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June 2003



Emmitsburg presents free concerts in Memorial Park

Emmitsburg's Parks and Recreation Committee presented its first free summer concert on June 8. Despite damp weather for the past several weeks and rain the entire day before, 40 came to hear the Rohrsersville Band.

Before the evening concert, band member Reginald "Reg" Norris was recognized by Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel and Mayor Jim Hoover. Norris is the band's drummer and will

be retiring his sticks this September. Playing with the band for nearly 70 years, he became the youngest member of the state's oldest band when he joined in 1935 at age 7.

The concert series continues at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings at Memorial Park (behind Post Office). Here's the schedule:

July 20. The Westminster Band.

August 17. The Harmony Cornet Band.

September 7. The Alesa Band.

September 14. The Emmitsburg Community Chorus will perform at 4 p.m.

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Town adopts 2004 budget, only two citizens comment

In a separate hearing after its regular Town meeting June 2, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners presented a draft of the Town's proposed budget for 2004. The meeting was open for public comment but only 2 citizens commented on it. The Town Council then approved the \$1,083,165 budget unanimously. Citizens can examine the budget at the Town Office.

Mayor Hoover commented, "This year's budget has more changes than any of the previous 5 budgets that I have been involved with."

Income. The budget-makers did not expect a major change in income. No tax increase is planned for the coming year, although the Town will receive about \$16,700 additional tax revenue. For how the Town can receive additional tax revenue without raising the tax rate, see The Emmitsburg Dispatch, May 2003, p. 4.

Expenses. Public Safety, Streets, Parks, Garbage account for the largest expenditures in the budget, but there are a few major changes in expenditures. One is \$30,000 for additional police protection during some of the hours that our resident deputies are not on duty. Total cost for police coverage is \$218,000. Another expenditure will be \$30,000 for the new Town Planner.

Parks. Line items relating to the Community Park provide for

— the design of a large bathroom/concession stand.

— the design of a walking path.
— a small bathroom that will be constructed this year near the pavilion.
— continuing design work and start construction on an all-purpose field.

Time cards. The Town will change the way staff members fill out their time cards beginning July first. The goal: to determine more accurately the labor cost for each department.

Clerical position. The Town will abolish the part-time clerical position as of June 30, which will require one employee to be laid off. This budget includes the addition of a new planner position.

Cost-of-living raises. The Town will give all employees a 1.5 percent cost-of-living increase in wages plus earned merit increases. Every employee except the Town Manager is paid according to the Town of Emmitsburg Pay Chart.

Town Manager raise. The Town Manager position was established as executive service and the Town Council votes to decide his compensation. In a closed-door executive meeting the Council raised the Town Manager's salary by \$2,800 to include both a cost-of-living and a merit increase. His salary will be \$60,000 per year.

Town Manager's Report for May 2003

Emmitsburg Town Manager Dave Haller's May report is excerpted and summarized here

Wastewater

1. We received the new stand-by motor for the pump station (funded by 2002-2003 budget).

2. The Town is still suffering due to wild water infiltration at the treatment plant. The Town only consumed an avg. of 31 0,067 gallons per day of drinking water this month but we treated an avg. of 910,000 GPD. This means the Town was treating on avg. 599,933 GPD of wild water — 66 percent of all the water treated was wild water (that had not been used by

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Proposals sought for artwork in Town library's children's area

Area artists are asked to submit proposals to create and install artwork in the children's area of the Emmitsburg library at S. Seton Ave. The newly renovated branch is expected to open in November.

Friends of the Library (FOL), Emmitsburg Branch, is soliciting proposals for a mural or other suitable art. Preference will be given to artists living or working in Frederick County.

Artists may obtain a copy of the "Request for Proposal" at the library's

current temporary location in the Silo Hill Shopping Center, 101 Silo Hill Road, Emmitsburg (301-447-2682). Proposals are due July 15, 2003.

The FOL is a group of area resident volunteers who carry out projects such as plant and book sales to support library activities, especially children's reading programs. FOL welcomes new members. Information: Bo Cadle, president, 301-447-6275; Caryl Austrian, secretary, 717-642-8388.

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21st Annual Emmitsburg Lions Club Community Day

Saturday July 5, 2003 — Rain date July 6 2003

Theme: Support Our Troops, Freedom For All

Breakfast: 6:30 - 10 a.m., Vigilant Hose Firehouse

Program: 9:00 a.m., Vigilant Hose Firehouse
to honor Dr. George Huston.

Bingo 11 a.m. until...? Ambulance Building

Seton Center Events

(Community Center is **not** being used this year!)

Gigantic Yard Sale

Food: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Chicken Barbecue, hotdogs, hamburgers,

Games 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Traditional: tug of war, egg toss, pie eating, sack race.

Horseshoes: 1 p.m. Registration closes at 12:45!

Closest to the Pin Golf Contest: 2 to 4 p.m.

Vigilant Hose Company 2 to 4 p.m.

to give demonstrations, rides on Tower 6. 2 to 4 p.m.

The Larry Noel Memorial Emmitsburg Mile Run:

6 P.M. Information: Lion President Richard Kelley

Parade 6 to 7 p.m.

To place your entry in the parade,
contact Lion Herb Gingell or Lion John Sanders

Program 7 p.m.

Welcome by Lion President Dr. Richard Kelley

Star Spangled Banner

Invocation

Music by **Catoctin H. S. Band**

Introduction of Mayor and Town Commissioners

Introduction of Special Guests

Speech by.....

Remarks by Mayor Hoover.

Recognition of Morningstar and Gauss Scholarship winners and their
Families.

Closing Remarks and Benediction.

At 8 p.m. The **Emmitsburg Community Chorus** will sing

a program of patriotic music and sing-along.

Elaine & Dennis Ebaugh DJ & Karoke to perform at 8:45 p.m.

Prizes: 9:30 p.m. 50 prize drawings.

Fireworks: 9:45 p.m.

20th Annual Fireworks aerial display with extra rockets
fired from the same site as other years. So your favorite vantage point will
not change.

But no ground displays this year.

All activities are at Seton Center due to construction at the Community
Center. The extra rocket aerial display can be viewed from seats at the Seton
Center.

Do not go to ball field behind the community center since there are no
ground displays this year and the ball field is off limits.

THE SAFETY ZONE

around the pyrotechnicians firing line

will include all the ball fields in back of the community center.

No viewing allowed closer than the circle drive

*In front of emmitsburg elementary school. You may view from the ele-
mentary school sidewalk but no closer to the firing line.*

Parking

Limited or no parking on Seton Center grounds.

No parking in back of Community Center.

Parking allowed along the circle drive in front of the elementary
school and in the parking lot behind and walk to Seton Center.

No parking along S. Seton Avenue adjacent to the National
Emergency Training Center due to security alerts.



Hometown Heroes

Our own young men and women have been serving in the Iraq War. Friends and relatives provided photos of some and they are still on display in the window of Crouse's on the Town Square. Town photographer Bob Rosensteel obtained, mounted, and put the photos up in the display. The names are listed alphabetically, not by the order of the photos. One name is not represented by a photo.

Andrew, Jr., LC CPL Dennis, USMC ST Marine Division, Stationed in Camp Pendleton, CA, son of Dennis and Karen Andrew, Emmitsburg, MD, son of Pam and Andy Hobbs, Fairfield, PA

Brotherton, CPL Brian, US Army Reserves, Stationed in Iraq; Enduring Freedom, Wife: Allie, children: Brian and Joshua Brotherton, Emmitsburg, MD

Carroll, Airman Peter T., Stationed at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, NC, son of Dr. and Mrs. Carroll, Emmitsburg, MD

Emory, CPL Paul A., 2nd Marine Division, Stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC, son of Cindy and Bill Emory, Emmitsburg/Fairfield

Hackney, SSGT Keith M., ASAF return 3rd time to Afghanistan, son of Ralph and Cindy Hackney, brother of Clint and Amanda, Emmitsburg, MD

Holt, STG3 Heather, USS Briscoe, H.S. Truman Fleet, Stationed in Persian Gulf, granddaughter of Marlene Holt, Gettysburg, PA

Huston, L.C.PL. Elijah T., 8th ESB BN DET 'B' US Marine Corp., Unit 75100 Pering in Iraq, grandson of Bill and Shirley Steo, Front Royal, VA. Returned to States to use full scholarship at V.M.I.

Long, SK2 Michael, Stationed in Kuwait, husband of Joann Long, Emmitsburg, MD

Maddox, Charles, Technical Escort, Aberdeen Prov. Ground, MD, Stationed in Baghdad, Emmitsburg, MD

Maddox, Robert, son of Charles Maddox, Aberdeen, MD., Technical Escort, Stationed in Kuwait, Emmitsburg, MD

Mahoney, Captain James, 82nd Airborne, Stationed in Ft. Bragg, NC, son of Gordon and Murf Fath

Myers, Seaman Michael, US Navy, Stationed at Dahlgren, VA, grandson of Jane and Jim Winters, Reisterstown, MD

Pryor, SSGT. (P) Bryan E., US ARMY, Currently in Iraq, son of Ed and Carol Pryor, brother of Pam, Emmitsburg, MD

Pryor, SPC-4 Malissa A., US ARMY, Currently in Iraq, daughter of Ed and Carol Pryor, sister of Pam, Emmitsburg, MD

Reed, PVT Brian, US Army, Stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, Parents: Wayne Reed of Thurmont and Elaine Reed of Sabillasville, grandmother; Josephine Little of Emmitsburg, MD

Rodgers, Lance Corp. Brett, US Marines, great nephew of John Tracey and Tony and Gwen Topper, Emmitsburg, MD

Ruffa, Specialist William C., US Army 172nd Chemical Co., Deployed to Iraq, son of Kathy Ruffa

Ryder, Navy Seaman Nathan, US Navy, Stationed in Pensacola, FL, son of Terry and Dennis Ryder, Emmitsburg, MD

Sickle, Seaman Matthew, US Navy, 2002 Graduate of Catoctin High School, Deployed to Japan and The Gulf, son of Carol Faircloth

Siedel III, Cadet Robert A., US Military ACA, Stationed in Ft. Bragg, NC, son of Robert and Sandy Siedel, Emmitsburg, MD

Staub, Beth, Stationed Tinker Air Base, Deployment unknown, Daughter-in-law of Ernie and Ellen Staub

Staub, SGT Fred, Stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, OK, son of Ernie and Ellen Staub

Welch, Lance Corp. Eric, Combat Engineer Marines, 8th Division, Stationed in Kuwait, friend of Jensen Family, Smithburg, MD

Wivell, Sr. Airman Anthony C., U.S. Air Force, Stationed in Qatar, son of Fred and Ginn Bowne, Fairfield, PA

Wivell, Master Sgt. Eric V., US Army Reserve, Alexandria, VA, Parents Jim & Lorraine Wivell of Rocky Ridge, Husband of Annette, and father of Jennifer and Robin, Emmitsburg, MD

Wivell, Staff Sgt Todd A., Bethesda Naval Hospital, son of Bill and Rachel Wivell

Wood, Chet, Walkersville, MD, US Air Force, Deployed to Kabul Afghanistan, cousin of Denny and Karen Andrew, Emmitsburg, MD

Serving U.S. Many of the nation's men and women in military services will be spending the summer and the July 4th holiday away from home this year. To let them know how much America supports them visit www.adoptaplatoon.org or call Lisa Deeter, 301-271-3695.

Former Mayor Guy Baker, Jr. receives another Mount award

A former Mayor of Emmitsburg, Guy Baker, Jr., who acted as registrar at Mount St. Mary's College till 1997, received the Sisters of St. Francis Award in March. The Council on Campus Ministry presents the award annually to a Mount employee who best exemplifies the Mount's mission. In 2000 Baker received the 36th Annual Brute Medal, the highest honor presented to a Mount St. Mary's graduate, and he has also been awarded the President's Medal.

Baker has been the Frederick County District Court Commissioner, Chairman of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Corps, member and Chair of Trustees of Frederick Community College, and has held several board positions including President and Chair at Gettysburg Hospital.

The Sisters of St. Francis Award is named in honor of the Sisters of St. Francis - who served at the Mount in the late 19th century. Baker is the fifth recipient of the annual award.

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EDITORIAL

Hoover on communication of Town office with citizens

Asked about communication between the Town and the citizens, Mayor Hoover said last Thursday that it had improved in his administration, and he seemed to think it adequate. The Town posts information on Cable Channel 99, on the bulletin board in front of the Town Office and on another in Jubilee. Hoover complimented Lorne Peters, Vice President of Operations, and SNL Food Group, Inc., for getting this board in place without prodding from the Town.

The Emmitsburg Dispatch said the bulletin boards and the TV channel are not nearly enough. Not everyone has cable. Few, if any, people are going to park in front of the Town Office, get out of the car, deposit a coin, and read notices.

Hoover replied that about 5 people per day come into the Town Office and can look at the Bulletin Board. There are no statistics on how many do so. In any case that amounts to 150 per month.

Emmitsburg's population is more than 2,200. If different persons went in to the Town office every day, it would take about 15 months for everyone to

read the boards - and in that period, the notices would have changed many times.

The Emmitsburg Dispatch brainstormed some ideas for improved communications, including a board of people who know about publicity and marketing. Mayor Hoover listened and then went to the heart of this and many other problems faced by the Town. Too few citizens volunteer for Town committees, or for any work like devising a communications plan.

OK. If you read this far, get out your pencil stub, or switch to your wordprocessor, and tell The Emmitsburg Dispatch how you think the Town could improve its communication with the citizens.

Without the vigorous efforts of active citizens and this newspaper, you might be smothered with another housing development. Without better knowledge of what's going on in the Town Office, you cannot promote what you like, or stop what you don't want. Speak up then, at Town meetings, which are open, and through your Town newspaper — or you lose your right to complain about what Town officials do.

Mark calendar for 47th Community Show

The Show won't go on until September 5, 6, and 7, but it's not too early to mark the calendar. The committee that labors for months to stage the Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show has begun its work, planning, gathering funds, soliciting ads.

The Community Show to be held at Catocin High School will honor the 75th anniversary of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). The Westminster Band will perform, a gospel group will sing out, and there'll be Barnyard Olympics again for the children.

The traditional Community show - this will be the 47th - is sponsored by the Thurmont Grange, Catocin FFA Chapter, Catocin FFA Alumni and the Maryland State Agricultural Fair Board.

Town Manager

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citizens but flowed in through breaks in lines). On 8 days we treated over a million gallons, although the daily avg. capacity of the plant is only 800,000 GPD. We had over 10 inches of rain in May. Our highest treatment days were:

5/09 — 1,824,000 gallons
5/10 — 1,415,000
5/15 — 1,335,000
5/16 — 3,406,000
5/17 — 1,624,000
5/18 — 1,223,000
5/25 — 1,091,000
5/26 — 1,954,000

Streets:

1. Staff placed and/or repaired 'speed bumps' at: West Lincoln Ave., North Alley and Chesapeake Ave.
2. Staff removed the 'Do Not Enter' sign on North School Alley
3. Staff is working with an electrical contractor to repair the streetlights on Main Street
4. Staff will continue to make 'coal patch' street repairs at a number of locations around town.

Water:

1. During May 24-26 the National Emergency Training Center water main broke and it lost all the water in its storage tank. So, the Town turned up the supply to refill its 300,000-gal. tank.

2. Due to very high rainfall levels in May, the water in Rainbow Lake has become very cloudy with run-off sediment. Therefore, on some days we had to reduce the draw of water from the lake to 50 gallons per minute from the normal 100 GPM.

3. Due to the water conditions in Rainbow Lake and the NETC's problem, the Town turned on the water connection to Mt. St. Mary's College and purchased some water from it.

4. Staff is trying to find single family houses built between 1983 and 1988, to obtain water samples in order to perform state-mandated water quality testing.

5. Daily GPD averages for May: Production: 301,517; purchased from Mt. St. Mary's: 8,550; total consumption: 310,067.

Parks:

1. Staff is still trying to get the Town pool open for the summer, but with so many major repairs it has not been a simple task.

2. Town officials and staff met with representatives from Fox & Associates to review plans for the small bathrooms and the multi-purpose field planned for Community Park. It now appears that the bathroom will be constructed this year and the clearances completed for the field.

Zoning:

There were 23 permits issued during May, including 2 change of use / business, and

8 new houses, 6 at Pembroke & 2 at Brookfield 1, and a car wash.

Code Enforcement:

In May 105 tickets were issued by the Code Enforcer, nearly all for overtime parking at meters. Funds collected totaled \$1754.01. There were 21 zoning violation notices issued: abandoned vehicle, 9; grass & weeds, 12.

Housing Developments Report for May

Pembroke - Sections 1, 2 and 3 infrastructure is 90 percent completed.

Total lots = 70
Houses completed = 43
Remaining lots = 27

Houses under construction = 1

Brookfield - Sec. 1 infrastructure is 95 percent complete

Total lots = 42
Houses completed = 0
Remaining lots = 42

Houses under construction = 0

Brookfield - Sec 2, 3 and 4 not started

Total lots = 100

Flat Run — infrastructure is 95 percent complete

Total lots = 17
Houses completed = 0
Remaining lots = 17
Houses under construction = 2

Southgate — infrastructure not started [Ed.Note: ground has been broken.]

Total lots = 35
Houses completed = 0
Remaining lots = 35
Houses under construction = 0

TOTALS

Total lots = 264
Houses completed = 43
(since May 2001)

Remaining lots = 221
Houses under construction = 3

** the last 2 houses in Emmit Ridge two (phase I) are under construction.

A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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TOWN NEWS

A word from the Mayor

Our small Town needs volunteers to help it function

For the past several months the Town has been advertising for volunteers to serve on several different committees. The Town has always had difficulty filling these volunteer positions and, at the same time, the Town receives much criticism for not involving more town residents in the decision making process.

The Parks & Recreation, Streets & Transportation, and the Water committees are all used as advisory boards to the Town Council. These committees are asked to recommend suggestions to the Town Council for consideration. The Planning & Zoning, Board of Appeals, and Ethics committees are committees which have final authority; the Mayor, Commissioners and Town Staff may not require them to take direction from them when voting.

Except for the Economic Review Board, there are no written specifications as to who is deemed qualified to become a member of any of the town committees. However, due to the power of the Planning & Zoning Committee, I have been a little more selective as to whom I will recommend to Planning & Zoning.

The Planning & Zoning Committee must maintain a board which has some members with some form of actual experience in land development (planner, surveyor, contractor, engineer, etc.). Without experience on the board, developers will take advantage of the Town and, unless something was done illegal, the Mayor and Commissioners cannot overturn the Planning and Zoning Committee's decisions.

The Ethics Committee is another committee of major importance. This

committee is the only committee that allows for non-residents to become members. The Town has advertised for interested individuals to fill the Ethics Committee since January. Since that time, only one person applied to fill one of the 3 vacancies; due to the applicant's current appointment on the Board of Appeals, he is not eligible to serve on the Ethics Committee. At this time the town continues to be without an Ethics Committee.

All Town committees are advertised on the Town's cable channel (channel 99) and, for the past several months, the Town has also advertised vacant committee positions in The Emmitsburg Dispatch.

Before being appointed to the Town Council, I served on the Streets and Transportation Committee and on the Planning and Zoning Committee. I found that my experience on these committees gave me a better understanding of Town government. In my previous position as commissioner, and in my current position as mayor, I find that I still base many of my decisions on the experience I received from these committees. These committees helped me to see and understand more of the "big picture" when discussing and voting on Town matters.

If you are interest in serving on any of the Town committees, please contact me at the Town office. Except for the Ethics Committee and the Board of Appeals, all other committees meet once a month. The Ethics Committee and the Board of Appeals meet as needed.

— Jim Hoover
Mayor of Emmitsburg

Town Planner position created, Zoning Administrator abolished

By Bill Steo
Editor

A new item in this year's Town budget is \$30,000 for a Town Planner, a position created by Mayor Hoover. The position had already been advertised and applications received before the Town meeting.

The Mayor told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that the Planner's exact duties have not been specified, but he described them fully in general. The Planner would:

- oversee the planning and zoning departments.
- develop plans and ordinances, make recommendations about requests for amendments and for text changes in amendments.
- review zoning issues and provide information to the Town Council.

— review all ordinances and the Town's comprehensive plan (for future).

— work on a new comprehensive plan.

— have plans in place for the Town Council. "The existing ordinances are unclear."

— generally "assist," the Mayor emphasized the term, the Town Government, not "guide."

Once the Planner joins the Town staff, the Zoning Administrator position will be abolished. The current Zoning Administrator will be reassigned to assist the Planner and the Town Clerk. She will report to the Planner.

The Town Planner will report directly to the Mayor.

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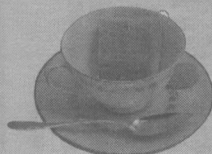


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Sewer, trash bills to come four times a year

Semi-annual billing for sewer and trash services has presented a problem to Emmitsburg residents, especially those on fixed incomes. The bills came near holidays and during the summer. But no longer.

The bills will now come 4 times a year. They will pay the same amount

but in smaller chunks. On June 3 the Town council voted unanimously to adopt ordinance 03-08 that changes sewer and trash billing to a quarterly cycle.

The cycle begins on July 1 though residents will not notice the difference until the September bill arrives.

Interested in helping improve your community?

We are in need of members for the following committees:

Ethics Committee 4-members
Parks Committee 2-members
Streets Committee 2-members

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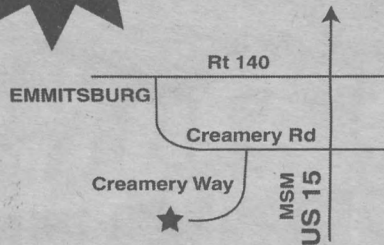
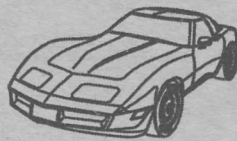
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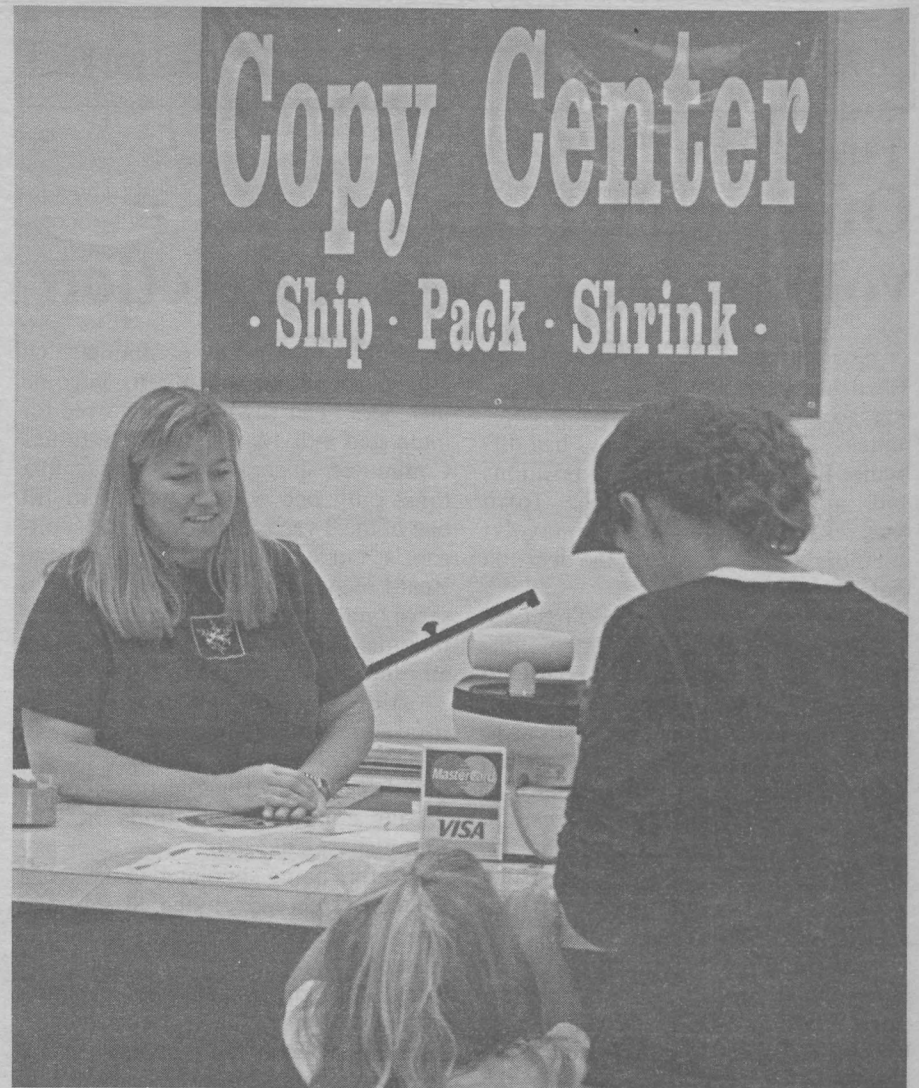
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MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. - 5 P.M.
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New Copy Center at Jubilee

Shoppers at Jubilee in Emmitsburg have noticed a new addition in the foyer. Errands Plus and Copy Center has opened there. It offers various copy services for documents and photos, plus scanning, binding, and graphic design. It has the ability to make copies as wide as 36 inches, but not in color.

It also runs errands: picks up and delivers, with discounts for seniors and non-profit groups.

The new facility is another business venture by Deb Spalding who started Errands Plus in Thurmont (5B E. Main St.) after noticing that seniors and families with children needed help in everyday tasks. True to its name Errands Plus goes on errands in and beyond the

greater Baltimore-Washington area.

Soon after Errands Plus began in Thurmont, Jubilee owners Lorne Peters and Steve Trout asked whether it would deliver groceries to Emmitsburg residents needing assistance. Ms Spalding said 'Yes', and launched the Grocery Bus.

Errands Plus buys and delivers groceries for a \$10 flat fee plus the cost of the groceries, for homebound individuals and social event planners. The grocery bus service is in its pilot stage awaiting more clients.

Errands Plus and Copy Center is open from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. - 12 noon on Saturday. Information: 301-447-2804



Holland Grill Demonstration June 21

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Summer band concerts resume in Thurmont for 16th year

The next band concert in Thurmont's summer series is planned for June 22 in Thurmont Memorial Park on E. Main St. Concert time is 6 p.m. The Westminster Municipal Band will play in special tribute to John Philip Sousa. The Town suggests that guests bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating in the park.

Concert Coordinator George Wireman says the Second Annual Freedom Concert will be held on July 6. It will feature area talent and veterans' organizations honoring the men and women of our Armed Forces. "This is a concert you won't want to miss," Wireman says.

This is the 16th year that Thurmont has sponsored the free band concerts. The Sunday performances scheduled at 6 p.m. in Thurmont Memorial Park are:

June 22. Westminster Municipal Band with a tribute to John Phillip Sousa.

July 6. Second Annual Community Freedom Concert featuring local volunteer talent.

July 13. Frederick Spires Band.

August 3. The Wayne Band.

August 31. The Alesia Band.

Sept. 7. Harmony Cornet Band.

Note: at 2 p.m.

Information: 301-271-7313.

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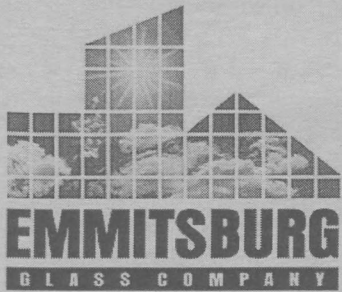
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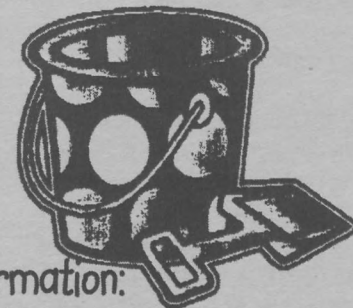
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RELIGION

From the Thurmont Ministerium June: A Celebration of Diversity

By Sister Carol Czyzewski, FSSJ
Pastoral Associate, St. Anthony's
and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The month of June has been designated as a time to celebrate the diversity of persons in our community, to declare acceptance of all persons as a community value in Thurmont. Since June 1996, the committee "Thurmont:

United in Love," under the aegis of the Ministerium, has sponsored picnic-prayer rallies to promote the value of the community's acceptance of all persons. Local hate groups had sullied the reputation of this area through both overt and subtle acts to achieve an exclusive society. Such exclusivity seeks to deny the belief that all persons are created in the image of God.

Hope Alive for homeless women and children

A new nonprofit Christian ministry called Hope Alive, Inc., serves homeless women and children. Founder Sue Oehmig quotes reports that of 1,702 homeless individuals served by shelters in Frederick County last year, 70 percent were women and children. On any night there was an unmet need in the County for 199 emergency and transitional beds for homeless families. The problem is getting worse instead of better, says Oehmig, who worked with the Frederick Rescue Mission for 7 years before forming the new charity.

"Women and children are living in cars, sleeping in motels, doubling up with friends in unsafe temporary housing, basically doing whatever they can to survive," she explains. "And that's why Hope Alive was created — to help them find a way out of this cycle of homelessness and despair. We want to minister in an atmosphere of love, acceptance, and accountability, so that

women and children can experience God's love as He works to change their hearts and transform their lives."

Hope Alive needs funds to construct a 30-bed residential cottage on 10 acres in rural Frederick County by early 2004. The organization also plans an on-site support center with comprehensive services such as childcare, case management, Christian counseling, Bible studies, food services, and educational and vocational training, including the Moving Ahead Program (MAP) which offers the homeless training in life readiness and skills.

Oehmig is searching for a suitable parcel of land in rural Frederick County and plans to have a speaker's bureau in place and to begin soliciting corporate and foundation support.

Hope Alive incorporated in August 2002 and received its 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status in October. Information: 301-620-0419 and www.hopealiveministries.org

The Creator receives praise and glory for the diversity reflected through all forms of being in the cosmos and on planet Earth — but especially in human beings.

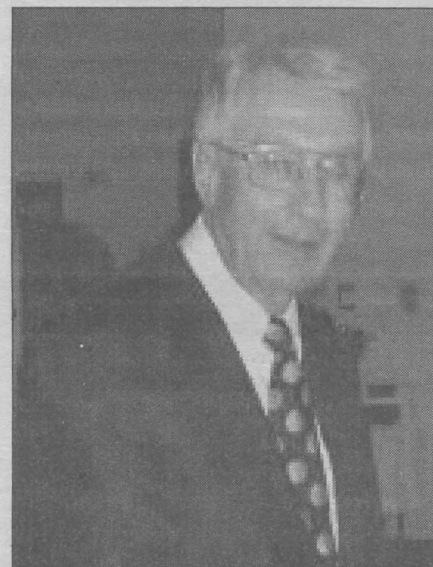
The mystery that Christians believe is that the Divine became human so that humans could become divine. This commands us to live in awe, in respect, in love and in compassion for the likes of each human — even if each human doesn't show the same love for himself or herself.

What "Thurmont: United in Love" seeks is the end of violence in our

midst — the hidden violence of intolerance or the public form of hate crimes. Violence is blind to the varied forms of diversity that reflect the magnificence of God. Violence would remain in its self-centered, self-destructive world of exclusivity if it were not for the self-sacrificing, life-giving power of love, whose victory Christians celebrate throughout the Easter Season.

There's a well-known line that sums up our point: "Violence ends where love begins." Let love begin now and always, here and everywhere, in the name of God for the sake of all.

Pastor Ted of Incarnation was ordained 50 years ago



Lancaster Theological Seminary in 1953, and he and Norine had just returned from there after enjoying the 50th reunion with his graduating class.

Pastor Ted's first job was as assistant pastor at Christ Reformed Church in Hagerstown, MD. From there he became pastor at First UCC in Hellertown, PA where he met Norine. She had home from nursing school at Temple University to play the organ one Sunday.

Pastor Ted officially retired in 1994 after being at Grace UCC in Frederick, MD for 19 years. He has since served as interim pastor at 5 churches, and has been interim pastor at Incarnation UCC since November 2001.

When Pastor Ted Haas entered the sanctuary of Incarnation United Church of Christ on Sunday, May 18, he was greeted by friends, colleagues, relatives and former congregants. They had gathered both to worship and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pastor Ted's ordination.

Pastor Ted graduated from

The congregation presented Pastor Ted with a gift certificate to Waldenbooks. Reading is one of Pastor Ted's favorite pastimes. The congregation also gave presented a gift certificate to the Haas' favorite restaurant. Next to reading Pastor Ted's favorite pastime is said to be eating.

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

St. Joseph's Parish dates its beginning to 1786. Rev. Matthew Ryan 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. William O'Brien, C.M.
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St. Anthony Shrine

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

16150 St. Anthony's Road

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

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

Pastor: Rev. James W. Hannon

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

Emmitsburg for 168 years.

313 West Main St.

Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Wade A. Martin

Emmitsburg Presbyterian

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

10926 Simmons Road

Sunday Services at 8:15 and 10:30

Pastor: Rev. Bill Warehime

301-447-2693

Elias Evangelical Lutheran

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

Summer 6/8-8/31 Worship

Schedule

Worship with Holy Communion - 9AM

Sunday School: Adult class - 9 AM

Children's classes will resume in Sept.

Interim Pastor: David S. Knodel

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Ethel Hoke

Mrs. Ethel Grace Long Hoke, 78, died May 27 at Gettysburg Hospital, PA. The wife of Thomas E. Hoke, she was a member of Incarnation United Church of Christ, Emmitsburg, and a member of the ladies auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to her husband are 2 children, John Thomas Hoke, and Rebecca Ann Willard, 3 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Carl Phillip Long, and Donald Joseph Long, 2 sisters, Beulah Mary Motter, and Doris Florence Joy.

Funeral services were held May 29 at Skiles Funeral Home in Emmitsburg. A private interment followed at Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Kelz

Mrs. Mary Josephene Kelz, 82, died May 23 at St. Catherine's Nursing Center. She was the wife of the late William H. Kelz, who died March 26. Born in Adams County, PA, she was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic

Church and was a bookstore manager at Mount St. Mary's College for 20 years.

Surviving are one daughter, Linda Hammond, 2 sons, Michael Kelz, and Dale Kelz, 5 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; one great-grandson; one sister, Bernadette Hemler and one brother, Brooke Miller.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated May 28 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, followed by interment in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mrs. Luella Working

Mrs. Luella Ruth Working, 84, died June 4 at Comfort Care Personal Care Home, Fairfield, PA. Born in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Rockford and Lulu McKissick Working. She retired from the Fairfield and Gettysburg Shoe Factory.

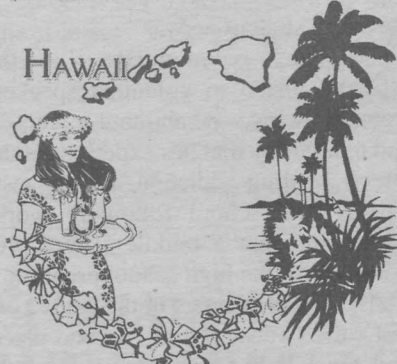
Surviving are one sister, Clara Carty of Thurmont; and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held June 9 at Skiles Funeral Home in Emmitsburg. A private interment followed at St. Jacob's Cemetery, Fountaindale, PA.

Veterans Honored



The combined honor Guard of the Emmitsburg Posts of the American Legion, Post #121, and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Post #6658, remembered veterans by firing a memorial salute at several locations throughout the town on May 25.

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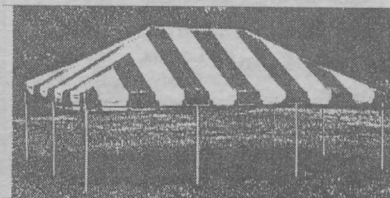
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EDUCATION

MSM students feel little diversity but minorities don't feel left out

By Peter Mannix
Staff Writer

Mt. St. Mary's College recently completed a study of students' opinions about campus diversity and intercultural experiences in the college community. "Minority students do not seem to feel excluded," observed Dr. Marty Malone, chair of the Mount's Sociology department and former faculty director for the Center for Intercultural Development. However, "most stu-

dents feel there is a lack of diversity on campus," he said.

The survey found that the student body as a whole agrees that the College needs a more diverse community. Nearly all the students polled said they feel diversity is one of the Mount's weak points, and would personally benefit from a more diverse environment.

The study, begun in September, 2001, polled 399 students, over one-quarter of the college's undergraduate population.

MSM Coming Events

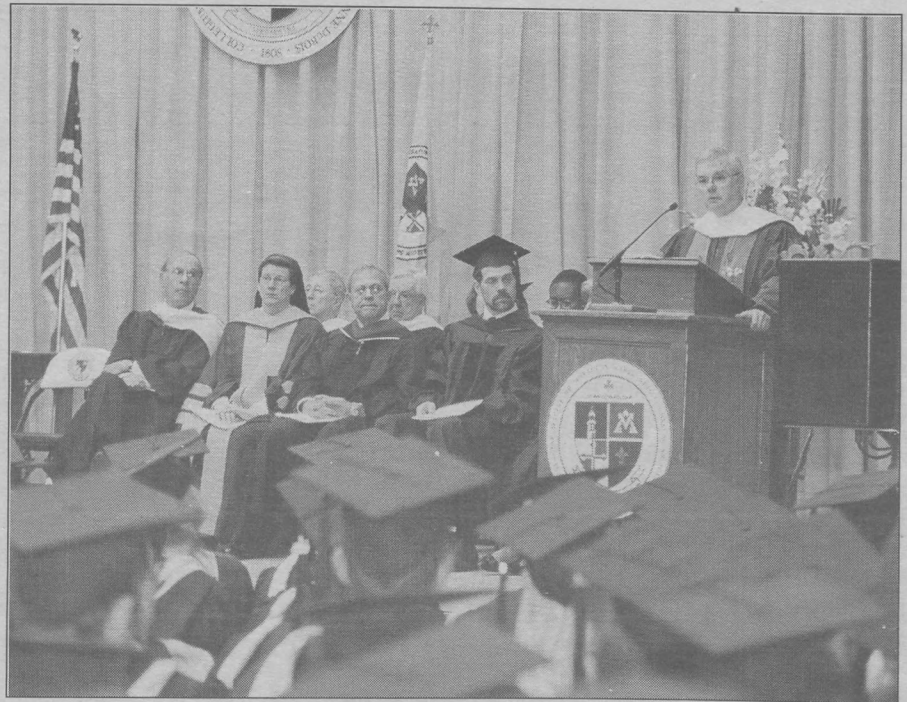
Monday, June 30: George R. Houston, Jr.'s, final day as president of Mount St. Mary's.

Tuesday, July 1: Thomas Powell's

first day as president of Mount

Wednesday, Aug. 27—Fall classes resume.

Friday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Sept. 28—Family weekend.



Mount St. Mary's College's 195th graduation

Mount St. Mary's College held its 195th commencement exercises Sunday, May 18th, in the Knott Arena. The college awarded 314 Baccalaureate degrees conferred during the ceremony on both traditional and non-traditional students. "Whatever you do, aim for the first, the best, the highest and give it your all," said President George R. Houston, Jr., to graduating members of the Class of 2003. As this was Houston's final commencement as president of the Mount, he was unanimously selected to be this year's speaker. He also received a Doctorate of Humane Letters, honoris causa; the highest degree the institution can confer since it awards no earned doctoral degrees. Longtime Mt. St. Mary's head basketball coach Jim Phelan and his wife Dottie were among those honored in the ceremony.

Catoctin student offers way

The ignorance of youth about drug abuse is notorious. Nick Metheny of Catoctin High School had a winning idea for one way to diminish it and expressed it in an essay for a contest run by the school. A contest guideline was that the project would affect the greatest number of people. He won first place with a plan for a school assembly for

the entire student body.

Metheny recommends that the assembly listen to volunteer speakers from substance rehabilitation centers and to a family that has experienced the effects of drug addiction. He suggests weekly after-school follow-up workshops, and that a middle school program mirror the high school program.

The other winners in the essay contest were Graham North, second place, and Amanda Vanderhamm, third.

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Two Terrific! (age 2 with an adult) Tuesday, June 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 with an adult) Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

For Teens

Teen Time (6th grade and up) Thursday, June 26 at 2 p.m. Join us for crafts, fun, and snacks. Please call the branch to register. Note: We will also meet July 24, and August 14. Registration required.*

Special Programs

Kick-off for the Summer Reading Club (family) Friday, June 20 at 10 a.m. at the Thurmont Community Park. Entertainment, activities, and crafts start the county-wide summer reading program.

Cool Crafts for a hot summer (grades 3-5) We meet Thursdays, July 3, 17, and August 7 at 2:00 p.m. Join

Student

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Catoctin ran an art contest on the same subject. Winners were Mandy Eyler, first place, Bryan Troast and Trevor Swain, second place, and Jeremy Kurtz and Michael Compton, third place.

Gift certificates were awarded to

your friends and make new ones while you share crafts and fun. Please call the branch to register. Registration required.*

Treasure Boxes (ages 3-5 with an adult, older children are welcome too!) Bring an old shoe-box and create a one of a kind decoupaged work of art to story your summer "treasures" in!*

Third Thursdays at ThorpeWood (ages 3-5 with an adult) 3rd Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. (June 19) Thurmont and Emmitsburg Branch Libraries host a monthly preschool story program at beautiful ThorpeWood Nature Retreat, Old Mink Farm Road in Thurmont. Families are invited to enjoy special nature related stories. www.Registration required.*

Book Discussion Groups

Evening Club: 2nd Tuesday of each month. June Selection: *The Corrections*, by Jonathan Franzen.

Programs are held at the Library at 101 Silo Hill Road unless designated by an asterisk. Those programs will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 313 W. Main St. (or other noted locations). Registration or information: 301-447-2682.

the winners. Thurmont Pizza Hut and Rocky's Pizza provided additional "recognition for all contestants," the school reported.

Catoctin High School formed a drug task force in 2002 to look at new solutions to the rising use of drugs like heroin. It received a state grant to get students involved. One of its projects was the essay and art contests.

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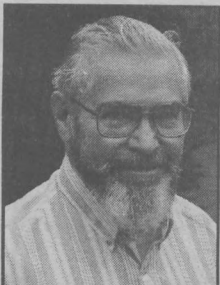
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The (retired) Ecologist

Of Fences and Change



Bill Meredith
Dispatch Writer

In spite of the incessant rain, we got the garden in and the flower beds started by mid-May. I should have felt satisfied; but instead, I felt guilty. I didn't have to look far for the cause; it was a primeval urge to build fences. It goes back to childhood; every summer, whenever there was free time between other jobs, that was what we did.

My father probably never heard of Robert Frost, but if he had, "Mending Wall" would have been his favorite poem. "Good fences make good neighbors" was his credo; it was a matter of pride to him that his livestock did not get into our neighbors' crops. So the "line fences" that marked our property boundaries were checked regularly, especially after storms, to make sure they had not been damaged by falling trees or branches.

Within the farm was an infrastructure of fences that divided the land into pastures, hayfields, woodlots, orchards, gardens, cornfields, and barn lots. Between the various fields were lanes, 15 or 20 feet wide, which functioned as roadways through which cattle or farm equipment could be moved from one area to another. The lanes were special places; they often were lined with trees, which provided shade for the cows as they wandered in from the fields at milking time. The "shady lanes" typical of that era became part of our folk culture.

Fence-building was probably the hardest physical work we did on the farm in those days. It was all hand labor, little changed since my great grandfather's time. It began with cutting fence posts. Many of the fence posts that existed when I was young were from chestnut trees; their wood was so rot-resistant that a chestnut post might last 50 years or more. However, that species was killed off by the chestnut blight a few years before I was born, so we had to use black locust.

Big locust trees were felled with a two-man saw, and cut into post-length logs; these were split by maul-

driven wedges. Posts made from the heartwood of an old locust would last as long as 30 years.

Post holes were dug with a shovel and a post digger, a heavy steel bar with a digging blade on one end and a tamping flange on the other. It was essential that the posts be set in a perfectly straight line; if they were not, the tension of the fence wire would make them tilt, the wire would loosen, and enterprising animals could then get through. We used barbed wire most of the time; it was difficult and somewhat dangerous to work with, but woven wire was too expensive.

After a fence was completed, an area of a few feet on each side of it was kept mowed with a scythe to prevent trees and briars from growing into it and damaging the wires. This gave the network of fences and lanes around a farm a tidy, orderly look. I suppose this had a psychological effect on me as a child; I thought the whole world could be tidy and well-ordered if people took pride in maintaining it.

Things change. Everyone knows this; but few know that a pattern is involved. Change rarely, if ever, occurs suddenly; usually it proceeds at what scientists call an exponential rate. It begins slowly, and nobody notices; and it picks up speed so gradually that by the time we realize anything is different; it is going like the proverbial snowball.

After the war in the 1940s, old locust trees were becoming rare and permanent, long-lasting fences became more expensive to build and maintain. Farmers began to turn to electric fences, which needed only one wire and fewer posts, and which could be set up quickly or moved as needed. The conservation movement was encouraging farmers to use hedgerows instead of fences (one disastrous result of this was the introduction of multiflora rose, which was brought into the country for use as a "living fence," but refused to stay in the hedgerows and now is a noxious pest in fields everywhere). Gradually, the orderly pattern of a self-sufficient family farm permanently divided into

fields for specific uses by neatly maintained fences and country lanes was lost. And as the post-war baby boom developed, people increasingly traded the culture based on a family farm for a suburban lifestyle.

There was a brief period when this change was ecologically beneficial. In the 1960s and 70s, farms that were no longer in use began to grow back into forests. Wildlife populations, especially deer, began to grow at the exponential rate mentioned above, and many endangered species were afforded a reprieve on their march toward extinction. But the juggernaut of exponential growth applied also to the human population and the suburbs where they chose to live. Here and there a new house appeared in what had once been a hayfield; we scarcely noticed. Then suddenly it appeared that they were everywhere, as former farmland was subdivided into building lots. If an example of exponential growth is needed, count the number of new houses built within 5 miles of the square in Emmitsburg in the last 15 years and compare it to the number built in the previous century.

As some former farmland is converted to housing developments, the remainder is being converted to a different kind of farming (also at an exponential rate). Increasingly, cattle are kept in feedlots instead of grazing in pastures. Small fields, once worked by hand or by horse-drawn machines, are being merged together for large-scale single-crop agriculture. The fences and lanes that once controlled the ebb and flow of country life are now a hindrance to "progress;" those that have not fallen into decay are being ripped up, and with them go the hedgerows that have provided shelter for wildlife shelter.

In and of themselves, perhaps the fences are no longer important; perhaps they are just a nostalgic reminder of an overly romanticized past. Perhaps. But it also may be that their passing is a warning of the exponential rate at which the environment is being degraded. If this is so, we will ignore it at our peril.



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HEALTH

A word from the doctor

Preventive Dentistry (Part 2) Sealants against decay

By Ed Enriquez, D.D.S.

Special to The Emmitsburg Dispatch

What are sealants? Sealants are a safe, pain-free and most inexpensive procedure performed in the dental office to help protect your child's back teeth from developing decay. The material is a thin, plastic, colored or clear, coating bonded to the chewing surfaces of the teeth, specifically the molars and premolars. This procedure can be done on both the primary "baby teeth" and permanent teeth.

The application forms a hard plastic shield that keeps food and bacteria from getting into the tiny pits and grooves in the chewing surfaces of the teeth and causing decay. Perhaps you are wondering why this should be done? As the tooth develops, tiny grooves and pits are formed. This is the most prevalent area for decay to form, especially on children, because the tooth brush bristles are too big to get into these pits and grooves. Consequently, bacteria and food are not removed but trapped in this area.

The first documentation on the successful use of plastic sealants on pits and fissures of teeth was in 1967. This breakthrough procedure became widely accepted on young children to save

their teeth from decay.

Sealants can be applied after the first permanent molar (6-year molar) comes in or "erupts" completely (at ages 5 to 8), and again each time the other permanent molars come in. These are the second molars that erupt at ages 11 to 13. Sometimes the dentist or dental hygienist may recommend the premolars have sealants applied, depending on the shape of their pits and grooves.

It is important that the sealants are placed at this stage because the greatest chance of decay or cavities occurs during the first year after the teeth erupt. However, it is never too late to apply sealants as long as the teeth are free of decay and fillings.

Today adults also request the advantage of having sealants placed on their teeth. Also, baby teeth may have sealants placed if the child is at high risk or has had numerous cavities filled.

The procedure of placing the sealants on 4 teeth takes 30 to 60 minutes and requires no anesthesia.

It involves cleaning and drying the teeth, killing bacteria and roughening the teeth surfaces. The sealant is painted on and is hardened by exposure to a curing light. Done correctly and kept clean by the child, sealants

should last about 5 years. Should they chip or come off, they can easily be replaced.

As long as sealants are in place in pits, grooves and crevices of teeth, decay

is not likely to develop on these teeth. You can help prolong the presence of sealants on the teeth by encouraging your child not to chew ice cubes or hard and sticky candy.

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Quilters

Underground railroad codes

By Mary Ellen Cummings
Dispatch writer

Hidden in Plain View by Jacquelin Tobin and Haymond (Dobard 1999) is a comprehensive study of codes pieced in quilts and used to aid black slaves flee from their owners in pre-Civil War days.

The story was told to Ms Tobin by Ozella McDaniel Williams, a slave descendant from South Carolina.

These codes were passed from generation to generation orally and were not written. The fact that slaves could not read nor write - by order of law and the need for secrecy for safety reasons — were obviously the reasons for memorizing these codes.

Quite a controversy has erupted since the publishing of this book. Some historians deny the credibility of the facts relating to the codes. One of the main objections is, according to the historians, that quilt patterns named in the code did not exist prior to the Civil War.

I have researched some of the patterns and have found the following documentations: From the diary of Elizabeth Phelps (*For Purpose and Pleasure - Sandi Fox*) dated 1800 by the diarist - "Susan Cutler here in the morning to ...help...quilt Betsy's Plate bed quilt. Could it be Dresden plate?"

In 1832 the will of Sarah Robert Lawton listed an "eagle" quilt, her best hexagon quilt, and a coffin quilt (*Barbara Brackman, Clues in the Attic*). Godey's Ladies magazine of the same era named "Hexagon," "Six-sided," or "Honeycomb" for a quilt pattern like today's Grandmother's Flower Garden. Some quilt historians report a hexagon pattern in 1800 called "Grandmother."

In New England in 1850, the

Wollen's Christian Temperance Union commissioned the making of a quilt for a raffle. Although there was a stigma attached to a pattern called "Drunkard's Path," that was the pattern chosen. It was ordered in red and white — a standard color for this quilt. If a quilter used this pattern in other colors and called it "Pumpkin Vine," the stigma disappeared.

The Pre-Revolutionary War was an era when many quilt patterns directly related to the Christian bible. One example of such a pattern is "Jacob's Ladder" and 2 examples of that pattern are documented — one in red and white, the other in blue and white. This is one of the patterns we see today under the name "Underground Railroad." It is also made under the following names: "Stepping Stones," "Kite," "Benjamin's Kite," and "Kite Tail." As the pattern moved westward it became "Trail of the Covered Wagon," "Wagon Tracks" and "Old Maid's Puzzle." Then there is, "Rocky Road to Kansas," "to California," "Court House Steps and Steps to the Capitol." Who knows how many more?!

The 1840 Presidential campaign gave birth to 5 new quilt patterns - Old Tippicanoe, Harrison's Rose, Flying Dutchman and Log Cabin. The latter is one of the code quilts questioned. Early in the 1800s Emmaus Church in Virginia made a quilt Sampler. Among the blocks was Bear's Paw, Monkey Wrench, Dresden (?) Plate and Drunkard's Path.

There are 2 books you might enjoy reading; *Hidden In Plain View* as mentioned above and *Underground Railroad*, an Official National Park Handbook, produced by the Division of Publications National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior.

Next time: More of the Code

Looking Ahead

June 14. Strawberry Festival and Yard Sale. St. Mark's Lutheran Church beginning at 9 a.m. Soups, sandwiches, strawberry desserts, pies, and bake table. Soups by the gallon and quart to go. Vendors set up free. Information: 301-241-3287 or www.StmarksSabillasville.org.

June 14. Church Festival. Mt. Tabor Church of Rocky Ridge will hold a festival at Mt. Tabor Park, home of the Big Slide. Home-cooked food, beginning at 4 p.m. Games, including Bingo. Music by "The Gospel Travelers" begins at 7 p.m. For everyone of all ages.

June 21. Middle School Dance. The Catoctin Area Recreation Council will sponsor a dance for students who attended the Thurmont Middle School during 2002-03. At the Catoctin Recreation Center from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Local DJ, Luke Greffen, spinning tunes and announcing prize winners. Admission: \$2. Bring your student ID card. Refreshments at low prices. Lots of prizes. Chaperones are needed: Parents and grandparents please call 301-271-4012 and leave message to volunteer. We cannot do this dance without parent volunteers.

June 23. Deadline for nominations for the 2003 Wertheimer Fellows for Excellence in Volunteerism. Nominees

must be volunteers and citizens residing in Frederick County. Three fellows will be selected and each receives \$5,000 to establish, or add to, an endowment fund with the Community Foundation for the nonprofit of their choice. Information: 301-695-7660.

June 28. Shrimp and Chicken Feed. All you can eat, 4 — 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club. \$20 per person, children 8-12 \$10. Advance Ticket Sales Only! Information: Dan 410-775-2043, Bob 410-756-4260, or Wayne 410-756-2138.

July 5 (rain: July 6). Community Day, 21st annual bash sponsored by the Emmitsburg Lions Club, begins with breakfast at 6:30 a.m. at Vigilant Hose Firehouse, ends with Fireworks at 9:45 p.m. Events include Bingo, Yard Sale, Games, Prize contests, Mile Run, Parade, and much food and music. See details of program on p. 3.

July through fall. Farmers's Market. Taneytown, in Municipal parking lot behind firehouse. Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Locally grown produce. Information: Jenny Dickinson at 410-756-2586.

July 5. Annual Yard Sale. Seton Center Thrift Shop's 6th annual Yard Sale. Rain date July 12. On property at 16840 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg Md. 21727. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spaces are available. Information: 301-447-6102.



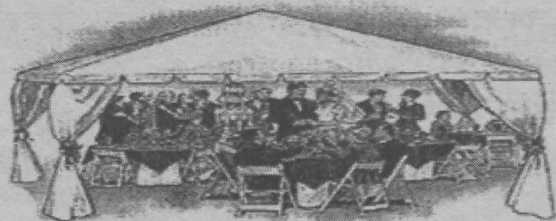
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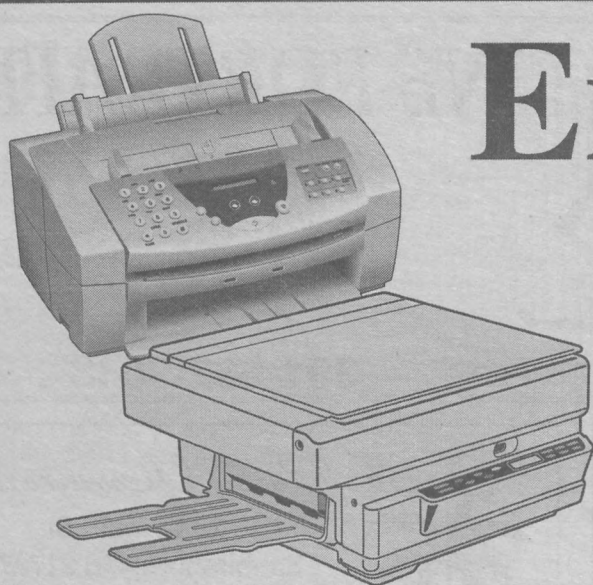
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