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Silo Hill Car Wash assailed for sound

COPE action may drive new business from town

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) may be doing as much to drive out employment as they are to preserve anything, according to a local businessman.

Kirby Delauter, President of W.F. Delauter, blasted COPE at the Sept. 14 meeting of the board of commissioners for its involvement in allegedly singling out Delauter's Silo Hill Car Wash for noise.

A number of comments from Delauter and others critical

of COPE were met with rounds of applause from 15-20 or more members of the audience.

In addition, Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker criticized COPE for referring to the noise generated at the Silo Hill facility as "excessive" in their letter to the mayor.

Walbrecker said that noise tests conducted by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) did not

seem to support the use of the term "excessive."

She also noted, "I see no residents (of Silo Hill) here. But (instead) I see three members of COPE."

Silo Hill Car Wash cited for noise

On Aug. 11, Delauter and partner Carl Athey, operators of the Silo Hill Car Wash, received a citation for noise violations.

A March 1 complaint to the MDE Noise Control Program, made by adjacent property owner Barbara Mullinix, triggered an MDE investigation on March 8.

According to statements made at the Sept. 14 commissioners meeting, the problem stemmed primarily from noise generated by a dryer when the car wash bay door was open (as well as from customers' radios or CD players).

The state agency findings indicated that sound

generated above state limits could be addressed by simple measures that "would curtail radio playing, reduce hours of operation, or the use of physical barriers."

The citation issued to Delauter and Athey indicated that MDE would take no further action if the problem was corrected by Sept. 11.

Athey, W.F. Delauter's vice president, told the commissioners, "The rear (bay) doors remain closed now

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County sends ambulance and crew to Emmitsburg for 24-hour coverage

Richard D. L. Fulton
Managing Editor

Within six hours of their Sept. 2 meeting, the Frederick County Board of Commissioners had instituted 24-hour ambulance coverage for the Emmitsburg area. Two full-time career Frederick County ambulance members and a county ambulance are now operating out of the Vigilant Hose Company.

The crew was not stationed at Emmitsburg Abulance Company 26 because of its current management

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Paramedics Lianne DeLawter (L) and Kevin Fox are two of about six full-time Frederick County career personnel that will provide 24-hour, seven-day-a-week ambulance coverage for Emmitsburg. DeLawter told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that town residents have come to the station to thank them for being here.

In a continuing effort to obstruct development—town "sues" itself

Raymond Buchheister
Editor & Publisher

Having rescinded the sewer connection moratorium, but with no signed consent order with the state in place, Emmitsburg may have no legal footing to deny zoning

certificates to developers.

Town commissioners took issue with the appeal board's actions on Sept. 9 to grant Appletree Homes three zoning certificates. Now the town is suing itself — the commissioners want to sue the appeals board — and both

sides will have the expense of retaining legal counsel.

Appletree wins appeal, town board votes to litigate

Appletree Homes, owned by developer Thomas Carolyn, appealed the denial of

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Mayor vetoes commissioners' decision to litigate

Mayor James E. Hoover vetoed the town board of commissioners' Sept. 10, 2-1 decision to stay, and challenge in circuit court, the appeals board's decision regarding South Gate.

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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 Emmitsburg Dispatch reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

Indignant about voter registration

John Craig, a prominent public-spirited citizen of South Carolina, was a soldier in the Revolution. On his large marble tombstone is written his political creed, "Free speech, state rights, liberty or death." As his great, great, great grandson, I echo these sentiments.

No patriotic believer in free speech can object to agents of the Board of Elections sitting in the Farmers Market and registering citizens to vote. The Market is sponsored by the town of Emmitsburg and is in a public place.

Ms. Jen Staiger's and Mayor Jim Hoover's

unprincipled objection to registering voters regularly in the Market arouse in me righteous indignation. With John C. Calhoun I say that a man without indignation is a man without principle. Of course, this does not excuse the personal remark I made in the heat of confrontation. I have asked Ms. Staiger in writing to accept my apology. I did not expect the lady to raise the issue in this newspaper. It does her no credit.

- Harold C. Craig, Jr.
Emmitsburg

Editor's Note: See Staiger's Letter to the Editor, The Emmitsburg Dispatch, Sept. 1, 2004.

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Why Can't We All Just Get Along?

My husband accuses me of being a naïve optimist, saying I won't be satisfied until everyone is holding hands and singing "Kumbaya." I plead guilty.

However, those seven little words uttered by Rodney King years ago in Los Angeles pack a lot of truth. When we moved to Emmitsburg in 1991, I was delighted our family had found a close-knit community that worked together and accomplished so much with volunteer efforts.

During the 90s, there were wonderful community events such as a month-long celebration when businesses held open houses with cookies and punch or other treats to welcome Christmas. Service clubs worked together to provide local children with fantastic parties.

The Community Day (4th of July) celebration, the Halloween parade down Main Street, and the Mason-Dixon Festival were all joint efforts between local clubs, the town office, and a myriad of volunteers. Everyone pitched in to make these events work.

The town Comprehensive Plan was

rewritten with input from representatives of businesses, large institutions in and near town, and citizens. The meetings were not always peaceful; many members had strong opinions. However, the end result was collaboration.

No one group led the charge or claimed all the credit (or blame) for any of these community efforts. In fact, it really didn't matter all that much which groups worked together to pull off these events.

I fear that something's gone wrong. Local newspapers are filled with angry, accusatory letters. Articles discuss fractured groups battling internally as well as against other groups. Claims and counter claims, rumors and half-truths are rampant. Lawsuits are evoked as a way to settle issues, rather than working together to find solutions. People take adamant positions without even asking if there is a better way to accomplish goals. It's not any specific group; there are problems enough to go around.

When the atmosphere in a town gets this tense, people stop looking for solutions and start pointing fingers. That's the wrong direction.

Attacking without the facts

What change in personality could have prompted Larry Little to attack me in print? I really prefer his usual comical antics to this new role of common old scold.

It seems that he cannot grasp the following simple facts: developers and their political pals are not going away unless

they are vigorously continually resisted; new housing will not pay its way; we will have to pay more taxes for it; and upscale housing will not lead to more business for him in the alley.

As to my business which he has made public, I am happy to report that I expect the repairs on the side of my house

Of course, good things are still happening throughout the area. Not all is lost by any means. One coalition is developing Welcome Packages for new residents. Another coalition is taking a building that has been a community eyesore and renovating it for a Food Bank.

Ask Emmitsburg residents what they love about this town, this area, and most will say the small-town atmosphere. No one group or person has all the answers. Coalitions take longer to solve problems but the solutions generally work much better. We need to put that into practice now. We have some awesome challenges facing us, but we also have incredible opportunities to shape our community in a way that keeps the small-town, friendly atmosphere we want, yet provides the services and jobs we need.

Why can't we all just get along? It's good advice for all of us.

- Dianne L. Walbrecker
Emmitsburg

Editor's Note: The writer is an Emmitsburg commissioner.

to be completed before winter. The fence that concerns him so is stabilized and will be repaired or replaced later. It is no danger to school children or anyone else. The real danger to school children is automobile traffic in School Lane which was closed by town ordinance yet remains open. Instead of a puny attack on me, Mr. Little will be doing something useful if he insists that the mayor enforce the 1984 ordinance.

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Taxation without representation - Finish Southgate; O'Neil needs to represent more than COPE's interests

As someone with a vested interest in the recent building moratorium and the so-called tap allocation plan, I appreciate the opportunity to speak out regarding those decisions and their impact.

My wife and I signed a contract with Appletree Homes for a new house back in August 2003. We were excited to purchase a beautiful single family home in the very town where my wife's mother and father had been raised and we were looking forward to joining the Emmitsburg community.

During the fall of 2003, while working with Appletree to finalize plans for our home at Mountainview at Southgate, we became aware of issues regarding problems with Emmitsburg's infrastructure, specifically the sewer infrastructure. At the time, we weighed our options and seriously considered backing out of our house deal. In the end, we felt certain Emmitsburg would want to honor the commitments made to Appletree and allow the development to proceed.

We closed our construction loan in February

2004 and paid a considerable amount of real estate taxes this past July on our new home.

As a future homeowner in the Southgate development, I wanted to make sure the citizens of Emmitsburg have an opportunity to hear from someone who will contribute substantial funds to Emmitsburg's coffers (via taxes, fees, etc.).

As can be readily observed by driving down Cedar Avenue alongside the new Emmitsburg Community Center, the Mountainview at Southgate development is already firmly established. Delaying Southgate's build-out does not have a positive impact on correcting Emmitsburg's sewer infrastructure problems.

Southgate is not the cause of the effluent overflow which led to the building moratorium and the pending agreement with the state regarding limiting future building in the area. In fact, it is my understanding that the effluent overflow problem would have and did in fact exist well before the development was even started.

Why not address

those issues directly instead of blaming the potentially beneficial growth that Southgate represents? Wouldn't it be smarter to allow Southgate to finish its build-out in a timely manner so that Southgate's homeowners can contribute to the community in the form of taxes, fees, and through support of the local businesses and, by doing so, contribute to getting the infrastructure problems corrected?

In closing, I have dispassionately observed the political actions of COPE as well as the rise to power of one of its chief proponents, Mr. O'Neil. It's curious to me how exactly one can square his position as a proponent of COPE and championing COPE's anti-growth causes given his own rather recent arrival in Emmitsburg. One has to wonder also if Mr. O'Neil might better serve the residents of Emmitsburg by championing a solution to the infrastructure problems instead of serving COPE's myopic causes. After all, that is what he supposedly swore to do upon receiving his commission - serve all of Emmitsburg, not just COPE's membership - right?

- Steven Schaller
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Emmitsburg
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Editor's Note: This writer is currently a Walkersville resident.

100 Years Ago "In this place" From The Emmitsburg Chronicle

This column offers a regular look back at Emmitsburg through the eyes of *The Emmitsburg Chronicle* which first appeared on June 14, 1879, published by Samuel Motter. In 1909 the paper became known as *The Weekly Chronicle*. It continued regular publication, allowing for a 5-year hiatus during World War II, until February 9, 1977.

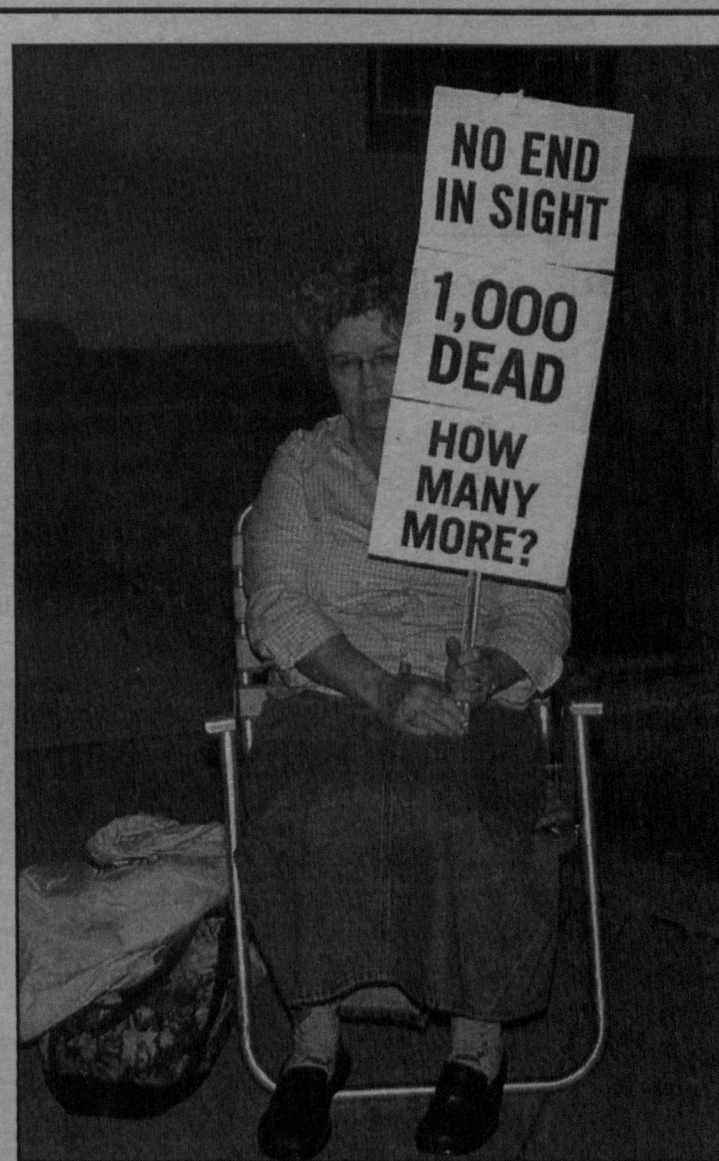
Killed a Mad Dog

September 16, 1904 - On last Saturday Mr. Joseph Hopp shot and killed a dog supposed to be mad, near town. The dog was seen to be acting in a queer manner, and it is reported that it bit some cattle. The dog was seen in Mr. Hartman's field and two of his calves in the same field were running in an excited manner. The skin on one ear of each calf was slightly torn, but whether they were bitten by the dog is not known.

Thurmont News

September 16, 1904 - It is rumored that Thurmont will have a gas lighting plant by Jan 1, 1905 and that a stock company will be formed to erect the plant, the entire issue of stock or a controlling amount to be sold to the Commissioners of Thurmont after one year, should the town desire the control of the plant. It seems strange that anyone would be willing to take a risk for the town and then should the investment be a good one, be perfectly willing to sell it to the town. As a rule people get paid for all risks they take and this seems as thin as water. If the town wants a gas plant, let the town erect one on its own hook, and then there will be no howl, as there has been about the water works. Some think they are doing some clever financiering, but the real objects are readily seen, and

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Candlelight vigil

One resident, who wished to remain anonymous, sat silently for 45 minutes on Emmitsburg's square the evening of Sept. 9. She was part of a nationwide candlelight vigil to honor the more than 1,000 U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq. Sponsored by moveon.org in partnership with the Win Without War coalition, more than 1000 vigils took place across the country. The nearest organized vigil was more than 30 miles away.

A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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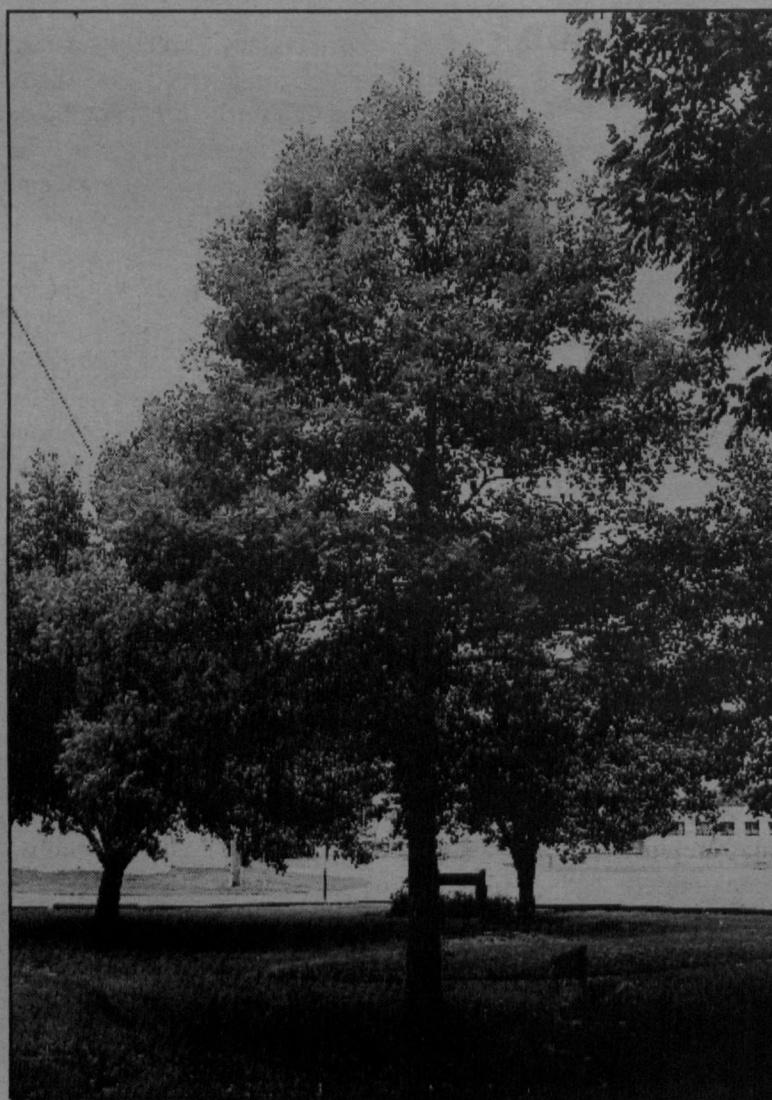
they seem to be creating enough gas (loud talk) to light the town for several years without using a generator.

Hydrophobia Among Cattle

Mr. J. B. Annan Had Three Of His Cattle Killed. They Had Been Bitten By a Mad Dog.

September 30, 1904 — Mr. J. B. Annan, of this place, had three of his cattle killed this week as the result of hydrophobia. The rabies developed in one of his finest cows early on Monday morning. The cow frothed at the

mouth, bellowed, pawed and would make an effort to get at any one going near to her. Mr. Annan had the cow killed at once. Later in the day a young heifer showed symptoms of being attacked in a similar manner as the cow which had been killed although not in quite as violent a form, and later another cow was attacked in the same manner. Thinking that possibly the cattle were suffering from some other cause than hydrophobia, the state Veterinarian, Dr. O. Allen Jarman of Baltimore, was sent for. Dr. Jarman arrived here on the 11 o'clock train yesterday, and after making an examination



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This white oak located in Memorial Park is a descendent of the famous Wye Oak tree, long revered as the state tree of Maryland. Planted by the Silver Fancy Garden Club in 1976, Emmitsburg's Wye Oak, now 29 years old, is approximately 30 feet tall.

Local Wye Oak descendent

Raymond Buchheister
 Editor & Publisher

Emmitsburg is home to a descendent of the famous Wye Oak tree, long revered as the state tree of Maryland.

In the last issue of this newspaper (Vol. III, No. 12, Sept. 1, 2004), a clipping of a 1976 article from *The Emmitsburg Chronicle* appeared on page 11 as part of a feature story on the Silver Fancy Garden Club. The article ran with a photo of eight people planting a tiny seedling, hardly visible in print.

The article by Kathryn Gloninger Klosky began, "Smile, if you must, at the small size of the Wye oak seedling planted last week in the park area by the Post office." She then described the planting and

the care taken to protect "the tender year-old tree."

The Silver Fancy Garden Club sponsored the planting in hopes that the tree would "grow to the towering height of its famous forbearer, the giant Wye Oak at Wye Mills, Md." This seedling's ancestor was Maryland's State Tree, long recognized as the largest white oak tree in the nation until time and the elements caused its massive trunk to collapse during a severe thunderstorm on June 6, 2002.

At its end, according to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service, the tree measured 31 feet 8 inches in circumference, was 96 feet tall and had an average crown spread of 119 feet. The main bole of the tree

weighed over 61,000 pounds.

This famous tree lived in Wye Oak State Park purchased by the State of Maryland in 1939. Soon after purchasing the tree in 1941, the legislature declared the Wye Oak, the white oak, to be the living symbol of the state. This purchase marked the first time in American history that a government agency had bought a single tree for preservation.

The Wye Oak, believed to have been more than 460 years old, was one of Maryland's greatest living symbols, older even than the state itself. For a history of the tree, photographs and the salvage efforts, see the Wye Oak Commemoration Project, <http://www.dgs.state.md.us/wyeoak/links.html>.

Members of the Silver Fancy Garden Club had the vision, 26 years before the tree's death, to preserve it by bringing its offspring to grace our town. "So this little tree is planted for the future ... we hope the strength and the stability and beauty of the oak will be with us for years to come."

Just as the great oak is no longer with us, only three of those pictured planting the seedling in the 1976 photo are living.

Emmitsburg's Wye Oak, now 29 years old, is approximately 30 feet tall.

Editor's Note: With the help of Bea Keilholtz, one of the women in the photo, I located the tree just behind the Post Office between the Memorial Park sign and the single picnic table under roof. The tree shades a park bench.

This editor suggests, for the benefit of those who live in Emmitsburg, and for future generations, that the town of Emmitsburg, in conjunction with the Silver Fancy Garden Club, erect a sign identifying this offspring of the historic Wye Oak. As members of the garden club pass on, so too does their knowledge. This tree needs to be identified as a piece of our town's history.

of the two cattle pronounced the disease to be rabies. Dr. Relgie, veterinarian of this place is of the same opinion. Mr. Annan then ordered the cow and heifer to be killed. The cow and heifer had become quite thin and weak, not having ate any food or drank any water from the time the rabies

developed. It is supposed that the cattle were bitten by a mad dog.

The cattle were worth about one hundred dollars.

September 30, 1904 — The town authorities have ordered that all dogs be kept from running at large upon the streets and alleys of Emmitsburg for 30 days from

September 27. This action has been caused by the recent mad dog scare.

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TOWN NEWS

A word from the Mayor

Town projects face unexpected delays

The town continues to work on projects such as the sewer trunk line and Mountain View Road water line replacements.

The sewer trunk line work was created as an emergency project in February 2003. Advertising and bidding requirements continue to cause delays. Initially, the project was bid and advertised for construction to begin in June 2004. At that time, bid packages were prepared and distributed to interested contractors.

Approximately eight contractors requested a bid package, but only one submitted a bid. That bid was approximately \$300,000 higher than the engineer's cost estimate. Due to the overwhelming cost difference, the council agreed to reject the bid and have staff meet with our consulting engineering firm to modify the scope of work in an attempt to reduce the project cost.

While modifying the scope of work, staff and our engineering firm incorporated a new design specification to lower a section of pipe to prevent the need for a pumping station once development takes place and additional connections are added to this line. When possible, it is in the town's best interest to avoid adding a pumping station and provide ways for our sewer system to operate at gravity

flow without the assistance of mechanical devices that are subject to malfunctions and costly repairs.

The project was re-bid and, for a second time, only one bid was received. This bid was for an additional \$200,000, now putting the cost of the project over \$900,000. Again, we rejected the bid based on the projected cost and the fact that the contractor could not start within the specified time.

The project was advertised for bids a third time on July 28, 2004 and approximately six bidders participated in the pre-construction meeting. These bids are due back Aug. 31, 2004. We hope to have a more

favorable bid this time and begin construction within the next 60 to 90 days.

As for the Mountain View Road water line project, this bid was awarded with notice to proceed to the contractor. Since that time the State Fire Marshall and Frederick County department of planning and permits have held the project up for additional design specs. These delays were not anticipated: both the State and Frederick County had a review process; both agencies signed off in agreement.

While the above sewer line project can be completed during the colder months of the year, the Mountain View Road water line project cannot because it requires a temporary water line be placed above ground. The State Fire

Marshall has now signed off on the project, but if Frederick County does not soon release the plans, we will be forced to delay construction until spring 2005.

Both of these projects are very important to the town and our staff continues to work on them regularly. Unfortunately, the town is not in a position to pay for them without borrowing some of the money.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) is providing the town with low interest rate loans (less than 1.5%). When we borrow state money, there are many conditions attached to the loan agreement such as advertisement requirements, scope of work specifications and a state review process. In many cases these conditions tend to increase the amount of time it takes to get a project under construction, and the strict scope of work specifications

may increase the project cost.

State restrictions are put in place to protect small municipalities such as Emmitsburg that may not have the financial means or enforcement power sometimes needed when projects are not completed as expected.

-Jim Hoover
Mayor of Emmitsburg

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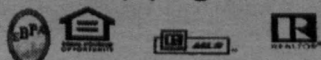
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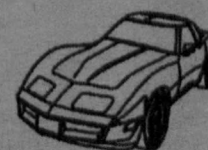
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Emmitsburg Ambulance Company Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) treat two nine-year-old boys after a truck accident in town last Thursday morning.

Truck accident in town sends two youths to hospital, Emmitsburg Ambulance Company first respondent

Two nine-year-old Mother Seton School students were transported to the Gettysburg Hospital following an accident involving a large truck and a car at 8:12 a.m., Sept. 16, at the intersection of East Main Street and Creamery Road.

According to Sheriff's Office spokesperson Deputy Jennifer Bailey, a 1997 Mack dump truck, driven by Anthony D. Brown, 41,

Frederick, collided with a 1992 Ford Taurus, driven by Peter A. Dorsey, 46, Emmitsburg. The children were passengers in the Dorsey car.

Bailey said Dorsey was stopped on East Main Street waiting to make a turn onto Creamery Road when Brown struck his car from behind.

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, currently at second response

status, quickly dispatched two ambulances to the scene, treated and transported the children to Gettysburg Hospital. The Frederick County ambulance crew, stationed in Emmitsburg as first response, was already on another call.

As of press time, police

did not know the children's medical status.

Brown was cited for failure to control his speed in order to avoid a collision. The speed and noise of large trucks driving through town on Main Street continues to be a concern expressed by residents.

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problems and the lack of sleeping quarters.

The county-provided 24-hour, seven-day-a-week coverage will continue through the end of this year, pending the outcome of a public hearing.

The commissioners discussed the issue of providing emergency services to Emmitsburg for nearly two hours, rejecting a number of options. Finally, a resolution proposed earlier by Commissioner Jan H. Gardner was reintroduced and passed three-two. Commissioners Gardner, Michael L. Cady and John R. Lovell, Jr. voted in favor; Commissioners Thomas and Bruce L. Reeder voted against.

Public hearing to determine fire tax rate

The county

commissioners also directed that a public hearing be held to determine what fire tax rate should support the county-supplied services.

The fire tax rate for Emmitsburg could range from 6.5 percent of each \$100 of assessed real estate value (for part-time, paid career aid), to 13.5 percent (for 24-hour service).

One tax option discussed, but not proposed for the hearing, would establish a local fire tax rate as high as 20 cents on the dollar. Board President John L. Thompson suggested that neither of the established rates, 6.5 percent nor 13.5 percent "would support the (proposed) coverage."

Emmitsburg company demoted to "back up"

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company has been reduced to second response status, and is not permitted to be primary responders to emergency calls.

The county Fire and Rescue Association had recommended that the commissioners suspend the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company from responding at all.

The company, which has about ten "active members," had only three Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) when it suspended one of them on Aug. 31, Chief Jeanette McGuire.

The Thurmont ambulance company had been covering for Emmitsburg when town ambulances failed to respond, but Thurmont Chief Dave Riffle said that process was draining his company's resources.

"This is drastically affecting our services," Riffle told the commissioners. "If this is not taken care of, it will affect the response rates in Thurmont."

Commissioner Cady added that the taxes Thurmont residents are paying for ambulance service are being

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used "to support responses to Emmitsburg." As a result of the commissioners' Sept. 2 action, Thurmont will no longer be the primary back up for Emmitsburg.

County will receive more revenue

The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company must pay the county 75 percent of its billing revenue to help pay for the ambulance and staff, which otherwise would be paid for with county funds.

Previously, the ambulance company paid the county 25 percent of its billings, and retained 75 percent. As a result of the commissioners' decision, the percentages will be reversed, and the company will keep only 25 percent.

The county-provided ambulance and 24-hour coverage seven days a week will cost an estimated \$50,000 a month.

Town administrators react

Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners President William B. O'Neil, Jr. told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that he felt just providing day-time career employees to the ambulance company should prove sufficient to help the company make its calls.

"That's where they (the ambulance company) are sufficiently weak (during the day shift)," he said.

"My main concern is that Emmitsburg, one of the poorest communities in Frederick County, would pay the highest fire tax (if the 20 cents on a dollar tax was considered)." He was also concerned about the impact of a significant fire tax on lower income residents.

"I know what it's like to go without a meal (to make ends meet)," O'Neil said. "I came from a poor family. I remember where I came from. I know what it's like to go hungry (to pay bills)."

He said the county should be looking beyond the fact that the ambulance company serves a community of 2,500. "The population doubles or triples when the college is in session," he noted, pointing out that the ambulance company also serves FEMA operations and the Provincial House.



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United we stand in remembrance. Fire and rescue apparatus line the bays of Emmitsburg's Vigilant Hose Company as a memorial to remember those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

VHC Open House during National Fire Prevention Week

The Vigilant Hose Company will hold its 51st annual Fire and Injury Prevention Open House on Thursday, Oct. 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the fire station on West Main Street.

Giveaways, rides on fire apparatus, demonstrations and refreshments will be included. Visitors will be able

to see the Residential Sprinkler Demonstration Trailer from the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute and the Fire Safety House from the Libertytown VFD. "Hoser," VHC's Dalmatian mascot, Smokey Bear, and "Keyote," Frederick Keys Baseball mascot, will be on hand for the festivities. There will be information and

fun for all ages. Be sure to bring your camera.

VHC will also assist in a variety of efforts in support of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, October 2-3, held at the National Emergency Training Center (NETC).

On Friday October 1, at least 250 honor guard members from fire departments across the country will attend an evening meal sponsored by

the VHC ladies' auxiliary. To learn more about the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, go to www.firehero.org.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year in this country during October to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. This year's theme is "It's Fire Prevention Week: Test Your Smoke Alarms!"

"I also think (the ambulance service) should be fee-based, not tax-based. Property taxes are (generally) unfair," he said.

Mayor James E. Hoover said the county-provided ambulance and crew would give the ambulance company some breathing room to regroup.

"They need to

demonstrate that they can improve their reliability until the time (hearing) to implement the tax," he told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.

"They need to get more people," he said, adding that those in training should not count toward this effort unless the trainees are brought on-line before the proposed county hearing on the fire tax.

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RELIGION

A word from the pulpit

Is "Church" Really Relevant Anymore?

Rev. Wade Martin
Pastor, Trinity United
Methodist Church

One of the major challenges facing the church today is relevance. Is the church relevant in our "enlightened world?" Many prominent authors have written books on how the church can and should be more relevant in the lives of people today. And I agree the church needs to respond to the needs of our world in a relevant way, while carrying out its Biblical mandate to make disciples for Christ. People of our time need to understand how the Gospel of Jesus Christ will make a difference in their lives; how following a faith that seems counter to today's society can actually bring peace and joy to their lives; and how placing our trust in God is more wise than trusting ourselves.

The church in general does need to do a better job of communicating the Gospel and its relevance. However, communication is a two-way street. In our what-can-you-do-

for-me-now society, the onus has been placed on the church to convince society that following Christ is the preferred path for living, and that attending church and getting involved in ministry beyond worship is what we are called to do as children of God. And to some extent the church does have this responsibility.

But those who hear the Good News also have a responsibility to receive the news, respond to what they hear, and to follow where the Holy Spirit leads. Too often people simply complain about church because they feel they're supposed to get something from church. But in reality, to receive we must be willing to give, and I am not talking about giving money; I am talking about giving of one's self to wanting to know about God and wanting to truly experience Christ. I suggest if we want to receive the peace, joy, encouragement, and healing offered through Christ we must be willing to do some work as well: not just sit in the pew complaining that church is boring, or that the service is too

predictable, and that nothing said or sung applies to my life anyway. We cannot grow in Christ by simply being pew potatoes, or by avoiding church all together.

If church is to be relevant, we must be willing to do our part to make it relevant. How often do you attend a worship service? How often do you read the Bible, study its contents, or pray? Do you participate in the ministry of the church beyond one hour of worship per week? Are you involved with other Christians in fellowship and service? Are you helping those in church leadership better define what the church ought to be in our community?

One of the problems we have as Christians is that we

expect the church to awaken us, to get us excited about Jesus, and to motivate us to a new way of life. Well the truth is our faith does not work that way. Following Jesus requires us to be active participants in our spiritual growth by taking part in the activities of faith listed above. When we are active participants in our faith, we begin to see and hear things in a different light, and we grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus. Words we hear on Sunday morning, and receiving the sacraments, begin to take on new meaning. Before you know it, we are excited and see the relevance of Jesus in our life. Jesus never said following him would be easy; but he did say the rewards would be great.

The peace and joy

offered to you by Jesus Christ can be yours if you approach God with an open heart and open mind. I encourage you to get involved with a church if you are not already. If you currently attend a church, I encourage you to evaluate your involvement and what you are doing to make Jesus relevant in your life and in those around you.

If you are seeking a church home, Trinity's Sunday morning worship begins at 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:15 a.m. Beginning October 16, a new Saturday evening worship service, called "Power and Praise," will begin at 6 p.m. This new service will be informal and feature contemporary music. Call 301-606-8393 for more details.

Elias Lutheran Church Offers Arts Programs for Emmitsburg's Creative Kids

Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church launched its new outreach ministry, the Creative Kids Academy of Emmitsburg (CKA), in June 2004.

Debra Linton, program director, approached the church council in early March with her idea of offering affordable cultural arts classes at Elias. According to Pastor Jon Greenstone, they began the summer program without

knowing what the community response would be. "We were hopeful but cautious," he said.

Linton and her friend, Mary Beth Swanson, began with two classes, "Miss Debbie's Ballet" and "Hands-on Art," designed for 4-12 year olds. "We created activities that we thought would appeal to our own children and their contemporaries," says Linton. "We wanted a program that would allow local families to involve their children 'at home' in Emmitsburg."

With no advertising

budget, they placed colorful fliers on public bulletin boards throughout town. By the end of August, 82 students had participated in the summer classes.

Building on this initial success, CKA is expanding its activities with an after-school program that includes music and drama. They are forming two children's praise choirs and the Emmitsburg Youth Players.

When Linton attended the candlelight tour of churches at Christmas, she realized there were no children's choirs in any local churches. The praise choirs are designed for children 6 to 8 and 9 to 12. "There might even be 3 groups if older

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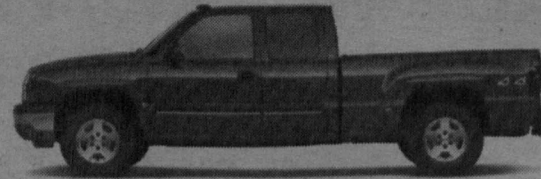
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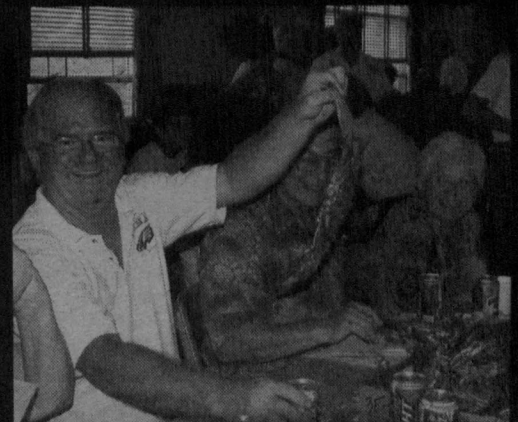
students show an interest," said director Jennifer Joy. She will be using "upbeat songs with movement" and hopes to instill a love of music and singing in choir members. Pastor Greenstone hopes the choirs might eventually be available to sing at all the churches in town.

The drama group is for students, ages 10 to 14, and will be directed by Marc Parisi, a senior at Mount St. Mary's University. Students will present an evening public performance of the play, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," on Dec. 16 at Knott Auditorium on the Mount campus.

The four instructors, Linton, Swanson, Joy, and Parisi, are inspired by their Christian faith and see their work with CKA as a ministry to children. Marc Parisi expressed it as "releasing gifts" of the spirit. They are an ecumenical group. Linton is a member of Elias Lutheran. Swanson belongs to the Frederick Christian Fellowship. Joy grew up in the Missionary Alliance church and now attends St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church. Marc Parisi is a member of a Roman Catholic congregation in Baltimore County and active in the chapel at the Mount.

"We are fueled by faith, and we truly believe that God speaks through the arts," said Jenny Joy. They also share the belief that children find self-esteem and gain self-confidence through arts activities. Parisi, who has volunteered with Emmitsburg Elementary School students since his freshman year, stressed that CKA will provide choices and opportunities for area children they might not otherwise have.

The group is also fueled with lots of professional and volunteer experience. Linton holds a Master of Education degree from West Virginia University and operated a ballet school for seven years in Alexandria, Va. Swanson is an elementary school teacher with a Master of Arts degree from Manhattanville College. Joy's credentials include a degree in speech, communications, and theater from Frostburg State University. She has performed at King's Dominion and in praise choirs as a solo vocalist. Parisi is majoring in theology at Mount St. Mary's and embraces the university's "big focus" on student service in



Daughters of Charity Crab Feast helps elderly sisters

The development office of the Daughters of Charity sponsored its second annual crab feast and pig roast on Sept. 12 to benefit the Support Fund for the Elderly and Infirm Sisters. Advertised only by word of mouth, the event attracted 394 enthusiastic crab lovers.

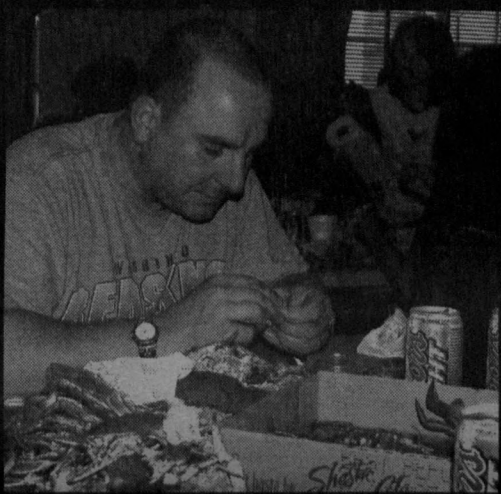
Numerous businesses, churches, organizations, individuals, and sponsors contributed money, goods and services. Denny and Elaine Ebaugh of Classic Affairs catered the food. Steve Trout of Trout's Supreme Seafood, Inc.,

supplied the steamed crabs. Two 50/50 raffles, meat and shrimp board raffles, door prizes and a 26-item silent auction were included in the 4-hour fundraiser.

Dr. Thomas Powell, president of Mount St. Mary's University attended and commented, "These types of events are why people like the community of Emmitsburg."

Orders are already being taken for next year's crab feast, Sept. 11, 2005.

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the community. He began as a reading tutor, and two years ago worked on his first play at Emmitsburg Elementary School.

Debra Linton emphasized that their modest registration fees go back into the program for materials. "We want it to become a self-supporting program." She has requested support for the fall activities from the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. "Some individuals" have come forward with donations. Linton is also looking for a grant to underwrite the program.

Rev. Greenstone added that Elias Lutheran Church has lots of space and safe parking. It is off the main streets so children

are relatively safe from traffic. At one point in its history, the church had a school on its property. By supporting the arts academy, the congregation is continuing its education tradition.

In addition to the Christmas play, there will be a spring performance highlighting all the classes. Linton also hopes to organize a community art show to display various types of art done by local children. "It could be a connector within the community," and another outreach opportunity.

Fall classes begin the week of Sept. 20 and there are still openings. For information, contact Linton, 301-447-5955, or Greenstone, 301-447-6239.

Emmitsburg Life Chain — Peaceful, prayerful, non-political protest

On Sunday, Oct. 3, people who uphold the dignity of human life, born and unborn, will gather at the town square to form the Emmitsburg Life Chain. The demonstrators will join hands, hold signs, and pray for an end to abortion, following a prayer service at 2:15 at St. Joseph's Church.

The Life Chain concept began in 1987 in California. On the first Sunday in October (Respect Life Sunday), people across the country gather at the same time for one hour along their main streets. The program has expanded to over 1000 cities in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show a huge success

The 48th Thurmont & Emmitsburg Community Show, held at Catoctin High School Sept. 10-12 attracted more than 8,000 people.

President Rodman Myers said this was the largest show on record in number of entries exhibited - nearly 2,850. The cake sale was the best ever and the grand champion brought a record \$900 from Oak Ridge Farms of Emmitsburg.

The show's sponsors included the Thurmont Grange, Catoctin FFA Chapter, Catoctin Area FFA Alumni, Maryland Agricultural Fair Board, and the Maryland State Grange.

The purpose of the Community Show is to educate, to inspire and to entertain. Through displays of better pro-

duction and improvement methods, the sponsors and exhibitors strive to help develop better skills in farming and agriculture.

Thirty civic organizations from the Catoctin School Area participated in the 29th annual Flag Ceremony. Thurmont Middle School and Catoctin High School bands performed in the auditorium Saturday evening.

Vice president Robert Valentine said a large crowd attended the beef, sheep and swine sale; 56 animals were sold. Steers averaged \$1.27; hogs, \$1.68; and sheep, \$1.78.

The Thurmont Grange served 525 turkey and ham dinners on Saturday. Catoctin FFA Alumni sold 275 chicken barbecue dinners on Sunday.

The new Catoctin FFA ambassador is Brittany Cole, daughter of Karen and Kevin Cole.

There was no admission charge, but a silver offering collected went to Rick White, Thurmont police officer, seriously injured in the line of duty. In addition to being a police officer, Rick entered the volunteer fire service as a youngster in his hometown of Emmitsburg by joining the Vigilant Hose Company. When Rick moved to Thurmont, he joined the Guardian Hose Company.

The Community Show honored seven members of the Thurmont Community Ambulance Service, Inc., which is celebrating 50 years of service to the community. Its first ambu-

lance was actually a hearse operated by Raymond Creager out of his funeral home. The company now has three ambulances and a search and rescue team comprised of members and their dogs, available anywhere in Frederick County.

The Thurmont Lions Club is celebrating 75 years of civic involvement. The Show honored nine members for their service. The Lions commissioned local artist Rebecca Pearl to create a watercolor, "A Glimpse of Yesteryear," which was unveiled at the show's Opening Ceremony. Prints and artist's proofs were sold during the show.

Three days of beautiful weather and volunteers with lots of community spirit made the

show a great success.

Thurmont Lions Club Members Honored

Russell Delauter
Shirley A. Long
Gerald Freeze
Victor Jagow
Frank Long
Bob Meunier
Magarito Ochoa
James Spahr
William Willhide

Thurmont Community Ambulance Company Members Honored

Lowman Keeney
Jim Hummerick
David Riffle
Joe Wehage
Dennis Ott
Ryan Purcell
Judith White





Community Show Champions and Reserve Champions

Dep't. 1 - Fresh Fruits

Champion: Glorise Green -
Magness pears

Reserve Champion: Richard
Mathias - blackberries

Dep't. 2 - Fresh Vegetables

Champion: Gretchen Smith -
red tomatoes

Reserve Champion: Glorise
Green - Kennebec potatoes

Dep't. 3 - Home Products Display

Champion: Lyla Franklin -
home products display

Reserve Champion: Betty
Meredith - home products display

Dep't. 4 - Canned Fruit

Champion: Linda Franklin -
peaches

Reserve Champion: Jackie
Troxell - whole yellow cherries

Dep't. 5 - Canned Vegetables

Champion: Tess Hahn -
spaghetti sauce

Reserve Champion: Carolyn
Hahn - whole green beans

Dep't. 6 - Jellies and preserves

Champion: Carolyn Hahn -
peach preserves

Reserve Champion: Don
Stanley - red raspberries

Dep't. 7 - Pickles

Champion: Leslie Cool - mixed
pickles

Reserve Champion: Glorise
Green - dilly beans

Dep't. 8 - Meat (Canned and Home-Cured)

Champion: John Bradshaw -
canned beef

Reserve Champion: Glorise
Green - canned tenderloin

Dep't. 9 - Baked Goods

Champion Cake: Maxine
Troxell - chiffon cake

Reserve Cake: Nancy Anderson
- chocolate cake

Champion Pie: Denise Valentine
- apricot pie

Reserve Pie: Lorraine Kuhn -
cherry pie

Champion Bread: Maxine
Troxell - rye/pumpnickel swirl

Reserve Bread: Maxine Troxell
- onion bread

Sugar Free: Glorise Green - dia-
betic pie

Reserve Sugar Free: Glorise
Green - diabetic pie

Dep't. 10 - Sewing

Champion: Sharon Dubois -
braided rug

Reserve Champion: Mary Little
- crocheted three-piece baby set

Dep't. 11 - Flowers and Plants

Champion: Pauline McAfee -
African violet

Reserve Champion: Pauline
Ketterman - Mandeville plant

Dep't. 12 - Arts Paintings and Drawings

Champion: Mary Jewell - oil
painting

Reserve Champion: Mary
Jewell - sculpture

Dep't. 13 - Crafts

Champion: Theresa Topper -

scrapbook pages

Reserve Champion: Robert
Moorman - lamp craft

Dep't. 14 - Photography

Champion: Elizabeth Benitez -
people photo

Reserve Champion: Irene
Mathews - animal photo

Dep't. 15 - Corn

Champion: Norman Shriver -
hybrid yellow corn

Reserve Champion: Rodman
Myers - Indian corn

Dep't. 16 - Small Grains and Seeds

Champion: Charles Kolb - shell
corn

Reserve Champion: Fred
Grimes - timothy

Dep't. 17 - Eggs

Champion: Nancy Grimes -
brown eggs

Reserve Champion: Pam Kaas -
brown eggs

Dep't. 18 - Nuts

Champion: Mary Willhide -
shellbarks

Reserve Champion: Tess Hahn -
English walnuts

Dep't. 19 - Poultry and Livestock

Champion: Noah Ruby - roost-
ers and hen

Reserve Champion: Daniel Baer
- rabbit

Dep't. 20 - Dairy Classes

Champion: Bobby Groft -
Jersey

Reserve Champion: Ashley
Mayer - Holstein

Dep't. 20A

Goats

Champion: Colt Black

Sheep

Champion: Nathan Fritz

Reserve Champion: Scott
Haines

Hogs

Champion: Samantha Ridenour

Reserve: Zachary Fritz

Beef

Champion: Seth Sweeney

Reserve: Samantha Ridenour

Dep't. 21 - Hay

Champion: Jimmy Kline -
mixed hay

Reserve: Rodman Myers - bar-
ley straw

Dep't. 22 - Junior Dep't.

Champion: Chelsea Gelwicks -
ceramics

Reserve: Molly Hemler - paint-
ing

Champion Baked Product:
Kayla Neff - fudge

Dep't. 23 - Youth Dep't.

Champion: Lucas Baseley -
wall hanging

Reserve: Timothy Cox - insect
collection

Champion Cake: Carrie Long -
chocolate cake

OBITUARIES

Mr. Ralph Fisher

Mr. Ralph V. Fisher, 75, Thurmont, died Aug. 17 at Washington Hospital Center. Born Feb. 2, 1929, in Rocky Ridge, he was the son of the late Russell C. and Sylvia J. Crawford Fisher.

He owned and operated a dairy farm in Walkersville for over 20 years. A graduate of Emmitsburg High School and the University of Maryland, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a lifelong member of the Graceham Moravian Church and was actively involved in the community.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 50 years, Donna, are one daughter, Joy Flickinger; and four sons, Jack, David, Ernest and Ricky; seven grandchildren; one brother, R. Lee Fisher; one sister, Doris C. Mercer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Aug. 28 at Graceham Moravian Church with his pastor, the Rev. Jeff Gehris, officiating. Interment followed in the Graceham Cemetery.

Mr. Austin Young

Mr. Austin L. "Bub" Young, 80, Thurmont, died Aug. 22 at Frederick Memorial

Hospital. Born February 26, 1924, in Graceham, he was the son of the late Earl S. and Mae Bowers Young.

Mr. Young was a member of Harriet Chapel Catocin Episcopal Parish, Thurmont. He retired from Moore Business Forms in 1986 after 33 years of service. He loved his motorcycle.

Surviving in addition to his wife of 59 years, Betty, are three daughters, Sandra Mendenhall, Cindy More, and Cathy Higgs; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two nephews, two nieces and one cousin.

Funeral services were held Aug. 26 at the Harriet Chapel Catocin Episcopal Parish, Thurmont, with his pastor, the Reverend Dr. Francene Stanford, officiating.

Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, near Frederick.

Ms. Evelyn Davis

Ms. Evelyn A. Davis, 93, Thurmont, died Sept. 3 at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg. Born Aug. 3, 1911 in Thurmont, she was a daughter of the late John M. and Elsie Martin Davis.

Ms. Davis was a long time member of Weller United



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Emmitsburg Jubilee employee Peggy Yingling (R) convinces a customer to purchase a forget-me-not flower. The paper flowers cost one dollar. Money raised from the forget-me-nots sale will remain in Frederick County to support the programs and services offered by the Alzheimer's Association.

Jubilee Foods Supports Memory Walk

Jubilee Foods of Emmitsburg sold forget-me-nots to support the 15th Annual Frederick Memory Walk for the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

The paper flowers cost one dollar. Each flower had a place for the purchaser's name or the name of the person in whose honor or memory it was purchased.

According to Rich Boyd, store manager, "On the first day we sold 339 flowers and I had to call the association and request more flowers be delivered to the store. We never expected to sell as many as we did in one day."

Jubilee sold over 1,200 flowers in one week and gave the money to the Alzheimer's Association.

Boyd also sponsored a contest for employees to see who could sell the most forget-me-nots. Peggy Yingling won by selling more than 400 flowers.

"We are delighted that Jubilee Foods would support

the Memory Walk by selling the flowers in their store," said Mary Ellen Mitchell, Development Coordinator for the Association. "We hope that the success of this one local store will inspire other retail operations to help us in the future by selling the flowers. The flowers are bar-coded, so sale numbers are easy to track by computer."

Money raised from the forget-me-nots sale, along with the money generated through Memory Walk, held Sept. 12, will remain in Frederick County to support the programs and services offered by the Alzheimer's Association.

Based on information in the 2000 census, there are over 2,700 people with Alzheimer's disease in Frederick County. Taking into account family members and caregivers, the disease affects over 10,000 in the county. For more information on Alzheimer's disease, call 301-696-0315 or visit www.alzgmnd.org.

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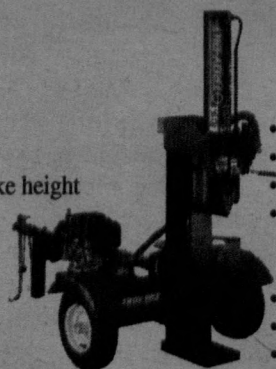
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Car Wash-

-Continued from page 1 (to reduce dryer noise)." He pointed out that there are three other homes adjacent to the car wash whose owners have not indicated there was a noise problem.

"They never did any testing at a COPE member's (Arthur Elder's) car wash," he said.

Delauter threatens to curtail relocation to Emmitsburg

Delauter and Athey own more than the Silo Hill Car Wash. They also operate a major contracting firm, W.F. Delauter, employing 30-40 people, presently based in Thurmont.

The partners met with Sheridan (Dan) Reaver, owner of Emmitsburg Glass, in March to finalize W.F. Delauter's acquisition of the glass company's present facility in anticipation of the contracting firm's relocation to Emmitsburg.

Athey previously told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that the move was primarily based on better access to Route 15.

He added, "There is (also) some potential for growth for the company and more jobs for area residents."

However, the concept of Delauter increasing jobs for Emmitsburg residents seemed imperiled at the Sept. 13

meeting when he stated, "I'm concerned about COPE and two members on the board."

"I don't know if I want to bring the business here," Delauter commented. "With COPE in charge, I don't know if it's worth it."

"I just want to understand why we don't have an unbiased board here," he said. "Anyone with an open mind can see what is going on here."

Delauter is also involved in the \$400,000 replacement of the town's Mountain View Road water main, and has worked on other town projects as well.

COPE tries to present its case

With only three COPE members present, the complainant and property owners adjacent to the complainant absent, and pitted against an audience applauding virtually each assault on the organization, COPE "representatives" seem to struggle to present their case.

COPE began by playing a boom box with the sound turned up in an effort to show how the noise generated inside the meeting room was the same as that generated in the open.

Finally, Lisa Elder, Silver Spring, noted that Commissioner Art Elder, also a COPE member, had nothing to

Chief's suspension may have had detrimental impact

Ambulance Company Chief Jeanette McGuire's recent suspension may have had a significant impact on the Sept. 2 county commissioner decision to avoid locating county crews at Company 26. It could even have paved the way for the company's demise.

"There doesn't seem to be a structure in place at this time to carry forward (with providing assistance directly to the Emmitsburg company)," Commissioner Jan H. Gardner stated. "Ten EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) walked away and they just suspended the chief."

"The one suspended made 132 calls, so they suspend the people making the calls," she said. "I don't think (direct aid to) Company 26 is the answer."

do with the complaint.

Commissioner Elder owns the only other car wash in town.

Former board of commissioners President Patrick Boyle said, "Everybody in town has noise (referring to the truck traffic). It's time to get on with it (real business) and grow up."

The board took no further action on the dispute.

Board Vice President Michael L. Cady said, "I'm concerned if we move everything to Company 6, we may cause the demise of Company 26. I'm really concerned this will destroy that company."

Commissioner Bruce L. Reeder agreed, "If you pass this motion (to send county staff to Vigilant), Company 26 is out of business. This is the death of Company 26."

Another reason given for stationing county personnel at the firehouse was the lack of resources for 24-hour staffing at the ambulance bay.

Emmitsburg resident Harold Craig told the commissioners the ambulance company should be placed permanently with the fire company. "It should be solved once and for all."



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EDUCATION

Mother Seton School Introduces Pre-kindergarten Program

Susan Allen
Staff Writer

For the first time in the history of Mother Seton School, four-year-old students arrived in August when classes began. The children attend school for a half-day, either mornings or afternoons.

According to teacher Mary Jo Burkell, the pre-kindergarten (pre-K) program planning began several years ago. "Our parents were requesting it, and we (faculty and administrators) felt a need to provide it in our religious school setting."

Preschool classroom space was included in the design of the new school wing which opened in the fall of 2002. The school's enrollment goal is 18 students in each pre-K class, although current enrollment is lower. "We expect to grow," says Val Mentzer, head of the development office. Enrollment is still open for this year.

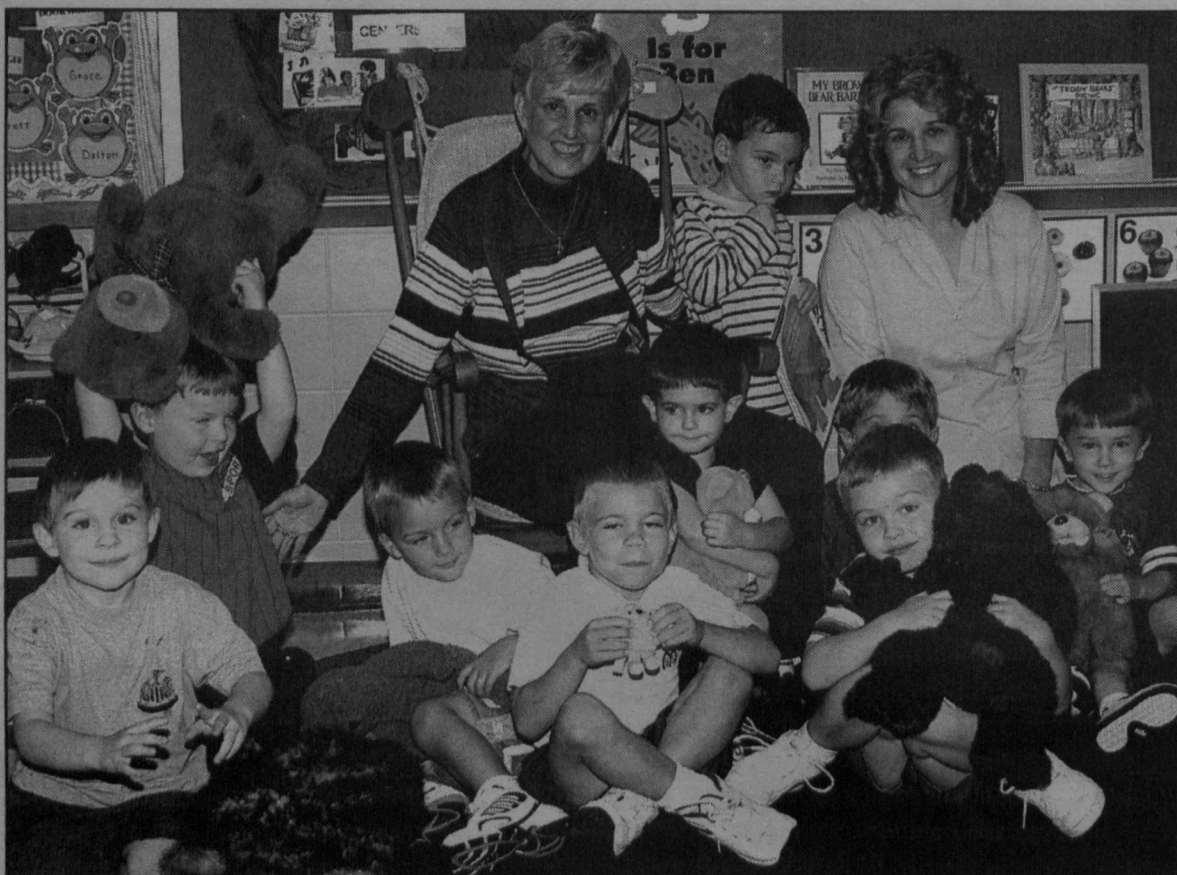
Burkell has been teaching at Mother Seton School (MSS) for 15 of the 25 years she has been an educator.

She taught a pre-K class at Christ Lutheran Church in Gettysburg before coming to MSS. "I started out here with fourth grade, then first, and then kindergarten. And now I've worked my way back to pre-K!"

Listing the goals of the program, she hopes to help each child develop a desire to learn and explore, and to value every person as "special in the eyes of God." At this age, she said, it is easy for the children to have fun while they are learning and growing in so many important ways.

The classroom is large, bright with natural light, and colorful. It is divided into learning center areas, which include tables and art project supplies. Burkell said that "generous parents in the school" have donated much of the equipment and many toys and books.

Working with full-time assistant, Donna Gebhart, Burkell and the children enjoy "free play, prayer circle, story time, and music," along



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Nine four-year-old boys make up the afternoon pre-kindergarten (pre-K) class at Mother Seton School. Teacher Mary Jo Burkell (Back-L) and full-time assistant Donna Gebhart (Back-R) instruct the youngsters in this program, a first in the history of the school.

with recess in a fenced-in playground.

Mother Seton School follows Frederick County Public

Schools' age guidelines for pre-K enrollment: a child must be four years old by September 30. Val Mentzer feels that early

registration for next year's classes will be important. For more information, contact MSS, 301-447-3161.

Emmitsburg High School Class of 1954 to hold 50th reunion

The Emmitsburg High School Class of 1954 will hold its 50th reunion Oct. 8 through 10. A weekend of activities has been planned.

Reunion organizers still need addresses and phone numbers for several classmates who started at Emmitsburg Public School

in 1941 or 1942: Betty Cool Lawrence, Shirley Wilson, Doris Gouchenour, Grace Pryor, Rosemary Phillips, Gary Ulrich, Madeline Kelbaugh, Nevin Riley (Gettysburg), Ethel Warner, Marilyn Strickhouser, Donald Strickhouser, and Dorothy Hines (Rocky Ridge area).

If you have information or can contact any of these persons, please notify the 1954 Class or ask these classmates to contact M.C. Shields, 16648 Old Emmitsburg Rd, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, 301-447-2109, by September 20.

55th Reunion – St. Joseph High School Class of 1949

St. Joseph High School, Emmitsburg, Class of 1949, held its 55th reunion at the Cozy Restaurant, Thurmont. After a wonderful meal, the Hanover Barber Chorus performed old time songs.

Seated, first row, L to R:

Bernadette (Arnold) Foreman, Julia (Arnold) Rosenwald, Cecelia Wenschoff, Eileen (Rogers) Seaker; our business teacher, Carolyn (Hobbs) Lydon.

Top row, L to R: Roseann (Bowers) Ecker,

Mary (Sanders) Bowne, Jean (Topper) Walter, Mary Frances (Brawner) Wastler, Rosemary (Sanders) Mick, Lorraine (Willhide) Wivell, Lillian (Orndorff) Layman, and Mary Dee (Stoudt) Moore.




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Seminary Annual Fund fall 2004 solicitation letters will enclose the first in the series—reproducing the beautiful and evocative stained glass windows in the chapel.

The first prayer card depicts the apparition of Mary to Saint Bernadette at Lourdes. There, at the insistence of St. Bernadette, the Virgin Mary revealed her name, saying, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Mount St. Mary's celebrates its patronal feast every year on December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This year, the Church celebrates the 150th anniversary of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

The second card in the series, mailed to seminary donors during FY 2004-05, shows the stained glass window of the Annunciation. The archangel Gabriel announces to Mary: "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus (meaning 'the Lord saves.')." The Blessed Virgin Mary freely responds, with complete trust in God, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."



The remaining five prayer cards will be issued as part of Seminary Annual Fund mailings in 2006-08, culminating in our bicentennial year, 2008, with the beautiful Assumption window in the balcony of the chapel.

For more information and to be part of the Seminary Annual Fund mailing, please contact Sherry Trocino at 301-447-5017.

Left: The first full-color prayer card, in a series of seven, depicts the apparition of Mary to Saint Bernadette at Lourdes.

NEW FACULTY

The Mount welcomes the following new faculty to the University and Emmitsburg community.

MICHELLE WALLACE BOWER, education; Ph.D., Mathematics Education, Illinois State University

DENNIS CALI, rhetoric and communications; B.A., speech communication, Southeastern Louisiana University; M.A., Colorado State University; Ph.D. Louisiana State University

MINOO KOBRAEI, visiting assistant professor, biology; PhD, University of Louisville

FR. TOMMY LANE, seminary; SSL from the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome; STD from the Gregorian University, Rome (awarded doctorate in biblical theology)

CHRISTINE MCCAUSLIN, visiting assistant professor, biology; Ph.D., George Washington University

LUCA PETRELLI, mathematics; B.A., mathematics, University of Rome

JENNIFER WESSELLS-STAIER, visiting assistant professor, biology; Ph.D., Uniformed Services University of Health Science, Bethesda, Maryland

DEB WENTLING, coordinator of the ESL program, seminary; BA, Elmhurst College; MA, Rosary College; MA, University of Pittsburgh

MOUNT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

"Catholic Faith, Catholic Faces"

a collection of photographs of seminary and parish life taken by Pavel Chichikov
September 1-19, 2004
Delaplaine Gallery, Marion Burk Knott Auditorium, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily.

Lecture, "Faith and Diversity"

Wednesday, September 22, 2004
7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium
Dr. Alan Wolfe, professor and director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College

Student Art Show

September 24-26, 2004
Delaplaine Gallery, Marion Burk Knott Auditorium, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily.
For more information please call the office of communications at 301-447-5366

Art Opening/Lecture—Meg Rahaim

October 28, 2004
Memorial Gallery, 6:00 p.m.
For more information please call the office of communications at 301-447-5366

"Crazy for You"—Mount Theatre

November 4-6, 8 p.m. | November 7, 2 p.m.
November 11-13, 8 p.m., Upper Flynn Hall
For ticket information, please call the office of visual and performing arts at 301-447-5308

Lecture, "A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America"

Wednesday, November 17, 2004
7:00 p.m. Knott Auditorium
Dr. Peter Steinfels, nationally prominent Catholic writer, educator, and speaker

Men's Soccer (home games)

September 22
v. Howard, 3:30 p.m.
October 8
v. Monmouth 3:30 p.m.
October 15
v. Fairleigh Dickinson, 3:30 p.m.
October 17
v. Sacred Heart, 2:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer (home games)

October 3
v. Monmouth, 12:00 p.m.
October 8
v. Fairleigh Dickinson, 12:00 p.m.
October 10
v. Sacred Heart, 12:00 p.m.
October 12
v. Howard, 7:00 p.m.
October 19
v. Longwood, 3:00 p.m.

Rosary Walk

National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday October 23, 2004
10:00 a.m.

Follow the sacred path that Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton once used on her way to the Holy Grotto on Mary's Mountain. Father Jack Lombardi, chaplain of the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, will lead a Rosary Walk from the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes on the Mount St. Mary's University Campus.

Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Welcome, Opening Prayer, Blessing
Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, Md.
Drop off pilgrims at Seton Shrine and then park car at the Grotto. A van will be provided to shuttle you back to the Seton Shrine to begin the Rosary Walk.

10:15 a.m. Rosary Walk

Noon Mass

1:00 p.m. Procession and Crowning of Our Lady
(b.y.o. sack lunch and join in family fun to follow)

For more information:
Contact Fr. Jack Lombardi, National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, 301-447-5318.

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SPORTS

Outside the Game With Heads Bowed

A.J. Russo
Sports Editor

Once upon a time ...
With heads bowed during "The Star-Spangled Banner," American runners Tommie Smith and John Carlos rocked the 1968 Mexico City Olympics by raising their gloved hands in a black-power salute on the medal podium. The moment changed sports forever, merging it with politics.

When asked about the timing of the demonstration, Smith and Carlos said they had decided on a non-violent protest of the treatment of blacks in America a few months after civil-rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. had been assassinated.

The United States Olympic Committee kicked the pair off the team and banned them from the Olympic Village. The protest was and remains a defining moment in the history of Olympics — as well as in the history of civil rights.

We forget that Olympics without politics has been about as rare as Olympics without broken records.

In 1904, U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt offended Chicago by siding with St. Louis as the site for the Summer

Games, where pygmies and Sioux athletes took part in events long gone from the Olympic roster, including pole climbing, mud fighting and stone throwing.

In the 1908 London Olympics, the Russians tried to prevent the Finns from flying the Finnish flag, and the British did the same to the Irish.

World War I and World War II canceled the Olympics in 1916, 1940 and 1944. Japan was denied the opportunity to host the Games in 1940 after it invaded China.

Germany was not invited to take part in the 1920 Antwerp Olympics as punishment for its role in World War I. Japan and Germany were also banned from the 1948 Games in London, where athletes from Soviet-bloc nations defected to the West, the first in a series of defections that continued throughout the Cold War and to this day.

China refused to participate in the 1956 Games in Melbourne because the International Olympic Committee recognized Taiwan as China.

Also in 1956, Iraq, Egypt and Lebanon did not compete to protest the Israeli-led takeover of the Suez

Canal; while Spain, Holland and Switzerland refused to take part, protesting the Soviet invasion of Hungary.

South Africa was banned by the IOC after the 1960 Games in Rome and only permitted to return in 1992 when its apartheid policies ended.

A total of 22 African nations boycotted the 1976 Montreal Olympics because New Zealand's national rugby team had played against South Africa, which was supposedly banned from international competitions because of its apartheid policies.

In 1980, U.S. President Jimmy Carter, angered by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, led a U.S. boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

In retaliation, Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev led a boycott of the 1984 Los Angeles Games, saying that the action was mainly about the "security" of Soviet athletes.

So, should it really

surprise us when, this summer in Athens, Olympic athletes from the United States were coached by the U.S. Olympic Committee to "tone down" their celebrations when they won a medal? After all, since the rest of the world is mad at us over Iraq, our athletes shouldn't indulge in any unseemly acts of patriotism. Should they?

"If a Kenyan or a Russian grabs their national flag and runs round the track or holds it high over their heads, it might not be viewed as confrontational," said U.S.O.C. media consultant Mike Moran. "Where we are in the world right now, an American athlete doing that might be viewed in another manner."

And so, with heads bowed in humility, U.S. athletes won medal after medal — so many, I thought the "Star Spangled Banner" had become a top-40 hit.

But there were few flags draped over athlete's shoulders, fewer jaunts around the arena

with flags held high, not many expressions of exultation and patriotism on the medal stands.

Maybe replacing apple pie with humble pie will help others feel better about us some day -- maybe not. It certainly had no effect in Athens. The anti-American jeers were louder than ever.

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Mere Mortals

Megan Zimmerman
Intern Writer

On Aug. 22, Great Britain sent Olympic hopeful Paula Radcliffe to run in the women's marathon. Women have only been able to compete in the race since the 1984 Los Angeles Games. Thirty-three-year-old Radcliffe has, more than once, been Great Britain's chance for gold. She twice broke the world record for the marathon, and is the first woman to run the race in under two hours and 16 minutes.

Although she has held the World Champion title in the marathon several times, gold slipped from Radcliffe's hands in the Sydney Games, as she fell to fourth place in the final lap of the 1500-meter event and again at the 2001 World Championships in the 10,000-meter run.

Having victory within her reach so many times, Great Britain had high hopes for Radcliffe as she entered the Athens games. The marathon would be run through its 26.2-mile historic route, from the

town of Marathon, Greece to the Panathinaiko Stadium, Athens. Radcliffe kept pace with the leaders, runners she had defeated before. She worked her way up to third place, with her trademark head bob and eyes rolled into her sockets. But by the 23rd mile, Radcliffe was obviously struggling. She stopped a few times to try to regain energy, but was unable to continue the race. Radcliffe's hopes of a medal had once again slipped from her grasp, as she became one of 17 runners to drop from the course.

What Radcliffe and most other runners experienced was extreme heat exhaustion. How could a world record der fall to such modest uences? Every marathon

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Town "sues" itself-

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three zoning certificates before the town board of appeals on Aug. 12.

On Sept. 9, the board of appeals voted 2-1 (Joyce Rosensteel abstaining) in favor of Appletree's request, and directed that the zoning certificate applications be processed.

Appeals board President Robert Rosensteel, Jr. told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that the decision was made because the three homes involved, and the development in general, had progressed to an approvable state before the moratorium ordinance had taken effect.

On Sept. 10, a special meeting of the town board of commissioners was called to consider implementing a "stay" to the appeals board decision.

During the meeting, board President William B. O'Neil, Jr. and Commissioner Arthur (Art) Elder voted to litigate the decision. Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker voted against the measure. Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel was not present.

The commissioners will take their issue to circuit court. They contend that the appeals board should have stated their reasons for granting

the appeals, and should have discussed the issue further at the Sept. 9 meeting.

However, dissenting Commissioner Walbrecker said that nothing in the codes requires the appeals boards to cite reasons for decisions.

"It seems to me to be a big step to ask a judge to come in and look at a decision the appeals board has made," Walbrecker stated.

O'Neil disagreed, saying, "I would feel much better placing this in the hands of experienced attorneys and judges."

Consent order never signed

On Aug. 26 the town commissioners approved an ordinance that both lifted the sewer connection moratorium and adopted a taps allocation plan. (See *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, Sept. 1, 2004, page 1.)

The plan's operating premise was a consent order with MDE. But apparently no one checked with MDE to find out if the order had been signed.

To date, the consent order remains unsigned and, thus, has not taken effect. As a result, some feel the taps allocation plan is moot and unenforceable, since it is merely a tool to direct the town's compliance with the terms of an unsigned consent order.

Without the moratorium and a valid MDE consent order, the town may have no

legal backing to deny zoning certificates, and may not have had that right since the mayor approved the commissioners' actions on Aug. 26.

Town denies more South Gate applications

Appletree applied for 16 more zoning certificates on Aug. 26 (the date the moratorium was lifted), according to town Zoning Technician Jennifer Joy.

The applications were apparently filed several hours before Mayor James E. Hoover signed the ordinance lifting the moratorium. The applications were subsequently denied in letters sent Sept. 3 by certified mail, Joy told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*.

Under the Residential Sanitary Sewer Tap System Connection Allocation Plan, South Gate would be allowed five sewer connections, "if and when they apply for them," Joy said.

Town officials maintain there is no battle to single out South Gate, and that their actions are all in the interest of rehabilitating the wastewater collection system.

Appletree Homes is attempting to finish its embattled, 35 single-family home South Gate development. To date, 16 of the homes have been sold while 19 still need permits. The development is located off South Seton Avenue, adjacent to the Emmitsburg Community Center.

Mayor Vetoes-

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With a "stay," the commissioners intended to hold the applications in abeyance pending a review by the circuit court.

On Sept. 9, the board of appeals voted 2-1 (Joyce Rosensteel abstaining) to approve three previously denied zoning certificates for Appletree Homes, developers of South Gate. The appeals board also authorized the processing of the certificate applications.

On Sept. 10, at a special meeting, the commissioners voted 2-1 (Dianne L. Walbrecker voting against and Rosensteel absent) to stay the appeals board decision and file for a circuit court review.

Mayor Hoover explained at the Sept. 13 town meeting that he vetoed the commissioners' decision based on his belief that they should have met with the appeals board before taking such action.

In turn, board of commissioner's President William B. O'Neil, Jr. and Commissioner Arthur (Art) Elder led an attempt to override the mayor's veto.

The override, which required three commissioners' approval, failed when Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker voted against it, and Rosensteel abstained.

As a result of the mayor's veto, the appeals board decision regarding the South Gate zoning certificates will stand.

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course is different. The number and grade of hills varies from course to course, along with the climate and temperature. The Athens course had extreme hills, and scorching temperatures. No training could have protected even the best-trained runner from a force stronger than any Olympic athlete - Mother Nature. Radcliffe fell victim to heat exhaustion and dehydration, and was forced to crouch on the curbside at the 23-mile mark.

Radcliffe had reached the pinnacle of World Champion, but has yet to climb the Olympic podium. Beijing 2008 seems far away, but hopes are that her Athens devastation will be replaced by the exuberance of victory. Radcliffe's experience illustrates that, although Olympic athletes are worthy to compete with the best in the world, they are still mere mortals.



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Quilters

A Long Way from Paper Bag Patterns

Mary Ellen Cummings
Dispatch Writer

Last time I told you that I was re-reading and eliminating old quilt magazines. To be honest, I was not aware just how many magazines I had saved: three years of "Quilter's Newsletter," two years of "McCall's Quilting" and four years of "Quilt" were the most numerous copies. There were random copies of the "Quilt Maker," "Country Quilts," "Vintage Quilts," and others too numerous to mention.

I don't actually throw them away. I take the ones I don't want to my quilting group. They can read-and-return or read-and-keep. After the group has finished with the magazines, I donate them to the Fancy Table at the church festivals and the Willing Workers Country Store during Ridgefest (colorfest) at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge.

When I first became

interested in quilting, there weren't publications available to peak one's interest or give ideas and instructions; at least not in my area. The time was in the late thirties or early forties. I made my first quilt top at that time — a Sage Bud — using feed sack prints with contrasting green and a background of white muslin. The total cost for the fabric was \$2. I now know that some publications were on the market, just not where I lived. In my area, if you wanted to learn to quilt, you asked a quilter to teach you, or you might have been born into a family in which quilt making was traditional.

Patterns were available from certain farm magazines, newspapers and journals like "Grit." However, most people had patterns that had been cut from brown grocery bags and old newspapers using someone else's quilt as a guide. They were often poorly made and tore easily. Patterns were available

by mail, but the ads for these were in black and white and usually listed no sizes. If you liked the picture, you ordered the pattern and did the math yourself.

There are so many publications today that it is difficult to decide which is best for you. I have noticed that more and more of the magazines are steering away from my favorite way of making quilts. I realize that my way is old fashioned and slow, but I'm in no hurry. What I want from quilting is a product which is pretty, well-made and useful. I realize that using your computer for designing, using the sewing

machine for constructing, and hanging the "quilt" on the wall for display fits well into the life (and work) style of the modern quilter.

The last issue of the American Quilter's Society magazine, "American Quilter" highlights the winning quilts from the Paducah Quilt Show. Some of them were beautiful and represented many hours of planning and work. Some of them, to me, were fascinating and also represented many hours of work. I can't see any of these quilts being used on a bed. However, they are works of art and need to be displayed — not wrapped around a sick child, or

comforting the senior citizen who has no family left. In fact, it is good that I like bed quilts because I don't have a wall space left big enough to show off my fabric interpretations.

I have collected a few quilts and am interested in that phase of the quilt world. If any readers in the Thurmont-Emmitsburg and other nearby areas also collect quilts, I would like to hear from you. Do you collect family quilts? Old quilts? Historical? What kind of quilts are you really interested in? Perhaps you just like quilt tops. I would like to talk with you and maybe arrange to view your collection.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sept. 17-25 - Great Frederick Fair. Frederick Fairgrounds. "Ag-Sensuate your Senses." www.thegreatfrederickfair.com.

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September 18 and 19 - Used Book Sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Thurmont Thespians at St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N. Church St. (by the firehouse). Homemade soup also available for purchase. To donate books or for information: 301-271-7613.

September 19 - Taneytown Rod & Gun Club Breakfast. 7 to 11 a.m. 12380 Shoemaker Road, Taneytown. Adults, \$6; Kids (8 to 12), \$4. Carryouts available: 410-756-4160.

September 23 - Emmitsburg Coalition to Prevent Substance Abuse meeting. 7:30 p.m., Emmitsburg Library conference room. Todd Crum, Frederick County Health

Department, Substance Abuse Division, will brief parents, students and all other interested people in the community on Frederick County prevention and treatment programs. Information: 301-447-3746.

September 24 - Only By Grace Concert. 7-9 p.m., Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren, Union Bridge, Md. The public is invited. Ice cream social to follow the concert by this Dillsburg, Pa. group. Information: 410-775-7343 or 410-775-7693.

September 25 - Longaberger Basket Bingo. 5:30 p.m., Francis Scott Key High School. Sponsored by the Taneytown Chamber of Commerce. Games begin at 6:45 p.m. Admission by ticket only. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 20 games, early bird & consolation prize. Tickets and information: 410-756-4234.

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October 2 - All you can eat buffet breakfast. 6 to 11 a.m. Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, Tom's Creek Church Road (off Route 140 between Taney town and Emmitsburg). Adults \$5.50, ages 5-10 \$2.50. Bake table. Advance orders for sausage @ \$2.35/lb, pork chops @ \$2.75/lb, scrapple @ \$1.50/lb and loose sausage @ \$2.35/lb. Call 410-756-2034 or 310-447-6384 by Sept. 26.

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October 7 - Garden Clubs Flower Show, "Migratory Patterns." 1-5 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Libertytown. Sponsored by District V Maryland Federated Garden Clubs. Free and open to the public. Speakers, demonstrations, boutiques, and tea. Located 16 miles from Taneytown on Route 75, one block east of Routes 26 and 75. Information: 410-756-1113.

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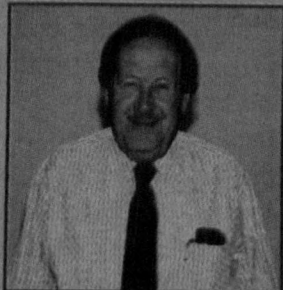
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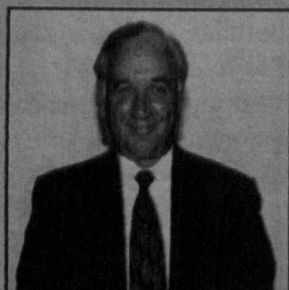
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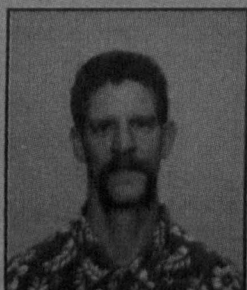
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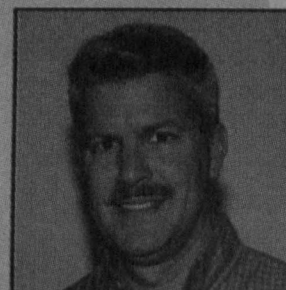
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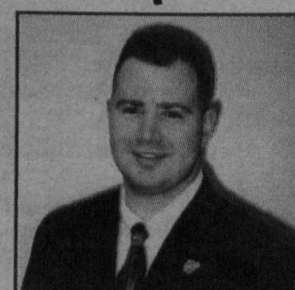
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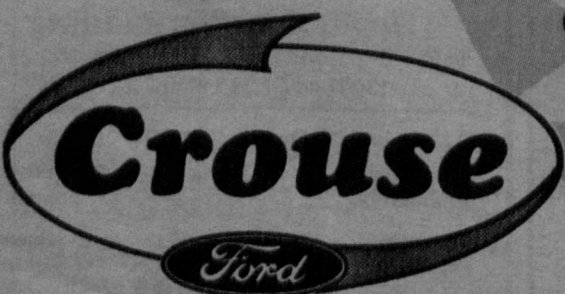


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