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Walbrecker resigns effect may be a no-contest election

Staff Report

Commissioner Dianne L. Walbrecker tearfully announced her resignation at the March 21 Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners meeting, paving the way for a possible no-contest election for board seats.

Walbrecker, who was elected to the board of commissioners in 2004, stated, "While I have enjoyed the last year, I have decided that I can no longer serve you (the residents) adequately as a town commissioner."

She noted that her job-related demands have increased significantly, and have impacted her ability to attend town meetings regularly. "This is not fair to you," she said.

Fighting back tears Walbrecker said, "This was an agonizing decision that I made only after careful thought about what would

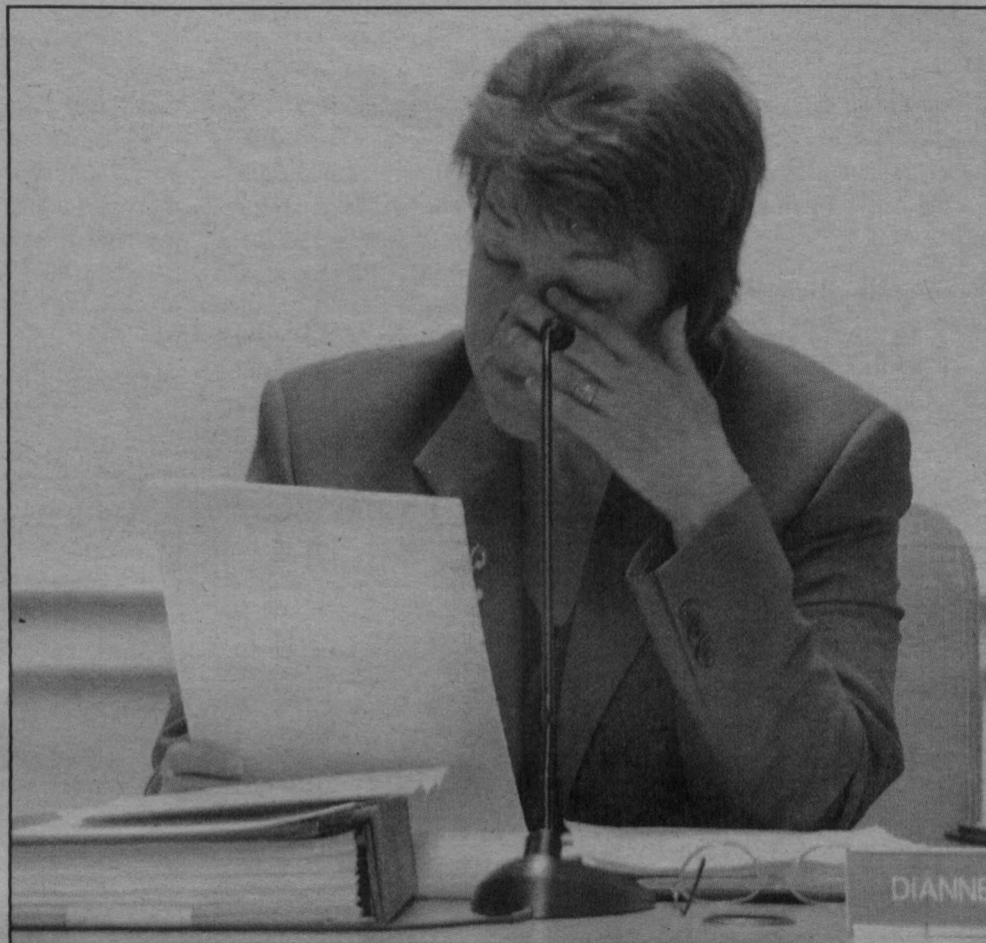
be best for you, the citizens of Emmitsburg. You deserve a full-time commissioner."

Board President William B. O'Neil said Walbrecker had a "very definite impact" on town issues. "It has been a pleasure serving with you. You have worked diligently. I'm amazed at your energy."

O'Neil's comments were underscored by members of the public present who stood and applauded.

Walbrecker's resignation means that voters can choose someone else in the April 26 election to serve the remaining two years of her term. Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel's seat expires and is also open for a candidate.

But only two candidates have filed to run for the board, including Rosensteel and Harold Craig, Jr. If no others file, there could be a no-contest election in which both candidates will win seats.



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With tears, Commissioner Dianne Walbrecker resigned her seat at Monday's town meeting.

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Dispatch story triggers discovery of many dinosaur tracks near Rocky Ridge

Bill Meredith
Dispatch Columnist

A discovery that was originally made over 10 years ago came to light this month, and may prove to be one of the largest sets of fossil animal tracks ever found in Maryland.

The site of the discovery, which is near Rocky Ridge,

was visited on March 9 by two lay professional paleontologists, Richard D. L. Fulton, News Editor of this newspaper, and Cathe (Adelsberger) Curtis. In about an hour-and-a-half they found over 30 fossil tracks in rocks at or near the surface.

More tracks below?

Fulton, who has a number

of previous fossil discoveries to his credit, said, "We believe this is just the tip of the iceberg. Once the overlying rocks and soil are removed, there could be many, many more tracks." Curtis, who found some of the better specimens, added, "It's exciting to be involved in a find of this potential significance."

The tracks are in a rock

deposit called the Gettysburg Shale Formation; it dates from the late Triassic Period, about 200 million years ago. The exact location is being kept "under wraps" at the present time to preserve the integrity of the site and the farm owner's property.

The site was originally noted

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Exclusive to The Emmitsburg Dispatch

Mike Cady responds to County Ethics Commission

Joyce Demmitt
Managing Editor

Frederick County Commissioner Michael L. Cady has sent to this newspaper his first public response to the Ethics Commission's decision regarding his involvement with the 7th World Weightlifting Championship for University and College Students, held in Emmitsburg June 30 to July 3, 2004.

Cady writes "I have held

off responding in writing to the numerous News-Post and Gazette articles/columns, etc. because I wanted to wait until everyone had their say. I want your newspaper to have the exclusive response because I owe it to the people of North County to speak to them first.... They, nor I, did anything wrong."

"Could I have exercised better judgment? Yes. Does that amount to unethical conduct? No."

The Ethics Commission

focused a good deal of its investigation on whether Cady had used "the prestige of the office for personal gain." Questions of Cady's involvement in fundraising for the event, signing event e-mails with his official county title, and

appointing a local businessman whose property rezoning would come before Cady for review on the planning board were also issues.

Cady maintains that the Ethics

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League President thanks Mayor Hoover

I have been the President of the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League for two years. During the first year that I held this position, I felt that the League and the Town did not have a good working relationship.

With the Town elections fast approaching, I would like to let

everyone know that the relationship between the Town and the League has greatly improved. I give credit to Mayor Hoover for taking the time to work with me to establish what I feel is a good partnership between the Town and the League.

Even though Mayor Hoover has an extremely busy schedule, he made time to meet with me to help plan the 50th anniversary celebration to be held this spring. Mayor Hoover has provided me with many helpful suggestions regarding the ceremony

and has actually volunteered to handle a few of them for me.

I just thought that the citizens of the Town should be made aware that Mayor Hoover does care about the League and will continue to provide the youth in Emmitsburg the opportunity to play baseball and softball in a league sponsored in part by the Mayor and the Town officials.

- Mary Topper
President

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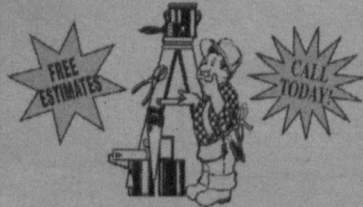
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100 Years Ago "In this place"
From The Emmitsburg Chronicle

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.

Fairfield Items

March 14, 1905 — Mrs. Richardson, who was at Mr. Cramer's sale on Saturday, and while they were selling cows in the barnyard Mrs. Richardson was leaning on the barn door when some one pulled the door open and she fell out heavily upon the ground, bruising herself considerably. The doctor rendered medical services, which alleviated her pain. She might have broken her neck.

At the same sale corn brought from 64 cents to 66 cents per bushel. Good horses sold as high as \$160, cows \$30 to \$38, and some as high as \$45. Shoats sold very high, 50-lb. Shoats, \$3 to \$6 per head. Eggs were selling for 21 cents per dozen last Saturday, butter 22 cents per pound.

On last Sunday morning there were lots of blackbirds singing. Summer birds are coming. Good sign that spring is near.

J.A. Hopkins, minister of the Christian Churches at Waynesboro and Fairfield, at his next appointments at Fairfield will preach some special sermons. On Sunday, March 19, the morning subject will be, "Christ in the Home." The evening subject, "Young Men: their faults and ideals, as seen by young women." On Sunday, April 16, morning, "Christ, the Door." Evening, "Young Women: their faults and ideals as seen by young men." The subject matter for the evening sermons was secured by Mr. Hopkins by numerous letters from young men and women giving their ideas of what faults are common in the opposite sex, and what their ideals of a young man and young woman are. The subjects created much interest in Waynesboro, where the house was filled to hear the sermons.

How to Succeed

March 24, 1905 — Believe in yourself, believe in humanity, believe in the success of your undertakings. Fear nothing and no one. Love your work. Work, hope, trust. Keep in touch with today. Teach yourself to be practical and up to date and sensible. You cannot fail.

March 31, 1905 — Tomorrow, April 1st is "Flitting Day."

The water has been turned on in the fountain on the Public Square

Mr. Michael Hoke has had a new roof put on his dwelling house.

Mrs. Fowler, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. John D. Sebold, near town, celebrated her ninetieth birthday last Sunday by walking to town to church.

If you owe THE CHRONICLE for either subscription or job printing, kindly don't forget to call and settle the account April 1, as this date is settlement day in this section of the country.

Emmitsburg High School
Literary Society

March 31, 1905 — The E.H.S. Literary Society held its regular meeting Friday, March 17. After the reading of the minutes by the secretary, the business before the society was taken up. Miss Hazel Patterson, Miss Lulu Bushman, Miss Anna Rowe, Miss Anna Agnew, Charles Stokes, Clarence Frailey, George Eyster and Keilholtz Hoke were taken in as new members of the society. No other business being before the society, we proceeded with the debate, which was "Resolved, That the average young man and woman of today have better opportunities in life than their forefathers." The debate was a tie, but was decided in favor of the negative side by the judges. The subject for the next meeting is "The Acquisitions of America, past and present." Committee, Misses Lily Hoke, Ruth Adelsberger, and Charles Stokes.

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Cathe Adelsberger Curtis examines a piece of 200 million year old shale as lay-professional paleontologist Richard D. L. Fulton, also news editor of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*, looks on. Curtis' experience in the recovery of fossil materials has made her an important member of the team, led by Fulton, in studying this ancient prehistoric lizard site.

Below, one of many fossils recovered by Curtis and Fulton.



the animal may have been digging around in mud near the water's edge," he noted.

Photographs of the tracks are presently being distributed to various museums for assistance in final identification.

In an e-mail to Fulton, Dr. Paul Olsen, a noted dinosaur expert and Professor of Geological Sciences at Columbia University, wrote, "Nice

find!" and agreed that the tracks appear to have been made by a reptile; he suggested that possibly they could have been made by *Rhynchosauroides*, a lizard-like creature from Triassic times.

First in Maryland

"I think this may be their first discovery in Maryland," he added. "A careful search should be made in the area, because when these [lizard] tracks are found, there are almost always larger,

more interesting [dinosaur] tracks nearby."

The site where the tracks were found is like any of a thousand other outcrops of red shale that can be found in northern Frederick County. The shale was formed millions of years ago from mud that was deposited in streams and lakes.

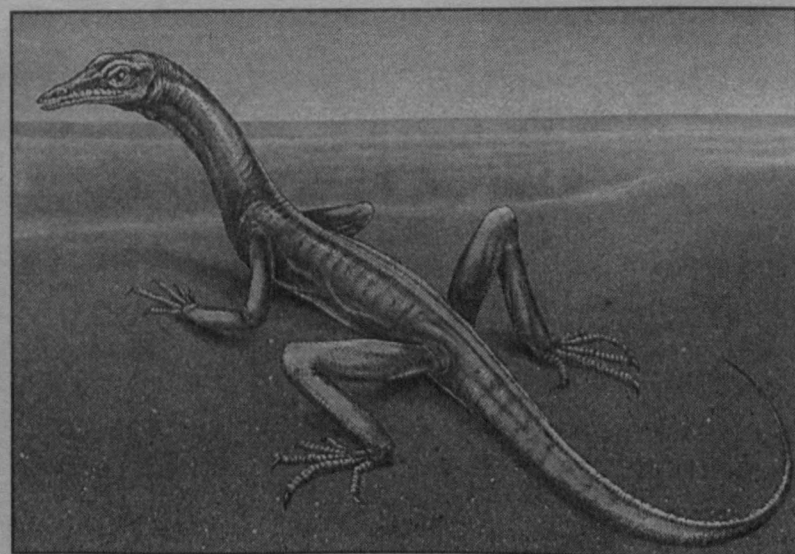
In recent years the soil has eroded away, exposing the rock to the elements. It is initially quite hard, but expansion and contraction as the summer temperatures change from day to night causes cracks to develop along the lines where the original layers of mud were deposited. Water seeps into these cracks and freezes in the winter, further fracturing the surface; plant roots also grow into the cracks and widen them.

Keen eyes needed

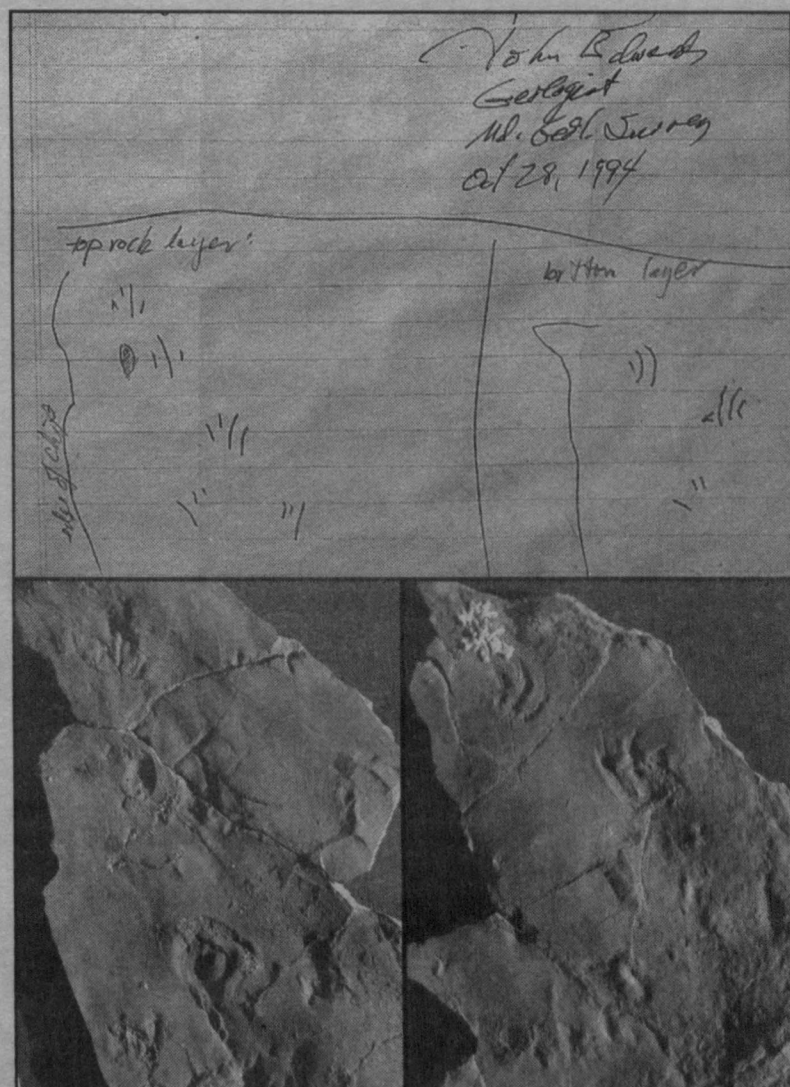
Some tracks can be found on the exposed surface of the shale by keen-eyed searchers. However, these specimens usually are more or less damaged by erosion and wear from being walked on. The best specimens are found by splitting the rock along fracture lines, a process that takes great patience and a delicate hand.

Fossil hunting is one of the areas of science, like bird-watching and shell collecting, in which amateurs and lay professionals continue to make important contributions. In fact, the first dinosaur fossil ever discovered (a tooth) was found in 1822 by an English woman named Mary Mantell, who was an amateur shell collector.

Dinosaur tracks were previously found in Emmitsburg by Dr. James Mitchell in 1895 and Dr. Peter Krantz in 1998 (see "The news from Triassic Park East" in the February, 1998 issue of *The Dispatch*). This new discovery will give an added dimension to our knowledge of the prehistory of our area.



The Triassic lizard *Macronemus*, shown above, was probably similar or related to the lizard that made the 200 million year old tracks at Rocky Ridge. These lizards belong to a nearly extinct group, of which the modern tuatara of New Zealand is the only living representative. Illustration courtesy of Museum of Zurich University (Dr. Winand Brinkmann).



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Above is a detail from Geologist John Edwards notes made October 28, 1994. The detail shows a drawing of what he described as "problematic 'tracks'" which he discovered while doing some geological field work. Edwards noted, "These marks on the rock surface may be nothing at all, but it is possible they may be the tracks of some small lizard-size or mouse-size animal. Possibly a small dinosaur?" He marked the location of his discovery with "two small pieces of white card wedged under the rock layers" and advised the property owner "to remove these two thin slabs of rock and keep them in a safe place." Below the drawing, the two thin slabs of rock that Edwards describes. They were excavated by the property owner and have been in safe keeping for over 10 years.

Tracks

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in 1994 by John Edwards of the Maryland Geological Survey. He informed the property owners that they might have fossil tracks on their land. Nothing more was done until this February, when one of the owners contacted *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* to see if anyone at the newspaper was interested. According to Fulton, the owner had read "Triassic Park—Emmitsburg could be home to Maryland's only dinosaur park" in the May 19, 2004 issue of *The Dispatch*. "She was eventually prompted by a friend in England to report the find to the newspaper," Fulton stated.

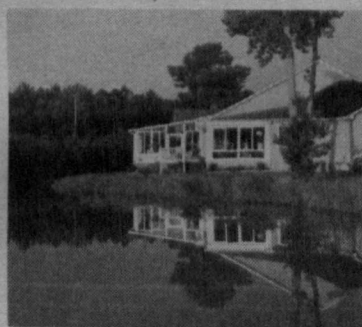
Prehistoric lizard

The majority of the tracks show distinct three- and five-toed impressions. According to Fulton they may have been left by a prehistoric lizard. "The difference in numbers of toes in the prints appears to have been the result of whether the lizard was walking or running at the time the tracks were made," he said.

"The tracks are very small—about half an inch long—and some of them are among fossil ripple marks, which suggest that

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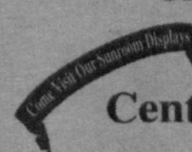
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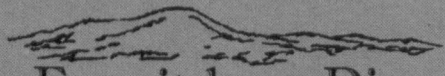
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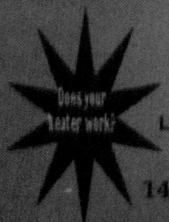
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EDITORIAL

Frederick Ethics Commission has damaged the county

When the Frederick County Ethics Commission received a formal complaint against FC Commissioner Michael Cady, it was obliged to investigate his work for the World Olympic weightlifting championship held in Emmitsburg last year. But its own actions, according to reports we have received, are open to suspicion.

How could the Commission make a decision without interviewing the subject of the complaint and others who knew about the event? Why did it invite Cady to a meeting when it had already made its decision? What grounds did it have for assuming the Olympic competition was not a public event which the County employs Mike Cady to run?

Did the Ethics Commission act unethically?

An ethics commission has an obligation, not only to protect the public from unjust acts by public officials, but to proceed justly and to protect the reputation of everyone involved. After evaluating a complaint in secret, an ethics board must present its findings to the subject of the complaint, and consider his/her response and counterevidence. And it must do all this in complete secrecy.

No response allowed.
The FC Ethics Commission

failed to present its findings to Commissioner Cady to hear his comments. It also failed to question the Director of USA Weightlifting about financial arrangements for the Competition or Marvin Ausherman about fundraising for the event. For it claimed it had "enough information to make a decision."

How was that possible without testimony from the three main agents in the alleged transgression? Had the Ethics Commission already decided what its ruling would be? It seems to have acted like a kangaroo court in a third world dictatorship.

No open hearing. When an ethics commission has heard both sides, it may think it knows enough to make a ruling. But before its final decision to makes the ruling, it should hold a meeting open to the public in case other people can add information. But the FC Ethics Commission offered to hold a public hearing only as a hypocritical courtesy to Cady, not potentially to gather new information. It would allow the already condemned man to speak in his own defense.

Not a private venture. Mike Cady is Event Director for the Frederick County Commission. In this capacity he organized a World Weightlifting Championship in Emmitsburg. What reason did the Ethics Commission have for claiming it was a private venture? The fact that Cady invited a friend

to volunteer his services may have raised a question about propriety in a zoning matter. But that did not make the venture private. It in no way indicated Cady would get some private gain.

Frederick Count should rejoice that the Weightlifting competition brought in a half-million dollars and other economic benefits, and made it the only county in Maryland ever to host an Olympic event. But, frankly, we're angry that the FC Ethics Commission ruling concerning Mike Cady may have done permanent harm.

No more world events. The Commission's action in this case has seriously diminished the attraction of Emmitsburg, Mt. St. Mary's University, and the whole area for future events of national or international importance.

The U.S. Olympics Committee insists on maintaining a positive image around Olympic events? The publicity generating by the FC Ethics Commission make it unlikely that the County which the Commission serves will ever again host a world-class Olympic event.

All this makes us wonder: Is there ground for filing an ethics complaint against the FC Ethics Commission? Will the Frederick County government take any action against it?

Complaint to Ethics Commission against FC Commissioner Cady

After July 3 last year all the visitors to Emmitsburg for the Weightlifting Championship went home and life began to return to normal. But several county residents had begun an online discussion about possible influence-peddling related to the event, and one of them lodged an official complaint with the Frederick County Ethics Commission. The target: County Commissioner Michael Cady.

David R. "Kip" Koontz, a Frederick resident and local activist, filed the complaint which was signed by five others. The Emmitsburg Dispatch spoke with two of the six people who signed the complaint. One is Alison Garst.

According to Garst the whole issue started in the Frederick News Post online forum and "just got blown out of proportion." She said that she "raised the question about how Commissioner Cady

was using his office" regarding the weightlifting competition. His "hand had been slapped twice before about this weightlifting."

Garst questioned Cady's appointing Marvin Ausherman as fundraising chairman, because Cady sits on the planning board and would later have to vote on rezoning Ausherman's property for a 500-home development.

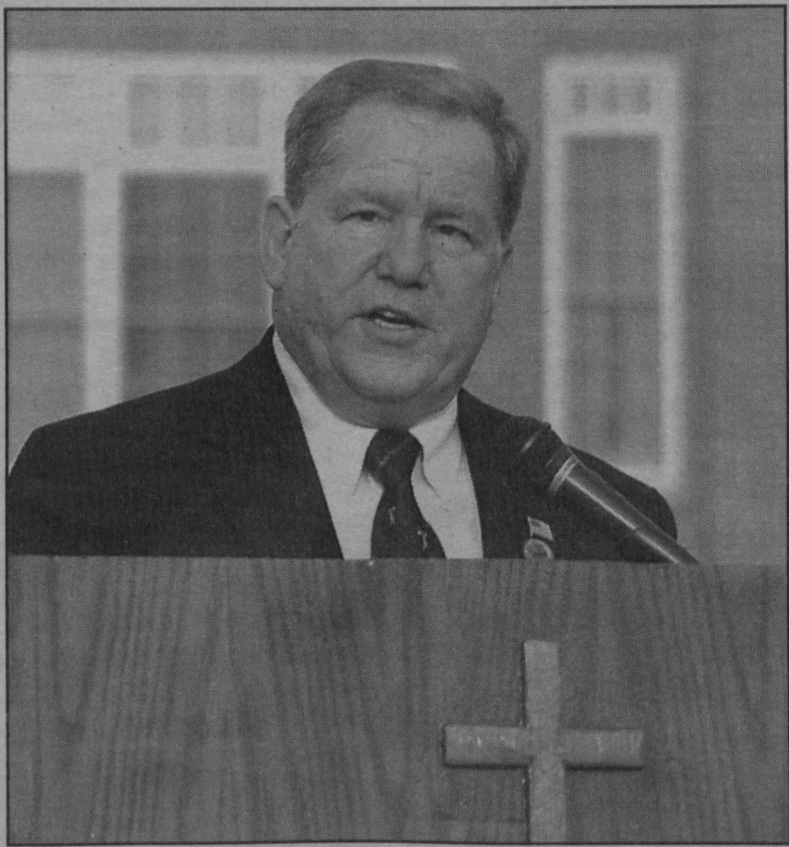
Koontz, who also writes for The Tentacle, a Frederick County news and commentary web site, learned about these speculations through the Frederick News-Post forum and joined in the discussion.

When Garst learned the Ethics Commission was meeting, she and others in the online discussion decided to act because "Kip (Koontz) was getting smeared," she explained, after "Commissioner Cady started calling the press saying it was some kind of vendetta."

Garst printed the forum discussions to give to the Ethics Commission, but she found out from the Commission's attorney that the only way the forum participants could talk to the Commission was to sign the complaint. "That's why everybody's name was written." Koontz' name was typed on the complaint.

In the complaint Koontz inquired whether Cady and his assistant were spending county time on the weightlifting competition, and questioned Cady's involvement with event fundraising and his links with Ausherman. He also noted that Cady "already had an ethics ruling against him in relation to the weightlifting school."

Although basically satisfied with the Ethics Commission's findings (*Advisory Opinion 05-01*), Koontz is still concerned about Cady "being able to vote on matters regarding those who were major donors to the event.... Cady continued on signing letters asking people for money...He did continue to fund-raise through the entire event."



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Commissioner Michael L. Cady addresses several hundred attendees during Emmitsburg's July 3rd Community Day celebration last year. Weightlifting athletes from around the world marched in the parade preceding the program. Cady was the keynote speaker.

Weightlifting Championship Here is basis of complaint against FC Commissioner

From June 30 to July 3, 2004, Emmitsburg hosted the 7th World Weightlifting Championship for University and College Students at Mount St. Mary's University. The area welcomed 138 young athletes from 28 nations. More than 100 area volunteers and 50 sponsors supported the event. Conservative estimates indicate that Frederick County's economy gained over \$500,000 from the multi-day event.

The International Weightlifting Federation magazine, circulated around the world, covered the event with the headline, "Frederick Achieves Perfection."

The athletes, coaches and

officials agreed that the event was a resounding success and was among the best championships they had ever attended. They praised the warmth and generosity of Emmitsburg residents and the beauty of the area.

At the closing awards banquet, Dr. Tamas Ajan, President of the International Weightlifting Federation and member of the Olympic Organizing Committee, said, "In my 45 years of attending world championships, this is the finest and best-run one I have seen."

Michael L. Cady, the Event Director and Vice-Chairman of the Frederick County Commissioners, had organized the event.

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Commission had a "predisposed bias" against him based on previous rulings, one of which Cady himself had sought from the commission.

Cady also requested that the commission meet in an open session. According to Cady, the Assistant Frederick County Attorney, Linda B. Thall, approved his request for a public session in a letter dated Sept. 14, 2004, but later told him that the commission already had enough information to make a decision, but would hold a public meeting if he requested one.

Cady declined, saying that the whole point of an open meeting

was to present all the information it had already gathered, as well as to answer all the questions, and impact the decision. Thall could not be reached for comment.

John S. Mathias, Frederick County Attorney, told The Emmitsburg Dispatch, that the Ethics Commission considers only a small number of cases each year, so they have no "cookie cutter" routine, but "take each case as it comes to them." The Commission went into executive session to review the complaint against Cady, and interviewed no one but the individuals who had signed the complaint.

Regarding the Commission's statement that it "had warned the Commissioner twice in the past," Cady told The Emmitsburg

Dispatch this related to the Olympic Training Center in Frederick.

Cady began offering strength training for children in Frederick in 1990. In 1995 he took steps to have the Frederick center sanctioned as an official Olympic Training Center, and it was so sanctioned in 1997. Cady volunteered as Director and U.S. Senior International Olympic Coach for a non-profit Olympic Training Center in Frederick.

The week he took office as County Commissioner on Dec. 2, 2002, Cady asked the ethics commission if he could continue fundraising for the center. When the commission said "an unqualified 'no,'" Cady returned the nearly \$30,000 in grants and contributions the center had received that year, personally assuming the center's debt which the funds were intended to cover.

"From Dec. 2, 2002 to today," Cady adamantly states, "I never conducted any fund-raising activities for the Training Center or any other entity, including the World Championships in question."

The Training Center stayed open from Dec. 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003, costing Cady personally a total of \$50,000.

Just before the Center closed, Dr. Jack Dale (then Superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools) invited Cady to move the Training Center's equipment into an unused FCPS warehouse at no cost to the county, asking that Cady volunteer to coach only FCPS students there, at no charge. Cady was also asked to provide FCPS with a Certificate of Insurance. Cady agreed.

No complaint was ever filed with the Ethics Commission regarding this agreement, and it had not asked for, nor held, any discussion about it with Cady or Dale. Nevertheless, the Ethics Commission ruled that Cady had to vacate the warehouse by June 30 "or resign as Commissioner liaison to the Board of Education and recuse [himself] from voting on all issues related to education."



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"To avoid further controversy," Cady writes, "I moved the equipment out of the FCPS warehouse on April 30, (two months sooner than mandated by the Ethics Commission) and Frederick's Olympic Training Center permanently closed."

Cady views the Weightlifting Championships in Emmitsburg as the "culmination of 40 years of service to Olympics sports ... to have a world [championship] even in my home county, open doors and extend hospitality. It was a wonderful way at age 62 to end this part of my life."

The Ethics Commission ruled that Commissioner Cady "violated the conflict of interest provisions in the ethics Ordinance, Section 1-7.1-4(H), use of the prestige of office for private gain." It argued that the Weightlifting Championship was a private venture, and that, since Cady was personally responsible for any financial loss from it, he also stood to receive a personal financial gain should the events meet expenses.

But Cady sees the Olympic event as a public, not private venture, thus disagreeing with the Ethics Commission and many news reports. His agreement with USA Weightlifting was that any surplus would be contributed to the Frederick County Sheriff's Youth Ranch. In fact there was a \$3600 loss.

Cady said that although there was no written agreement detailing who would be responsible for any

deficit from the event, there was a "gentleman's agreement" with USA Weightlifting, based on his 40-year working relationship with the group. Its Executive Director, Wesley Barnett, in a Nov. 10, 2004 letter to the Ethics Commission, confirmed that this was the arrangement and was based on Cady's "significant service" to USA Weightlifting.

USA Weightlifting, Barnett wrote, had agreed to be the recipient of all contributions for the event, to distribute the funds, and to send official thank-yous to donors. They agreed because Cady had told them when he was elected County Commissioner that raising money for the event would be in violation of ethics rules.

Cady appointed a friend and fellow Rotarian, Marvin Ausherman, as Subcommittee Chair for sponsors, because, as Cady put it, "I knew he could do the job, and he did." Because he has only one e-mail account, Cady sent thank-yous to sponsors using that account. His signature block, which automatically appeared at the end of the messages, listed his County Commissioner position.

Cady concludes that The Weightlifting Championship was absolutely a service to his constituents, friends and colleagues in the northern part of the county because he viewed them as having received "the short end of the stick from its county commissioners for a long time."

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TOWN NEWS

Mayor seeks to vote with Board of Commissioners

Emmitsburg Mayor James E. Hoover stated at the March 21 meeting of the town Board of Commissioners that he intends to vote with them.

Hoover agreed to postpone voting until town attorney provides the board with documentation to show that a mayor has a right to vote with the commissioners.

"I've heard concerns expressed over what direction the town is going in," he told the board, adding, "I have not taken that action for two years as mayor. It's about time I enact my

charter rights."

Board President William B. O'Neil said he would like to "know the legal background with respect to the town charter." Town Attorney John Clapp was asked to provide documentation supporting the mayor's position.

Hoover told The Emmitsburg Dispatch, "I do not believe the thought-process of the council is always in the best interest of the town."

He said further that he would exercise his right to vote at board meetings and retain veto power.

Pembroke developer wins release of some escrow money

Richard D. L. Fulton
News Editor

More than half of the March 7 meeting of the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners was spent on Pembroke-related issues. The developer of Pembroke, Buckeye Development, LLC, sought to have credit monies released, and homeowners debated over the wisdom of doing so.

The issues have even divided the Pembroke community itself, since all of its residents could find themselves faced with paying for studies and improvements that would ultimately benefit only a minority of Pembroke residents.

Swale technology questioned

One of the main issues addressed by board President William O'Neil, Jr. and a handful of other Pembroke residents in a section developed as Phase I was the technology employed in the storm water management scheme.

A change in standards during the construction of the development resulted in a difference in materials and construction of the storm water system in Phase I than that

employed in Phases II and III.

O'Neil says he thinks that the end result produced "a disparity" in the overall quality of life between the residents of the various phases of the development. "We need to make sure that all of the (Pembroke) community is treated equally," he said.

However, Buckeye's attorney suggested that any disparity which might exist was the product of a change in county standards for which the developer cannot be held accountable, and was adamant that the developer had already met all required stipulations regarding storm water management.

Members of the Pembroke Woods Homeowners Association (HOA) said they believe the developer should be held to adopting the standards for Phase I improvements given in a 2000 storm water management manual produced by the state Department of the Environment (MDE)

These standards were not adopted by the county until after it had approved the management plan for Phase I. Weinberg called the effort to force the developer to conform to the 2000 state recommendations "revisionist history."

Phase I roads criticized

Another concern expressed by O'Neil and other Pembroke residents was the condition of the roads in Phase I. O'Neil produced a photo album of alleged degradation he had observed. However, the board seemed reluctant to initiate an engineering study to determine if the monies held in abeyance should be reduced.

Commissioner Rosensteel said, "This is an awful lot of money (an estimated \$6,000 to \$10,000) for a study. I have a little problem with that." Mayor James Hoover pointed out that portions of Brookfield development roads were recently approved for acceptance by the town without any engineering study.

"My question is why treat one (development) differently than the other? We just approved roads in another subdivision (Brookefield) even against the recommendations of the town staff. On this one (Pembroke), we're going the extra mile," he said.

Residents disagree

Patrick Joy typified the dissenters among the Pembroke residents. He stated that the town

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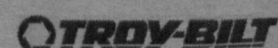
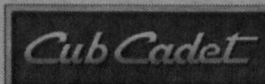
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Board of Commission President William B. O'Neil Jr. piled bags of potting soil on top of a section of conduit to demonstrate the alleged weakness of the piping used as part of Pembroke's "Phase One" storm water management system. O'Neil and a handful of residents of Pembroke want the developer to upgrade the system.

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shouldn't be faced with trying

to resolve claims based on the technology employed in the Phase I storm water management plan.

"I don't see this as the city's responsibility," he stated. "If we

as an HOA have a problem we should say to the county, 'You failed.' Regarding spending town money to study or improve Phase I roads, he said, "This would be a total waste of tax dollars." He pointed out a number of roads in town in need of repairs. "That money could be used to fix those," he said.

Former board president Patrick Boyle agreed. "Those (Phase I) streets will hold up for five years. We have streets in town 100 percent worse. It would make sense to fix those streets."

Michael Hoffman, acting vice president of the HOA, joined in. "If they (the developers) have done what is required of them, I don't know what more we could ask of them."

Developer's partial victory

The request for the reduction in the \$54,062 letter of credit for the storm water management of Phase I met with defeat at the hands of O'Neil and Commissioner Arthur Elder, who voted against the release of the money.

Commissioners Dianne Walbrecker and Joyce Rosensteel supported the request. A tie-vote constitutes a failed motion. O'Neil stated he wanted to see more documentation before he could support a reduction in the amount of money held for the Phase I storm water management.

The four members of the Emmitsburg Board of Commissioners did agree to reduce the \$36,235 letter of credit on the Phase II storm water management funds to \$5,000.

The commissioners also voted 3-1 (O'Neil against) to approve the reduction of the letter of credit on Phase I roads to 15 percent.

COPE commissioners block mayor's appointment of Boyle to appeals board

Richard D. L. Fulton
News Editor

The vote of two commissioners on March 8 stopped the appointment of Patrick Boyle, former president of the town Board of Commissioners to the Emmitsburg Board of Appeals.

Both nay votes came from members of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) which opposed the annexation of Boyle's property in 2003.

Mayor James Hoover made a recommendation for the appointment of Boyle, which needed to be confirmed by the board of commissioners. Commissioners William O'Neil, Jr. and Arthur Elder voted against the appointment; Commissioners

Dianne Walbrecker and Joyce Rosensteel voted in favor.

A tie vote effectively defeats any measure considered by the town Board of Commissioners, because the mayor does not vote to break the tie and he cannot override it.

Visibly shocked at the outcome of the vote, Mayor Hoover made no comment on the issue at the meeting. Later, however, he told The Emmitsburg Dispatch, "I wasn't totally shocked. I was disappointed the board would not accept the appointment. He's (Boyle) done a lot of work for the town and dedicated a lot of time, and is a very qualified person to sit on a town committee. I think the board should have considered it and approved it."

O'Neil told The Dispatch, "The Emmitsburg Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial panel that requires an even temperament and studious approach to all matters brought before it. As evidenced by Mr. Boyle's outburst during his departure at the last town meeting (March 7), I did not think that he was up to the task."

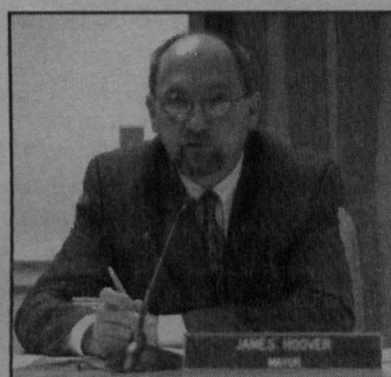
Apparently angered by O'Neil's references to *Robert's Rules of Order* as Boyle was trying to speak, Boyle told O'Neil to take the rules "and shove it."

"Further," O'Neil stated, "Mr. Boyle, like myself, has many set opinions on key issues and matters that may be considered by the panel. I think it would

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New location for Lions' health fair: Community Center

This year the Emmitsburg Lions Club health and fitness fair will be held at a different location -- the Emmitsburg Community Center -- from 7:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, April 2. For the past 21 years the Lions offered this service annually at Mother Seton Elementary School.

Access to the health fair, on the ground floor of the Community Center, will be from the rear of the building where there is abundant parking. Signs and Lions will be at hand to give directions.

At the fair there are many booths and stations where visitors can receive any of a comprehensive variety of free health and fitness tests, especially for vision and hearing, a special interest of Lions Clubs.

New this year is free vision screening for pre-school children from age 6 months to 5 years. Often parents and guardians are not aware of vision problems in children this young. The screening will be in room 070, the Head Start classroom. The Thurmont Lions Club helped make this screening possible.

The Emmitsburg Lions have again invited Gettysburg Hospital to provide-low cost multiphasic blood screenings (MBS). These includes a test for

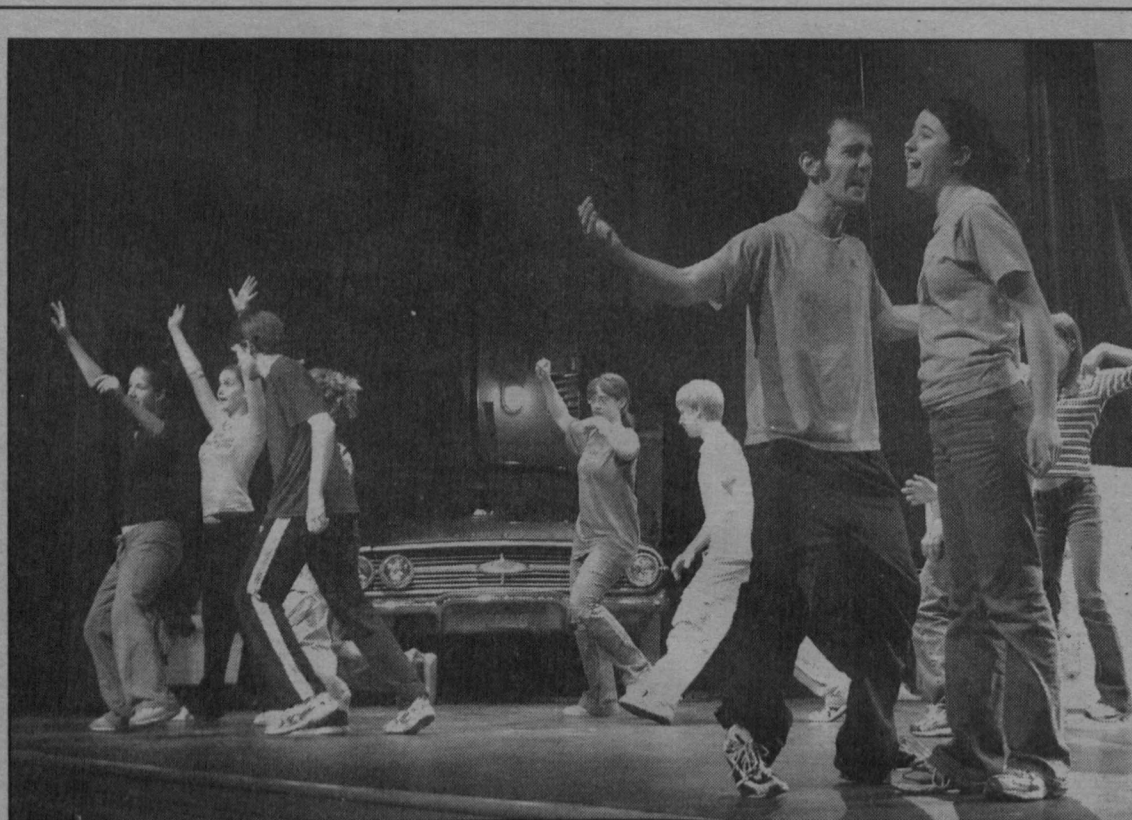
high density lipoprotein (HDL), a complete blood count (CBC), and tests for glucose, cholesterol and triglycerides, uric acid, and electrolytes.

The test is made with a blood sample. Anyone who intends to get this test must register before the fair and fast for at least 10 hours so that the blood sample will be suitable.

To pre-register call (in MD) 800-423-0215, (local in PA) 717-334-4646 or (local toll for PA) 800-642-7736. The MBS test costs \$30 for health fair participants.

The Gettysburg Hospital also offers four optional blood tests for additional costs: (1) for the prostate-specific antigen (PSA), a test recommended for men over age 50 to warn them of possible prostate cancer; \$15; (2) for the sensitive thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH), a test for the early detection of thyroid disease; \$10; (3) for vitamin B12 deficiency; \$20; (4) for glycohemoglobin (HbA1c) test available for diabetics only; \$15.

Health-minded volunteers and organizations will be present to give and explain information about general healthcare. For more see: www.emmitsburg.net/lions/health_fair.htm or call Lion Joe at 301-447-2939.



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Fairfield High School to present *Grease*

During a rehearsal this past week at Fairfield High School, Amanda Wile portrays Sandy Dumbrowski, front right, and TJ Remaley portrays Danny Zuko for the school's production of *Grease*. A cast and crew of about 30 high school students will present this 1950's rock 'n' roll musical on March 31, April 1, and April 2, in the school auditorium. Tickets: \$4 for students, children, and seniors; \$6 for adults, all for reserved seating. To purchase in advance call 717-642-6631.

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be well to allow someone new the opportunity to serve in this capacity." Elder could not be reached for comment.

Boyle told The Dispatch, "I knew it was coming. I voted against O'Neil for the planning board (when Chris Staiger was appointed). I wasn't shocked (at O'Neil and Elder's vote)."

Town board president O'Neil previously served as the president of COPE during the effort to overturn the proposed annexation of a portion of Boyle's Silver Fancy Farm property. He and Boyle have had several minor skirmishes at

town meetings, although Boyle has publicly commended O'Neil for various initiatives and positions he took or supported.

The board president has also had his skirmishes with the town appeals board. In September, 2004, O'Neil led a charge to legally challenge an appeals board decision concerning the Mountainview at South Gate development.

With Commissioner Rosensteel absent from that meeting, and Commissioner Walbrecker abstaining, a measure to litigate the appeals board's findings was enacted on the votes of the board's two COPE members. Ultimately, the mayor interceded and negated the effort by vetoing the measure.

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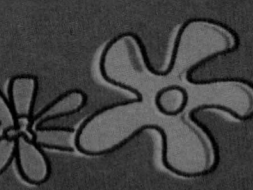
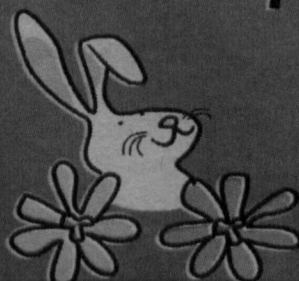
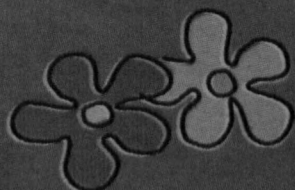
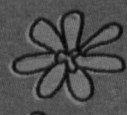
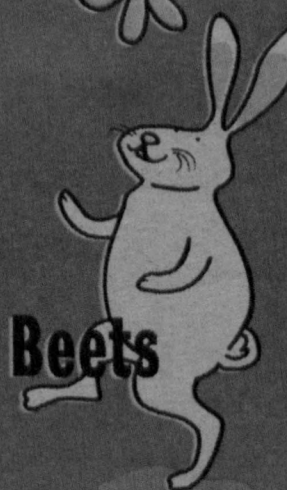
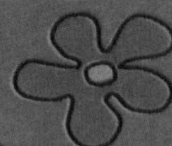
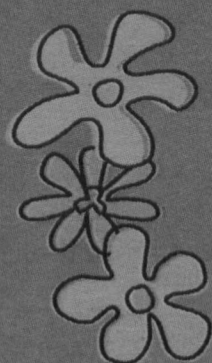
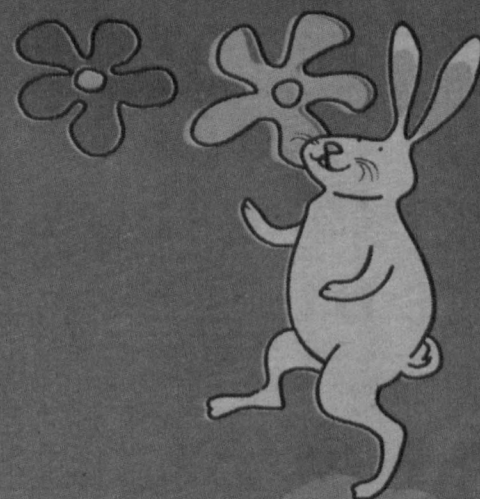
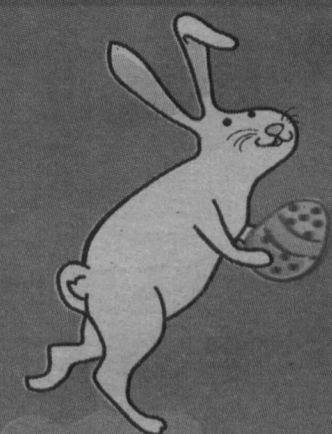
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For nearly 40 years I have been preaching sermons on Sunday mornings. At Pittsburg Theological Seminary I was given excellent grounding in biblical languages, philosophy, theology, and the art of preaching. While I have used this training along with whatever natural talent there may be, over the years a feeling grew about the need to include some other elements.

I had a strong and growing sense that the world was full of different kinds of "truths" and that these were not in conflict with the Christian faith. For example, I had always read a great deal, not only popular fiction, but older, canonical works as well. In these books was shown the human journey in its broad spectrum from dark evil to bright love. Because I have somehow been able to carry around with me a sort of mental summary of the biblical story, when a novel presents a picture of human behavior, I would find myself saying, "That is just what

Jesus was saying in Matthew or Mark, or in this or that parable."

What I discovered was that human creativity is at its best an echo of divine creativity and that we are maybe most "in the image of God" when we are creating. Soon I began urgently to desire a kind of synthesis, a broad and deep consideration of human creative activity in the service of understanding and communicating the faith. This began as a quiet adventure, personal, seldom shared. By nature I am cautious, not rebellious, not flamboyant.

Eventually I realized that what I was grappling with was the relation between biblical truth and the truth of culture and the arts. For all my life I had looked at paintings in museums and in books and learned something of that discipline and its compelling ways of presenting truths about life.

Literature has always been a strong interest and has been nourishing. The works of Dostoyevsky, Tolstoy, Hardy, George Eliot, Dickens, Flaubert, Melville and others filled my imagination with the shape and language of the human experience.

Later still I realized that my life-long love (in the beginning my need, perhaps) for movies was a more popular form of art that spoke its own kind of message. Then came music, and drama and eventually poetry.

For the years of this journey I have been helped immensely by many mentors, of course. While still in seminary I worked very closely with my professor of homiletics (preaching), David Buttrick. I asked him once how we could find a way to get away from so much religious language and preach sermons in the words of real everyday walking-around people. He said without hesitation that I should read the works of John Updike and Tennessee Williams. I did. He also introduced me to the writing of Frederick Buechner who has become foundational in my quest. Other friends led me to the astonishing perceptive mind of Annie Dillard (an amateur theologian in the same way as C.S. Lewis), to the Nobel acceptance speech of William Faulkner, and the many authors who speak of the place of the arts in human experience.

In 1980 a clearer and more organized approach began when I was asked to fill in for the art instructor at the Hagerstown Community College for one year while she was on sabbatical. This meant teaching painting and drawing, design and art appreciation. I was terrible in the studio courses but loved art appreciation; it felt as though I was in my element-- a chance, a challenge, a requirement to organize some clear, communicable thoughts about the arts as a way to nourish the human spirit. The course grew up over 24 years and became for me, if for no one else, a way to deal with a quest begun many years before.

Sometimes when I have a sermon that includes a substantial reference to some art form -- a play, painting, piece of poetry or a movie -- there could be a feeling on the part of some that this is not a "biblical" sermon. But if incarnation is true, then the words of our expression must take on real flesh of the sort found in every day ordinaries of our world.

In his review of the 1981 film, *On Golden Pond*, critic Roger Ebert said: "I left the theater feeling good and warm, and with a certain resolve to try to mend my own relationships and learn to start listening better." I think that is something we seek to achieve on a Sunday. And it's a movie!

There is now evidence that using the arts as a resource is finding a much wider audience. Even publishers such as Baker and Zondervan are putting out books with titles such as *How Movies*

Helped Save My Soul and *Finding God in The Movies*. This would not have happened 10 years ago.

Finally, I believe that there is no limit to the possible places from which truth may come. In an attempt to keep ourselves "unstained by the world" Christians have pulled back from "worldly" culture. One of the brightest minds and gentlest spirits in the church today, Eugene H. Peterson (*The Message*) tells of the impact of reading James Joyce's *Ulysses*, a book that was banned from publication for its supposed obscenity:

"...an earthquake opened a fissure at my feet and all my assumptions of ordinariness dropped into it. All the routines of pastoral care suddenly were no longer routine. I wanted to be able to look at each person in my parish with the same imagination, insight and comprehensiveness with which Joyce looked at Leopold Bloom."

All the art forms of our culture have the capacity to entertain, make us laugh and cry, comfort and disturb us, answer our questions, question our answers, speak prophetic truth, show us what there is in us at our best and our worst, and give glimpses of hope and meaning. With all this and our faith as foundation there is a wonderfully rich possibility for experiencing love, grace and community.

Editor's Note: Ben Jones next class, "This journey we call life: how the arts can nourish the human spirit," will be Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. at Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church. For more information: 301-790-2357.



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Fri., Mar. 25 - *Liturgy of
Good Friday* - 3:00 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 26 - *Easter Vigil* -
7:00 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 27 - *Mass* - 9:00
a.m.; 1:30 p.m.

Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Mount St. Mary's University

No services, University closed.

Elias Evangelical Lutheran

Wed., Mar. 23 - *Youth Service*
(ages 12-18), pizza followed by
Stations of the Cross - 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 24 - *Maundy
Thursday Service* - 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 25 - *Good Friday
Services* - 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 26 - *Easter Vigil* -
7:30 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 27 - *Easter
Service* - 6:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.

Emmitsburg Presbyterian

Sun., Mar. 27 - *Easter
Service* - 11 a.m.

Eyler's Valley Chapel

Thurs., Mar. 24 - Music and
Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 27 - Regular Service
- 7:00 p.m.

Incarnation United Church of Christ

Easter Sunday, Mar. 27 - *Service
with Holy Communion* - 10:00 a.m.

National Shrine - Our Lady of Lourdes

Fri., Mar. 25 - *Stations of
the Cross (outside)* - 12 noon;
*Preaching on The Lords 7 Last
Words* - 1:30 p.m.; *Liturgy of Good
Friday, Veneration of The Cross and
Holy Communion* - 3:00 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 26 - *Blessing of Easter
Foods* - 12 noon.

Sun., Mar. 27 - *Sunrise
Ecumenical Service* - 6:00 a.m.;
*Mass, blessings and treats for
children* - 7:30 a.m. & 12 noon.

St. Anthony Shrine

Thurs., Mar. 24 - *Mass of the
Lords Supper* - 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 25 - *Triduum Liturgy*
- 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Mar. 26 - *Easter Vigil*

- 8:00 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 27 - *Mass* - 7:00
a.m.; 9:30 a.m.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic

Thurs., Mar. 24 - *Mass of the
Lords Supper* - 7:30 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 25 - *Celebration
of the Lord's Passion* - 3:00 p.m.;
Stations of the Cross - 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 26 - *Easter Vigil* -
7:30 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 27 - *Mass* - 8:00
a.m.; 10:15 a.m., 12 noon.

Tom's Creek United Methodist

Thurs., Mar. 24 - *Communion
Service* - 7:00 p.m.

Fri., Mar. 25 - *Good Friday
Services* - 7:00 p.m.

Sun., Mar. 27 - *Sunrise
Service* - 6:30 a.m.; *Easter Service*
- 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist

Sun., Mar. 27 - *Easter
Worship Service* - 9:00 a.m.

*Editor's Note: Please refer to the
January 20 issue of the Dispatch
for the regular church schedule for
locations and contact information.*

OBITUARIES

Mr. William Ridenour

Mr. William Joseph Ridenour, 75, of DePaul Street, Emmitsburg, MD., died March 17 at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Born February 3, 1930, in Thurmont, MD., he was a son of the late Guy and Elizabeth Grable Ridenour. He was a member of Wellers United Methodist Church, Thurmont, MD.

Mr. Ridenour was a night watchman at Freeman Shoe Co., Emmitsburg, MD., for 20 years, and a security guard at Mount Manor in Emmitsburg for 10 years.

Surviving are his wife, Francis Iferd Ridenour; one son, Jerry Francis Ridenour; five stepsons, Larry Glass, Barry Glass, Frank Iferd, Lee Iferd, and Donald Iferd; two granddaughters, three great-granddaughters; two brothers, Frank Ridenour and Guy Ridenour, and five sisters, Helen Sharrer, Doris Ott, Mae Fogle, Florence Hobbs, Mary Kuykendall.

Funeral services were held March 21 at Wellers United Methodist Church, Thurmont, with the pastor, the Rev. Ruth Ann Ward, officiating. Interment was in Wellers United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Pearl Saylor

Mrs. Pearl Alice Long Saylor, 88, of Fairfield, PA, died March 6, 2005 at the Comfort Care in Fairfield.

Born Dec. 31, 1916 Mrs. Saylor was a daughter of the late Edward and Lula Harbaugh Long. Her husband James died in

1977. She was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

Surviving are six children, Linda Myers, Donna Barone, Bonnie Hess, Tina King, Vickie Novak, and James Saylor; also nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one brother, Guy Long of Emmitsburg; and two sisters, Sylvia Rosensteel and Mae Warren.

Funeral services were held March 9 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with the pastor, the Rev. Jon Greenstone, officiating. Interment will be in Mount Tabor Cemetery, Rocky Ridge.

Mr. Donald Sides

Mr. Donald Wayne Sides died Feb. 22, 2005, at the Washington Hospital Center, Washington D.C. Born Jan. 18, 1941, in Bank Head, Ala., he was the son of the late Aster Lee Sides and Thelma Griffin Sides Lacy.

Mr. Sides was of the Baptist faith, and worked as an electronic technician. He is survived by his wife, Connie LaRue Sides, two sons, Steven Sides and Thomas Sides; one daughter, Donna Sides Smith and husband Danny of Emmitsburg; two brothers, Charles Sides and Tommy Sides; two sisters, Rosemary Pittman and Martha Chapman; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 28 at the Jefferson Chapel Funeral Home, with the Rev. Alvin Russell officiating. Interment was the Edge Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Woodward

Mrs. Mary Virginia Winegardner Woodward, 85, of Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg, died Feb. 28, 2005, at her residence.

Born March 12, 1919, in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late George F. and Edith M. Ruark Winegardner. Her husband Charles died in 1990.

Mrs. Woodward was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, and a member of P.C.B.L. of Gettysburg. A long-time beautician she was a team bowler for many years, until she was 75.

Surviving are her five children, Carol Koontz, Patrick J. Woodward, Charles R. Woodward, Michael Woodward, and Teresa M. Zimmerer; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Another son, Thomas, died previously.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated March 3, at St. Joseph's, with the pastor, the Rev. Vincent J. O'Malley, C.M., as the celebrant. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Home-Delivered Meals for Sabillasville Seniors

Starting the first week in March volunteers from several area churches began delivering hot lunches every weekday to homebound senior citizens in the Sabillasville area.

Individuals age 60 and over who are homebound, unable to cook or shop for themselves, and who have no caregiver to assist them with meals are eligible for the service. Seniors are asked to pay part of the Department of Aging's per meal cost of \$4.23, but no one will be denied meals because of the inability to pay.

Volunteers from St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. John's United Church of Christ, Deerfield United Methodist Church and Weller's United Methodist Church will pick up the hot meals packed at the Thurmont Senior Center and deliver them.

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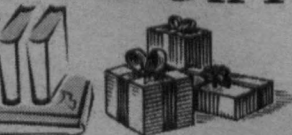
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Campaign to End the Death Penalty LECTURE ON MARCH 31

On March 31, Mount St. Mary's University will welcome Robert Perske, advocate for persons with intellectual disabilities, to campus to speak in Laughlin Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. This free event is open to the public and is part of a semester-long series sponsored by the Mount's chapter of the Campaign to End the Death Penalty.

Perske tracks, works with and writes about persons with mental disabilities who were coerced into confessing to murders they did not commit. In 1968, Perske received the Rosemary F. Dybwad International award for traveling and studying mental retardation programs, which heavily influenced the direction of his life."

In 2002, Perske was the first non-lawyer to receive the American Bar Association's Paul Hearne Award for Service to Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. Perske serves as a visiting faculty member of the National Academy of Equal Justice at Temple University."

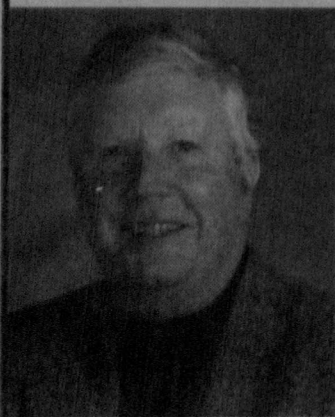
He founded The Friends of Richard Lapointe that was discussed on 60 Minutes, in the Emmy-winning documentary, "A Passion for Justice" and in "The Friendship of Bob Perske and Richard Lapointe." Perske and his wife have also received various other awards such as The Healing Community Arts and Letters Award for their work in the developmental disability field."

In his presentation at the Mount, Perske will discuss the situation of innocent persons with intellectual disabilities who have confessed to a wide range of crimes and been given the death penalty.

The program is part of a lecture series designed to promote public discussion of social justice issues and is sponsored by Mount St. Mary's University and *Callings*, a Mount program of theological exploration funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. All programs are free and open to the public.

For more information contact Trudy Conway, chair of the Mount's Philosophy Department, at 301-447-5368.

MOUNT PROFESSOR Germain Grisez HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO BIOETHICS FIELD



Germain Grisez, professor of Christian ethics at the Mount, is the 2005 recipient of the Paul Ramsey Award presented by the Center for Bioethics and Culture in Oakland for outstanding contributions to the field of bioethics.

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, former director of the Kennedy Institute of

Ethics and professor of medicine and medical ethics at Georgetown University in Washington, was the first recipient of the award last year.

In announcing the award, the center said Grisez "has been largely responsible for the renaissance in natural law (and) philosophy in the last quarter of a century and for formulating an intelligent and informed Christian response to a range of important ethical dilemmas."

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3 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday
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HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Noon Angelus & Blessing of Easter Food
Traveling Tilma at Grotto

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 a.m. Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service
7:30 a.m. and Noon Easter Sunday Mass,
music by Mark Forrest,
Traveling Tilma at Grotto

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 3

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MOUNT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Charles E. Rice, "How to be a lawyer and a practicing Catholic too"

Wednesday, March 30, Laughlin Auditorium, 7 p.m.

"Robert Perske: Executing Persons with Intellectual Disabilities"

Thursday, March 31, Laughlin Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

Speaker Barry Drake "80s Rock Music in the Video Age"

Thursday, March 31, Knott Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Musician Jim Boggio

Friday, April 1, Purcell Lounge, 8 p.m.

Accepted Students Day

Sunday, April 3

Contact the Admissions Office at 301-447-5214

Solemnity of the Annunciation Mass

Monday, April 4, Immaculate Conception Chapel, 4:30 p.m.

HabiFest 2005

Wednesday, April 6

On Wednesday, April 6, students will participate in a Shantytown sleep-out in cardboard boxes that simulates the homeless experience. Students are looking for sponsors now for their sleep-out efforts. **All proceeds will go to the Emmitsburg Habitat Build** which the Mount is co-sponsoring. To find out how you can help, please call Melissa Main, director of community service, and service learning, at 301-447-5223

Julia Sullivan, J.D. "The Innocence Project"

Thursday, April 7, Laughlin Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Julia Sullivan will discuss her work in support of the exoneration of innocent persons sentenced to execution and the reform of a criminal justice system that results in the conviction of the innocent.

Callings: What does it mean to be called by God?

Thursday April 7-9

Callings is a national conference that will bring a wide range of viewpoints to bear on the simple but profound question, "What does it mean to be called by God?" Reflections of philosophers and theologians as well as those in the sciences, social sciences, arts and professions will contribute to this conversation. For more info call 301-447-5772 or visit www.msmary.edu/callings

Christianity with an Asian Face by Rev. Dr. Peter Phan

Monday, April 11, Laughlin Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Peter Phan, a Vietnamese-American priest and Professor of Catholic Social Thought at Georgetown University, will explore the kingdom of God, Christ and the Roman Catholic Church from the perspective of cultures conditioned by Buddhism, Taoism and Confucianism. He will also show that Asia is the birthplace of all world religions, including Christianity.

IT'S TIME FOR Spring Sports!

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With spring here, it seems like there is a home game at the Mount almost everyday. Visit the Athletics web page at www.mountathletics.com for the up-to-date schedule.

Questions? Call the office of communications at 301-447-5366.

SPORTS

Lady Cougars Are Winners!

Despite Heartbreak in State Tournament

Megan Zimmerman
Staff Writer

The Catoclin High School girl's varsity basketball team, "Lady Cougars," finished their season 22-4, scoring an average 62.4 points per game. They were undefeated at home, and didn't lose to an opponent in the Monocacy Valley Athletic League (MVAL) Antietam Conference.

The team's win against defending regional champ Southern Garret in the Class 1A West Region championship game granted them passage to the Maryland State Basketball Tournament.

This is the first time the Cougars have competed in a state tournament since 1994.

"We've worked so hard for so long; the divisional win felt like

it was all finally paying off," said Emily Balogh, a senior co-captain. "It was unbelievable."

During the intense play-offs, the girls ploughed through Williamsport, 54-30, then defeated Poolesville, 52-47, two days later. In the quarter-finals, with power and determination, the Lady Cougars claimed victory over Southern Garret, 66-53. In their State semi-final game at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) the team had a disappointing, tearful loss to Southside Academy by just two points, 54-52.

But the girls have been looking forward to this advancement to a state competition many years. According to the team, their countless hours of hard work, extra practices, off-season conditioning, and participation in leagues, camps,

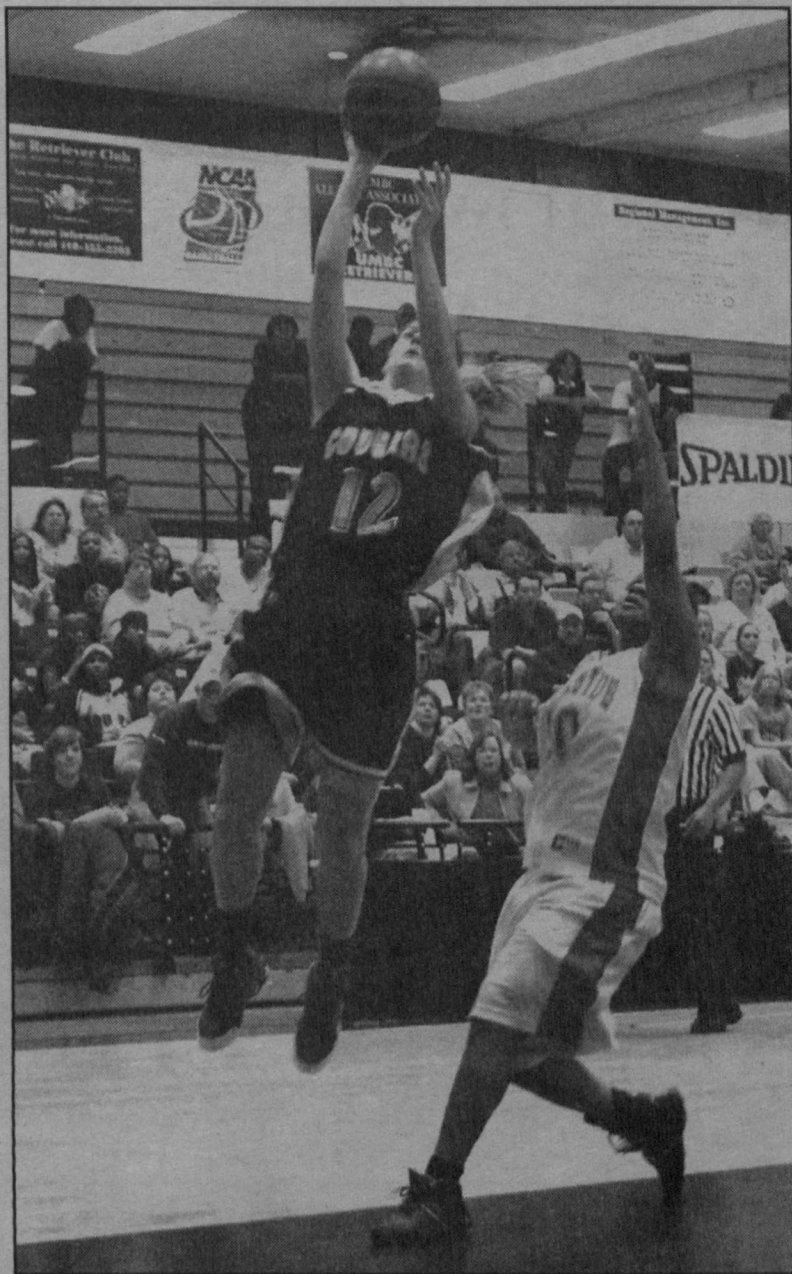
and open gyms have contributed to their success.

"We have been playing together for a long time, so our chemistry is great," says Kate Robinson, a junior forward. "Our teamwork is a strong aspect to our success."

This was Amy Murray's first season as head coach of the Lady Cougars. "It has been a while since I've worked with a team so close, on and off the court." Murray named quickness, defense, and unity the strongest points of the team. "The girls know that the people sitting on the bench are just as important as those on the court."

According to Murray, the Lady Cougars could depend on any player to get the job done, especially the team's co-captains, Emily Balogh and Sara Wastler. After the regional victory, Balogh had scored 362 points this season. She had also accepted a full ride to play for Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky. Wastler broke Catoclin's single season 3-point record earlier this season when she hit her 37th 3-pointer. She plans to play for Hood College in the fall.

The other powerhouse players are seniors Sarah Hashemzadeh, Stacey Williams, and Sam Valentine, juniors Becky Cuddahee, Connie



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Cougar Emily Balogh, #12, goes up for a shot against Southside's Tiffany Lewis, #10, during their State semi-final at UMBC.

Cuddahee, Monie Cuddahee, Kasey Gladhill, Jenn Kelly, Kate Robinson, and Katie Stackhouse, and sophomores Ashley Metal and Lauren Wildasin.

"It has been great to accomplish together what we have," said Wastler. "It's been awesome."

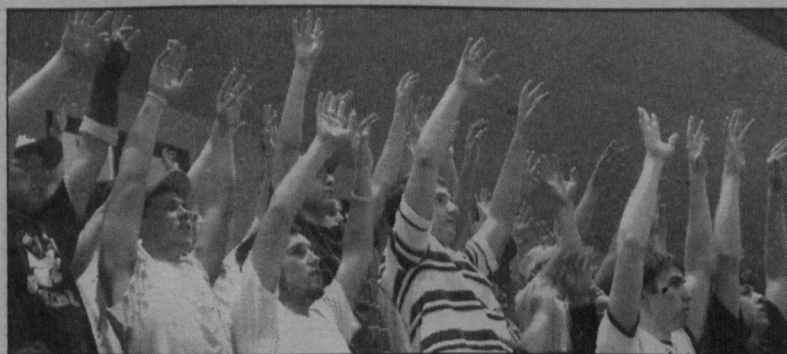
The Lady Cougars said they appreciate the support of alumni,

community members, and others, who have shown their Cougar pride. "The fans are like the sixth man on the team. It's overwhelming in such a great way," said Murray.

As for future seasons? The expectations remain high. Murray said, "We are going to work hard, get better every practice, and reach for the goal of going all the way!"

Below, Cougar Sara Wastler, #13, drives up court against Southside's Tiffany Lewis, #10, during their State semi-final at UMBC.

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Cougar fans help with defense during the State semi-final game.

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State Tournament Highlights

* In the second half of the game against Southside, the Lady Cougars lead by as much as seven points.

* In the last four minutes of the game, the lead changed three times, and the teams were tied twice.

* When Southside's Sheree Ledbetter scored a two-point shot with three seconds to go, it ended Catoclin's 18-game winning streak.

* All five of Catoclin's starters contributed:

- Emily Balogh (Senior) – 3 points, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 1 steal
- Sara Wastler (Senior) – 14 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists
- Becky Cuddahee (Junior) – 11 points
- Kate Robinson (Junior) – 12 points, 11 rebounds, 4 steals
- Ashley Metal (Sophomore) – 10 points, 9 rebounds

Quilters What kind of quilt is right for you?



**Mary Ellen
Cummings**

*Dispatch
Writer*

Scrap quilts are my favorite. A scrap quilt doesn't have to be a blast of all the colors in the spectrum. It can be all blue and white, for example, with each block made of blue prints of different intensities and designs. A quilt of all blocks composed of the same two or three colors, and using the same pattern in each block may be lovely and serene to look at, but it is monotonous to

me. It says nothing; it just sits there looking coordinated and lovely.

When viewing this kind of quilt, I want to rush home and make a quilt of the same pattern — from my box of scraps. It would speak to me then! Each time I'd see that quilt it would show me a different face and tell me a different story.

An album quilt is interesting and can be made in sampler style (each block different), or all blocks of one pattern. The idea is to have a place on each block where friends, family or co-workers can sign their names. I've seen album quilts made with scrap fabrics, but I believe that most of them have blocks of the same fabrics over all. This type of quilt, probably, is more indigenous to small groups and

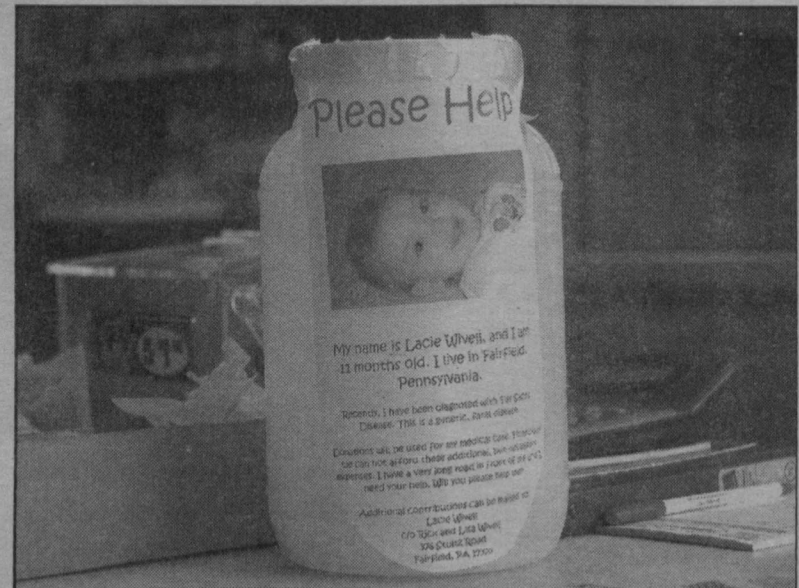
not usually found in quilt shows. Of course, if the recipient or some of the contributors are famous, the quilt might go on tour or end up in a museum. Often the contributors to an album quilt are given free reign for making blocks. Boy! That can be chaotic and a problem for the assembler. Not everyone is experienced in making a quilt.

Throughout the history of American quilts, we find many made to commemorate a special date or event. Perhaps one of the most popular would be to celebrate a wedding anniversary. Quilts of this century often have photo blocks from favorite snapshots or wedding pictures.

Other anniversaries can be celebrated in the same way — with a quilt or quilted wall hangings. Such an event is being organized to celebrate fifty years of Little League baseball in Emmitsburg. A wall hanging will be auctioned off during the opening day celebration.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

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Please help.

My name is Lacie Wivell, and I am 11 months old. I live in Fiarfield, Pennsylvania. Recently I have been diagnosed with Tay Sachs disease. This is a genetic, fatal disease. Donations will be used for my medical care. Financially we can not afford these additional, but necessary expenses. I have a very long road in front of me and I need your help. Will you please help me?

cells from damage is generally missing in people with Tay-Sachs. Without this enzyme, a fatty substance called GM2 ganglioside accumulates at an abnormal rate, causing progressive damage, especially to nerve cells in the brain. Eventually it destroys the nervous system.

To date, there is no cure or treatment for TSD. Research is ongoing throughout the world, and the Wivells hope to attend the National Tay-Sachs Annual Conference in April to learn more about the disease and meet other families facing this challenge.

Rick and Lisa Wivell have set up a savings account for Lacie's future expenses. Family members regularly empty the jars in local businesses and put the money in her savings account.

In Emmitsburg jars are located at Medicine Plus Pharmacy, Stavros Pizza, Paul's Pit Stop, Getty Gas and Mason-Dixon Gas. Jars are also available at Mountain Gate Restaurant and Shear Magic in Thurmont, and in Blue Ridge Summit at the Plaza Restaurant.

Lacie will be a year old in April and much of what she has already accomplished during her short life has surprised the doctors. She can hold herself up and her enzyme levels of Hex-A are much higher than expected in a TSD patient.

Donations can be made to Lacie Wivell c/o Rick and Lisa Wivell, 376 Stultz Road, Fairfield, PA 17320 or through www.emmitsburg.net, the "Lacie Wivell fund."



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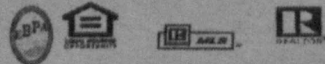
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Jars for Lacie

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Jars like the one above are prominently displayed in a number of area businesses, both to request donations and to raise awareness of Tay-Sachs, a fatal genetic disease.

Lacie Wivell, born last April, was diagnosed in November with Tay-Sachs. The disease most often affects babies. Young children appear healthy and normal for a few months, and then their development slows and symptoms appear, often loss of peripheral vision causing an abnormal startle response and diminished motor control.

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March 24, 25 - Seafood Bonanza. The Vigilant Hose Company will sponsor its annual "Seafood Bonanza" at the Emmitsburg Fire Hall, from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The VHC Auxiliary will have a food/bake sale in the same hall on March 25. Information or to place orders: 301-447-2728.

March 28 - Planning & Zoning Commission Workshop. 6 p.m. Town Office.

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March 31, Apr. 1, 2 - Grease, the 1950's rock 'n' roll musical, will be presented by Fairfield High School in the school auditorium. Tickets: students, children, and seniors: \$4; adults: \$6; all seating reserved. To purchase in advance call 717-642-6631.

April 1 - Basket Bingo. Thurmont Activities Building. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7. Sponsored by Catocin High School Music Boosters; all proceeds to CHS music programs. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Tickets and information: 301-271-2895.

April 2 - Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Church Road will have a Turkey and Oyster Supper from 12 p.m. until.... Adults \$11. Ages 5-10: \$5. Carry-outs \$12. Bake Table available.

April 2, 3 - Workshops at

Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD. 12-4:30 p.m. Hearth cooking; kaleidoscope making, "All about Tea" tea party. Pre-registration required: 301-696-2936. Cost: cooking: \$3; other: \$10. Information 24-hours: 301-694-1650 or visit www.rosehillmuseum.com.

April 4 - Creative Kids Academy spring programs. Hands-on art, children's choir, teen choir and ballet classes. Information: 301-447-5955.

April 7-May 5 - Families That Care: Guiding Good Choices. 7-9 p.m. Thurmont Middle School. Free workshops for parents of children in grades 4-8. Learn how to strengthen family bonds and reduce the risk factors associated with teen drug abuse. See www.frederickhealth.org/substanceabuse for a complete workshop schedule. To register, call health department: 301-631-3357.

April 9 - ThorpeWood Family Workshop, Early Bird Walk. 8-9:30 a.m. Come before the bluebird box building workshop and join Gemma Radke on a birding walk around ThorpeWood to see some of the winged wonders that make mountain forests and fields their home. Free. Register by April 1.

April 9 - ThorpeWood Family Workshop, Bluebird Box Building. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Explore

what attracts this beautiful songbird to local open spaces. Then build a bluebird nesting box to take home or donate to ThorpeWood's growing bluebird trail. Fee: \$10 non-members, \$5 members. Register by April 1.

April 13 - Safe and Sane Meeting - Catocin High School Media Center at 7 p.m. Junior Parents are invited to attend April and May meetings.

April 16 - Thurmont Teacher of the Year. Applications must be postmarked by April 16. Nominees may be teachers from Thurmont schools: Primary, Elementary, Middle, or Catocin High. Sponsored by Thurmont Lions Club. Call 240-409-1747 for a nomination form.

April 17 - Basket Bingo. Thurmont Activities Building at the Thurmont Carnival Grounds. Doors open at noon, games start at 2 p.m. Food booth. All game baskets will be filled. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Sponsored by Thurmont Lions Club. See club members for tickets or leave message at 301-271-4020. Proceeds benefit the local community.

April 23 - ThorpeWood

Family Workshop, Wild Turkey Habitat Exploration. 1-4 p.m. Bobby Dutrow, a local turkey expert of the National Wild Turkey Federation, will lead a walk and talk exploring turkey behavior and what makes a good home for these feathered friends. \$5 non-members, free for friends of ThorpeWood. Register by April 17.

April 23 - Silent Auction, Dinner, and Square Dance. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, Church Street, Thurmont, MD. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Silent Auction and Dance start at 7 p.m. This event will benefit the parishes of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony Shrine. Tickets, adults: \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door; children 5 - 12: \$7; under 5: free. Information and to reserve tickets: 301-271-7052 or 301-447-2367.

April 23, 24 - Spring Festival, The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD. 12-4 p.m. both days. Old-fashioned toys and games and take-home crafts for children; blacksmith, carriage museum open, and manor tours. Craft fees: \$0.25

per ticket; tours: \$3. Information 24-hour: 301-694-1650.

April 23, 24 - Farm Museum Spring Festival, Farm Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park, 1611 N. Market St., Frederick, MD. Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 12-4 p.m. Hayrides, Sat. tractor pull, farm exhibits, sawmill, animals, food, music, and more. Parking \$1; fees for food and hayrides. Information: 301-694-1650.

April 28 - ThorpeWood Family Workshop, Star Party at Stoney Lick Farm. 8-10 p.m. Celebrate the recent vernal equinox by viewing constellations in our night sky with the Tri-State Astronomers' Club. Hear myths of the constellations and see distant stellar happenings. A family event open to all. Please bring flashlights, something warm to drink, a snack and a blanket. Free. Register by April 22.

April 29 - Catocin High School Safe and Sane Golf Tournament. Maple Run Golf Course, Thurmont. Cost: \$65 per person. Information: 301-271-1816 or 301-271-5620.

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Community Yard Sale: Spaces available. Looking for participants for yard sale at Fellowship Baptist Church, Fairfield, PA., April 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spaces are \$10. No other fees. Turn your trash into cash! Widely advertised. Call Debbie at 717-642-8730.

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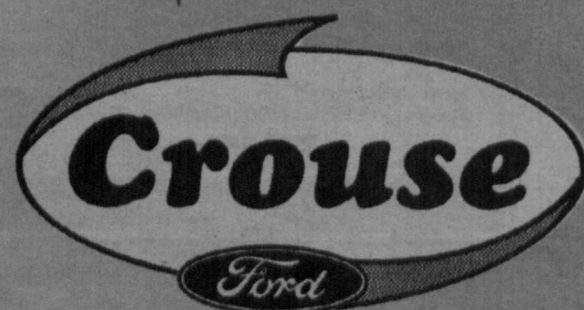
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