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A new 28-foot wide by 10-foot high mural depicts the history of Emmitsburg. The mural was created by National Art Society students at Gettysburg High School and was hung above the truck bays at the Jubilee Market in Emmitsburg on June 17.

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Sign ordinance may force removal of shutters

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Imagine going through Emmitsburg and seeing one of the town's beautiful historic buildings with shutters painted hunter orange with bright green polka dots while the building next door has handmade shutters stained dark with two words painted in black on each shutter.

Which shutters would you prefer?

In Emmitsburg, the orange shutters

with polka dots are allowed. The stained shutters with words aren't.

In a situation demonstrating the difference between the spirit of the law and the letter of the law, the Town of Emmitsburg has told the owners of Main Street Sweets that their window shutters are signs and must be changed or they will be fined \$100 a day.

Wendy Gray and her partner Jennifer Wisner have run Main Street Sweets on the Emmitsburg square since March 2006.

"They (the town) say since there's lettering on the shutters, they're considered

signs," Gray said.

The shutters are considered signs under the town's newly revised sign ordinance because the words painted on the shutters serve as an advertisement for Main Street Sweets. As signs, the shutters violate the ordinance because 1) they aren't permitted; and 2) no signs are allowed on the second stories of businesses.

Mayor James Hoover agreed that the shutters are attractive, but "We cannot legislate by how attractive it is."

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State blunder saves town thousands

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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Oops!

Due to a mistake the State of Maryland made, it's going to cost Emmitsburg residents a lot less to ensure that full-time town employees are part of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension Plan.

For the past two years Emmitsburg has been paying the state tens-of-thousands of dollars to make sure

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26th Annual Community Day to be held June 28

BY DIANNE WALBRECKER
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EMMITSBURG, Md. - Once again, the area around Emmitsburg's Community Center will reverberate with the sounds of fun, family, food, and fireworks. The Lion's Club 26th Annual Emmitsburg Community Day celebration will be held from dawn until after the fireworks display on Saturday, June 28. All events are free and open to the public.

As a special celebration this year, the Emmitsburg Lions are honoring Mount Saint Mary's University bicentennial. Mount President Thom-

as H. Powell will be the keynote speaker at the evening's festivities. He will also serve as co-marshal of the parade, along with Father Vincent O'Malley and Mayor Jim Hoover.

To get people in the mood for the celebration, the Emmitsburg Community Chorus will hold a concert at the new Community Park bandstand on Friday, June 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. For those who want to learn more about Emmitsburg and the Civil War, John Miller, Emmitsburg Area Historical Society, will be giving a walking tour of town, replete with history lessons and stories. The tour will start at 7 p.m. at the community center.

Following tradition, Community Day will begin the next day at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast served by the Vigilant Hose Company Auxiliary at the Fire Hall on West Main Street.

The games begin at 10 a.m. Traditional games include tug-of-war, raw egg toss, three-legged race, bal-

loon toss, watermelon-eating contest, pie-eating contest and a fishing game.

Enjoy the music of the *Yellow Springs Concert Band* from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The band is known for its

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A Word from the Mayor
**Get ready for
summer fun in Emmitsburg**

As summer arrives, so does the farmer's market, pool parties, Emmitsburg Community Day, concerts in the park, the Mayor's Community Bar-b-que and other community activities.

On Friday June 20, the Emmitsburg Farmer's Market will be open and be open every Friday, (except Friday July 4) from 3 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. through October 17. Currently there are 10 vendors registered to set-up each week to sell a variety of food products, cut flowers and some country crafts.

On Friday June 27, the Parks and Recreation Committee will host the season's first concert. Other concerts will be on July 18, August 1, August 29 and September 12. All concerts are on Friday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Park band stand.

On Friday July 11, the town will host this season's first pool party. Other pool parties will be hosted on July 25, August 8 and on August 22. On July 11, July 25 and August 8 the pool parties begin at 7 p.m. On August 22, the pool party will begin at 6:30 p.m. Each pool party

has free music, moon bounce and food.

On Saturday August 2, I will host the second annual Community Chicken Bar-b-que competition. This year will be very similar to last years event except the event will take place a few hours later in the day to provide a late lunch or early dinner activity. Several competitors have already signed up to compete, if you are interested in competing you need to sign up soon.

In addition to these community functions and activities, other activities are also being considered. As these activities become more certain, information will be made available.

The town is very grateful for the generosity of the local businesses that make donations to subsidize the funding of our community activities. With their assistance, we are able to do so much more but more importantly, I feel it helps bring the community together. It's not just the town it's all of us working together.

James Hoover
Emmitsburg Mayor

**LETTERS TO THE
EDITOR**

The 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 for verification purposes. *The Dispatch* reserves the right to edit letters for content and space.

**Politicians should
tell the truth**

As a practical matter, I know that politicians will tell their public what it wants to hear, whether it is honorable or not. They cannot be elected otherwise, and the public gets what it deserves. Knowing this, I still am disgusted to see politicians on the very highest level grovel before the American-Israel Political Action Committee. Nothing is said about justice and liberty for the Palestinian Arabs while Israel takes their land piece by piece. At long last, politicians, have you no sense of decency left?

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Courtney: I started working part-time in high school in a small funeral home back in Kentucky. George and I met in Mortuary College in Nashville. I'm the youngest director on staff and even I can see the way the business has changed. Funerals are becoming more and more a celebration of life. And, at Stauffer Funeral Homes we have adapted to this change. We are well prepared for the future.

George: I was in the rodeo circuit and Dad kept asking me to join the family business. Dad and I work well together and we're always talking about how to improve our services and prepare for the future. Look at the changes in banking, grocery stores and retail over the past twenty years. We need to look into more ways to provide services for our families. I think our families appreciate that.

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Shutters

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However, as signs, the shutters also meet the spirit of the sign ordinance: "The intent of this section is to produce signs which are non-obtrusive and blend with the character of the village zoning district. The purpose of these signs are to advertise to pedestrian traffic and vehicular traffic."

Town Planner Sue Cipperly said she has no problem with the shutters from a personal viewpoint but they are in violation of the sign ordinance.

"Sign ordinances are very complicated and they need to be fair and equitable and consider freedom of speech. They're not easy," Cipperly said. She added that Emmitsburg's sign ordinance is "not well constructed in an easily usable way."

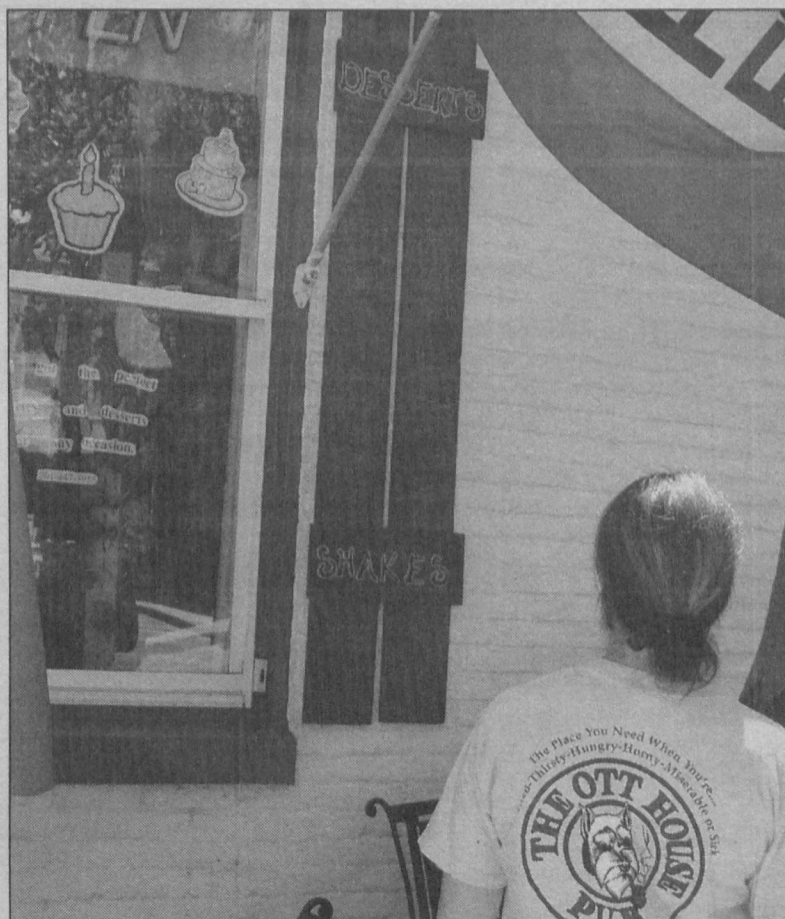
Town Manager Dave Haller doesn't necessarily agree. He pointed out that when the sign ordinance was updated, business community input was specifically sought in order to make the ordinance business friendly.

Libby Briggs with the Emmitsburg Business and Professionals Association said that the EBPA did provide its input, but she believes there should still be a way to allow for something that nobody dislikes.

Gray said her goal had been to make the shutters attractive and something that fits in with the town character.

"We purposely did it so it's not outlandish or distasteful," Gray said. "It's an old town. It's an old building and we wanted to keep it in that era."

She said she even talked with Frank Henry, the town's code enforcement officer, about the town regulations before they made the shutters and were told there weren't regulations on shutters. Haller said Gray didn't mention that the shutters



- STEPHANIE LONG / THE DISPATCH

Wendy Gray, one of the owners of Main Street Sweets, looks on the shutters that the Town of Emmitsburg considers signs because there are words painted on them. She has now taped over the words to comply with the sign ordinance.

would have words on them; otherwise, she would have been told that the shutters would be considered signs.

Haller suggested that Main Street Sweets paint over the words or cover them in some way to keep the shutters. Then Gray can apply for a permit to keep the words on the lower shutters. Hoover also added that Gray might be able to get a text amendment to allow the shutters.

Gray said the town is nitpicking with this whole situation. Haller said that town staff wasn't going around

looking for violators, but they have to investigate complaints that are registered. According to an e-mail acquired from a Freedom of Information request to the town, the town received one complaint about the shutters and it was from Planning and Zoning Commission member Patrick Joy.

Hoover said that despite this incident, he still considers the sign ordinance business friendly.

Gray disagrees. "Basically the town is pushing Jen and I out of town," Gray said.

Blunder

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that all full-time employees would benefit from the state pension plan and they would have kept on overpaying that debt had the mayor and town commissioners not decided to pay down the debt.

Initially Emmitsburg thought they owed the state \$440,643 to enroll in the pension plan. This amount covered what the town would have paid to have its employees enrolled in the plan since each employee started working for the town. That amount plus interest was divided over 25 years of payments for the town. Two payments have been made so far totaling \$77,842.

But a recent review by Town

Clerk Donna DesPres uncovered a huge blunder - Emmitsburg only owed the state \$201,167, less than half the original amount thought.

That discovery changed quite a few things for the town. Instead of having to make a \$38,921 a year payment to the state for 23 more years, the town was put in the position to pay the debt off quite a few years earlier.

The town had set aside \$200,000 of its rainy day fund to pay off a chunk of the money it owed to Maryland, but Emmitsburg actually owes the state only \$123,325 once the town's previous payments were subtracted.

The commissioners decided now to pay the balance in full. The difference between the \$200,000

and \$123,325 will remain in the rainy day fund.

As for the payment the town was going to make to the state next year of \$38,921, the commissioners will decide at a future date how to spend that windfall for the operating budget.

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patriotic and service tunes, marches, and polkas.

Emmitsburg Lions' chicken barbecue dinners will be available beginning at 10 a.m. until the dinners are all sold out. Soft drinks and spring water will be available all day. Hot dogs, hamburgers and homemade ice cream sandwiches will be available until 10 p.m. As a new treat this year, snow cones will also be sold.

Adults can play closest-to-the-pin golf and horseshoes. Registration for horseshoes will close at 12:45 p.m. and the contest will begin at 1 p.m. From 2 to 4 p.m., the closest-to-the-pin golf contest will be held with cash prizes. The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company will be running bingo games from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For those who want to know more about Emmitsburg, Mike Hillman of the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society will be giving two walking tours that focus on the

history of the Great Fire of 1863 that occurred two weeks prior to the Battle of Gettysburg. The tours begin in the parking lot of Elias Lutheran Church at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The Community Day parade begins at 6 p.m. Staging will be on Provincial Parkway in Northgate and the parade will travel on North Seton to DePaul, Federal Avenue, and East Main Street to the square before turning on South Seton and ending at the Community Center.

The evening program begins after the parade. Following the program, *Roll the Dice* will play tunes suitable for singing along, dancing, or just listening until 9:30 p.m.

Finally, the fireworks display will cap off the evening. Individuals, groups, civic organizations, and local businesses sponsor the fireworks through their generous donations to the Community Day fund.

If you would like to make a contribution, please mail it to Emmitsburg Lions Club, P.O. Box 1182, Emmitsburg, MD 21727. Mark your donation for the Community Day fund.

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TOWN NEWS

Mount student killed in car accident

EMMITSBURG, Md. — A 21-year-old junior at Mount St. Mary's University died in a car accident on Interstate 81 on June 9. Nicole Spencer's car went off the road as it rounded a curve, crossed two lanes of traffic before overturning in the median. The accident happened in Schuylkill County, Pa. She was on her way back to the university where she was registered for summer classes and working for the University's Office of Annual Giving.



NICOLE SPENCER

"I realize that this sad news has and will continue to affect our community as we pray for this vibrant and energetic young woman who would have been looking forward to graduation in this, her senior year," Mount President Thomas Powell wrote in a statement. "As the entire Mount Community deals with this tragedy, I ask that we come together in prayer for the Spencer family and in support of one another."

Spencer was an education major who planned to graduate in May

2009. A memorial mass was held at the university on June 9.

Spencer worked for the university's Office of Annual Giving, Powell said. She was also a peer mentor and a member of the LOFT program on campus. LOFT stands for Lifestyles of Opportunity, Fellowship, and Temperance.

She was taking summer classes at the Mount and was on her way back to the university when the crash occurred.

- J. Rada

Commissioners vote down salary increases for second time

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — For the second time in a month, the Emmitsburg commissioners voted down a motion to increase the mayoral and commissioner salaries.

Mayor James Hoover originally presented the commissioners with the idea of increasing the salary of mayor and commissioners at the June 2 town meeting, which was discussed by the commissioners who then voted down a motion to increase the salaries.

Even if passed, none of the current commissioners or mayor would see a salary increase due to the charter rules which forbid sitting members to raise their sal-

ary while in office. The commissioners and mayor have not seen a salary increase since the spring of 2002, two commissioners were not at all interested in a raise.

The issue was brought to the table again at the June 16 meeting. Town Manager Dave Haller presented the commissioners with a memo listing what the salaries of a mayor and commissioners had a typical cost-of-living increase been applied, which would have raised the mayoral salary from \$8,000 to \$9472 annually and the commissioner salary from \$4,000 to \$4,736 annually.

"I hate to lay groundwork for wild increases in salary," said commission president Chris Staiger. "I don't really know the value of increasing a salary by 10

to 15 percent."

Commissioner Denise Etris shared Staiger's view. "We need to be fiscally responsible," Etris said. "I would have taken the job if there was no money."

Commissioners Glenn Blanchard and Joyce Rosensteel favored the increase, but a tie vote of Staiger and Etris against and Blanchard and Rosensteel for, killed the motion for salary increases.

"I don't believe anybody does it for the money. But also I believe if there is going to be a form of compensation then realistic measures should take place," Hoover said after the meeting. "If it's been six years [since the last raise], where are you going to take action?"

Barber poles added to sign ordinance

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — The endlessly-ascending ribbons of red, white and blue circling inside a glass tube is a well-known sign of barbers that is seen in cities and towns all across the country. However, until recently it would not have been allowed in Emmitsburg under its new sign ordinance.

The Emmitsburg mayor, commissioners and planning and zoning commission have been reworking the sign ordinance over the past few years and approved it in December 2007.

Recently it was brought to the attention of Town Planner Sue Ciperly that barber poles were omitted in the ordinance and due to it being considered an "animated sign" they are prohibited, which did not sit well with some.

"I would really like to keep my barber pole," said Jaime Andrew, owner of Emmitsburg Family Barbershop & Salon. "A lot of people come in because of the pole. It has a history."

Dee Connolly of Antiques Folly agreed with Andrews.

"The barber pole is a piece of Americana and Emmitsburg is a historic town and we need to keep this for Emmitsburg's charm," Connolly said.

While Andrews' pole is safe because it was grandfathered in, any future owners of her shop would face the fate of losing the pole if the ordinance was not changed. Ciperly said that she thought the issue seemed "like more of an omission" than an intentional decision.

After a discussion by the Emmitsburg town commissioners, the decision was made to include barber poles as acceptable signage in

the sign ordinance and allow only licensed barbershops to display the poles.

To ensure that no other animated signs will be allowed the sign ordinance now states that "Barber Pole" is a traditional symbol used to identify the place of business of a barber. For purposes of this ordinance, a barber pole is not considered to be an animated or illuminated sign, but a traditional symbol of a service profession."

Although the decision to change the ordinance was approved by the commissioners, Commissioner Denise Etris had concerns with changing the sign ordinance.

Although Etris appreciates the barber pole and approved the change, she asked "If we start changing the sign ordinance, what's the point in having an ordinance?" To which Ciperly said the sign ordinance "needs work."

\$7,000 sewer surcharge extended four years

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EMMITSBURG, Md. — A few years ago the Town of

Emmitsburg imposed a sewer surcharge of \$7,000 for connecting a house to the town sewer system, replacing the original \$4,000 surcharge. Recently the town commissioners voted to extend the \$7,000 surcharge four years to cover sewer costs.

The decision stemmed from concerns Town Manager Dave Haller raised to the State of Maryland and funding of the sewer system. Currently the system has a \$450,000 a year depreciation cost, which is funded through the budget. But the fiscal year 2009 budget only had \$325,000 of funding set aside to cover the depreciation cost, leaving a large deficit in funding, which led to Haller's reasoning to keep the surcharge at \$7,000 instead of

lowering the surcharge. Not everyone was in agreement with the decision. John McConnell, with Ryan Homes and associated with Brookfield, asked the town to consider not reinstating the surcharges. McConnell said the current housing climate is hurting his business and that any help or cost break the town could give them would be appreciated.

Although the extension of the surcharge will help cover depreciation costs, it will take several years for the system to be fully repaired.

"We're 15 to 20 years away from a system that's not needing repair," said Mayor James Hoover. "We're getting better but to get everything into a state of repair will take time."

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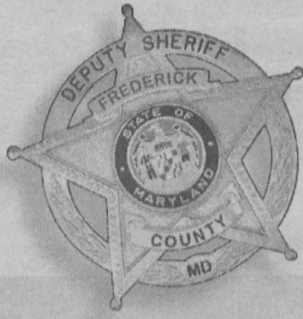
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Internet safety for kids

By DFC JOHN BARTLETT
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The Internet is a complex and growing resource that provides an assortment of information. Many children surf the Internet for school projects and entertainment. The Internet is also used for communication through e-mails and chat rooms. If a child goes unsupervised, it is only a matter of time until some inappropriate material is found or sent to them. Predators use the Internet to locate children and attempt to make contact with them. Questionable websites also send pop-ups that may be opened and viewed.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, one in five children receives unwanted sexual advances on the Internet, where an on-line predator is seeking contact with the child. The majority of this Internet activity occurs on the home computer. The U.S. Department of Justice also found that most families do not use filtering or blocking software on their computers.

Parents should be aware of what their children are doing

on the computer and educate them on being smart when on-line. Being aware of the growing problem and keeping a watchful eye on the children's computer activity is the most-important thing a parent can do in keeping their children Internet safe.

There are several signs that may indicate your child is viewing or engaged in inappropriate Internet activity. Following is a list of some things to watch for:

- Large amount of time is spent on-line.
- You find inappropriate material on your child's computer.
- Your child turns off the computer or clicks out of what is being viewed when you come into the room.
- Your child becomes withdrawn from the family and has an obsessive desire to be on the computer.

Before giving your child free access to the computer, a parent should emphasize several things with the child.

- Never give out personal information (address, telephone number, name, etc...).
- Let the parent know if anything "bad" pops up on the computer.
- Never meet with someone that

is found on-line.

- Never send a picture to anyone without checking with the parent.
- Before downloading or installing any software, a child should tell the parent.

The Internet can be very helpful when looking for information and entertaining when playing on-line games. However, the Internet can also be used for criminal activity and inappropriate activity. A parent can go to a local store that sells computers and get some advice on buying software that will block Internet material that is inappropriate for children. A good website that provides some basic information on Internet safety is www.safekids.com.

A watchful eye by concerned parents can save a child from a bad or harmful experience on the Internet. With computer rules and guidelines in place, a child can experience a great deal of fun and gather valuable information from the Internet. Watch what they are doing and they might show you something fun or educational as they surf the endless adventures on the Internet.

Town approves new appointments to committee

EMMITSBURG, Md. – At the June 16 Emmitsburg Town Meeting, Mayor James Hoover presented the board of commissioners with two names for the Parks and Streets Committee for approval.

Hoover said he spoke with Dr. Bonita Portier about joining the street committee and she was "interested", therefore Hoover asked the board to approve her for the committee. The commissioners unanimously approved

the appointment of Portier to the streets committee, commissioner Sweeney absent.

Hoover also asked the commissioners to approve the appointment of Caitlin Dowling, an employee of UpCounty and Mount St. Mary's University graduate, to the committee, to which all the commissioners approved the appointment, commissioner Sweeney absent.

- S. Long

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4th of July volunteers needed

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southern Adams County is expected to be another highly attended event, volunteers are needed to help handle expected crowds. Last year, more than 600 people attended the celebration and more are expected this year.

The 4th Annual Fourth of July celebration will be held on Friday, July 4 at Carroll Valley Commons for the citizens of Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Hamiltonban, Liberty and the surrounding area communities. Volunteers to help with children's games and activities, such as relay races, duck races and hula hoop competition, are needed at various times during the day-long event.

Those interested in helping out, contact Margaret Wiles at (717) 642-6631 or at wilem@yahoo.com.

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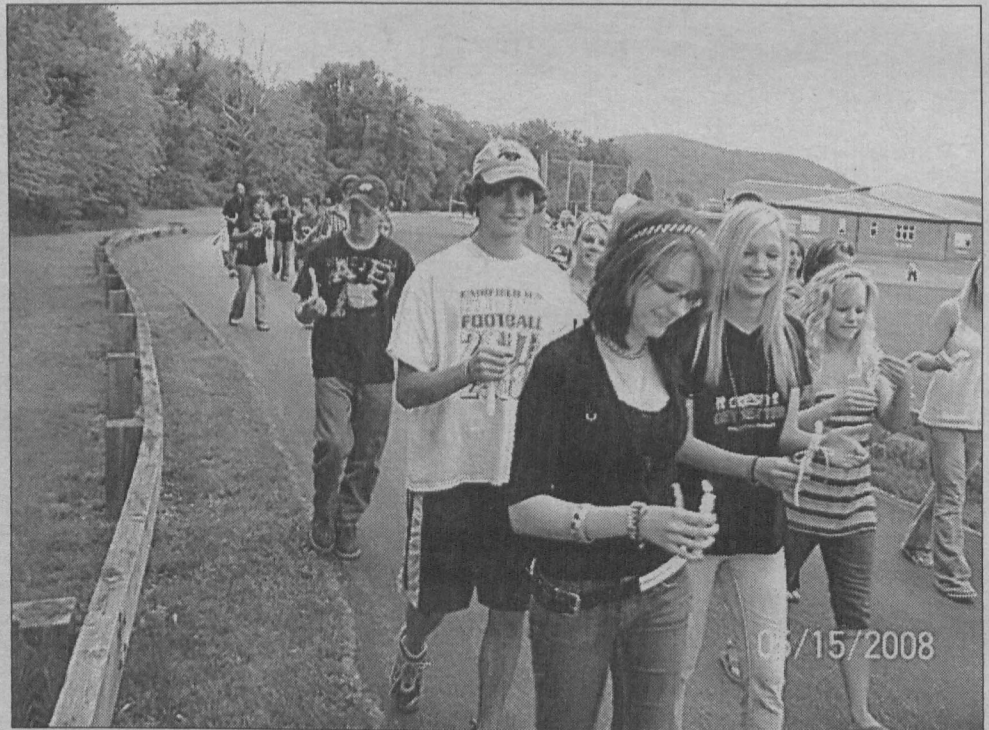
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Christina Gelwicks put together a silent walk against domestic violence called "Break the Cycle" at Fairfield High School. Statistics show that over the past eight years, someone died every three days in Pennsylvania, on average, as a result of domestic violence. The walk was to remember those who had died from domestic violence, honored those who had survived and support those who struggle against it. The walk also included a balloon release and drawings for different prizes. All the funds raised went to Survivors, Inc. in Gettysburg.

Images of America: Taneytown returns to history museum

TANEYTOWN, Md. — The Taneytown History Museum will be open longer on June 28 to coincide with the Taneytown High School Reunion. The museum will be open to the public from 1 - 5 p.m. on that Saturday.

Also Tyler Boone's *Images of America: Taneytown*, a collection of photos and history of Taneytown, is now available for purchase. The Taneytown History Museum is located at 24 E. Baltimore Street, Taneytown. Admission is free.

The Taneytown History Museum is open Fridays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 1 - 4 p.m. Tours are available by appointment. For more information, visit the web site at www.taneytownmuseum.org.

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Catoctin High graduates 237 in Class of 2008

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

EMMITSBURG, Md. – The 237 members of Catoctin High School's class of 2008 formed a "sea of blues," in the words of county Superintendent of Schools Dr. Linda Burgee, as they gathered at Mount St. Mary's Knott Arena for graduation exercises on June 4. Burgee and graduate Rachel Murray, who delivered the senior message, each spoke of the special sense of community at Catoctin and its strong school spirit.

The class, said Murray, is close-knit, and she referred to shared memories of growing up together in the several small towns that are linked by the high school. Burgee had met with students the previous week, asking them to characterize what was special about their class and Catoctin High. They spoke "over and over [of] the caring and giving" nature of their classmates and teachers, and it was clear to her that the school is truly the heart of the community. She urged them

to "savor your memories...as commencement closes one small chapter of your lives." Memory was also the theme of Olivia Frech's vocal solo, "Whenever You Remember," with its references to reaching "our dreams together."

Principal Jack Newkirk II emphasized the accomplishments of the class as a whole, as they garnered over \$1,078,000 in scholarships. Graduation, he said, "is a celebration of your accomplishments to this point," but the graduates must be prepared for ever more rapid change throughout their lives ahead. Knowledge and technology have a "shelf-life" of just a few years for this year's graduates, and they will hold many different jobs by the time they are 30 years old. Newkirk continued with his custom of inviting students entering military service to stand, along with current military members, veterans, and those with family members serving their country, to receive the applause of everyone present. Four members of the class of 2008 have enlisted in various branches of the

military. Eighty-one students are planning to continue their education at two-year colleges, twenty-three will attend four-year schools in Maryland, twenty-three have enrolled in four-year institutions out-of-state, and seven will attend technical institutes.

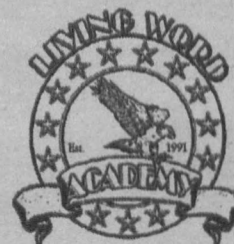
The Class of 2008 honored Social Studies Teacher Mark Kimbrell as the 2008 Teacher of the Year.

Board of Education member Leslie Mansfield addressed the class concerning the "great gift" of a free public education they had received and urged them "to tell the truth...to say what you mean and mean what you say" throughout their lives. Mansfield's fellow Board members Darryl Boffman and Jean Smith also attended the ceremonies, along with Director of High Schools Ann Bonitatibus and other school officials, Delegate Paul Stull, Mayor James Hoover and Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel of Emmitsburg, and Thurmont Town Commissioner Robert Lookingbill.

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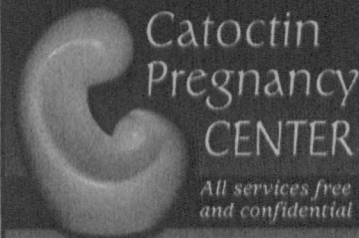
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5th graders sing "I Need a Vacation"

BY SUSAN ALLEN
Contributing Writer

THURMONT, Md. – Thurmont Elementary School's fifth grade chorus brought their spring musical, "I Need a Vacation," to the Catoctin High School stage on June 3, and their timing was perfect. With only 10 days left until the last day of school, the spoofs of teachers and summer pastimes with family and friends were greeted with appreciative laughter and applause from the full-house audience.

The play was written by music teacher Beverly Adams, who had rehearsed with the students in class for several months. The production was sponsored by the Thurmont Elementary and Primary PTA, who enlisted Thurmont Thespians founder Beth Watson to direct the show. Watson in turn recruited several of her teen Thespians as assistants. Kyle and Trevor Flanick, Rebecca Corbell, and Katie Urian were "very helpful," said Watson, particularly in coordinating the elementary students who made up the stage crew and the many props required in the ten-scene production.

The 76-member chorus spent a week-and-a-half in after school rehearsals, which indicated, Watson said, that "the students really wanted to do the show." PTA members Lori Zentz and Rachel Patrick organized a corps of PTA volunteers to provide snacks and supervision during rehearsals "to make it happen." There were speaking parts for many in the chorus. Six students—Hannah Barth, Diana Burch, Katelyn Claxton, Savannah Heon,

Daniel Miller, and Taylor Zentz—were featured soloists. They had earlier represented the school in the countywide fifth grade honors chorus.

The performance earned a standing ovation as students took their bows by scene. The performers in turn applauded Watson and

her volunteers, and presented her with a donation from the chorus and parents for future Thurmont Thespians projects. Patrick and Zentz received flowers for heading the project. All the volunteers seemed ready to sing along with the chorus that now they too needed a vacation.

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Mural memorializes Emmitsburg's history

By JAMES RADA JR.
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EMMITSBURG, Md. – When members of the Gettysburg High School National Art Society set out to memorialize Emmitsburg's history, they also memorialized their own histories because Emmitsburg's founding fathers look like their own fathers.

"We needed them [the figures in the painting] to look like people," said Natalie Fost, 17, of Gettysburg. "They posed for the pictures. They were very good about it."

The Gettysburg High students painted a 28-foot wide by 10-foot high mural depicting the history of Emmitsburg under the direction of art teacher Julie Myers. The mural was hung above the truck bays at the Jubilee Market in Emmitsburg on June 17.

"We'll let this dry and I'll go up and touch up all the seams today and then we'll come back tomorrow and put the gel coat on," Myers said.

The gel coat will protect the mural from fading and rain.

Jubilee owner Loren Peters commissioned the mural through the Adams County Arts Council. "We're the only big store in town so we try to base what we do around the town," Peters said.

The council then contacted Myers who leaped at the chance to do the mural. The school's chapter of the National Art Society had been trying to raise funds for a trip to Europe this summer and the mural became the perfect fundraiser.

"This project made our costs go from \$4,000 (per person) to \$1,800," said Arielle Sargent, 18, of Gettysburg, and one of the students who worked on the mural.

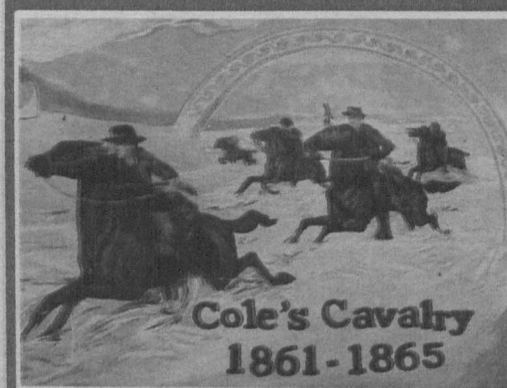
Myers said about seven student worked on the mural, spending anywhere from 100 – 200 hours per person, which doesn't include the design time.

The final design shows the meeting in Hockensmith's Tavern when Emmitsburg was founded, the Toms Creek Hundred and Cole's Calvary.

"They captured all of the critical things and I think it will be something to get people interested in history," said Mike Hillman, the historical consultant on the project.

To depict the scene in Hockensmith's Tavern, the Dobbin House in Gettysburg was used as a model for how the tavern would have looked and the people dressed. Samuel Emmit's face is based on a portrait of his grandson, William, and others in the tavern scene are actually based on the fathers of the young artists who created the mural.

Myers also said her students got a history lesson in the founding of Emmitsburg as they worked on the project.



The historical at Jubilee Foods depicts events in Emmitsburg's history: Cole's Cavalry from the Civil War (top), Toms Creek Hundred from the Revolutionary War era (middle) and the founding of Emmitsburg in Hockensmith's Tavern in 1785 (above). Gettysburg High student painters, Emmitsburg town representatives, Emmitsburg business representatives, Gettysburg School District representatives and Mike Hillman from the Emmitsburg Historical Society gathered at Jubilee Foods on June 17 (below) to see the mural mounted on the exterior of the store.



STEPHANIE LONG / THE DISPATCH

Outside the Game Conducted by Asimo the robot



By A.J. RUSSO
Dispatch Columnist

On May 15th, Honda's Asimo robot conducted the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at a special performance with renowned cellist, Yo-Yo Ma.

Yes, you read correctly. A robot conducted a symphony orchestra.

With the guidance of Asimo, the musicians performed "The Impossible Dream" from the Broadway musical *Man of La Mancha* to a packed hall of music lovers.

Before starting the piece, Asimo greeted the audience with a friendly wave, saying "Hello everyone."

While conducting, it gestured with one or both hands and nodded as appropriate, even took a bow at the end of the performance to applause and shouts from the crowd.

But let's face it, Asimo couldn't actually respond to the orchestra. The performance was achieved by mimicking the actions of a video of Detroit Symphony's education director Charles Burke performing the same piece six months earlier. In order to be effective, a conductor must feel the music, develop a relationship with the musicians, and react to emotional needs at a moments notice.

During one of the later innings of a recent game between the Orioles and Tampa

Bay, with the Rays winning 1-0, man on first for the O's, Aubry Huff lined a shot down the first base line which appeared to go over the bag, but was called foul by the ump. This hit would have tied the game, instead, the Birds lost 1-0.

Examples like this happen every day in baseball. Umpires making bad calls that cost games.

Purists argue that umpires are somehow part of the game. If an ump calls a ball, which is really a strike, a team should accept this and make adjustments in pitching and batting accordingly. If a foul ball is called fair, well, that's part of the game. Sometimes the calls go your way, sometimes they don't.

Imagine a spring summer night at Camden Yards. The sky is clear, a cool gentle breeze flowing across the field from the Warehouse. It's top of the

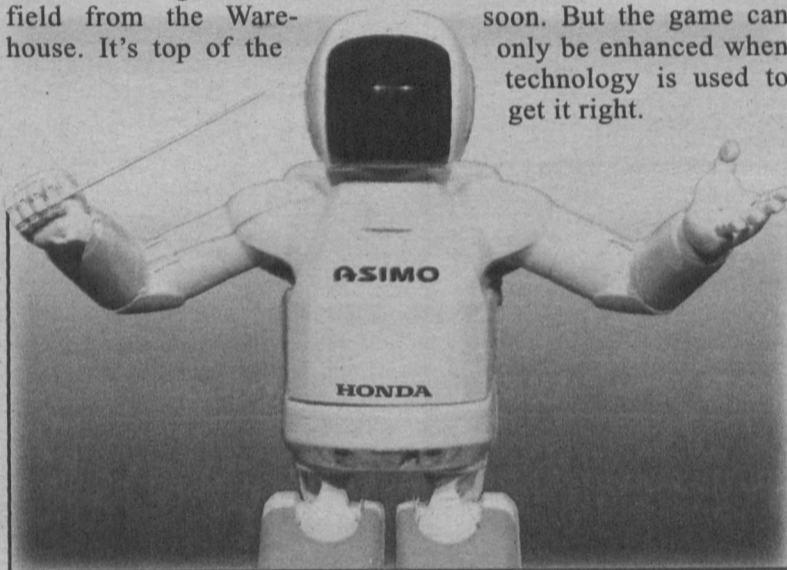
ninth, two outs, bases loaded for the Yankees. The Orioles lead by a run. The batter steps to the plate. The count is full. The crowd is on its feet.

The pitch. A slow curve, which paralyzes the batter, crosses the outside corner of the plate. Asimo, perched behind the catcher, invisible lasers marking the strike zone, with voice linked to the stadium sound system, yells, "Strike three!"

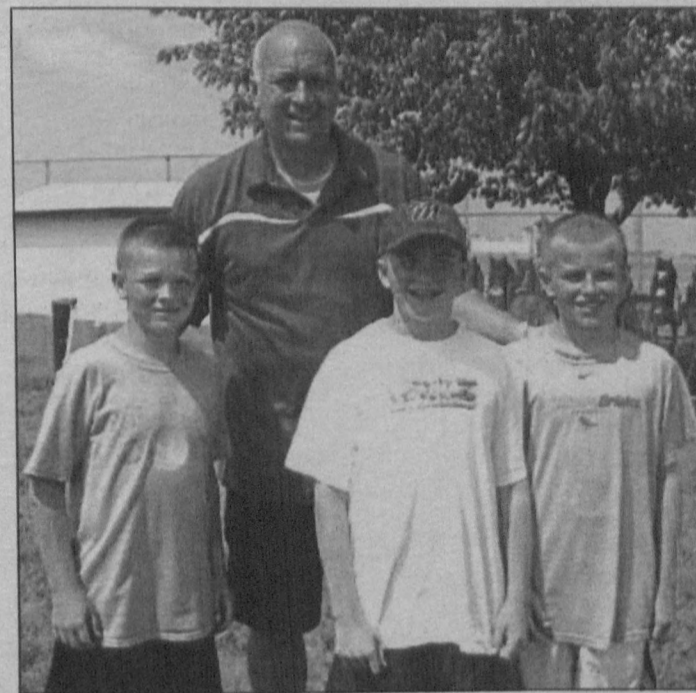
The batter drops his bat and lowers his head in disgust. The Yankee manager raises his arms in disbelief. But there are no "Earl Weaver-like" antics. No one charges toward the techno-ump to argue.

Instead, the crowd disperses in a climate of sportsmanship and faith, knowing that the call was correct.

Okay, so we probably won't see Asimo behind the plate or in the outfield any time soon. But the game can only be enhanced when technology is used to get it right.



Cal Ripken, Jr. attends local youth baseball tournament



Pictured from left to right: Heath Shultz, Cal Ripken Jr., Andrew Cox and Grant Cox.

LEWISTOWN, Md. — The Maryland Predators Baseball Club and TNT Tournaments hosted the AAU District Championship baseball tournament on June 7-8 in Lewistown. The weekend was topped with a special guest showing up, Cal Ripken, Jr. The Baseball Hall of Famer spent the afternoon watching his son play for the tournament Arsenal. Ripken spent time talking to members of the U-12 Maryland Preda-

tors baseball team whose home field is in Lewistown and encouraging them on their upcoming summer tournaments.

"Word spread quickly through the community that Lewistown was playing host to a celebrity as many fans came to get a look at Cal," said Tournament Host Timothy Wiles. "Cal Ripken graciously responded to each autograph request and enjoyed an afternoon of competitive baseball."

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The (retired) Ecologist To see or not to see



BY BILL MEREDITH
Dispatch Columnist

Yesterday upon the stair
I saw a man who wasn't there.
He wasn't there again today;
I wish that man would go away!
...Nursery Rhyme, Anon.

June is here already, and I'm not prepared for it. May was wet and cool, and the first few days of June seemed just like a continuation of it, but then we got serious notice that summer was not going to wait for the solstice to arrive. Temperatures shot into the upper 90s, and humidity went even farther. I tried to explain to my wife that the relative humidity can't go more than a few points over 100 percent, but she looked at the puddle of sweat dripping off of me and spreading across the kitchen floor when I came in from the garden and declared that it had to be at least 200, maybe more. I didn't argue the point.

It was an awkward transition. We waited through April and May for the garden to get dry enough to plow; then it rained some more and we couldn't get the plants set out. When we finally got a dry day, just walking

along the rows to set out the tomatoes and peppers packed the soil to the consistency of poorly cured concrete. As wet as it was, the new plants drooped miserably when the heat wave came. Nevertheless, I didn't have room in the worry compartment of my brain to be concerned about them. That space was fully occupied with lightning bugs.

Since retiring, I have used some of my spare time to keep records of when regular things occur, like the last killing frost or the first spring peepers. My wife sometimes questions the value of spending time this way, but actually it is what ecologists do; we call such records baseline data, and having them is the only way to be sure if something unusual has happened. So for several years I have sat on the porch on spring evenings and noted the date when the first lightning bugs appear. (It may seem like a boring job, but someone has to do it. A good cigar helps.) Usually they show up around the first week of June; but this year something unusual happened.

It was the last week of April,

and I was weeding the flower bed in front of the house one evening when I saw a lightning bug rising out of the ground just in front of me. I was surprised to see it so early in the season, and was further confused because it hovered in one spot and kept its tail-light on; usually they flash on and off. I decided to catch it for closer study, but when I moved it disappeared. After a brief search I returned to the task of weeding, and then it appeared again. The whole sequence was repeated a couple of times... stare, grab, disappear, search... and I began to feel like the child who saw the man on the staircase. It was a puzzle, but eventually I realized that there was no lightning bug. The street light at the corner had just come on, and when I turned my head just right it cast a reflection on the corner of my glasses that was just the right size and color to look like a lightning bug.

When you get to my age, things like this happen often enough that you get used to feeling foolish, and you don't have to tell anyone if you don't want to. I should have taken that sage advice, but when I went in for the evening I told my wife about it. She immediately assumed that I was losing either my eyesight or my mind, or maybe both, and she stewed about it for the next several days. Actually, such things are fairly common. Most people my age have "floaters" in their eyes... congealed bits of material suspended in the vitreous humor which fills the eyeball and maintains its shape... and incoming light sometimes is refracted by them and looks like moving objects. Also, the reflexes that enable us to focus our eyes on mov-

ing objects slow down as we age, making it harder to pick up and identify things quickly. This is especially annoying to aging bird watchers, who used to see things out of the corner of their eye and immediately lock onto them; now they are gone before you can focus, and you aren't sure if what you saw was a real bird or a shadow, or a flash of light off the mirror of a passing car, or maybe another floater.

You don't have to be superannuated for these things to happen. Nature can play optical tricks at any age; that's why people in general are such lousy eyewitnesses. For example, I have never believed in flying saucers, but I saw one once. It was in late winter, probably 30 years ago; several inches of snow had fallen during the day, and as evening came it turned to rain and a thick fog developed. I had worked late that evening, and the windows of the car steamed up immediately when I started home. As I drove out of the parking lot a disc-shaped object appeared beside the car and hovered there; then it darted away and came back. It was gray in color, with a round cabin on top, and bright light was coming from it. I actually stopped and stared at it, and then realized that it was one of the new street lights the college had just installed; I had never seen them before at that time of the evening, especially through a steamed window against a foggy background. When I got home, my wife had the same reaction to the saucer as she did to the lightning bugs.

So it's June, and it's hot, and at the time I write this the lightning bugs still haven't showed up. I sit on the porch at dusk each evening and wait for them, in the hope that they will really be there when I see them. Meanwhile, it isn't all bad. It takes a long time for my eyes to adjust to dim light, and the other day I was out in the bright sunlight for a while and my glasses got blurred from sweat dripping on them; and when I came in, for a few seconds my wife looked just like she did when she was 15. Of course, it didn't last; but it wasn't at all bad.

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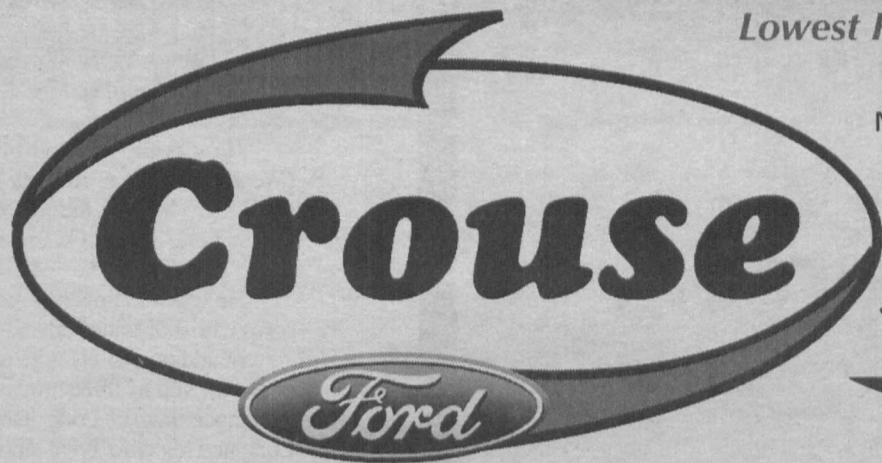
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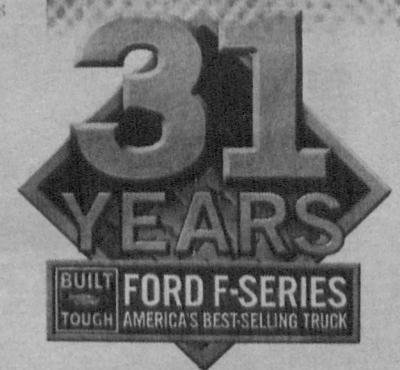


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Matthew D. Mellinger October 7, 1975 – June 3, 2008

Matthew D. Mellinger of Frederick, 32, died Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at his residence.

He was the husband of Amber D. (Wentz) Mellinger. He was born October 7, 1975 in York, the son of Linda and Steven Long of New Oxford and Thomas Mellinger of York, Pa.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by three brothers, Thomas Mellinger, Joshua Long and Benjamin Long and his wife Tylee all of New Oxford; a sister, Stephanie Long of New Oxford; a niece, Madison Mellinger of New Oxford; and grandparents Bill and Joyce Harder, Liz and Jim Long and Pat Mellinger; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased in death by a brother, Timothy Mellinger.

Funeral services were held Saturday June 7 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1170 Kohler Mill Rd, New Oxford with Bishop Steven Long officiating. Burial followed in New Oxford Cemetery. There was no viewing, however, the family received friends at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home to help defray costs.

Memories may be shared at www.feiserfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were made by Feiser Funeral Home, Inc., 302 Lincolnway West, New Oxford.

Polly A. Knox January 20, 1931 – June 9, 2008

Polly A. Knox, age 77, of Emmitsburg, Maryland, was called to her eternal home, on Monday, June 9, 2008 at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pa.

Born January 20, 1931 in Sykesville, Md., she was the daughter of the late Charles W. and Dorothy M. (Baumgardner) Knox.

Polly was a 1948 graduate of the Emmitsburg High School, and a 1951 graduate of the Frederick Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She worked at various hospitals as a nursing supervisor throughout her career, retiring as deputy director of nursing for the evening shift at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore. She was a life member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg, serving faithfully as past president of the church council, past president of the WELCA, and on various other committees. Polly was a board member and very active volunteer with the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

Surviving are a sister, Linda S. Knox of Fairfield, Pa., and brother and sister-in-law, Charles "Tom" and Doris A. Knox of Hanover, Pa. Also surviving are many cousins.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Sat., June 14, at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg, with her pastor the Rev. Jon R. Greenstone officiating. Interment followed in the Keysville Union Cemetery. The family received friends on Sat. from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial con-

-See Knox on page 13

Community Calendar

EVENTS

June 20 - Oct. 17 - 5th Annual Emmitsburg Farmers Market. 3-6:30 p.m. every Friday. 302 South Seton Ave. Vendor space still available. Information: contact Amy Naill (301) 600-6303 or anaill@emmitsburgmd.gov.

June 20, 21, 22 - Interpreting Art with Flower Arrangements. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Taneytown History Museum. Opening reception, June 19 from 7-9 p.m. Entry fee for the reception: \$5. RSVP by June 15 to Susie Heck (410) 756-1113 or Susie@infopathways.com.

June 21 - Golf Outing. Tee time, 8:30 a.m. Meadow Brook Golf Course, Gettysburg, Pa. Sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Church, 47 DePaul St., P.O. Box 376, Emmitsburg. Cost: \$60 per golfer. Information: Rich Kapriva, (301) 447-2095; St. Joseph Rectory (301) 447-2326 or Meadow Brook Golf Course: (717) 334-0569. Last day to register: June 12.

June 21 - Annual Civilian Picnic. 3 p.m. 117 West Main St., Fairfield, Pa. Bring a dish and a chair. Sponsored by Civilians of Gettysburg.

June 21 - Crab Leg Feed. Doors open at 5, dinner 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thurmont Ambulance Co. 27 N. Church St. \$20 per person. Only 200 tickets to sell. (301) 271-7138, (301) 271-3820 or (301) 748-5359.

June 23 - Fairfield AYSO Fall Registration. 5 to 8 p.m. Carroll Valley Park. \$50 per person. Discount for multiple players in same family. Deadline without late fee, June 30. Birth certificate required for new AYSO players. Information: (717) 642-6804.

June 25 - Catoctin Area CASS help. 9 a.m. to noon. Emmitsburg Community Center, 300 S. Seton Ave. DSS Applications and Re-certifications accepted (301) 600-2450: energy assistance, food stamps, medical assistance, purchase of care, housing assistance. FCAA outreach Todd Johnson (301) 600-1506.

June 26 to 28 - Summer Yard/Bake Sale. 8:30 a.m. St. Anthony Shrine, Emmitsburg, Md. Food and baked goods available June 27 and 28. Space available: one day \$15; two days \$25, three days \$30. For information call Helen Reaver: (301) 447-6431.

June 27 - Civil War Walking Tour. 7 p.m. Sponsored by Emmitsburg Community Day; presented by The Monterey Pass Battlefield Association and the Emmitsburg Area Historical Society. Tour will highlight the 145th anniversary of the Gettysburg Campaign and will last approximately 1 1/2 hours. CD-ROM version of John Miller's book, "Along the Mason and Dixon Line" will be on sale. Information: 22ndvainfantry@pa.net.

June 28 - Lions Club 26th Annual Community Day. 6:30 a.m. through the evening's Independence Day fireworks display. Emmitsburg Community Park.

June 28 - Old Fashioned Fun Show #2. 9 a.m. Thurmont Riding Club, 14981 Roddy Rd, Thurmont English, western, gaming. Information: www.geocities.com/thurmont-ridingclub.

June 29 - Chicken and Ham Dinner/ Auction/ Show. 12:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, 15 N Church St., Thurmont (beside the fire house). St. John's Lutheran Church and The Thurmont Thespians will host a chicken and ham dinner with a silent auction before, during and after the meal and a musical production of "Kindergarten Revised" by The Thurmont Thespians at 2 p.m. Adults \$10, children ages 5-12 \$8. Information: (301) 271-7613.

June 29 - "Sunday Sprint" Child-birth Education. All-day session. FMH Wellness Center, FSK Mall, Frederick. Advance registration & payment required. Fee: \$110/couple. Information: (240) 379-6000.

Knox

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tributions may be made to Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, c/o: Bonnie Hahn, Tres., P.O. Box 465, 100 W. North Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, 21727.

Arrangements were made by the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home in Emmitsburg, MD.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.myers-durborawfh.com.

Anna Josephine "Jo" Little
September 22, 1923 - June 16, 2008

Anna Josephine "Jo" Little, age 84, of Emmitsburg, Maryland, died on Monday, June 16, 2008 at the Gettysburg Hospital in Gettysburg, Pa.

Born September 22, 1923 in Emmitsburg, she was the daughter of the late Herbert J. and Mary Bertha Topper Miller.

Mrs. Little was predeceased by her husband Francis L. Little on August 7, 1989.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Mrs. Little was employed for many years by the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg.

She is survived by six children, Shirley Little and husband, Larry of Emmitsburg; Elaine Reed and companion Denny Brown of Sabillasville; Teresa Meem and husband, Ross of Dickerson; Donna Toms and husband, Pete of Smithsburg; Mary Anne Weatherly and husband, Bruce of Fairfield, Pa.; and Eugene J. Little and wife Tammy of Emmitsburg. She is also survived by three brothers and four sisters, Adele Jensen of New Jersey; Dora Knott of Hagerstown; Mary Topper and Louise Orndorff both of Emmitsburg; Eugene Miller and Patrick Miller both of Thurmont and Gerald Miller of Fairfield, Pa.; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband she was predeceased by sons, Stephen Little, August 11,

2003 and Jeffrey Little, April 21, 1985; five brothers, Regis, Donald, James, Bernard, and Kenneth Miller, and three sisters Mary G. Miller, Theresa Jensen, and Irene Wantz.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Thursday, June 19 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Paul M. Murphy, C.M. as celebrant. Inurnment followed in the New St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Emmitsburg. The family received friends on Wednesday, June 18 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, 210 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, where a Rosary was prayed.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association, Baltimore MD Office, 800 Wyman Park Drive, Suite 110, Baltimore, MD 21211 or to St. Catherine's Nursing Center, 331 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

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June 21 – 11th Annual Gettysburg Brass Band Festival. All day. Downtown Gettysburg - Lincoln Square, Alumni Park and the Gettysburg National Military Park. Free.

June 21 – “Broadway and the Big Screen.” 8 p.m. Frederick Community College, J.B. Kussmaul Theatre. Presented by

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June 21 – Candlelight at Christ Church. 7:30 p.m. 30 Chambers-

burg Street, Gettysburg. Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital. Free. Information: www.christgettysburg.org/candlelight.

June 22 – Concert with “Chiz Rider.” Germantown Church of God, 16924 Raven Rock Road, Cascade. Concert is free. Love offering will be received. Information: (301) 241-3050.

June 27 – Concert in the Park kick-off. 7 p.m. Kick off Independence Day with the Emmitsburg Community Chorus at the new Community Park bandstand.

STAGE

June 7 through July 20 – Regional Juried Exhibit. The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 S. Carroll St., Frederick. Annual juried exhibit open to artists within a 75-mile radius of Frederick, working in any media. Cash prizes will be awarded for excellence. Reception, June 14 3-5 p.m. Information: (301) 698-0656.

June 20-22 – Mountaintop Heritage Days. Route 15, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. Friday Dinner and Dance at Blue Ridge Summit Fire Hall. Doors open at 5:30; dinner at 6:30; dance from 8-12. Saturday, all events at the Blue Ridge Summit Fire Hall. Parade at 9 a.m., from the library to Wyndham Avenue. Horse rides, car show, talent show, music, food and craft vendors. See Emmitsburg.net for complete schedule.

June 20-29 – Gettysburg Festival. Free and ticketed events. Information: www.gettysburgfestival.org.

June 28-29 – Mountaintop Heritage Days. Fort Ritchie-Route 550, Cascade, Md. Activities, games and petting zoo. Activities and lectures at Ft. Ritchie’s Lakeside Gazebo, live music, fireworks.

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To June 28 – “Sleeping Beauty” Way Off Broadway, Children’s Theater, 5 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. This classic musical tale tells the story of the Princess who is enchanted by an evil fairy, pricks her finger on a spindle, falling into a deep sleep, only to be rescued years later by the Prince, with a bit of magical help. (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

To June 29 – “The Sound of Music.” Way Off Broadway, 5 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. The final collaboration between Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein was destined to become the world’s most beloved musical and this summer, the von Trapp family returns to WOB. (301) 662-6600, www.wayoffbroadway.com.

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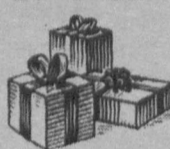


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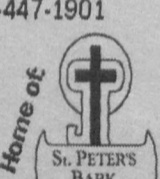

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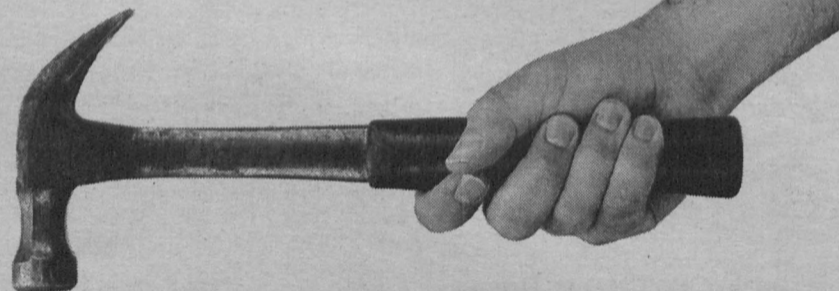
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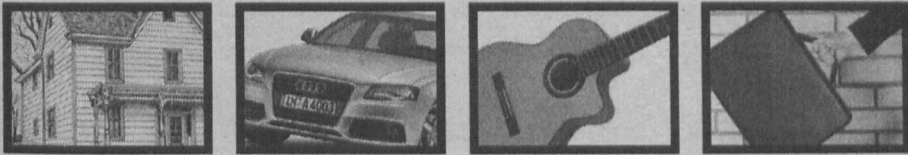
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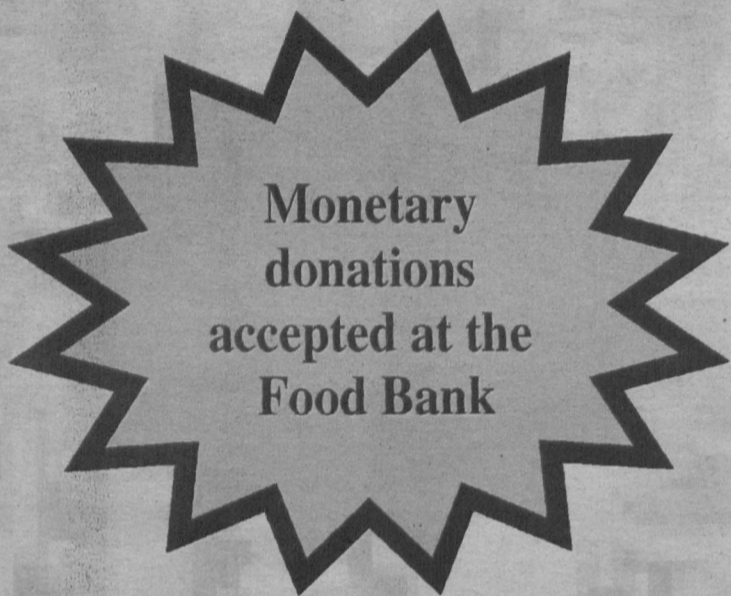
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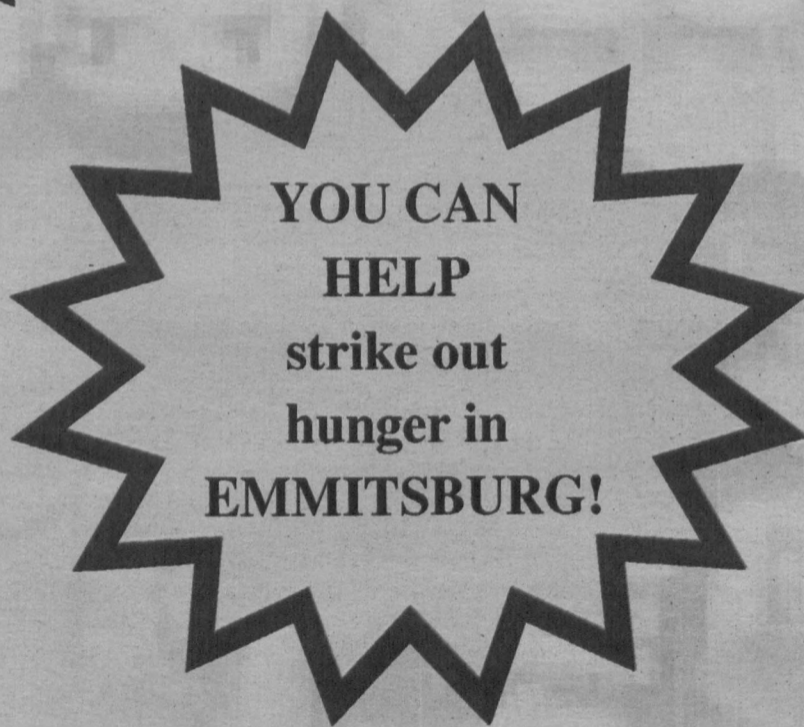
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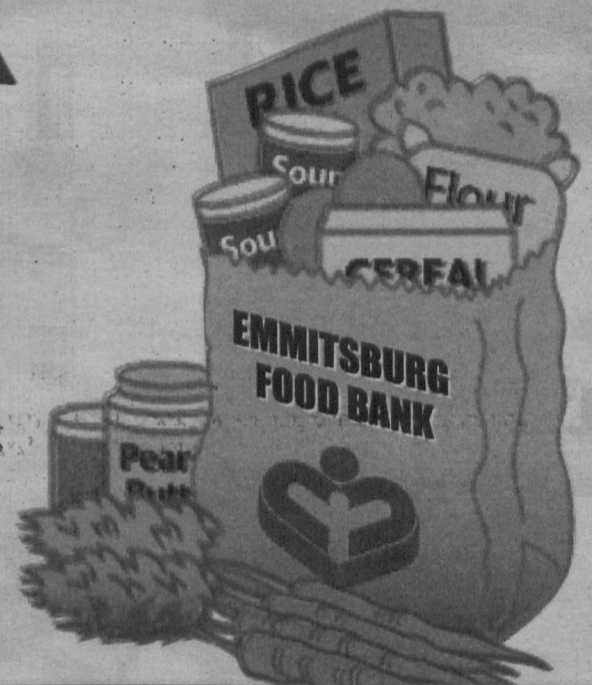


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Matthew 25:35 ~ For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in.

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1863 fire destroyed one third of emmitsburg

■ By Mike Hillman

The Civil War was a precarious time for the citizens of Emmitsburg. Like many border states, neighbors in Emmitsburg found themselves fighting on both sides. Confederate sympathizers joined Maryland-raised Confederate units like the 1st Maryland Cavalry, while Union supporters, led by Emmitsburg's own Albert Hunter and Oliver Horner, formed Company C of Cole's Cavalry.

In June of 1863, Confederate General Robert E. Lee crossed the Potomac River and began his second invasion of Maryland. In expectation that he would turn south toward Washington, the Union fortified the Pipe Creek Defense, of which Emmitsburg formed the extreme left flank. Needless to say, with the exact location of the Confederate Army unknown, tensions rose in Emmitsburg as many citizens prepared for the worst, while others prepared for the long-awaited "liberation." Rumors of spies and southern sympathizers were the talk of the town.

On Tuesday night, June 15, 1863, residents were awakened at 11 p.m. to the cry of fire. The livery stable of Guthrie & Beam, located on what is now the parking

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This 1863 photo shows the damage in Emmitsburg from the fire of the same year. Photo courtesy of the Greater Emmitsburg Area Historical Society.

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Concerning Town and People by Former Resident, L.D.S.

My recollections date from 1833 to 1849, when I left the old town to seek my fortune in the West. I was imbued with the spirit of Horace Greeley, "Go West young man!" I went; but I was disappointed. I found that the West was more largely supplied than the East with men in the vocation I had chosen, but I remained to take my chances with the rest.

Emmitsburg has not enlarged its boarders, nor increased its population, very much, since I first knew it. At that early date the last two houses on East Main street were Sponseller's on one side and old Tone's (as we used to call him) on the other; the last two houses at the West end were Dr. Annan's and Henry Rickenbaugh's. Gettysburg street had very few houses and Green street had still less.

The physicians I first remember were Dr. Shields, (who was succeeded by my late lamented preceptor, Dr.

Why Emmitsburg is "Our Town"

I have lived my entire life just east of Emmitsburg. Yes, all my years on Bollinger School Road. In fact, I was raised in what used to be the Bollinger School or Cattail Branch School. I grew up knowing almost everyone in and around Emmitsburg.

I went to school in the building that now houses the library and community center. We had 1-12 grades in that building and our graduation exercises were held there also. We had small classes, so if you wanted to be in sports, class plays, school plays, etc., you had a pretty good chance of getting in. Our sports were played primarily during school hours.

We had a movie theatre (GEM) and a bowling alley-soda fountain-restaurant on W. Main Street where apartments are now located.

In elementary school in the spring we went to Baker Park in Frederick with the other county schools for square dancing. On May 1, our school celebrated May Day with the winding of the May Pole Dance and the crowning of the May Queen. Girls in high school had a fashion show of the garments we made

in home economics class.

We did leave Emmitsburg to go roller skating. We went to the Rainbow Roller Rink in Taneytown or Zook's in Waynesboro.

We had grocery stores, meat markets, a clothing and shoe store and recreation so we didn't travel elsewhere everyday like we do now.

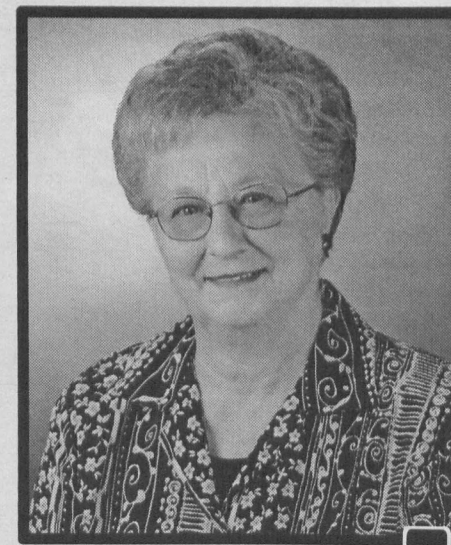
I started working when I was 13 at Buckers Restaurant and Motel. The restaurant was where Carriage House is now, and the motel was where the Pizza Hut parking lot is.

I married a man who also lived his life on Bollinger School Road. We were farmers and we had two daughters.

My oldest daughter, Denise Valentine still has the farm and my other daughter is Allyson Rohrbaugh. I have five wonderful grandchildren.

I'm very proud and happy to have lived in the Emmitsburg area.

■ Sue Sanders
Emmitsburg



Sue Sanders

Looking Back on Emmitsburg

This column offers a retrospective view of 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 Feb. 9, 1977.

J. W. Eichelberger), Dr. Taney, Dr. Annan, Dr. Patterson, and Dr. Shorb near Mt. St. Mary's College. I have a dim recollection of a Dr. McNeal, who lived about where Eugene L. Rowe's house now stands.

The first druggist I have a faint recollection of was a Mr. Boyle, whose name does not appear in Mr. Helman's book. His store was on the Square, opposite the Spangler Hotel. When he retired I do not know. The next druggist was William McBride, whose store was in a small building adjoining Dr. Patterson's residence.

We had no resident dentist. Visits to the town were made by dentists living at a distance. Teeth were extracted by all the doctors and others. I remember seeing Mr. Armstrong, the gunsmith, extract a tooth from a man, who was seated on a chair in the open air in front of his shop.

There was only one lawyer, I.E. Pearson. He had previously been a school teacher and, I think, also a harness maker. I once went into the shop, afterwards occupied by McBride's drug store, for a piece of leather, which Mr. Pearson cut for me.

Of churches we had Elias Church (where both Lutherans and German Reformed worshipped), St. Joseph's Roman Catholic, and the Methodist Church, which was

located on a back alley, not far from where the present structure stands. The Presbyterian Church was one mile out of town, a few rods from the Gettysburg road. My father removed it to its present location in 1839. I assisted in tearing it down and hauled all the brick to town, with one horse and a small wagon. I was then thirteen years of age.

The clergymen I remember of the Lutheran Church were Mr. Finckle, Dr. Keller, and Mr. Sentman. I remember only one priest at St. Joseph's Church, Father Hickey. The first Reformed minister was Mr. Bassler, who was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Heiner, Rev. Mr. Fisher, Rev. Mr. Freeze, Rev. Mr. Phillips (who subsequently entered the Catholic Church,) and Rev. Mr. Aughinbaugh. During all my time Mr. Grier was pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

The merchants I remember were Isaac and Joseph Baugher, then Isaac Baugher, then Baugher, Moritz & Rea, again Isaac Baugher, and then J.W. Baugher. Lewis Motter had a store in the West end of the Old Motter homestead; he was succeeded by Joshua Motter, who afterward removed it to the store previously occupied by Joseph Danner. Michael Wise kept store in the building at the foot of

the old alley leading to the Lutheran Church until his death. J. M. Kerigan afterwards occupied this store.

One of your correspondents said that liquor was kept free for customers in Baugher's store. I think that is an error. It was surely not so in Isaac Baugher's store. I was well acquainted with the store, having been a clerk there I would have known all about it if such had been the case. Wines were kept for Sacramental and medicinal use; cigars (tobies) were always free.

Hotels were kept by Mrs. Agnew, Mrs. Black, Johnzee Hooker. Mrs. Agnew was a born landlady, a regular major domo! During the summer her house was filled to overflowing, so that she had to find sleeping accommodations for her guests outside of the hotel. Her husband was living; but I never saw him do anything but read and play checkers! Thomas Welch kept the bar and attended to the routine duties of the office. Unfortunately he was too fond of the bottle, and indulged in it to such an extent that he would sometimes see visions and dream dreams. Mrs. Black's house was intended more for the accommodation of teamsters. They carried their bedding in their wagons, and at night they would spread it upon the barroom floor and sleep there.

Hooker's was more on the saloon order, as was also the place kept by William Otter, commonly called "Big Bill the plasterer," to distinguish him from his son, William and another William called, "Fish Bill." Otter's saloon was located near Eyster's jewelry store. It was while there that from his dictation, Mr. S. Baumgardner wrote his life.

50
years ago
May 1958

Birthday Party

A birthday party was held on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shorb Sr. in honor of their granddaughter, Judy Ann Shorb who observed her 11th birthday June 28.

Those in attendance were Judy Shorb, Gene Eyler, Jimmy Shorb, Tony Favorite, Gary Shorb, Larry Little, Michael Shorb, Bobby Scott, Ronnie Stouter, Maureen Stouter, Nancy Stamer, Carmen Kenney, Gloria and Barbara Myers, Lynn Shorb, Linda Myers, Barbara Ann

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The EBPA serves Emmitsburg



Libby Briggs

I often wonder how EBPA works – the initials stand for Emmitsburg Business & Professional Association. In a town with 2500+/- people, how can it be very important?

The organization has been around a long time. The 1978 Community Day brochures were sponsored by EBPA and there are boxes of information dating prior to that time including the original *Welcome to Emmitsburg* brochure. All this history clearly shows one thing, EBPA has always been about the greater good for Emmitsburg. An event that happened this past month is a shining example. The Carriage House Restaurant had a fire, not so much structural damage, but lots of smoke damage.

I had a chance to talk with Bob Hance, co-owner of The Carriage House Restaurant, and he said outside professionals shook their heads (after the first week of being closed) we would be closed another three weeks. Those weeks, by the way, are three of our busiest weeks of the year. Kim Gore, Healthy Property Solutions, and member of EBPA, heard about this from another member, showed up on a Thursday afternoon, placed three air quality machines in the restaurant, performed professional air quality test, two professional moisture meter tests and announced there's no reason to remain closed.

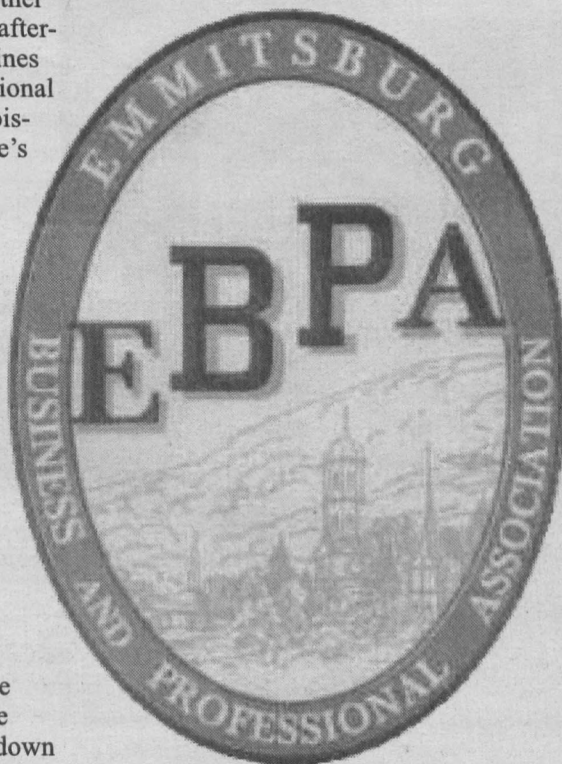
Kim's report and credentials in moisture, indoor air quality and advanced mold certifications satisfied the insurance company. The Carriage House Restaurant reopened the following Monday honoring hundreds of reservations for graduates and families from all over Frederick County. That's the very happy ending part; two members of EBPA, working together.

But there's so much more. Beginning with another EBPA member, the Vigilante Hose Company, directed by Lt. Jason Powell, responded to the fire with unbelievable professionalism. Vigilante Hose members squeegeed water out of the building, something a professional down

county firefighter says is unheard of. Randy Myers was one of those guys who worked so hard to get as much water out as possible, he knew the Carriage House pretty well, his first job was a dishwasher there over 10 years ago.

Over the next few days, so many members stopped to see if they could help in any way, including Chief Chris Stahley. Bobby Phelan, Maryland Insurance Brokers, was there first thing Sunday – no phone calls made to him. He assured the Hance family their claim was already started. Bobby's a member of EBPA too. Other professionals made the Carriage House their first priority – Paul Warthen and Jim Joy replaced damaged doors, walls, kitchen tiles, put shelving back in place and got the painting done; Bob Gauss took care of the electrical, Gene Coulby with Tri-County Plumbing, met the plumbing needs in record time, Elizabeth's Helpers Cleaners and the Carriage House staff accomplished what seemed like an endless cleaning task. Mary Lou Little, the president of the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company, and Father Vincent O'Malley, St. Joseph's Pastor, made the commercial kitchens available for Carriage House catering events.

It's times like this I'm exceptionally proud to serve as the President of EBPA – it's all about the greater good, it's all about this community – "Our Town". So many of you have worked to preserve this wonderful quality of life – Thank you! The next time any of us need a service, let's look first in Our Town. Check out www.ebpa.biz, maybe we can preserve this great community spirit for another 100 or so years.



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Fire

lot of the Elias Lutheran Church was ablaze. The prevailing northwesterly winds quickly carried the flames to the northwest corner of the square. From there, it jumped both Gettysburg Street (North Seton Ave.) and Main Street, where it consumed all the houses east of the square for two blocks.

Fortunately for those living beyond those two blocks, the distance between houses in what was then the outer limit of the town, was such that the winds couldn't carry the flames far enough and the homes were saved. When the fire was finally extinguished early in the morning of June 16, more than two-thirds of the homes in Emmitsburg lay in ruins, along with most of the records of the town. In all, 28 houses and nine businesses were damaged or destroyed.

The fire was no sooner out than suspicion on its origin ignited. Was it just a careless barn keeper or was the town fired by the advancing Confederates to foil the Union defense? With pro-Union forces firmly in control of what was left of Emmitsburg, Eli Smith, a local vagabond and suspected southern sympathizer was arrested and charged with arson and taken to Frederick for trial ... where he was subsequently found innocent and from there, disappeared from history's record.

It would be seven years before the fire-damaged area recovered. The old log-and-chink houses constructed in the 1786 and 1787 were replaced by "modern" dwellings and even a few mansions such as the Annan Brothers mansions on the northeast corner of the square. One only need walk two blocks east and west of the square to note the difference in the design of the homes.

While the extent of the fire was well documented in several newspapers of the time, folklore about the origins of the fire soon took hold. Guthrie & Beam resumed their livery business on a vacant lot on the southeast side of town, which later became the site of the sewing factory and present-day Antique Mall. Many old timers point to the second livery stable as the location of the start of the fire in their stories of the fire. This is understandable as the second Guthrie & Beam stable was the only location known for that company for many generations. So when stories of the fires were told around dinner tables, people looked to the second stable as its source, not the original site next to Elias Lutheran Church.

To learn more about the Emmitsburgians in the Civil War, join John Miller, Emmitsburg Historical Society's Civil War Historian for the 2nd annual Emmitsburg Civil War Walk, June 27. If you are interested in learning more about the fire of 1863, you're invited to participate in a Historical Society 1863 Fire Walk, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., June 28. For more information on these walks visit www.emmitsburg.net.



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MSS Walkathon benefits children dealing with Leprosy and HIV/AIDS

By Angie Hamlin

The grounds of Mother Seton School were filled with excitement and chatter as 388 students and 45 parents, grandparents and staff participated in the annual Walkathon on April 18. Students eventually trekked 2,320 miles through the 14+ stations, continuing even as the temperatures rose in the afternoon. Parents, friends, faculty and many siblings joined in the walk adding to the often joyous atmosphere.

Sixth-grader Kourtney Wells remembers, "It was nice walking for other people – and good exercise – knowing we're helping people who need help." Kindergarten, Jean Pembroke, reflects, "We raised money for the school. The walk was very long and it got hot. But I had fun."

Pledges tallied \$5,836.50, and current proceeds actually exceed this amount – being used

for the care and education of the children dealing with leprosy and HIV/AIDS in Thailand. Thirty years ago, the Daughters of Charity started a rehabilitation program in Nonsomboon for families suffering from Leprosy and eventually the program expanded to include other poor children in the community whose parents were living with HIV/AIDS.

After reviewing several worthy causes needing help, MSS students chose this international project. Rose Samples, an 8th grade student stated, "We especially liked this project because it included education and nutritional help."

Adding to the tremendous support from parents and the Home and School Association, Catocin Orchard provided apples.

MSS teachers, Danielle Kirby and Karen O'Connor, organized the event from start to finish.



Photo courtesy of Mother Seton School

Students at Mother Seton School raised more than \$5,800 for the care and education of the children dealing with leprosy and HIV/AIDS in Thailand during their walkathon on April 18.

A station-warming gift



Emmitsburg Girl Scouts spent part of the evening on June 9 planting flowers in the flowerbeds for the new Emmitsburg Ambulance Company.

Robert A. Rosensteel Sr. / The Dispatch

Blessing of the buses

"Whatever contributes to bringing us together therefore is in accord with God's plan" prayed Monsignor Marty Feilds at Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg. Student bus-riders, bus drivers, Sister JoAnne Goecke, Principal, and Monsignor Marty prayed to "bless those who worked very hard to raise the money for these new buses and to bless those who ride the bus safely every day. St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Taneytown provides bus transportation to Mother Seton School for children in the Taneytown area.

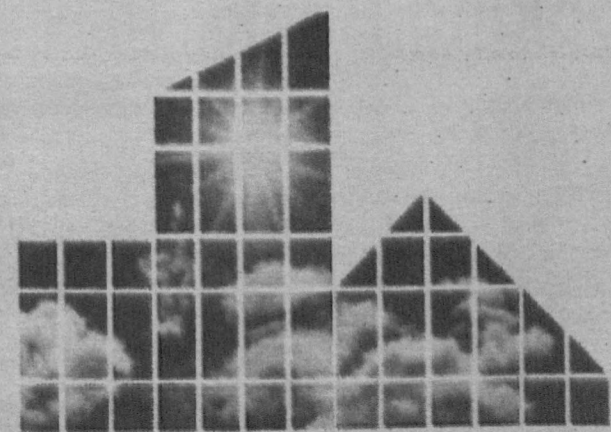


Soldier dad talks about Iraq



Kindergarteners in Miss Smith's Class at Mother Seton School learned about life in Iraq, Muslim traditions and got to hold Iraqi money when dad and National Guard veteran, Chris Alley, recently visited his son, Quinn's class. Staff Sergeant Alley served in the 28th Infantry Division for Pennsylvania National Guard having served one year in Baghdad. Students heard about roads, schools and soccer fields being built and the troops distributing school supplies to Iraqi children twice a month. They also learned that Muslims use the Koran rather than the Bible.

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to receive benefits from the raffle.

A \$20 contribution includes a chance to win an autographed guitar. Donors also get a copy of the DVD. Two guitars will be given away each month for the rest of the year. Guitars autographed by Kenny Chesney and the members of Sugarland and Kid Rock were given away on June 10. Donations can be made and additional information about the fundraising effort is available at www.oursacrifice.net.

Autographed guitars yet to be raffled off include The Eagles, Bon Jovi, Micheal Anthony, Sammy Hagar, Ozzy Osbourne, Buddy Guy, Joe Walsh, Faith Hill, Gretchen Wilson, Johnny Hiland to name a few. Equipment makers joining the effort include Fender Guitars, Peavy Musical Instruments, Dr. Z Amplifications, Ernie Ball, Takamine, Samick and Taylor Guitars.



1LT ROBERT A. SEIDEL, III

A bit of lighthearted blasphemy or carjacking by a groundhog

By Ruth Richards

Sometimes you've got to wonder if God showed good judgment when he created "all things that live." For example, the groundhogs. They dig under house foundations; dig holes that farm animals stumble into and play havoc with backyard gardens. Once a groundhog

was in my bean patch and John went out with a broomstick to scare it away. Did I say "scare"? That critter stood up on its hind legs, put up his paws as if to fight, hissed and John retreated. Stories abound about the groundhogs, but I have a unique one.

One day recently, very recently, as I started my car that had been standing in my driveway, I heard a "funny noise."

Women, and especially me, frequently hear "funny noises" in their cars that turn out to be nothing. I paused, listened again, no noise and started down the driveway. I stopped to pick up my mail and began the short drive to the Gettysburg Hospital where I was to have some imaging tests.

But wait, that funny little noise was becoming a big noise, not funny anymore. As the noise got louder, I began to have difficulty steering. I must get to a garage, I told myself. So I started out for His Place on Creamery Rd.

I pulled into the top of the road to the garage and the car stalled in a cloud of smoke. I exited as quickly as I could and ran down the driveway. It was as if Bill was waiting for me.

"What's wrong?" I explained my concern. He went up to the car, lifted the radiator cover and then came back to talk to me. "Yes?" I questioned. "There's a groundhog under the hood and it's alive."

One of the employees drove me home and I left my car to be repaired. I

stewed all night about it wondering how much damage had been done.

The next day the garage called and told me my car needed a new fan belt and I could come and get it. Bill sent a car for me.

As I finished paying my bill, I stopped to talk with the Springer boys (men) who had been students of mine at Catocin High School. I asked them about their mother, Marlene, whom I have admired for years. I also talked with Betty Moser Wivell, a classmate of my Kathy's from Emmitsburg High School. Betty always asks about Kathy, which pleases me.

I always get a happy feeling when I talk to former students and friends of my children and with this brief exchange I forgot the groundhog and came home happy.

"God moves in mysterious ways," the Bible says. I asked myself. "Were groundhogs created millions of years ago so that I would have that brief moment of pleasure in 2008 with Betty and the Springer men? Who knows?"

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Looking Back

Fair, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Scott, Mrs. Geo. Shorb, Mrs. Thomas Shorb, Mr. Allen Plank, Mrs. Blanche Rains, and Mrs. Dale Fair, Mr. and Mrs. Hall of Fairfield, Mr. and Mrs. William Shorb Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Favorite, Baltimore; and John Shorb, Thurmont; Mrs. Edward Myers, Mrs. Robert Myers, Mrs. Arthur Stamer, Mr. and Mrs. Reno Eyley, Mr.

and Mrs. Charles Shorb and children.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. James Topper and daughter, Baltimore, spent the weekend at the home of his mother, Mrs.

Margaret Topper.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoke and family, Biglerville, visited Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Effie Hoke.

Vincent Topper, Harrisburg, visited several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Stella Topper.

Chicken Bar-b-que

The Mayor's Community Bar-b-que Competition

August 2, Emmitsburg Community Park

Local individuals, civic organizations and businesses are encouraged to participate.

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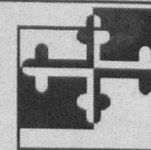
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The Sanders saga continues



Mary Jo Botham

In 1938 when the James Clarence Sanders' clan moved to the "city," there were fewer family members moving. James had moved to Washington; Allen was in the CCC; Owen, "Okey" as he was known, was in Baltimore; Howard "Mose" was working on a farm in Taneytown and Dorothy was married to Paul Freshman and residing in Thurmont. The younger girls, Joan, Maryann

"Skeets" and Pat, along with their parents, made the move to town life. My mother remembers dressing up the cat, putting him in a buggy and walking up the street to meet her mother returning home from church or visiting. She often would instruct my mother to go to the store and she would take the cat in the buggy back to the house.

Moving into town did not afford them any easier a life than the farm did. Joan remembers that she had no store-bought clothing till she got to high school. Feed sacks were used for under garments as well as dresses. Her mother made handkerchiefs from well-washed salt sacks. On Easter they did get new homemade dresses and baskets with colored eggs and homemade candies. Does anyone out there have any good old-fashioned candy

recipes they'd like to share? Eggs were bought and preserved in a crock covered in what my mother refers to as a nasty slimy liquid. Upon doing a lot of research I have since found out that the slimy solution was a lime mixture that would keep the eggs fresh for months.

All three girls went to school at St. Euphemia's (now the DePaul St. apartments) as they were afforded paid tuition because their father worked at St. Joe's. Joan remembers in those days the "children of color" were taught in a separate room and also were allowed out onto the playground at a separate time. Later they would attend St. Joe's High School, which was a boarding school for girls, as day students. The boys in the town attended public school. The high school was also on the

site where the Federal Emergency Management Agency is now in operation.

Three houses up the street lived my grandmother's two spinster aunts, Lucy and Mame Rider. Oftentimes my grandmother took extra food to their house as they had few luxuries of their own, and in fact for them a splurge was a 1/4 pound of Lebanon bologna.

Grandmother wrote in a journal daily, recording the temperature and weather conditions, also listing the people who had passed away. She went to as many funerals as she was able. She attended Sunday services at St. Joe's and also the Monday Novena. A pew was rented for the family on a yearly basis at St. Joseph's.

A little about the house on North Seton:

The original kitchen

comprised two rooms, the main kitchen where the sink was, and a small room off the kitchen that contained the stove for cooking. It was a kerosene stove and when lit for cooking the fumes were quite strong. Their first electric stove as well as their first television set was purchased for them by my father Harold around 1950.

In the summer, they made a trip to Aunt Grace's to get a half tray of ice cubes for the evening. They had no refrigerator until 1945 when James and Allen came home from the war and purchased one for them. Until that time, all food was kept in their cold cellar. Of course there was a garden in the back of their property filled with seasonal vegetables.

The furnace was originally a coal, self-stoking furnace.

More on the way things were

By Patsy Vanderickle

I recently read an article in the *Emmitsburg Our Town* entitled "That's The Way Things Were" by Ruth O. Richards.

I would like to take a few minutes of your time to express how things were for my family and I. This is in no way meant to take anything away from Ms. Richard's article but to expand on it.

We, my seven brothers and I, were born and spent our childhoods in Emmitsburg. My two oldest brothers did probably experience some of the things mentioned in the article, however when I came along, in the early 40s things were different. Although Emmitsburg had a very small African-American population we respected everyone and were respected by everyone.

I must admit that I truly love Emmitsburg. All my brothers and I have moved away, but my mother is a resident of St. Catherine's Nursing Center and I still come to Emmitsburg not only to visit with her, but to

spend time with my old classmates, neighbors and friends.

I recently read in the paper that alumni were being sought from Mother Seton and St. Euphemia's. Five of my brothers and myself were graduates of St. Euphemia's and all of us attended and/or graduated from St. Joseph's High School. We are life members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church where we were baptized, communized and confirmed. We are a devout Catholic family.

Our family lived on Lincoln Avenue where our Father built our home beginning with just one floor and expanded to three floors as our family grew larger.

Through it all, we have good and bad memories, however the good memories outweigh the bad and we are very pleased to be able to say that we are native Emmitsburgians. We truly love and cherish the people who have been there for all of us for all these many years.

Thank you, Emmitsburg.

First Annual Emmitt Garden Reunion



Over 150 people attended the first annual Emmitt Garden Reunion on June 1 in the Emmitt Garden town park. Joe Zanellan, Dick Gore and Gene Lacroce founded the housing development in the late 1970's.



Tyler Donnelly to exhibit cattle at the 2008 Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show

Tyler Donnelly, Emmitsburg, Maryland, will exhibit Angus cattle at the 2008 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Lewisburg, W. Va., June 20-22, according to John Crouch, chief executive officer of the American Angus Association®.

Tyler, a junior member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., is one of 198 young Angus breeders from 18 states who have entered a total of 417 head to compete for championship honors.

Mike McGuire, Waverly, Ala., will judge divisions for bred-and-owned heifers, bred-and-owned bulls, cow-calf pairs, owned heifers, and registered Angus steers.

The Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show is sponsored by the American Angus Association and the West Virginia Junior Angus Association. It is one of six junior Angus shows sanctioned by the national organization for more than 10,000 junior Angus members in the United States and Canada.

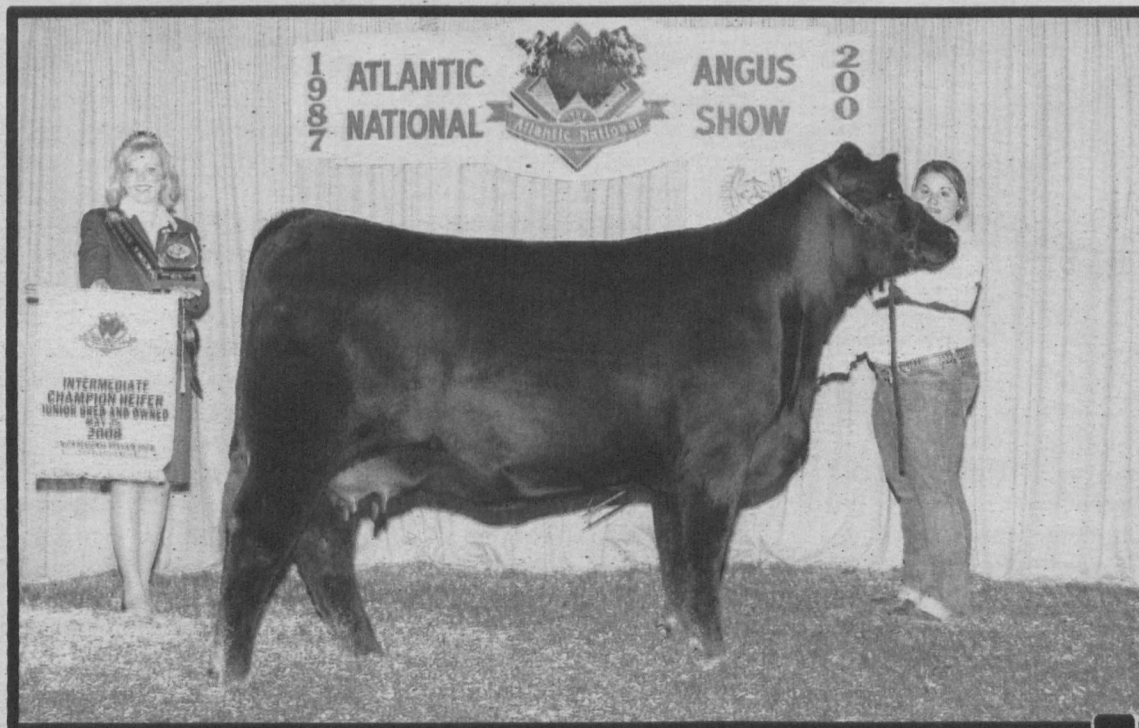


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Emmitsburg resident Tyler Donnelly, right, with one of her Angus show cattle at the 2008 Atlantic National Angus Show.

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