetteville, PA, one brother, Joseph Brooks of Thurmont, and one half-sister, Betty Green, of Thurmont. Her one brother, Charles Brooks, had died previously.

The family received friends July 9 at Stauffer Funeral Home. Funeral services were held July 10, at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. Interment was in Blue Ridge Cemetery, Thurmont.

#### Mrs. Anna Smith

Mrs. Anna Ruth Six Smith, 73, of Mumma Ford Road, Rocky Ridge, died Monday, July 8, at her home. She was the wife of Luther Lee Smith, who died Dec. 28, 1996. They were married Sept. 8, 1950.

Born Nov. 20, 1928, in Rocky Ridge, Mrs. Smith was a daughter of the late Marlin and Sydney Adams Six. She retired as a seamstress at Claire Frock, Thurmont, after 40 years. She was a 1946 graduate of Emmitsburg High School. She enjoyed traveling, reading, and spending time with her animals.

There was no viewing or visitation at the funeral home. Graveside services were held July 11 in Keysville Union Cemetery, Knoxville, TN. Arrangements were made by Skiles Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, P.O. Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702-0799.

#### Miss Nancy Starner

Miss Nancy Ann Starner, 53, of N. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Monday, July 15, at Green Acres Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Gettysburg, PA.

Born Sept. 6, 1948, in Gettysburg, she was the daughter of Mary Frances Myers Starner of Emmitsburg, and the late George Arthur Starner, who died Feb. 11. Miss Starner had worked as a legal secretary and paralegal in the Gettysburg and Harrisburg, PA areas. She also had worked at Gettysburg College. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church in Gettysburg.

In addition to her mother, she will be remembered by a friend, J. Harold Bartholic of Gettysburg.

Friends attended a Christian wake service July 16 at Skiles Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 17 at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, Gettysburg. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

#### Mr. Donald Topper, Sr.

Mr. Donald Francis Topper, Sr., 76, of Federal Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, June 29, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg. He was the husband of Mary R. Miller Topper.

Born April 20, 1926, in McSherrystown, PA, Mr. Topper was a son of the late James Ray and Stella Wolf Topper. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, American Legion Francis X. Elder Post 121, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, and Knights of Columbus Brute Council 1860, all of Emmitsburg. A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Army infantry. He worked all of his life as a stone mason.

Surviving in addition to his wife are four children, Sherry Teresa Cain and husband Brendan of Hyattsville, MD, Maria Louise Topper of Emmitsburg, Donald Francis Topper Jr. and wife Diane of Glen Burnie, MD, and Gary Patrick Topper and wife Ruth of Gettysburg, PA; six grandchildren, Ciaran Cain, Timothy Cain, and Mary Catherine Cain, all of Hyattsville, and Seth Patrick Topper, Rachel Topper and Joshua F. Topper, all of Gettysburg; and two sisters, Inez Elizabeth Gunn of Delanco, N.J., and Faine Marie Rodgers of Emmitsburg.

Mr. Topper's four brothers, Carroll C. Topper, Leo B. Topper Sr., and Raymond Mark Topper and A. Walter Topper had died previously.

Friends recited the rosary on July 1 at Skiles Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 2 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Interment was in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 108 Byte Drive, Suite 103, Frederick, MD 21702

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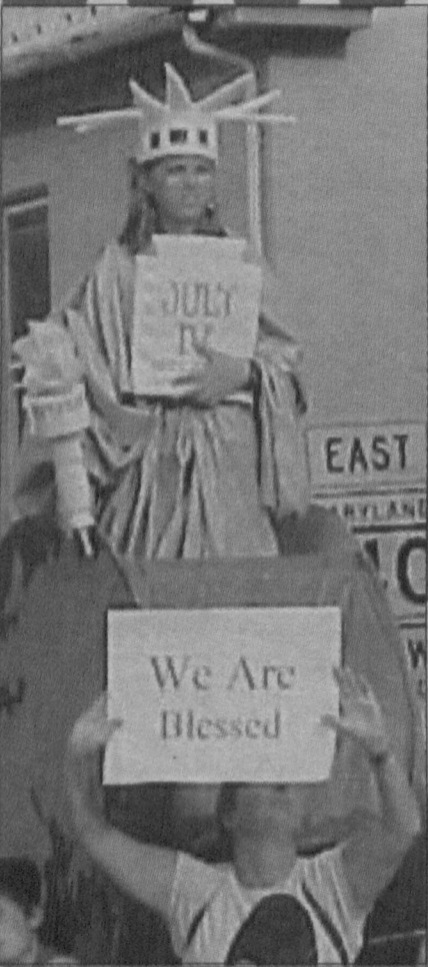
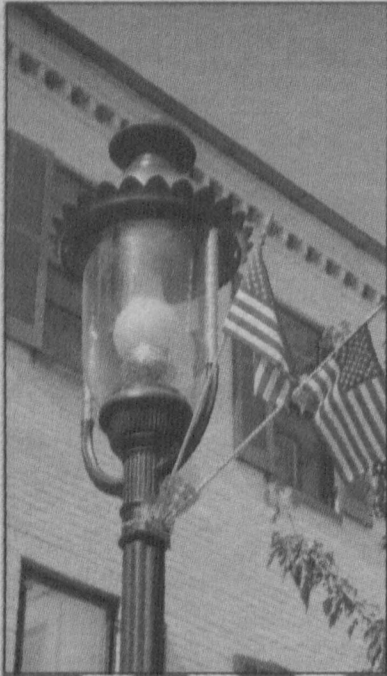
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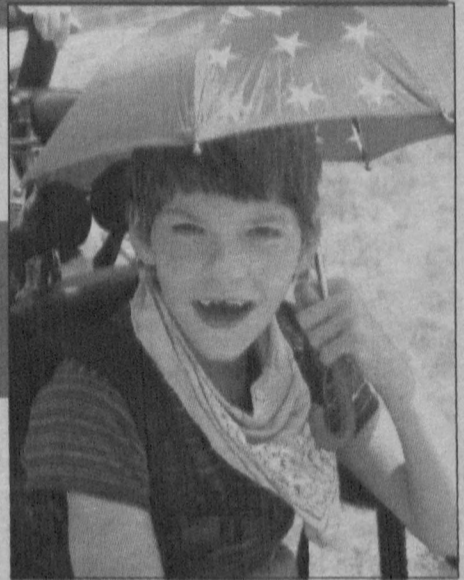
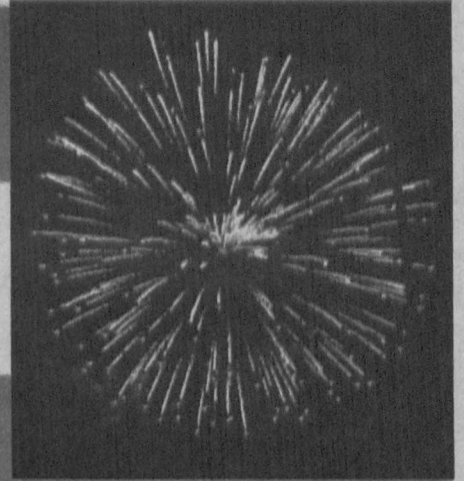
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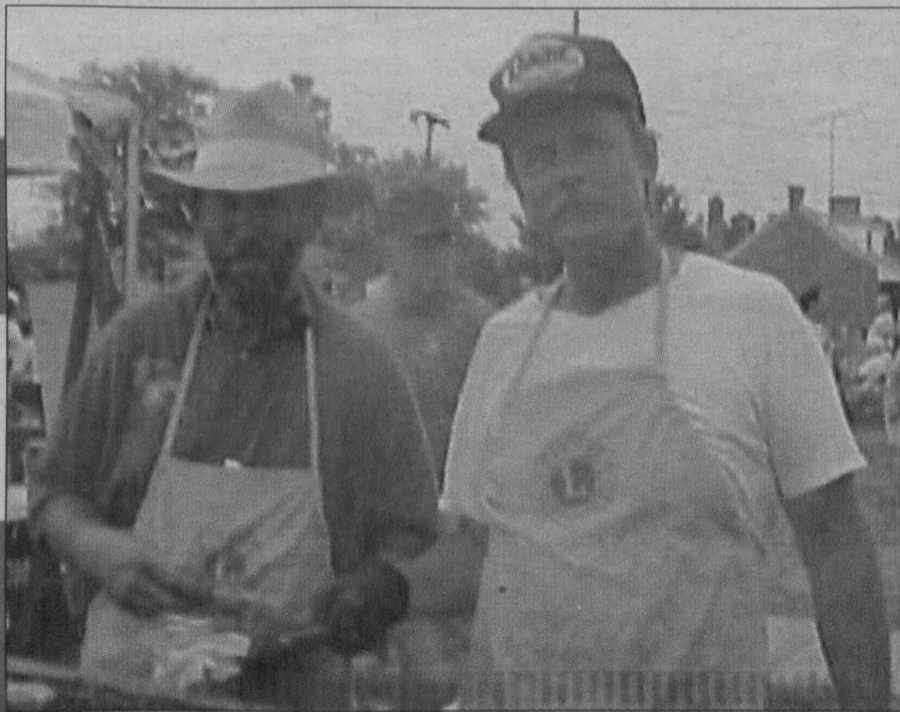
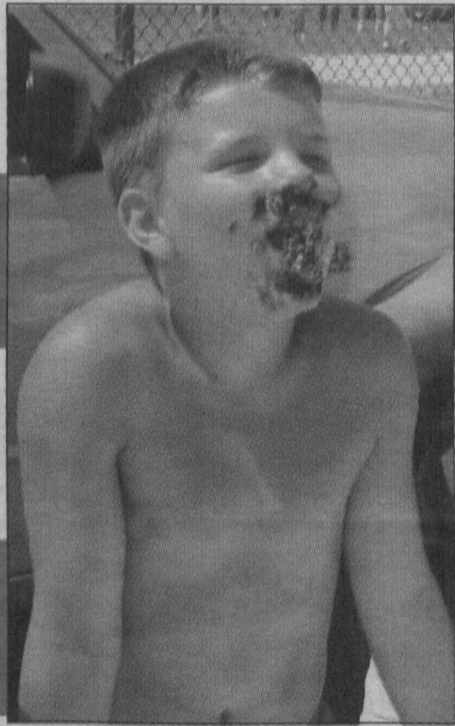


**What former Mayor William Carr said —**

This is the 20th year that -Emmitsburg has been celebrating with a community Day to observe the founding event of our country. Ralph Waldo Emerson said 'What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.' What lies within us is what has made America the greatest democratic society in the world! Emmitsburg, our community, is a functioning, viable, and wonderful piece of

American democracy. You, every one of you, because of 'what lies within you' have been the cause of our success. The level of citizen participation at all levels in Emmitsburg has been the foundation of our success, and I know that it will continue.....Thanks again for having me as your mayor. It was a period of my life I shall never forget and will always hold dear.

God bless us all.



## President Houston clarifies MSM's annexation petition

I read with interest Mayor James E. Hoover's column, "From the Mayor's Desk," in the July issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch. Understandably, the Town Council was presented with another annexation proposal, this one for residential housing.

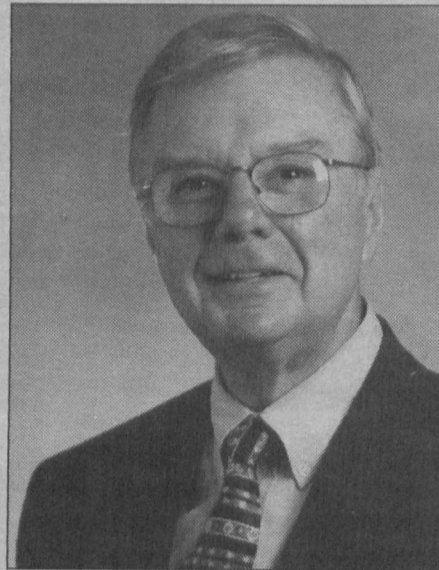
Given the current request, I would like to take this opportunity to clarify some of the issues surrounding Mt. St. Mary's petition for annexation which was withdrawn in March 2002. When the Mount filed its petition in February 2002, Mt. St. Mary's requested 100,000 gallons of water per day. Because of the current water situation, the Town responded with a guarantee of 30,000 gallons per day, enough for one laboratory building.

Mt. St. Mary's proposed supplying its own water for the annexation. In response, the Town requested that the Mount turn over its wells to the Town. Then, the Mount could purchase its own water from the Town. For obvious reasons, this was not an acceptable option for the Mount.

Mt. St. Mary's continues to supply the Town of Emmitsburg with up to 100,000 gallons of water per day, as needed. The Mount and the Town agreed to this several years ago and Mt. St. Mary's will continue to assist the people of Emmitsburg as necessary. For nearly 200 years Mt. St. Mary's and Emmitsburg have been the best of neighbors. We look forward to a continued mutually beneficial relationship

and support the proposed annexation petition.

- George R. Houston, Jr.  
President, Mt. St. Mary's College  
and Seminary



## Reunion classes of '47, '52 recapture Bradley flagpole

The Mt. St. Mary's reunion classes of 1947 and 1952 have recaptured the Bradley flagpole for highest participation rate and largest class gift, respectively. This win comes after their 1997 victory during the classes' previous reunion year.

The class of 1947 boasted a 50 percent participation rate, more than any other reunion class. The class of 1952's \$31,755 donation to the annual fund also ensures that their class flag will fly in front of Bradley Hall. Additionally, in honor of their 50th reunion, the class raised more than \$150,000 for both the Annual Fund and the Monsignor Kline Endowment.

The tradition of flying the class flags began six years ago. Since then more than \$1 million dollars has been raised for the annual fund each year. This year the goal was exceeded by the raising of \$1.315 million; the Mount's most successful annual fund ever.

"This achievement is especially poignant this year since it included \$170,000 for the September 11th Remembrance fund, honoring our lost alumni," commented J. Scott Wilfong, C'72 and National Chair of the Mount Annual Fund.

The Mount also made contributions to the American Red Cross and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation in the name of Mount donors, in place of the traditional Mount tokens of recognition for support. Fr. Daniel Mode S'92, led the Seminary Annual Fund in raising over \$114,000, an all time high for seminary annual giving.

"Reunion classes were responsible for 20 percent of the total funds received," said Pam Zusi, executive director of development.

and our attachment to people, places, and things. His book is to be part of a series called "Christian Practices of Everyday Life."

Roberta McFadden, assistant professor of English, is compiling her conference papers and portions of her dissertation for publication.

Barbara Palmer, associate professor of education, is researching pre-service teachers and perceptions of their preparation for teaching.

Andrew Rosenfeld, assistant professor of visual and performing arts, is continuing his research on traditional music of the Alpujarra region of southern Spain.

A.J. Russo, associate professor of biology, is preparing an article which outlines a biology lab that would be used in a high school or college science program.

Ray Speciale, lecturer of business, accounting, and economics, is conducting research for a contracted book on aviation law.

## Grants to Mount faculty

By Kathy Voss  
Mt. St. Mary's College and Seminary

One measure of the quality of a college is the quality of its faculty. That can be gauged, in part, by grants and awards they receive. Here are 16 members of Mt. St. Mary's faculty who have received summer grants for proposed research and writing projects.

Christopher Blake, professor of education and director of the teachers education program, is working to complete a commissioned book.

Richard Buck, assistant professor of philosophy, is doing research and writing a paper on political reasons and political judgment. He plans to write a paper focusing on legitimate public debate on mankind's responsibilities

towards the environment.

Jim Donohue, assistant professor of theology, is conducting research on the "Rite of the Commendation of the Dying," used in Catholic liturgy.

Karl Einolf, assistant professor of business, accounting, and economics, is developing and producing an enhanced online version of sports simulation software to be used by instructors and universities worldwide.

Peter Graham, assistant professor of sociology, is conducting fieldwork in Trinidad on ecotourism as a community empowerment strategy.

Mary Hamel, professor of English, is writing presentation to be made at a conference in Great Britain.

William Heath, professor of English, is participating in a month-long fellowship at Newberry Library.

Judy Johnstone, chair of the education department, is conducting research on the effectiveness of the Mount's Professional Development School.

Karen Keely, assistant professor of English, is to study cyber-literature in order to include a hypertext in a course, as well as complete her book entitled "White Slavery."

John Larrivee, assistant professor of business, accounting, and economics, is examining the impact of social networks on labor supply to unrecorded economic activity. In the fall he will present the results of his research at the National Council of Family Relations conference.

(Editor's Note:) "cyber literature" consists of writings that exist in electronic form and may be found on the internet. "Hypertext" consists of any material - documents, photos, drawings - that can be accessed and displayed immediately simply by clicking on a word or button seen on the monitor screen.

David McCarthy, assistant professor of theology, is writing a book on love

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*The (retired) Ecologist's Corner***Of Trees and Mortality**

By Bill Meredith  
Dispatch Writer

Having spent a couple of fruitless days trying to think of a topic to write about this month, I did what I often do in such circumstances: I paid a visit to one of Emmitsburg's oldest residents. It is a sycamore tree that stands on the bank of Toms Creek just south of town. There is no way to know its age — like most of its kind, it is probably hollow — but it has lived long enough to achieve a circumference of over 15 feet (for the record, I didn't hug it; I measured it with a tape). I estimate it to be above 90 feet in height, and my best guess is that it is about 150 years old. While it is a big tree by comparison to others in this area, it is not a giant of its kind; the sycamore is the largest

species of tree east of the Mississippi, and the record for its size is presently held by a specimen in Kentucky, which has a circumference of 36 feet. By comparison, the Wye Oak was 32 feet in girth.

Trees are the basis of some of my earliest memories. When I was just a toddler, my favorite pre-bedtime activity was to sit on my father's lap and have him tell stories of working at his grandfather's sawmill when he was a boy. His job as a 10-year-old was to drive the team of horses that dragged logs off the hill to the sawmill, and I would go to sleep dreaming of the time when I would be big enough to do that myself. Later, still as a pre-schooler, when we would go to get the cows for evening milking, he taught me to recognize all of the local trees. Thus when

I reached school age, I found I was the only one in the first grade who knew the difference between red and white oaks; it was the beginning of my training as a biologist.

When the Wye Oak blew down this past June, it prompted a series of articles about big trees in newspapers all over the country; a typical example is the clipping my sister sent me from her local paper. It cites the largest trees in West Virginia as a sycamore that is 26 feet in circumference, and a Tulip Poplar that is 18 feet in circumference and 200 feet high. In the virgin forests three centuries ago, trees of this size would not have been unusual; but most of them were cut down early in the country's history. Individual specimens, like the Wye Oak, were left standing at crossroads, or as surveyor's markers. One corner of my father's farm was marked on the deed, which went back over 100 years, by a white ash tree; it was still living when we rebuilt the line fence in the 1950's. It was over 18 feet in girth, and it towered over the surrounding trees. The area had been lumbered many times; it survived only because it marked the property line. Its success doomed it; as the tallest thing in the area, it was struck by lightning a few years later.

Other big trees survived as shade trees. When I first came to Mt. St. Mary's College, there were four huge chestnut oaks in the lawn near the administration building. One of them fell over in a storm in the mid-'60's, and Father Coad, then in his late 90's, remarked, "I told Father DuBois [founder of the college] those trees wouldn't last if he planted them so close together!" When the tree was cut up for removal, I counted 162 rings in the lowermost section, which brought Fr. Coad's story into question, but did date it to the time of the college's founding. Like most of its kind, it probably was planted by squirrels rather than by Fr. DuBois. Its three mates still stand, now at an age of some 200 years and a girth of about 12 feet. In wandering about the local forests for the past 40 years, I have not found any of that species that approach their size; all from their birthdate were cut down long ago.

Every time I walk along Toms Creek, I stop and commune for a bit with the sycamore. It has touched the

lives of many local citizens. Years ago someone built a suspension bridge by stretching two steel cables between it and another tree across the creek; I suspect there are still people living in Emmitsburg who played on the bridge as children in the 1930's and '40's. When I first met it, in 1960, the tree trunk had almost engulfed the cables, but the old bridge still had enough intact planks to allow you to walk across it if you cared to take the risk. The remnants of the bridge washed out in a flood in the mid-'70's, and the other tree fell a few years later. The severed ends of the cables still stick out of the sycamore's trunk; the remainder of the cable is now covered by several inches of wood.

Sometimes as I stand beside it, we contemplate theoretical concepts such as the probability that the same molecule of water might have flowed past it in the creek during its lifetime; but lately we have tended to focus on more personal things. We are both past our prime, still reasonably healthy but on the downslope of life — my arthritic joints are matched by the anthracnose disease that wilts some of the sycamore's uppermost twigs every spring, and both of us are probably rotting out at the center more than is evident from the surface. We are approaching the time when quality of life becomes a concern.

Although modern society seems determined not to recognize it, old trees and old people eventually die. The oldest person whose age was accurately recorded was the Frenchwoman, Jeanne Calmet, who died a few years ago at the age of 123; she was blind, deaf, and unable to walk for her last decade. The Wye Oak survived on life support for the last 60 of its 460 years; its limbs were supported by a mile and a half of steel cable, and its trunk was patched with tons of cement. When it finally fell, its rotted trunk snapped off cleanly instead of splintering as a healthy tree would have.

The sycamore will not have to worry about such an end; each year the spring floods wash away some of the soil around its roots, and eventually it will topple into the creek and wash away. Whether that happens in another year or another century, it will be the way nature intended. There's a lot to be said for that.

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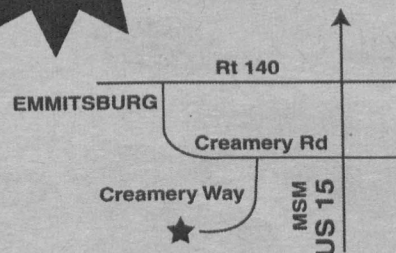
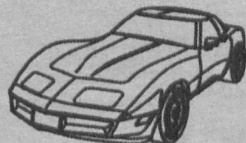
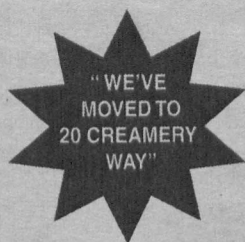
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I realize that as we get older sometimes we do not have as much energy as we use to. Believe it or not, if you exercise you will have more energy. Sometimes we feel too tired to go for that walk or to ride that exercise bike for 30 minutes. If you get up and push yourself, just a little, you will feel better and have more energy afterward. This probably sounds like a myth to someone who has never tried it, but to those truly committed to getting and staying healthy; it is a well known fact.

Motivation can be your best friend when you are trying to commit to an exercise program. If you need help staying motivated, call a friend, get a video or work with a trainer. Having someone to share your achievements with (as well as an occasional downfall) can help keep you interested. Some people need this type of help and encouragement while others prefer to go for a walk or bike ride on their own. Use this time, whether it be to relate with a friend or family member or to be alone and unwind

from the stress of the day.

Everyone needs some time for themselves. Set aside a half-hour or an hour, just for you. I know it sounds impossible, but if you are really dedicated to having a healthier life, you will find a way to work it out. And remember, it is so worth the extra effort. Living longer and healthier is what we all hope for, unfortunately, we have to work at it.

We are hearing on the news, reading in the paper and being told by our doctors to eat better and exercise. These are not just words, they are facts. It seems we live in a world where we don't do anything for ourselves until something is wrong. Preventive maintenance is so important, but also so hard to start. In today's world of video games, computers and remotes, we don't realize how harmful to our health these, so called, conveniences are. I'm thankful for these things too, but we must remember to take care of our bodies before our bodies get lazy and give out on us. So, find a friend or set out on your own, but do something each day. I'm sure you will soon see and feel the improvement.

If you have any questions or need help getting started, please call me 717-334-6009.

— Linda Stultz  
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## List and share your values, family history, with your teens

Are you worried about your teenager? Do you feel as though you have lost him? Does she seem lazy, rude, or careless? Is he always in some kind of trouble or does he come in late without calling? Would you like that kid back that used to live there? It might be time to take a look at what your teen has in her life that makes her feel good about herself and what you, as a parent, are doing to help those feelings grow. Those good things are called developmental assets, things that are in place to help her succeed. The experts have come up with a list of 40 developmental assets. Number one is family support. As a matter of fact, family support is necessary for the next 39 assets as well.

Parents have a tough job. You need to make sure that all is well at home, at school, in the neighborhood, in religious and social activities and even inside the teen's mind. How does my teen feel about himself? How does she treat others? What is important to him? What does she expect out of life? No wonder you're exhausted.

Here are some things you can do fairly quickly that will ensure family support, which will then help more of the developmental assets fall into place.

— Make a list of the values that are most important to you. Hint: If you don't know them, your teen doesn't either.

— Share your list with your teen and let her know that from now on, any behavior that does not go along with those values will be punished. The punishment will be something that fixes the broken value and it should be something that she has to do. For instance, if something gets broken, it needs to be replaced, if he hurts someone he needs to apologize and do something nice. This will give

him a clear picture of what is expected and what to expect. As with adults, if we know the rules we feel more able to do things right. If we feel able to do things right, we are more confident. Confident people expect to succeed and are willing to help and care for others along the way. People on this path attract others like themselves and together make an honest effort toward improving the world around them.

— Model your values for your teen. If you want him to get involved, you get involved. If you want her to be kind, show her kindness.

— Put the list of family values on the refrigerator. Tell your teenager about a time when you had to make a tough choice involving one of your family values. This lets him know that it is not always easy to do the right thing but that you still feel good about your choice to this day. It also helps you show him you care without nagging, shaming or blaming.

— Think of a need in your community and volunteer to help provide a solution. If you love to paint, sing, garden, dance, act — do these things and model doing creative things that make you happy even if they are far from perfect. The joy you show in doing what you love will be a picture worth a thousand words.

— Share your family history with your teen and embrace your family traditions. At this unpredictable time in her life, traditions provide some stability. Let her catch you doing something silly and whenever you can and most important of all, catch your teen doing something well and tell him about it!

By Eve Taglang  
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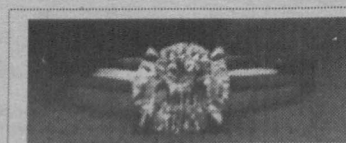
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## A word from the doctor

# How safe is therapy using estrogen & progesterone?

The first concern of medicine is to do no harm. This rule applies when we know the good. Every chemical medical intervention is both a treatment and a poison. The likelihood of doing a greater good should overwhelm side effect or potential harm. It seems there is new information that for many women on combined estrogen/progesterone therapy — for hot flashes, insomnia, bone loss and depression associated with menopause — some may be in real danger.

The brain, the heart, bladder, breast, bones and many other tissues in the body have estrogen receptors. Some tissues, even after the ovaries quit making estrogen, make their own estrogen. Intuitively it would seem that estrogen is a good thing.

Wyeth-Ayerst pharmaceutical company helped fund a study that started in 1993 to look at the long range benefits of PremPro combination hormone therapy. Today the stock of the company has fallen because the evidence unroofed showed that combination therapy showed a trend toward more fatal strokes, more memory disturbance, more heart attacks, breast can-

cer, blood clots, and even more gall bladder disease. The number of those who experienced the effects was not high: roughly eight more per 10,000 women on the combination therapy than expected if they were not on the medicine.

This is really way too many to say the medicine is safe for all menopausal women.

Why can the medicine be dangerous? Some women have inherited clotting disorders; for example "Factor" deficiencies in the blood that predispose toward blood clots. Many women are smokers. By itself, tobacco is a causal factor for strokes, heart attacks and 40 percent of cancers. Our diet full of fried foods, fast foods, large meals, and high cholesterol has a similar criminal

profile. Introduce a couple of hormones that stimulate insulin and other chemicals in the body that can trigger inflammation — there could be trouble. This pathway is suggested by elevated inflammatory markers such as C-Reactive Protein, sedimentation rate, white cell count.

Women with auto-immune diseases such as Diabetes or Lupus already have

extra inflammation in their bodies that puts them at greater risk of heart and brain attacks and disease. Combination estrogen/progesterone therapy seems more risky in these situations.

For some women, uterus still in place, combination estrogen/progesterone therapy may be essential to their well being. Depression, intolerable hot flashes, bone loss, excessive bleeding, to mention a few, can be relieved. There is also a synthetic compound being used in Europe that does not cause uterine cancer and can also address these effects of menopause.

Whether Livial (Tibolone) will prove safe in the long haul is still under study. For the most part plant estrogens do not help as much as would be desired. Some say soy dosing should be limited. Some are soy intolerant or even allergic. The search goes on for a really good answer to having many of the challenges of menopause addressed.

In the meantime, follow your dreams and make them happen; become tobacco free, become fried food (including donuts) free and become as healthy as your body will allow. If you are on estrogen/progesterone combination therapy, talk with your doctor and your gynecologist about the pathway most comfortable for you.

— Dr. Bonita J. Portier, D.O.

## Spanking can cause long-term harm

Staff report

A psychologist says parents who spank their children may harm their children in the long run, and the risk outweighs the instant obedience that they sometimes get with spanking.

Sixty years of research, says Dr. Elizabeth Gershoff, show links between spanking and 10 negative kinds of behavior or experience, such as aggression, antisocial behavior and mental health problems.

"Americans need to re-evaluate why we believe it is reasonable to hit young, vulnerable children, when it is against the law to hit other adults, pris-

oners and even animals," Dr. Gershoff wrote in The American Psychological Association journal.

In another publication three other psychologists advise that especially parents with abusive tendencies should avoid spanking.

Dr. Gershoff advises that when parents feel that they want to spank, they should think of something else to do, or "just leave the room, count to 10 and come back again."

Several national organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, oppose corporal punishment by parents.

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Once a pet is lost, the odds are against its finding its way home again. According to the American Humane Association, only about 17 percent of lost dogs and 2 percent of lost cats ever find their way back from shelters to their original owners. Almost 20 million pets are euthanized every year because their owners can't be found.

Today there are ways to beat these odds that are a little higher-tech than nametags and collars. For a pet to have the best chance to be identified, no matter how far he roams, it should be implanted with a microchip.

Tags and collars are good IDs, but they aren't 100 percent dependable. Tags can be damaged and become impossible to read. Collars can come off, or even worse, get caught on something while a pet is wandering in the wilderness and hurt or kill it.

This does not happen with the microchip. A veterinarian injects a tiny computer chip about the size of a grain of rice just under a pet's skin, between the shoulder blades. Then the number

on the chip is entered in an international database, like the Central Animal Registry or PETtrac.

If a dog or cat with an embedded chip is found, any animal hospital, shelter, or humane society can use a reader to learn the unique ID number on the chip. The veterinarian or worker then accesses the database on the computer, and matches the number on the animal's microchip to its owner's name and phone number.

A microchip is convenient, safe, and reliable, can't be lost or damaged, and lasts for the pet's lifetime.

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## Little parasite has dogs howlin

By S. Paxton-Daily  
Special to the Dispatch

Your dog has diarrhea. Is it caused by roundworms? tapeworms? a bad pork chop? Possibly, but the culprit could be coccidia, also known as isosporacanis. Regardless of how you spell it, this single-celled parasite can wreck havoc on dogs, especially puppies.

## Here comes the 46th Community Show

By Christine O'Connor  
Special to The Dispatch

Look for two Brown Swiss oxen named Homer and Albert at the annual Thurmont-Emmitsburg Community Show. They will be hard to miss considering they each weigh 3,000 pounds.

The Community Show originated as an agricultural gathering, offering busy area farmers an opportunity to see a portion of their neighbors harvest. It has evolved into a more inclusive event in which all area residents may participate. In its 46th year, it remains an occasion for neighbors to engage in friendly conversation and competition at a central location.

The show, scheduled for September 6-8 at Catocin High School, will con-

tain more than 2,500 farm and garden displays. Livestock, antique cars, machinery, commercial exhibits, demonstrations and musical performances are featured throughout the weekend.

The show begins at 6 p.m. September 6 with civic organizations assembling their flags at 7:30 p.m. Show officials will announce the name of the 2001-2003 Future Farmers of America (FFA) Ambassador. They will also honor several individuals responsible for organizing the show 50 years ago, in addition to retired and current FFA members.

All baked goods will be auctioned following the program.

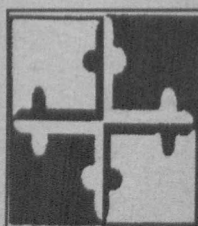
Saturday's events beginning at 9 a.m. include beef, sheep, and swine show, a pet show, a ham and turkey supper buffet (fee), a beef, sheep, and swine auction; and a performance by the Westminster Municipal Band.

Sunday's events beginning at 10 a.m. include goat and dairy show, decorated animal, horseshoe pitching, and cross-cut sawing contests, barnyard Olympics, chicken barbecue (fee), and two performances by the bluegrass band, Glade Valley Travelers.

Area residents may submit entries September 5 from 6-9 p.m. and September 6 from 8-12 noon. Winners in a wide variety of categories will receive ribbons and \$8,000 in prize money.

Dogs that contract coccidia develop severe dehydration along with diarrhea and may vomit or have bloody stools.

If your dog exhibits one of these signs, act quickly as he can become seriously ill, perhaps fatally so. A stool sample will tell your vet if your pet is infested with coccidia. A treatment of sulfa-antibiotics will have your little friend begging for scraps in no time. Coccidia can live in your soil for up to one year, so be sure to ask your vet how to rid your yard of it to avoid re-infection.



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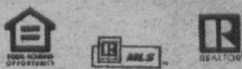
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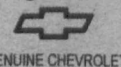


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*Mother Seton School News*

## Students' walk raises \$8200 to fight juvenile arthritis



Staff report

Julia Novak's personal battle with juvenile arthritis (JA) is helping many others besides herself. She inspired her fellow students at Mother Seton Elementary School in Emmitsburg to take steps to help fund research into the disease - many steps. Students and volunteers held a "Walk-A-Thon" to raise money for this purpose.

"Of all the fundraisers organized by Mother Seton in past years, this Walk-A-Thon was record-breaking," says Julia's Mom, Kelly Novak.

When the dust settled, the students were able to present a check for \$8,192.91, on July 2, to the Arthritis

Foundation of Maryland. It will use the donation for projects like creating a guide for parents and children who are diagnosed with JA, a conference for kids and families affected by JA, and a summer camp for kids with JA.

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States. Many do not realize that the disease affects children. The Arthritis Foundation, Maryland Chapter, says its mission is to fund work to prevent, control, and cure arthritis and related diseases, and provide programs and services designed to improve the quality of life for the nearly 900,000 Marylanders with arthritis. Information: (410) 602-0160; www.arthritis.org.



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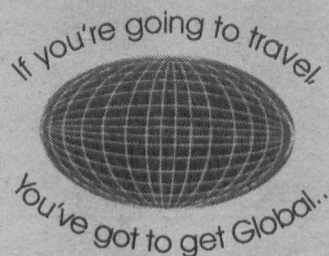
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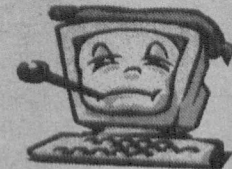
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# Quilters

## Tips for making quilts for gifts or your own use

By Mary Ellen Cummings  
Dispatch Writer

Last month I discussed giving hand made quilts to children, but there were some important tips I did not list. These tips would apply if you are making a quilt for your own use or as a gift to a child or an adult. Quilts made solely for show or contests have their own set of rules.

When making a gift quilt, know the recipient well before selecting design and colors. You might want to consult the older child or an adult before planning. If you are like most quilters I know, they will be surprised when you finally finish the quilt.

An example of a gift quilt fiasco revolved around a lady from Virginia and her sister in Colorado. The Virginian chose a "Double Wedding Ring" pattern—a perfect choice for a new bride. However, the colors chosen were horrible together. The rings were to be made of a bright and overpowering red, peacock blue, orange, yellow, and an odd shade of green! The donor's favorite color was purple—intense purple! Therefore, she chose a background of this color. The sister in Colorado dutifully sent a Thank You and added "who under Heaven picked those hideous colors?"

The theme of a gift quilt should be chosen very carefully. Make it a fun quilt or in 3D. Add buttons, charms, pockets, or emblems. There are dozens of ways to express yourself and honor the recipient. You might want to use today's method of using favorite photos on the gift quilt.

If your gift will be in use daily, it

should be stabilized by machine stitching. Perhaps you feel hand quilting would make the gift more personal. In that case, use the machine to stitch in-the-ditch around squares, sashing, etc. Then hand quilt areas that will show the quilting design best.

Another way of stabilizing a quilt (especially children's quilts) is to zigzag machine stitch, after quilting is finished, around the cut edges of the three layers. Be sure the edges are even and have no ruffles or tucks.

A quilt in daily use will wear out at the binding first. A double binding will strengthen the edges and last longer. Cut the binding twice as wide as usual; fold in half and stitch to the back of the quilt. Then fold to the front and blind stitch by hand to finish. For added stability stitch on the machine, using an embroidery or zigzag stitch.

Some very old quilts have been found with one side having almost perfect binding while the other three sides were badly worn or even missing in some spots. It was thought that the perfect binding must have always been tucked under the mattress. However, the body of the quilts showed wear equal to the three worn bindings.

The mystery was solved when the diary of an 1850's lady was discovered. She had written "Today I made a beard quilt for Harry's bed." Research has showed that a pillow cast type of cover was made to put over a quilt where it would be tucked under a man's beard. This was to protect the quilt from natural oils of the skin and hair and from the pomades men used to dress their beards with.

# Rocky Ridge News

By Emma Keeney  
Dispatch Writer

**Annual Big Picnic** and festival is set for Aug. 10 at the Mt. Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge, MD. There will be a baby show for newborns to 2 years old. Other features: buffet supper, games for all, including Bingo, a giant slide, and entertainment by the Country Caravan Plus. Sponsor: the Mt. Tabor Park Board.

**Mt. Tabor United Church of Christ** celebrated Father's Day, June 16, with a poem called "Sometimes". Emma Lou Harris presented the men and boys of the congregation with a bag of goodies that went with verses of the poem.

Sometimes Fathers can be and comforting as a freshly baked Muffin (Muffin).

Sometimes Fathers can be like a grouchy Bear (Teddy Bear Cookies).

Sometimes can act a little fruity (Bowl of fruit), while other times, just plain nuts (bag of planters nuts).

But no matter the mood, He always has hugs and kisses (Hershey Hugs and Kisses) for us and as always seals it with love.

We Love you Dad. Happy Fathers Day!

**Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church** celebrated Fathers Day on the following Sunday, June 23, with a song written by Alan Jackson, "Drive " (For Daddy Gene). "Faithful Father" Pens and bookmarks were to given to every man & boy.

The song indicates how the small things in life mean a lot to the young children when "Daddy lets me drive".

*First verse* - "It was just an old plywood boat but I was King of the ocean when daddy let me drive". Those letting their children drive won "Special Dad" key chains: John

Sanders, Vernon Keilholtz and Dale Sheilds.

*Second verse* - "Just an old-half-ton short bed Ford, but I was Mario Andretti when daddy let me drive". Those letting their children drive old pick-up won "Special Dad" lapel pin.

*Third verse* - "I'm grown up now with three daughters of my own and I let them drive my old jeep 'cross the pasture at my home. Maybe one day they will reach back in their memory and think of me and smile. It was just an old jeep... but I was high on a mountain when Daddy let me drive. An Inspiration flip-calendar, won by Kenny Sharrer.

Sometimes dads have opportunities to pass on other things such as books and less outdoor things. The dad with largest hard back book collection, Pastor Jim Russell won a new book for Father's Day.

Rocky Ridge Annual Carnival  
By Linda Northrup

August 12 - 17, 2002. Food and friendship, nightly Entertainment, parade Wednesday August 14, 2002, begins at 7p.m.

Church of the Brethren  
By Patsy Free

Vacation Bible School will be held Aug.5-9 at the Church from 6-8:30 p.m. each evening, all children welcome; parents especially welcome to help with the work.

August Birthdays: Cynthia (Free) Greenup, Loretta Hargett, Jennifer Hobbs, Norma Stover, Sharon Crone, Linda Free, Shirley Eichelberger,

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**Friday, August 23, 2002, Basket Bingo sponsored by Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue** at the fire hall on Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit PA. Admission is \$15, which includes 20 basket games. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with bingo starting at 7:00 p.m. There will also be special games and raffles. All proceeds help support the services we provide to the community. For information, call John at 717-794-2323.

**Around Town**

**Alumni dance.** St. Joseph's High School class of '77 will host the 2002 Alumni Dance Saturday, Sept. 14, in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Emmitsburg, MD, from 8 p.m. to 12 a. m.. Information: Bobby Ott, (301) 447-2410.

**Bull Bustin'.** The Eyler Stables in Thurmont will be the site of Bull Bustin' 2002 on August 24. The fundraiser will benefit Covenant Farm, a therapeutic horseback riding program for terminally and chronically ill chil-

dren. Bicycles will be given for the best dressed cowboy or cowgirl aged 10 and under. Events include a calf scramble, wild cow riding, trick roping, line dancing, pony rides, cowboy autograph session, with food provided by Graceham Volunteer Fire Co. Gates open at 6:30 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m., rain or shine. Ticket Information: Niki Eyler, 301-271-5340.

**Kids Fishing Derby.** The Borderline 4X4 Club, Inc., will sponsor another Kids Fishing Derby, says Larry Little, president of the Club. This year the derby is scheduled for September 1 on Kline's pond on Rt. 15 between Emmitsburg and Thurmont. Rain date is scheduled for September 2. Last year nearly 175 kids with their families turned out for this event. Each child was given a tackle pack and a hat. Door prizes were given in each age group. Fishing equipment was available to anyone who needed it. Snack food and drinks was provided free to the kids and their families. The organization intends to post time and dates on community TV stations.

Borderline 4X4 is a non-profit, charitable corporation that raises funds to help youth in the Emmitsburg, Thurmont, and Fairfield communities.

**St. Joseph's High School picnic.** A picnic for all classes is planned for Saturday, Aug. 17, from 12 noon to whenever. It's at a pavilion in Pen Mar Park, so there's no rain date. High school photos are solicited. Information: Don Rodgers (410) 848-7705, Pat Joy Otto (410) 848-5972.

**Wantz reunion.** Thirty-five people attended the annual reunion of the descendants of Harry and Annie Wantz on June 30, including Bob and Heather Trimmer who drove over 450 miles from South Carolina. The family celebrated at the Indian Lookout Conservation Club in Emmitsburg, with games, tournaments, trophies, and food. The reunion is held annually on the last Sunday in June.

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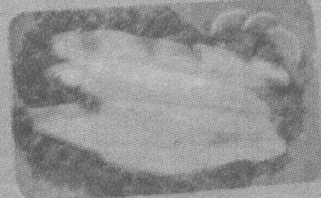
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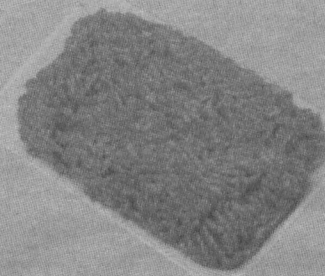


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