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## Paul Harner recognized for work as Council of Churches president



Paul Harner, retiring president of the Council of Churches, was recognized for his years of service at the council's January meeting. Also shown are Phyllis Kelly, Tom's Creek United Methodist Church representative, and Audrey Glass, the new president of the council.

Special to the *Dispatch* from the Emmitsburg Council of Churches

At the January meeting of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, Paul Harner was honored on the occasion of his retirement as Council president. He was presented with a watercolor painting done by Linda Postelle of his childhood home on East Main Street, next to the town office. Paul lived there until he was 16 years old, then moved to Pennsylvania where he graduated from Gettysburg High School.

He received his aeronautical engineering degree from the University of Maryland, his Masters of Science degree in Administration from George Washington University, and then attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

After working for private aircraft industries for seven years, he was employed by the Department

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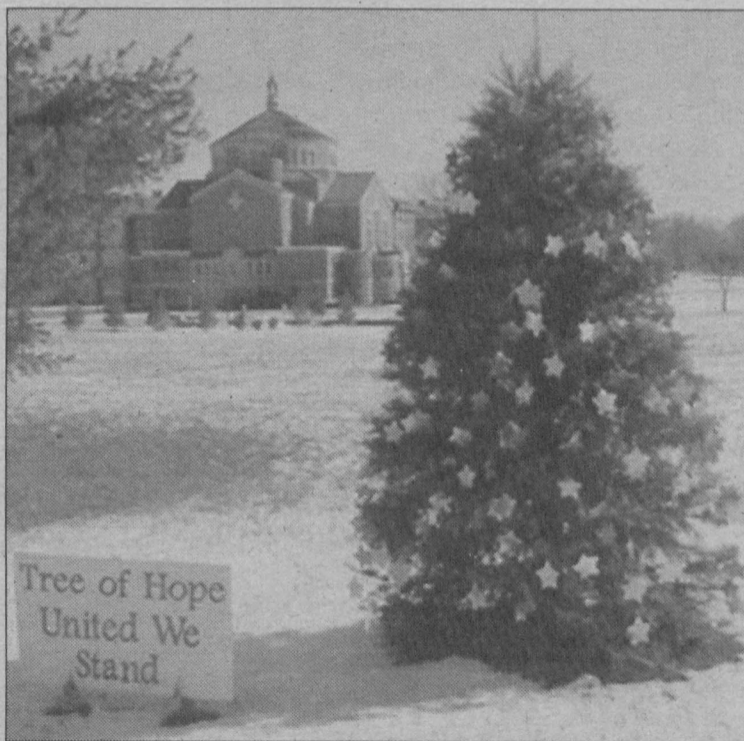
## Town News

### Senior housing ordinance up for another vote

Town officials passed a text amendment (4-1) to an ordinance at the January town meeting containing guidelines for senior citizen housing development in Emmitsburg. However, due to an oversight, it was not advertised 30 days before a vote was taken, so it will be on the agenda for the February 4 town meeting at which time public comments may be heard.

The amendment will affect the development of the planned senior citizen housing project to be constructed by Buckeye Development, Inc., of Frederick and located on South Seton Avenue on land southwest of the Community Center. The complex will consist of approximately 68 housing units which will accommodate between 125-130 people 55 years of age or older who are considering retirement or senior retirement homes. The cost of the two-story homes will be in the \$130,000 range. Lot sizes will be 2,000 sq. feet gross less the square footage in the flood plain. The site was chosen because of the proximity to the Emmitsburg Senior Center located in the Community Center and to nearby medical facilities.

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The "Tree of Hope" was one of the many projects the Daughters of Charity at St. Joseph's Provincial House and their employees initiated in an effort to aid the victims of the terrorist attacks. Shown is one of the two trees donated by Sewell Tree Farm planted near the main entrance of the Provincial House. The trees were decorated with silver stars representing contributions from employees and the community at large. A *Dispatch* Photo



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## Letters to the

editor



The *Dispatch* encourages its readers to express their thoughts about issues that appear in this paper or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the *Dispatch*. They should be brief and must be signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number to be used for verification. The deadline for letters is the 3rd Thursday of each month.

### Regrets Willowby's stolen items

Dear Editor and Residents of Emmitsburg, Maryland:

Willowby, who has been on East Main Street for over five years, hopefully bringing a smile to the faces of all, will no longer be dressed and decorated except on very special occasions. Since the beginning of the year, three hats, 2 scarves, (which included his Red, White and Blue one), and several pairs of sun glasses have been taken from him. It just 'ain't no fun no more." It is very frustrating to open the front door worrying, "What has been taken now? or Has anything happened to him?" We may even consider relocating him to a safer place.

I hope that this pilfering, as

insignificant as it is, is not a sign of the times.

Thank you,  
Larry H. Pavek



WILLOWBY

### A Special Thank You

Up-County Family Center members enjoyed a most joyous holiday season due to generosity from area businesses. We wish to thank those who made contributions and a difference in our community. The graciousness of these businesses exemplifies the philosophy that it takes a community to raise a child.

The employees at Levi Dockers at the Gettysburg Outlets purchased and collected clothing and toys for our families, showing the true spirit of Christmas and giving.

Gumption Enterprises in Woodsboro, Md., collected toys and added to our celebration with a performance by their "Draco the Dragon." Emmitsburg Head Start joined us for our holiday celebration and were also rivy to the performance by Draco, which enthralled both young and old.

Other stores from the Gettysburg Outlets that contributed to our holiday celebration were Harry and David, who donated food items; Fossil, who donated teen clothing; Craftworks, who donated a Christmas wreath; Auntie Anne's, who donated pretzel mix; So Fun! Kids, who donated children's clothing; and Corning Revere, who donated many kitchen items necessary for the holidays.

A most sincere Thank You goes out from The Up-County Family Center and its participants to those who have been so considerate during the holidays. Coming in the aftermath of September 11th, their compassion and generosity are especially appreciated.

By Erika LaVoie  
Emmitsburg

### Thank you from Lori's family

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, food, and donations when Lori passed away.

It was good to know she had so

many friends that cared.

Graham, Josh and Cortney Wiles  
Dick and Connie Fisher  
Wayne and Rose Hawk

## Town News . . . .

Commissioner James Hoover raised several questions to be clarified about the amendment. He voted against it.

Residents Alan and Rita Carroll, whose property adjoins the planned housing community, expressed concern about the possibility of the water runoff from the site as well as the water supply lines to the South Seton area, specifically to the housing site.

Town Manager David Haller reported that the town has established a fund to maintain and upgrade the water lines in the area. In response to the runoff question, Commissioner Boyle said that the traffic patterns on Cedar Ave, side-

walks, and water drainage have been noted and will be considered in future planning.

In other business the council:

- passed the Communication Ordinance which would deal with any future communication towers built within the city limits;
- was advised that the College Mountain Property transfer to the town could not take place until a conservation easement to the property was agreed upon;
- bought back surplus water taps from Sunshine Development;
- heard a proposal for service and

### Police Report

#### Monthly Summary

During the month of December, there were thirty-one vehicle traffic stops made by members of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, twenty-two of them by the resident deputies. This number does not reflect the stops made during a selective enforcement card. [A "card" is a folder or report describing a particular police activity/investigation.] Six cards were opened for selective enforcement using radar. Two cards were opened for follow-up investigations. Forty-two cards were opened for Patrol Checks in Emmitsburg, 14 by patrol deputies and 28 by the resident deputies. Seven cards were opened by off-duty officers working security at the Sleep Inn on weekends.

Since 9-11-2001, when the World Trade Center was attacked, members of the Frederick County Sheriff's office

and troopers from the Maryland State Police have been working around the clock to supplement the security force at FEMA. This has continued throughout October, November, December, and January.

A problem with the doors at the Community Center appears to have been corrected. County Maintenance has repaired the doors and the building has been found to be secure when checked.

Investigations included the following:

- Commercial Alarm - 3
- Assist Fire Dept. - 2
- Assault - 2
- Burglary - 1
- Destruction of Property - 2
- Disorderly Conduct - 2
- Drug Complaint - 1
- Juvenile Complaint - 2
- Noise Complaint - 1
- Request officer - 8

### Jim Hoover for Mayor

Since August of 1998 I have served as Commissioner for the Town of Emmitsburg.

This year I am asking for your support to elect me as your Mayor.

If elected Mayor, I plan to make improvements in communications between Town Government and residents. I think it is important that the residents be aware of what the town is doing. Meeting agendas should be available to the public several days prior to public meetings. Residents and business owners should have time to plan on attending a meeting if agenda items concern or affect them.

I also plan to continue with the plans on improvements to the town's water delivery system.

There are still areas in town that have a poor quality of water delivered to homes and businesses.

This is due to the conditions of some very old water lines in town. For the past several years the town's primary concern in water service has been to replace a very old and outdated water treatment plant. Now that project is near completion, it is time for the town to focus on the replacement of some of the old water lines in town to improve water quality for everyone.

Please feel free to call me with any Town matters or concerns you may have. *Commissioner Jim Hoover*



## Members Honored at VHC Banquet

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER  
Dispatch Writer

On January 5, 2002, the Vigilant Hose Company held its 118th Anniversary Banquet at which time new officers were installed and company members were recognized for their service. The evening was a multimedia event with a visual program of reflections on the company over the past year.

Tim Clarke, president of the company for the past four years, said in opening remarks that he was extremely proud of the organization's achievements this past year in regard to the tip jar tax issue. In May 2001 the United States District Court ruled in the fire company's favor and the Internal Revenue Service dropped their appeal in September. Currently waiting for a check in the amount of \$37,000 plus interest, Clarke said, "I've been assured that the check is in the mail." Thanking the entire membership for their support in this effort, Clarke singled out Bill Sanders and Bruce Reeder for their efforts. He also thanked Frederick County Commissioner John "Lennie" Thompson for supporting them in pursuing the IRS.

Much of the atmosphere and tone for the evening was centered on the events of September 11, 2001. President Clarke reflected on the community's support of their "Fill the Helmet" campaign which began as an effort to raise \$10,000 to support families of FDNY. Because of the community's generosity VHC raised \$25,000 and was able to present a \$12,500 check to two "adopted" fam-

ilies of firefighters lost in the WTC collapse. Clarke showing his emotions said, "I will never forget the two days in New York and cannot put into words the emotions I experienced. I was never so proud of all of you when Chief Frank Davis and I presented your money to those two families. Know that all of you have truly made a difference in their lives." Clarke said he has a new perspective on life and on the ability for this country to sustain itself in a crisis.

Briefly addressing those present Mayor Carr said, "I would just like the Vigilant Hose Company to know how much the town of Emmitsburg, and the surrounding people who depend on you, really appreciate what you do." The company responded to 469 calls last year with an average of 14 personnel per call. One hundred fourteen of those calls were for medical assists; 84 were for structure responses, and 63 were for auto accidents. Representing the Maryland State Fireman's association Harry Hetz thanked VHC for being a member and supporter of the organization since the late teens and early 1920's. He recognized the company for giving approximately 6000 hours of personnel time over the past year. Equating that to the \$70.00 per hour mechanic fee to service his car, he thanked the company for contributing \$420,000 worth of man hours to the community.

The company was honored by guest R. David Paulison, newly installed U.S. Fire Administrator. Having been in Washington only a

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### Pat Boyle for Mayor

In April voters in Emmitsburg will be asked to choose a new mayor. I would like to be your choice. I was born, raised, educated, and worked in Emmitsburg my entire life.

I have served on the Town Council for four years, two of which have been as Council President. I believe I have accomplished much in my service to the town in all capacities. Since I am recently retired I can dedicate all of my time to the duties of Mayor. I believe that I am the right candidate for this important job and ask that you support me at the polls.

My priorities include replacing and repairing all the old water lines in town, and to complete repairing all the old streets in the town. I am for controlled growth in Emmitsburg and will work to expand the number of businesses in the industrial park. I share the dream of many of our citizens of one day seeing the development of a local middle school.

It is important to realize that governing in a small town is a team effort. There will always be differences in how to do something but once the decision has been made, one way or the other, the team needs to get going again. I am a team player.

I remind all citizens of the elections on April 16, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the town hall and urge them to vote.

Commissioner Pat Boyle



Fire police officers recognized at the recent VHC annual Banquet are (left) Stephen P. Orndorff, captain, and Samuel B. Cool, first lieutenant. Not shown is Roland Sanders, second lieutenant.



Newly installed line officers for VHC are seated, from left, A. Frank Davis, chief; James E. Click, deputy chief; Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr., assistant chief; and Christopher A. Stahley, captain. Standing from left are lieutenants Carl E. Angleberger, Clifton E. Shriner, Glenn Swain, Chad M. Umbel, and Carl A. White.



New administrative officers of the Vigilant Hose Company are seated from left, Timothy M. Clarkee, president; Frank Rauschenberg, vice president; Steven M. Hollinger, treasurer; Guy A. Baker, III, assistant treasurer; Steven W. Valentine, secretary; and Scott Maly, assistant secretary. Standing from left are members of the board of directors: William D. Boyd, Jr., John S. Hollinger, Leo M. Boyle, Jimmy A. Glass, and Robert A. Rosensteel, Sr. John Damskey is not shown. Photos by Raymond Buchheister for the Dispatch



## Banquet

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few short months and in Emmitsburg a couple of times a week, he recognized the town "as having one stop light, one police officer, one grocery store, seven churches, and one h... of a good fire department." He said, "This is my kind of town." Having 31 years in fire service, Paulson chose to be sworn into his new position at a fire station to remind him where he came from. Addressing the men and women of VHC he said, "I'm here to give you the tools to do your job, that's my sole purpose." Referring to the events of September 11, he said, "Our job is not done. Our United States fire service is the backbone of homeland defense." Paulson took the opportunity to further unity and camaraderie among the members saying, "We have to be diligent. We have to make sure we know what we're doing. We have to have the tools to do our job." In closing, Paulson said, "You guys are great. You do an outstanding job. You volunteer your time for your community; there is no greater service than you can give."

The evening awards ceremony

commenced by honoring individuals for their service the past year.

The top responder for 2001 was Randy Myers, followed by Larry Glass, Chad Umbel, John Glass, Vince Boyle, Chris Stahley, Carl White, Scott Maly, Gabe Baker, Doug Wivell, and Patrick "Fish" Fischer.

The top fire police responder was Sam Cool, followed by Steve Orndorff and Mike Boyle.

The top ten length-of-service award winners, based on total activities, were Carl Angleberger (with 168 points), Randy Myers (116), Cliff Shriner (109), Jim Click (101), John Hollinger (98), Scott Maly (89), Wayne Powell (88), Gabe Baker (86), Carl White (83), and Chris Stahley (77).

Years of service awards were presented to Paul Krietz, Glenn Swain, and Jason West for five years; Frank Rauschenberg- ten years; John Glass, Bob Rosensteel, Jr., and Dave Vaughn- 15 years; Hugh Boyle and Steve Hollinger- 20 years; Herb Click, Jr. - 25 years (Herb also received a life member-

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## Commentary

### Dispatch to sponsor election forum

Election 2002, to be held this April 16th, will present citizens with an opportunity to influence the continuing growth and development of this community.

Officials will be chosen to govern and manage the short-term ups and downs of running a municipal corporation. And the chosen will be faced with planning, implementing, and managing long-term changes that determine the trends that will guide the town into the future.

How this will happen depends upon a sincere partnership between the elected officials and the electorate. Conversely, little will happen unless the electorate call off their unspoken voting boycott and form a partnership with the elected officials.

If our small community adopts the notion of partnership and open dialogue among officials and voters, then "politics as usual" will be forced to yield to a creative relationship between

## Churches

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of Navy in its Naval Air System. He worked there for 28 years and retired in 1991. At that time he came home to his roots, and his vacation cabin near Fairfield became his and Lil's full-time residence. His service as a member of the Elias Lutheran Church's Council brought him to the meetings of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches, and in 1992 he became the Council's president, where he has served for the past ten years.

During Paul's presidency the Council was kept very active. It sponsored a refugee family from Bosnia; and it held an Emmitsburg Children's Day with the help of other local businesses and organizations. CROP WALK became an annual project of the Council, raising large sums of money for our local food bank and to alleviate worldwide hunger. A Christmas Candlelight Tour was enjoyed by many local citizens as well as out-of-town visitors. A "Welcome to Emmitsburg" booklet was published in 1995.

While Paul was president, the Council applied for and received its tax-exempt status. During his term the Council continued to provide financial assistance to those in need from the Emmitsburg area or its churches; it also held community ecumenical services during Lent, for Easter Sunrise, Thanksgiving Day, and Baccalaureate for the graduating class at Catocin

High School. The Council sponsors Vacation Bible School for the children of the Emmitsburg Community every summer, staffs the SHARE program, and arranges for monthly religious services at St. Catherine's Nursing Home.

Paul was also honored with a lovely plaque from President George W. Bush recognizing his service as president of the Emmitsburg Council of Churches. This is the second President Bush from whom Paul has received an award. In 1991, three weeks before his retirement, Paul went to the White House, was received by President George Bush personally, and presented with the "rank" of Distinguished Executive in the Senior Executive Service (along with a check).

On the plaque Paul received at the January meeting, President George W. Bush wrote: "One of our most important responsibilities as citizens is our duty to give something back to our communities and to make them better places for everyone to live. By volunteering your time and your talents, you demonstrate the true character of the American people."

President Bush might have known Paul Harner personally to make such an accurate statement about him and his service to the Emmitsburg community. Paul continues to serve as a member on the Council as a delegate from Elias Lutheran Church. Many thanks, Paul.

the private sector (individual citizens and businesses) and the public sector (elected officials.)

To encourage the development of a candidate/voter partnership and to set the tone for the upcoming election the *Dispatch* will sponsor an Election Forum to give candidates and voters an opportunity to exchange views, ideas, and information regarding issues to be addressed. The forum will be held at least two weeks prior to the election.

Voters need to know the candidate (not too hard in a small town). Both candidates and voters need to consider the governmental functions they will serve. A candidate once elected is not a place-holder, but must actively address issues and propose solutions. Voters, having cast their ballots, should not disappear into the night. The citizenry must stay engaged in the governing partnership and actively work with elected officials for consensus and resolution to problems.

In the March issue the *Dispatch*

will publish the details of the planned forum. One section will be questions submitted to the candidates. Voters who wish to have some of their concerns known can forward their questions to the *Dispatch* and they will be forwarded to the candidates to consider in preparing for the forum.

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ship to the company); Larry Glass- 30 years; Mike Orndorff, Roland Sanders, and Bill Weidner, Jr.- 35 years; Patrick Boyle- 40 years; John Hollinger- 55 years; and Tom Hoke- 60 years.

A Meritorious Service Award was presented to Patrick Fischer, Glenn Swain, Ronald Topper, and Jim Rice for their efforts during a late night water rescue last July when an automobile left Route 15 and was submerged in the pond at Mt. St. Mary's.

The In-Station Training Award, which is presented to the individual who completes the most hours of in-house training, department drills and recertification, was presented to Jim Click and Glenn Swain.

The Chief's Award was presented to Patrick Fischer. Chad Umbel received both the Formal Training Award and the President's Award. The Member of the Year Award was presented to Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr.

An unexpected honor came to the *Dispatch* when publishers Bo and Jean Cadle were presented with honorary memberships for their interest in the welfare of VHC and the community. Honorary membership was also presented to Jim Rice and Dr. Denis Onieal, Superintendent of the National Fire

Academy.

The World Ambassador Award was awarded to John S. Hollinger, Guy "Mac" McGlaughlin, and Sterling "Hub" White for their continued efforts in maintaining VHC merchandise for sale at the firehouse.

A 9-11 Leadership Award was established and presented to Chief Frank Davis for his leadership during the 9-11 crisis. Chief Davis maintained liaison with the FEMA Operations Center at the National Emergency Training Center to keep abreast of regional and national activities.

Also commended were Assistant Chief Robert A. Rosensteel, Jr., Lieutenant Carl Angleberger, and Karyn Mayers who helped in providing logistical support and maintaining an operations center throughout this emergency.

Inducted into the Hall of Fame, which is the Company's highest award category, were Guy A. Baker, Jr. and Thomas L. Topper (deceased member).

A memorial service was held during the ceremony for deceased member George Danner.

The banquet meal was provided by One More Tavern and the evening concluded with dancing provided by Denny & Elaine's Classic Entertainment & DJ Service.

**VHC Auxiliary makes donation in verse**

During the Vigilant Hose Company's annual banquet held January 5, Dot Davis, president of the VHC auxiliary, presented a check for \$30,000 to VHC president Tim Clarke. In making her poetic presentation, a tribute was paid to the heroes of 9-11 as well as "our hometown heroes." The poem also includes a list of what the auxiliary does in a year to support our firemen. We think Emmitsburg is fortunate to be a town where such dedicated people live. Thank you, one and all.

It's been a year since last we met  
In a setting just like this.  
I know you're listening carefully  
'Cause this poem you don't want  
to miss.

You're waiting very patiently  
To hear that magic figure;  
The one that makes us look real  
poor  
And makes your bank account  
bigger.

But first we have to talk a bit  
About more important stuff;  
'Cause what I have to say is true,  
There certainly is no fluff.

Without you guys (and gals) out  
there,  
We'd sure be in a fix  
I'm speaking now to all you folks

Who are members of Company 6.

You see I think that deep inside  
We really always knew  
But that tragic day of 9-11  
Helped clarify our view.

New York, Pa., the Pentagon;  
Our eyes were on the lost,  
Firefighters rushed to do their  
job,  
No matter what the cost.

That horrible day of 9-11;  
So many were lost at ground zero  
How sad that it took an  
event like this  
For us to recognize our heroes.

We know that every time you hear  
That beeper on your belt,  
You quickly go to help someone  
Without thinking of yourself.

No matter what the time of day,  
You're there to help  
your brothers.  
The job you do, the risks you take  
Are equaled by few others.

So now I say to each of you  
On behalf of all our guests.  
You are our hometown heroes  
And that's something we'll never  
forget!

Now that's the end of the



Recently installed officers of the VHC auxiliary, from the left, are Dorothy D. Davis, president; Betty Ann Baker, vice president; Jo Ann Boyd, treasurer; Tiffany R. Click, financial secretary; and Wanda E. Myers, historian. Joyce E. Glass, secretary, is not shown. *A Dispatch Photo*

mushy stuff,  
And you probably want  
a cold beer,  
But first I must just quickly give  
A recap of the auxiliary's year.

That special Sunday in January  
We were really on a roll.  
We cooked and helped  
raise money  
At the party for the Super Bowl.

Six Thursday nights we  
held bingo games  
Up at the ol' fire hall.  
Called numbers, sold tickets,  
we fed 'em too!  
We sure did have a ball!

July 4th we cooked up breakfast  
With the help of some of the guys.  
Sausage, eggs and chipped  
beef, too  
And a hundred pounds  
of home fries.

And don't forget  
the Frederick Fair,  
And all those darned crab cakes.  
A thousand pounds of crab meat;  
That's a heck of a lot to make!

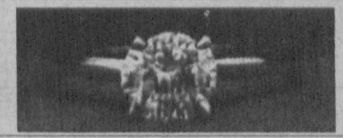
We did a bunch of other stuff,  
But I'm not one to ramble.  
Oh yes, we got a bunch of dough  
From folks who like to gamble.

And so I'll end my little speech  
'Cause you've been patiently  
waiting.  
We have some cash to give to you  
Without any hesitating.

A thirty-thousand-dollar check  
Is right here in my hand.  
And Company 6 please know  
that we  
Think what you do is grand!

*Written by Bev Adams*

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## Emmitsburg Seniors celebrate New Year's Eve

BY KATE WARTHEN  
Dispatch Writer

The Emmitsburg Senior Center was a great place to be on New Year's Eve, 2001! The group of seniors enjoyed entertainment provided by their own members. Linda and Austin Umbel were responsible for the party's success.

Entertainment by the group included a song and dance rendition of "Sisters," done by Tish Enright, Eunice Neighbors and Mary Teresa Miller.

Harpo Marx was played by Clyde McClain and his wife Helen gave a

wonderful rendition of Dolly Parton, complete with blonde wig and bosoms.

Charles Bo Bushman, gave his impression of Elvis Presley and sang several songs.

Linda Umbel presented herself as Grand Ole Opry Star Minnie Pearl. Jokes and hat were great. Ending the entertainment, Linda Umbel sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" with the lights lowered and the audience singing along.

Games were played and door prizes given out, refreshments were served buffet style, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

## Want to make a difference in someone's life?

BY LINDSEY GREENE

On February 9, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at Catoctin High School, I urge you to come and help to make quilts for the Rosebud Sioux Indian Relief Fund, or to drop off donations of food, toiletries, or clothing, especially winter coats.

This is my senior project, designed to assist the many destitute residents of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in

South Dakota, where the winters are very harsh, causing some to freeze to death. I have collected batting and fabric for over 20 full-sized quilts and need some help getting them together. Please come even if you have no prior experience, we have experts on hand.

It is tragic and embarrassing that we are the wealthiest, most powerful nation in the world and we allow our people to freeze to death. You can make a difference in someone's life.

## Dr. Morningstar/Bob Gauss Memorials

The Emmitsburg Lions Club announces the Dr. George Morningstar Memorial Scholarship and the Bob Gauss Memorial Scholarship each for a class of 2002 high school student residing in the Emmitsburg Lions Club service district. This district includes the Emmitsburg Elementary School district and the 21727 zip code.

Both of these one-time scholarships will award \$1000 for college or other post high school education based upon the merits of an essay of application produced on a computer and a cover letter signed and submitted by the applicant. This essay of application should contain such information as career goals, high school activities, non-school activities, and any other information deemed relevant by the applicant.

The cover letter accompanying the

essay will contain information that identifies the applicant so that the judges will not know the name of the applicant writing the essay. If necessary the scholarship chairman will render the essays anonymous and submit them to the judges.

Alternatively the applicant may, in a signed cover letter produced on a computer and sent by US Mail, notify the scholarship chairman that the essay of application will be e-mailed along with any other text information (no graphics) deemed relevant by the applicant.

The signed cover letter and the essay of application or the signed cover letter of notification to e-mail and the e-mailed essay of application must be received no later than midnight Saturday May 18th, 2002.

## Over 250 attend Wivell Christmas

SUBMITTED BY HELEN REAVER

Approximately 266 descendants of the late Roy & Helen Wivell attended their family Christmas Party at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall on the afternoon of December 30. Blessings for the food and for the deceased members were said by Helen Reaver.

Entertainment this year was provided by the Ed and Helen Reaver family. The Reaver grandchildren represented the Wivell brothers and sisters, ranging in ages from about 8 to 20 years. Each grandchild had a few funny sayings about each Wivell; next came a small skit from "Sister Act" featuring Anne as Sister Mary Clarence and her class were the "Sunshine Girls" (daughters/daughters-in-laws) as well as Ron Dillman and David Shields. In the scene, Anne is trying to teach them "Silent Night" but to no avail, so she calls on her Sister friends, the "Swingin' Nuns" (dressed in nuns' habits were Danny, Matt, Greg, Vince, and Brian) ...the crowd roared with laughter as they appeared on stage. Anne also had the assistance of Kathy Shields at the organ. The singing was interrupted by Sister Vincent, who wished to do another song on his own. He suddenly stripped off his nun's habit, jumped on a chair with his leather pants and did a rendition of Elvis Presley singing "I'll Have a Blue Christmas Without You." Next appeared Father Reindeer (Ed Reaver) with his deer antlers attached to a baseball cap with blinking lights to see what all the commotion in the classroom was about. He gave the audience his blessing and the skit ended with everyone singing a beautiful "Silent Night." A job well done and a lot of laughs.

Helen then honored 30-35 members of the Wivell family that served in the Armed Forces, while Lee Greenwood sang "God Bless the USA."

Paul Wivell, our narrator, gave an update on the family. We had 9 new babies, 2 adoptions, and 6 weddings for 2001. The family then recognized the Anniversary Club with those celebrating 5 - 10 - 15 years of marriage. Congratulations to Jim & Lorraine Wivell on their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were presented with a gift from the Wivell family.

Phyllis Green, (our historian) gave an update on the Wivell history. Helen Reaver was then inducted into the Roses and Thorn Club (over 62) and was presented with a certificate. Highlight of the year went to Therese Topper for her golfing expertise--getting a hole-in-one in Sunset Beach, N.C. This achievement happened on her oldest grandson's birthday, November 29. Therese received a plaque for this accomplishment.

Door prizes were then given: \$10.00-Arlene Putnam, Jay Putnam, Henry Wivell, Sr., Julie Wivell: \$5.00-Mary Wivell: Poinsettias-Jill Cornbrooks, Nick Putnam, Laurie Dillman, Janie Hoff, Ellen Wivell: Fruit baskets-Anne Wivell, Gina Fleming: We regret other two names missed.

Joyce Glass thanked the family for keeping the Wivell address book up-to-date. Bun and Carolyn Wivell thanked all those who helped with the first Walk-a-thon Scholarship Fund in honor of Doug and Mike Wivell. This year's Walk-a-thon will be on June 15 and the public is invited to join this wonderful fellowship.

A shed has been bought in Doug and Mike's memory for use by the Catoctin Booster Club to keep their supplies.

The Nativity scene was then presented by the Reaver grandchildren ...Mary, Liz Reaver; Joseph, Sean Reaver; Jesus--Kelly Glass; Shepherds, Shepherds, Patrick Reaver, David Shields, Ryan and Luke Kelly; Angels, Kathy and Carolyn Shields, Emily Kelly, Gina Fleming, Jessica, Sydney, Carrie Reaver and Adrian Wivell. Narrated by Janet Kelly.

The program ended with everyone singing "God Bless America."

There was plenty of food and casseroles for all to enjoy. Mr. & Mrs. Santa, (Dan & Anne Reaver) then presented the gifts to family members. The Wivell Family wishes everyone a Happy New Year and to pray especially for World Peace.

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### Otts celebrate 60th Anniversary



Lawrence and Viola Ott celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at home with their six children and their families. A special poem honoring the couple was read to them by their son Lee. The couple were married on December 26, 1941, at St. Anthony's Church.

The six children are Lee Ott, Emmitsburg; Judy Allis,

Waynesboro; Gloria Krietz, Thurmont; Richard Ott, Thurmont; Patsy Azzarello, Florida; and Bonnie Ott, West Virginia.

Lawrence and Viola also have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with another one due in May.

### Littles celebrate 50th Anniversary



Carroll and Anna Little of Thurmont, Maryland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2001. They were married in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Anna is the former Anna Topper of Emmitsburg, and Carroll is from the St. Anthony's area.

A celebration in their honor

was held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center. Many of their family and friends attended, enjoying lunch, music, and dancing. The event was hosted by the couple's daughters and families: Judy and Gary Miller, Joann and Keith Kneer, Linda and Larry Carty, grandchildren Mark and Danny Miller, Amy and Andrea Kneer.

### Congratulations to these new-parents:

:Lesa and Brian Morrison, Emmitsburg, a son, January 2.

Mr. And Mrs. Michael (Glenda S. Welty) Stouter, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Monday, Jan. 14

Mr. And Mrs. William (Kemberly R. Renner) Kurty, Keymar, Md. a daughter, January 15

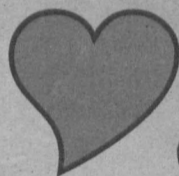
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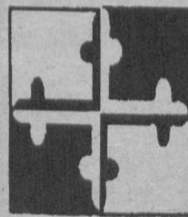


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## Legislators come to Emmitsburg for textbook rally

BY RAYMOND BUCHHEISTER  
Dispatch Writer

Despite snow the night before and a two-hour delay for school students that morning, approximately 30 people showed up for a textbook rally at Mother Seton School on the evening of January 10th. MSS was 1 of 14 Catholic schools across the Baltimore Diocese where rallies were held to encourage Maryland's governor and legislators to continue the textbook loan program in their 2003 budget.

"For two years in a row I've strongly supported text book funding for private schools," said Senator Alex Mooney, a strong supporter of school choice. Mooney, not able to attend the rally last year, brought some books from his family's personal library which he donated to honor his father who passed away last year.

Dr. Mary Helen Beirne, SSJ, Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools, read a letter from Cardinal William H. Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore. Cardinal Keeler, calling the program a matter of "fundamental fairness," said "I encourage our state and our legislators to help all these children in every way they can... and to do so on equal terms, no matter where the state finds them."

In 2000, Maryland joined 37 other states that provide aid to nonpublic-school families. Funds used for the textbook loan program are taken from

the state's \$4.7 billion tobacco settlement and the program is managed by the Maryland State Department of Education. No taxpayer money or money allocated for public schools is used. The state purchases textbooks, and then loans them to students who attend qualified nonpublic-schools. The textbook funding relief is used only to purchase secular, non-religious textbooks.

Delegate Don Elliott said "This is a no-brainer to me." He stated "Lobby groups push the message that you are taking away from our public school children. This is not true at all." He said that the focus should be on all children since they will be our adults of the future.

Delegate Paul S. Stull, a former teacher in the public school system for 31 years, said he feels our state spends money all the time on things that aren't necessary. He voted for the funding in the past and said he will continue to support the program.

Two years ago the legislature approved a \$6 million funding request for textbooks submitted by Governor Parris N. Glendening. After nearly being cut from the budget last year, an \$8 million request was cut to \$5 million. The governor has continued to keep his promise to continue the program and included \$5 million in the newly released \$22.2 billion budget for this year. The Senate is scheduled to discuss the issue on January 29th and the funding must pass the Senate before making its way to the House of Delegates.

## Catoctin High School FFA Chapter Update

Since October 25, the Catoctin FFA Chapter has been very busy. Mr. Beavan accompanied eight FFA members to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, from October 23rd to 28th. Members attending were: Carrie Muller, Beth Shriner, Jacob Flohr, Julie Roop, Laura Kieffer, Brooke Hoffman, Josh Beall and Steve Little. Sam Roop and Cathy Hoffman acted as chaperones. The Agriculture Issues team and Creed speaker received Bronze Awards. The Dairy Products team received a Silver placing. Brooke Hoffman placed 19th in the country and received a Gold Award. Congratulations to all participants.

The chapter had a float in the Catoctin High School Homecoming parade on November 1st. The theme was "CHS Goes to the Movies." The chapter chose the movie "Babe." Thanks to Josh Beall and Jake Flohr for co-chairing the float. Students who assisted were: Amanda Stine, Becca Bentz, Sherry Wike, Brooke Hoffman, Jennie Glover, Amy Hill, Bekki Castle and Michael Beall.

The chapter finished up its bulb sales on November 7th, with 171 units sold. Steven Little was the top salesperson with 36 units, Amanda Stine was second with 23 units, Michael Beall was third with 17 units, Mike Cole was fourth with 16 units and Jennie Glover was fifth with 13 units.

The State FFA, HOSHA and FCCLA Joint Leadership workshop was held November 6-8th at the Ramada Inn in Hagerstown. Shannon Whipp, Amanda Stine and Amy Hill attended from Catoctin. Shannon's

mother was the chaperone.

Fruit sales totaled 630 cases. The top five salespeople were: Jacob Flohr, 42.5 cases; Sarah Phelps, 42.5 cases; Jessica Valentine, 39 cases; Chad Hahn, 36 cases and Joshua Beall, 33.5 cases.

Junior Officer applications yielded five candidates. Those elected to office are Julie Roop, Secretary; Amy Hill, Junior Vice President; Amanda Stine, Junior Secretary; Michael Beall, Junior Treasurer.

Project PALS has started at Emmitsburg Elementary. FFA members are visiting the school about every other week. The Winter Workshop took place on December 13th. We had over 30 kindergartners in attendance! The "kids," young and old, thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

February 16-23 is National FFA Week. Plans are being made for a full week of activities. For more information call Mr. Beavan.

### Country Butchering at High School

The chapter is currently conducting its annual pork butchering sale. The butchering will take place on March 8th. Orders are due by February 26th and can be picked up between 3:30 and 7 p.m. Friday, March 8th or Saturday March 9th from 9 a.m. until noon. Prices are the same as last year.

Call Mr. Beavan at 240-236-8117 or Jessica at 301-447-6816 to place an order.

## Memorial Cemetery to make landscaping changes

The Board of Directors of the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery would like to pass on some information to the relatives of those interred in the cemetery and those who currently own lots in the cemetery (as well as those who are thinking of buying lots).

We are going to make some landscaping changes this year. The cemetery entranceway will be landscaped to complement the expected building of a highway access road for a housing development, the entrance of which will be below the cemetery. The access road will not result in relocation of the current cemetery entrance nor the brick walls lining the entrance. It is anticipated that some landscaping will be required below the entranceway.

In addition, we know that our five four by eight foot flower boxes are not

in very good shape and have decided to rebuild these boxes. Lately, we have had some problems with rabbits and other creatures gnawing around the flowers but have been told that rabbits can be kept at bay with dog hair sprinkled in the boxes. We are going to give it a try.

Last year one of the relatives indicated that she would like to plant flowers and take care of one of the boxes near her relatives' site. She did a beautiful job and has indicated she is going to do the same this year. Since there are no artificial flowers allowed after the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, primarily because of mowing accessibility (artificial flowers in the summer?), if there is anyone or any organization that would like to plant and care for a box (four foot by

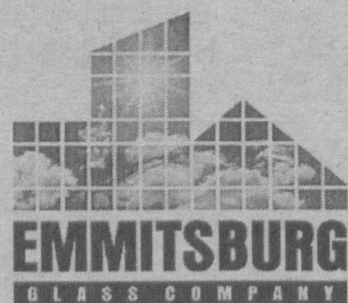
eight foot), we would welcome it.

Finally, there may be someone who reads this who owns a lot in the cemetery and does not plan to use it (maybe bought too many); the cemetery will buy it back at the price on your deed. (Actually, it would be nice if you donated it to help meet the expenses associated with the above and other possible cemetery improvements.)

Thank you.

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## Emmitsburg Lions Club Scholarship Fund Created at Community Foundation



The Lions Club and Elizabeth Prongas recently established a scholarship fund in honor of the late Dr. Harry Prongas with the Community Foundation of Frederick County. Shown are Dale Shields, president, Emmitsburg Lions Club; Elizabeth Prongas, member of Lions; Betsy Day, president, Community Foundation; and Hope Mahony, treasurer, Emmitsburg Lions Club

The Board of Trustees of The Community Foundation of Frederick County recently announced the creation of The Emmitsburg Lions Club Scholarship Fund. Started by The Emmitsburg Lions Club and Elizabeth Prongas, with memorial contributions for Dr. Harry Prongas, this fund will provide scholarships to graduating seniors from the Emmitsburg area who plan to continue their education at the post secondary school of their choice.

This fund was started in memory of Dr. Harry Prongas, who was a Professor of History, Political Science, Government, and Economics at Frederick Community College for thirty years, and a charter member of the Emmitsburg Lions Club.

"Because he devoted his own life to education, my husband was particularly aware and sympathetic to those stu-

dents who needed economic assistance. For the past ten years the Emmitsburg Lions have been caretakers of the fund, and now it has been turned over to the Community Foundation, where it can grow to provide annual scholarships for worthy high school graduates. My husband would be honored to know of this new partnership,"

said Mrs. Prongas.

The Community Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life for all people in Frederick County. Serving as a resource for philanthropy, it supports a broad range of programs, helps people to fulfill their charitable dreams, and builds permanent endowments. After more than 15 years of service, the Community Foundation now manages over 375 funds, most of which are endowed.

All contributions go directly into the fund for which they are designated. To make a contribution to this fund, indicate that your gift is for The Emmitsburg Lions Club Scholarship Fund and make checks payable to The Community Foundation of Frederick County, 312 E. Church St., Frederick, MD, 21701, 301-695-7660, or visit [www.cffredco.org](http://www.cffredco.org).

### Scholarship information for 2002-2003

The Community Foundation of Frederick County is now accepting scholarship applications for the upcoming 2002-2003 academic year.

Over 70 different scholarships are offered to Frederick County residents. The deadline for all completed applica-

tions is March 30, 2002. Applicants may review the criteria for each scholarship on the Community Foundation's web site at [www.cffredco.org](http://www.cffredco.org) or by sending for an application packet. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with 80 cents postage to 312 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701.

## Little League announces registration

BY DEAN TORGERSON  
*Secretary, Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League*

The Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League is scheduling player registration for the 2002 season as follows:

Tues, Feb. 5, 6-8 p.m., Emmitsburg Community Center meeting room across the hall from the library.

Sat., Feb. 9, 10-noon, Trinity United Methodist Church on W. Main

Sun., Feb.10, 12-2 p.m. Trinity Church

Sat., Feb.16, 10-noon, Trinity Church

Tues., Feb. 19, 6-8 p.m., Emmitsburg Community Center

The league is still in need of volunteers for senior league, minor league, and T-ball managers and coaches. The league also needs volunteers to serve as vice president for minor league and T-ball. If you are interested in volunteering, we ask that you please come to the next league meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church on W. Main Street in Emmitsburg.

## Catoctin-Aires announce free baton twirling course

The Catoctin-Aires Majorette and Color Guard Corps is now accepting registration for its annual free, four-week beginner baton twirling course. The session is being offered for youngsters from age 5 and up who are new to baton.

Taught by qualified teachers, these classes are absolutely free of any

charge. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to determine an interest level in this growing sport with no financial costs whatsoever.

The classes are planned to be held at the Emmitsburg Elementary School. All those interested must be pre-registered. For registration or more information, please call 301-271-4795 or 301-271-4326 or 717-334-5567.

## Dillon returns from Persian Gulf

Patrick Dillon, son of Charles and Shirley Dillon, has returned home from a six-month tour of duty in the Persian Gulf. ET-1 Dillon is serving in the Navy and will next be stationed at the Naval Air Station in Marietta, Georgia. He will serve his last two years there before he is eligible to retire. Patrick is enjoying his visit with family and friends.



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## Emmitsburg Elementary PTA

Please join us at our March 4 meeting at 7:00 p.m. We will be joined by a speaker from the Sylvan Learning Center who will talk with us about "lighting the motivational fire." We will learn some exciting techniques on how to motivate our children to success.

### Help wanted!!!

The PTA is in desperate need of daycare providers. As you know, the PTA provides daycare during our monthly meetings. However, recently we have been running short on volunteers to help us out. If you know of anyone who may be interested in helping out, please contact us via a note in your child's blue folder marked "Attention PTA." The only requirement is that you be at least 16 years of age. Daycare providers are compensated according to how many children are need of daycare on each particular evening.

### Look at us!!!

Emmitsburg Elementary PTA was awarded a membership award by the Maryland state PTA at their conven-

tion in November 2001.

### Membership

The PTA is pleased to announce that we now have \$2 members. Be sure to check your child's blue folder within the next couple of weeks for membership forms if you have not yet joined! This will be our last membership drive of the year.

### Movie night

Our annual movie night was held on November 16, 2001. Everyone had a "groovy" time watching *The Emperor's New Groove*. In addition to having a great time, the PTA was able to donate several bags of canned goods to the local food bank thanks to the generous parents & students who attended. Thanks to everyone who brought a donation. Special thanks to Sara Poole for putting together an entertaining evening. Thanks also go out to Kevin Poole, Michele Frech, Brandy Frech, Allyson Rohrbaugh, Betty Troxell, Barb Malick, and Cliff Eyler for their donations of baked goods, time, and cleanup!

## Emmitsburg History

### Fort Henry, Part II

*The history of the land known as Silo Hill and Emmit Gardens and the families who called it home.*

BY MIKE HILLMAN  
Dispatch Writer

With the onset of the Revolutionary War, Henry Williams, then 33, was elected second lieutenant of the Game Cock Company, one of the two companies raised in immediate area, both of which belonged to a regiment which was commonly referred to as "The Flying Camp Battalion." Henry's company was commanded by his neighbor, Capt. William Blair. Henry's brother-in-law, William Shields, commanded the second company.

When Capt. Blair fell mortally wounded at the battle of Brooklyn Heights, Henry assumed command of the "Game Cock" company. First Lieut. George Hockersmith, Blair's rightful replacement, yielded the rank of Captain to Henry on account of his great popularity with the noncommissioned officers and privates of the company.

Under Henry's command, the company participated in many hard-fought battles. Henry was always in the thick of the fray, and, because of his courage, drew the attention of George Washington and the admiration of Gen. Lafayette, to whom he reported during the final assault on Yorktown.

When the war was over, Henry returned to his farm, where he married his first wife, who died shortly after their marriage. Henry later married Jane Witherow Cooper, widow of Robert Cooper. Jane, born in 1779, was the daughter of Thomas and Margaret Barbour Witherow. With Henry, Jane had two sons, Washington, who died in infancy, and John.

While, for the most part, Henry quietly pursued the life of a farmer, he nevertheless took an active part in the politics of the nation he fought to found. In 1812, believing that DeWitt Clinton was a more energetic statesman who would carry on the war against England with more spirit and success than President Madison, and holding to

the one-term principle for the Presidency, Henry ran for, and was elected as a Presidential elector in the district composed of Frederick, Washington, and Allegheny Counties.

Henry also keep a close eye on the health of the local economy. He realized then that the area's many rivers and streams, while a necessity to the farming community, were nevertheless a major obstacle to the transposition of the goods produced by the farms to potential markets along the coast. In order to address this issue, Henry helped organize a lottery to raise funds for a bridge over the Monocacy, the remains of which can still be seen just to the immediate south of the present day Rt. 140 bridge over the Monocacy. In addition, Henry also frequently served as county magistrate, and at the time of his death in 1821 was the local justice of the peace.

Over the years, Henry Williams had reassembled his father's original holdings and added to them. In 1769, Henry bought his sister Esther's portion of the inheritance. In 1769 he traded 25 acres on the eastern most side of his farm—the bottom half of the 37-acre lot he bought from his sister—with Samuel Emmitt in exchange for 20 acres on the western side of his farm, on the western side of the bend in Flat Run. In doing so, he connected his holdings on the west and south of Flat Run.

In 1788 Eleanor Williams, who had married a John Friend and moved to Brafort County, Pa., sold her portion of the inheritance to Henry. In 1792 Henry bought 26 acres south and west of Flat Run from Jermiah Emmitt. In 1808, Henry completed his land acquisitions with the purchase of 136 acres from Benjamin Mckeen. In 1812, Henry was granted a re-survey of most of his holdings in order to bring them all under one deed. The combined property, 298 acres in all, was named

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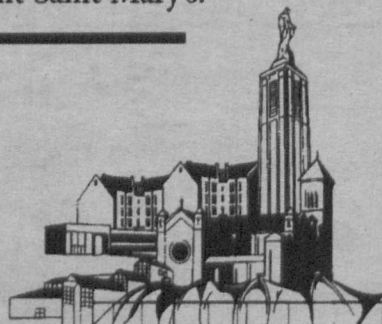
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## Obituaries

### Sister Justine Geckle, DC

A Mass of Christian burial for Sister Justine Geckle, DC., Bolivian missionary, was offered on January 8 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. Sister Justine, who was 82, died Friday, January 4, of a stroke at Villa St. Michael, the province's retirement residence in Emmitsburg where she had been a resident since 1995.

Born in Baltimore, the former Mary Elizabeth Rose Geckle graduated from Seton High School in 1936. She entered the Daughters of Charity in 1939 and was given the name Sister Justine. She pronounced her vows in 1944. Sister Justine earned a bachelor's degree in 1949 and a master's degree in nursing education in 1959, both from the Catholic University of America.

In 1940, Sister Justine began her long career as a Daughter of Charity as a child care worker at Seton Villa, Wilmington, Del., followed by two years at Sarah Fisher Home in Farmington, Mich. In 1945, Sister Justine began courses in preparation for nursing education. She attended Providence Hospital School of Nursing, Washington, D.C., and Catholic University and after receiving her degree, she was appointed operating room nurse-supervisor. She remained in that duty until 1963.

For the next 32 years [1963-1995] Sister Justine served in the Bolivian missions. There she used her hospital experience and expertise to instruct and supervise in new operating room techniques at Hospital Elizabeth Seton in Cochabamba. During these years Sister Justine trained countless hospital workers, nurses, and nursing students as well as physicians in the new technologies.

Sister Justine returned to the United States and the Emmitsburg Province in 1995. Advancing in years, she retired from active ministry and lived in Villa St. Michael.

Daughter of the late August and Mamie Eberle Geckle, Sister Justine was predeceased by five brothers and four sisters. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of Charity Support Fund for the Elderly and Infirm Sisters, 333 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

### Mrs. Lori Wiles

Mrs. Lori Ann Hawk Wiles, 38, of Emmitsburg Road, Gettysburg, Pa., died Friday, Dec. 21, at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa.

She was the wife of Graham I. Wiles.

Born July 23, 1963, in Gettysburg, she was a daughter of Wayne Allen Hawk of Okeechobee, Fla., and Connie Baker Hawk Fisher of Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Wiles was a member of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg.

She was a 1981 graduate of Catoctin High School.

Mrs. Wiles was manager of the RiteAid in New Oxford, Pa., at the time of her death.

Surviving in addition to her husband and parents are her stepmother, Rose Hawk of Okeechobee; her stepfather, Richard Allen Fisher of Emmitsburg; her grandfather, George W. Baker of Emmitsburg; two children, Joshua Wiles and Cortney Elizabeth Wiles, both of Gettysburg; one granddaughter, Taylor Marie Wiles of Gettysburg; one brother, Jeffrey Allen Fisher of Thurmont; one stepbrother, Richard Hawk of Okeechobee; three stepsisters, Kim Treadway, Michelle Preston and Bonnie Jo Schaeffer, all of Okeechobee; and seven nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 27 at Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating.

### Internment was in Emmitsburg Mrs. Kea Strickland

Mrs. Kea E. Strickland, 91, of Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg.

She was the wife of the late Lewis E. Strickland.

Born April 2, 1910, in Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Mable Martin.

She was a homemaker. In earlier years, she was a dressmaker for Pilot Blouse Co., Baltimore.

She loved baseball, especially the Baltimore Orioles.

She was a long-time member of Graceham Moravian Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Linda Bivens of Emmitsburg; one grandson, Francis L. Bivens of Emmitsburg; one great-grandson,

## February is National Pet Dental Health Month

BY DR GARY KUBALA  
Emmitsburg Veterinary Hospital

Imagine what your breath would smell like if you did not brush your teeth for a week! Imagine how your food would taste after not brushing your teeth for two months! Imagine what your mouth would feel like, if you did not brush your teeth for an entire year! Multiply this by ten years and you can only imagine what your pet's mouth feels like.

We have long known the importance of dental hygiene in our own overall health. Yet dental diseases such as periodontal (gum) disease is still the most common disease we encounter with pets. More than 20% of the pets that come to the veterinary hospital have some type of oral disease. So why are we still missing the boat in keeping our pets healthy?

Dental disease includes a full spectrum of illnesses that all stem from improper prevention. Just as in people, dental plaque leads to dental calculus which leads to dental and gum disease; the key to preventing disease is preventing plaque, the start of the cascade.

And, just as in people, toothbrush-

ing has been shown to prevent plaque in pets. Unfortunately, this is often easier said than done. In fact, this is virtually impossible in some cats. Alternatives such as rinses, gels, dental diets, and chew toys will help control plaque and are usually well tolerated and easy to administer.

However the most important part of good dental health is frequent veterinary examinations and professional cleaning. In some pets this might be needed as frequently as once a month until dental disease is under control. In other pets yearly cleaning and polishing is all that is necessary.

So when do you start? February is Dental Health Month; it's a great time to schedule an appointment for a dental evaluation and cleaning. We can then formulate a plan to help you maintain your pet's dental health that will help him live a long, active, pain-free life. Remember, dental health is more than just a pain in the mouth!!

(For more pet health information visit us at [www.emmitsburg.net](http://www.emmitsburg.net))

Austin Lee Bivens of Emmitsburg; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Martin and Ella Mae Martin; and many nieces and nephews, including nieces Edith Gordon and Sue Brown.

She will also be remembered by her grandson Francis' fiancée, Stacy Bassler.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Martin and John Martin; four sisters, Catherine Martin, Edith Jackson, Beulah Martin and Irene Martin; brother-in-law, Edward Jackson; son-in-law, Tommie A. Bivens; and sisters- and brothers-in-

law, Lois and Tom Hogan, Leona and Carl Alderman, John and Mary Strickland, and Robert and Sidney Strickland.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 18, at Stauffer Funeral Home, 104 E. Main St., Thurmont, with Dr. James L. Fisher officiating.

Interment was in Parkwood Cemetery, Baltimore.

### A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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## Remembering Alfred Gilbert

**REV. R. BENJAMIN JONES**  
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**Church**

On Sunday, January 13, at the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church a service was held to celebrate the life of Alfred Gilbert who died December 18, 2001 at age 94. Al had been organist at the Presbyterian Church for thirty-five years and played his last service there on October 14, 2001.

For twenty of those thirty-five years I have been pastor at the church and came to know Al well. He was a pianist whose first job was playing for silent movies; he thought he was set for a career until the "talkies" came in. His organ playing (he confided that he had only one lesson) had something in it of the drama of the movie playing and also the intuitive warmth of the cocktail lounge player which he was for many years in Pittsburgh.

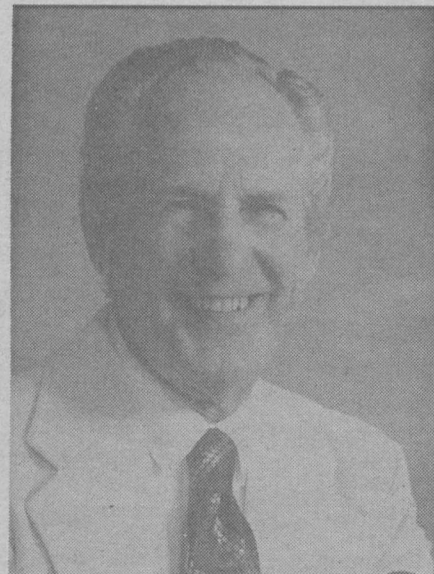
Al always looked far younger than his years and I think he could be taken for 65 until just a few years ago. He liked to dress in bright colors (favoring yellow) and loved to tell others what

they should wear ("you should wear more yellow, Bengie," he said to me often.) He told me that once he wore a bright yellow suit and as he walked down the street some kids said, loud enough for him to hear, "that old guy looks like a banana." He took no offense and laughed when he told it. And, he kept on wearing yellow.

Along with a good sense of humor, Al was a man of strong opinions and said what was on his mind. While his ideas were often presented in an abrupt fashion, he was a gentle man of good manners and a good, patient listener. He read widely and thought about what he read.

My wife Becky and I made plans some time ago to take Al to dinner and the opera in Baltimore. The Lyric was showing *The Barber of Seville* and it was the 13th of October. Just before the event he wrote to a family member "...looking forward to the 13th" for we have all plans made to go to the opera, am not wearing a tux!!!! Expect to have a grand time."

It was the last thing he ever did. He was already more ill than any of us knew and the next day, Sunday, after he



**ALFRED GILBERT**

played the organ at the service for the last time we took him to the Gettysburg Hospital. A series of strokes caused increasing confusion and he died a little more than two months later.

Alfred Gilbert was a character in the very best sense of the word. His talents and personality enriched us. In our memorial service we celebrated his life and thanked God for him. And now we miss him.

## Archdiocese honors local parishioners with Medal of Honor

On Sunday, January 27, 2002, during a Mass at St. Ann Church in Hagerstown, Maryland, Bishop W. Francis Malooly, Western Vicar for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, awarded Archdiocesan Medals of Honor to five local parishioners: **Loretta Adelsberger** - St. Joseph, Emmitsburg; **Chris and Kathy Cashiola** - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,

Thurmont; **Robert A. Seidel, Sr.** - St. Joseph, Emmitsburg; and **Ralph Snyder** - St. Anthony Shrine, Emmitsburg. They were five of 16 persons honored from 12 different parishes scattered across the central region of Maryland.

The Archdiocesan Medal of Honor is awarded to men and

women in the Archdiocese of Baltimore in recognition of their outstanding service to the Archdiocese and their respective parishes or institutions.

*When asked, "What can I do?" I've found the answer frequently can be found by rearranging the words into the answer, "Do what I can."*

—Ten Menten

## Ecumenical Worship Services For Lent

**February 17** - At the Basilica, with Rev. Jim Hannon of St. Anthony's Shrine.

**February 24** - At Tom's Creek United Methodist Church, with Rev. Ted Haas of Incarnation United Church of Christ.

**March 3** - At Trinity United Methodist Church, with Rev. Dave Knodel of Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church.

**March 10** - At United Presbyterian Church, Sr. Carol Czyzewski, FSFSJ

**March 17** - At Incarnation UCC, with Rev. Bill Warehime of Tom's Creek United Methodist Church.

**March 24, Palm Sunday** - At Elias Evangelical Church, with Rev. Wade Martin of Trinity United Methodist Church.

**March 31, Easter Sunday** (6:30 a.m.) - At Grotto of Lourdes Chapel, Rev. Benjamin Jones of the United Presbyterian Church.

All Lenten services will begin at 7:30 p.m., with light refreshments after the service. St. Joseph's Catholic Church invites all to attend its regular Stations of the Cross service each Friday during Lent at 7:30 p.m., except for February 22 when there will be no service of the Stations of the Cross.

The speakers at the Lenten services will be bringing to the congregation Lenten messages of their own personal journeys of faith. You are urged to attend all of the ecumenical Lenten services and participate in the fellowship of believers.

Emmitsburg Council of Churches' officers for 2002 are: President, Audrey Glass; Vice-president, Rev. Bill Warehime; Secretary, Ms. Kathy

## Emmitsburg Area Churches

### **Incarnation United Church of Christ**

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

124 West Main St.

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Interim Pastor: Rev. Ted Haas

301-447-2270

### **Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church**

*St. Joseph's Parish dates its beginning to 1786. Rev. Matthew Ryan was the first resident Pastor. The Parish has been administered by the Vincentian Community since 1852. The present church was completed in 1842.*

100 N. Seton Avenue

Weekly services: Monday - 7:30 p.m. (with the Miraculous Medal

Novena); Tuesday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Evening - 4:30 p.m.; Sundays - 8:00, 10:15, 12:00 noon.

Pastor: Reverend James O. Kiernan, C.M.

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### **St. Anthony Shrine**

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

16150 St. Anthony's Road

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

Pastor: Reverend James W. Hannon

### **Trinity United Methodist Church**

*Trinity United Methodist Church was founded in 1833. The present sanctuary was built in 1807. Trinity has been a religious presence in Emmitsburg for 168*

years.

313 West Main St.

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

Pastor: Reverend Wade A. Martin

### **Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church**

*Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church has been a part of the Emmitsburg Community since before the American Revolution. The original meeting house stood about a mile north of Emmitsburg along the Gettysburg Rd. The grave of Samuel Emmitt, founder of Emmitsburg, is located in the old cemetery.*

415 West Main St.

Service 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend R. Benjamin Jones

### **Tom's Creek United Methodist Church**

10926 Simmons Road

Sunday Services at 8:15 and 10:30

Pastor: Rev. Bill Warehime

301-447-2693

### **Elias Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*In 1797 the Lutheran and Reformed congregations built a sanctuary in Emmitsburg after they outgrew their shared church at Tom's Creek. The Reformed congregation constructed a new church in 1869 on West Main Street while the Lutherans remained in the stone church where they continue to worship today.*

100 West North Avenue

Service of the Word, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship Service (Holy Communion) 10:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor: David. S. Knodel

301-447-6239

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



By DOLORES HENKE  
Secretary

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Memorial Post 6658 was held recently with President Mary Topper conducting the meeting. Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and other correspondence, the Treasurer, Rita Byard, gave her report. Tammy Working, was voted into the organization as a new member.

The activities of the past month were given. Gloria Bauerline, Chaplain, shopped for the gifts to be given to the fifteen local shut-ins. She visited these individuals and distributed a Christmas remembrance to each one. Gloria mentioned how much she enjoys visiting with our friends in Emmitsburg; they, too, enjoy her visit. She also sent a gift certificate to Betty Krom, our Gold Star Mother.

Mary Topper reported on other activities of the holidays. On December 8, 2001, Hazel Musselman, Lois Hartdagen, Maria Topper, Joan Tracey, Don and Rita Byard, and Mary Topper helped to prepare 90 fruit baskets to be taken to the V.A. Medical Center in Martinsburg. Rita Byard, Martha Hemler, and Mary Topper shopped for the items to be given to the veteran, slippers, white socks, nail clippers, and combs. Homemade goodies were given to the veterans on 5A and C and the 6' floors. The President thanked the following members for donating various cakes and cookies: Hazel Musselman, Betty Lupinski, Rita Byard, Maria Topper, Evelyn Ott, Jane Gingell, Dolores Henke and Joan Tracey.

On December 9, 2001, the following made the trip to Martinsburg: Don Byard, Sterling Goulden, Evelyn Ott,

Rita Byard. In addition, a monetary gift of \$300 was given to the Center by the Auxiliary; the men of the Post also contributed this amount. The money is to be used for shaves and hair cuts for the veterans and for Canteen Books which has a monetary value to be used in the Canteen. Remembering our veterans at Christmas time brings enjoyment, not only to them, but to the members of the Auxiliary and the Post. The Auxiliary appreciated having the men of the Post help in a monetary way with these activities and also their help in carrying out this project. Auxiliary members, Martha Hemler, Mary Topper, Beth Miller and Cherry Cain shopped for the various items to be purchased; such as tote bags, Christmas stuffed toys, toiletries, combs, etc to be given to the 69 residents of St. Catherine's Nursing Home. On December 21, 2001, members of the Emmitsburg VFW Post 6658 and Auxiliary members visited St. Catherine's Nursing Home.

The following Auxiliary members and Post members helped Santa Claus give out the Christmas gifts: Rita Byard, Beth Miller, Maria Topper, Joyce, Rosensteel, Mary Topper, Don Byard, and Gene Rosensteel. The Auxiliary also donated \$100 to the Pregnancy Center as well as gifts of clothing and toys.

In other business, President Topper gave a report on the results of the essay contest sponsored by the auxiliary. The topic for this contest was "Is Freedom Really Free?" First Prize was won by Kelly Zier, 2d Prize, Jennifer Armstrong and Third Prize was given to Rachael Hallinan. The participating contestants were from Mother Seton School. Refreshments were served by Mary Topper. Rita Byard won the draw prize.

## History from page 10

"Fort Henry." In 1820, Henry died in his home at his beloved Fort Henry. Following his death, Jane continued the operations of the farm.

In 1825 Jane's sister Sara died. Six years later Sara's husband, Alexander, died, leaving a large family dependent upon the good will of their extended families. The children of Sara went to live on the great Fort Henry estate of their aunt Jane. The fondness Jane Williams had for her sister's youngest son, Alexander, was demonstrated by her decision to follow a long-held farming tradition which called for the youngest son in a family to inherit ownership of the farm.

The logic of this tradition stems from the fact that when a husband lost his wife, usually in childbirth, he would remarry, and more often than not, have a second family with the new wife. As a result, it was not untypical for the age gap between the old and youngest child to exceed 30 years. By the time the last child was ready to make his own way in the world, the older ones had long since established their own farms or business, leaving the youngest in the enviable position of staying on the home farm and carrying on.

John Williams, Jane's only son, had little interest in taking after his father in

farming Fort Henry. Instead he pursued his own interest, eventually rising to prominence in his own right to become the editor of the Frederick Examiner, and later president of the Frederick County National Bank. So in 1853, a year before her death, Jane sold Fort Henry to her nephew, Alexander L. Horner 3rd, for \$7,000. Upon her death, Jane was buried next to her husband Henry and their 4-month-old son, Washington, in Tom's Creek Presbyterian Church cemetery.

The final resting spot of the Williamses is one of the prettiest in a cemetery that is in itself the prettiest in the area. A well-maintained wrought-iron fence surrounds the grave site, and an old growth cedar provides shade in the summer, and protection from the biting winds of winter. Standing next to the grave, one can look down the gentle slope towards the distant town of Emmitsburg, over land which the Williamses once called home.

To see how Fort Henry looked on a map in 1790, visit the Emmitsburg Historical Society's section of [emmitsburg.net](http://emmitsburg.net). Or better yet, join them at their next meeting, Feb 18th at 7 p.m. in the Library.

(To read more articles about this topic visit the history section on [emmitsburg.net](http://emmitsburg.net))

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# The (retired) Ecologist Corner: of grapes and fox

By Bill Merédith

*Take us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes.*

...The Song of Solomon

February is here again, and it's time to prune the grapevine. I do it more out of tradition and the sense of caring for an old friend than for the promise of jelly or wine; it's over the hill and on the downslope of life. When my wife and I started dating in 1951, it was already old, growing in the yard where she lived in Jordan, W. Va.. Shortly after we married in 1955, her parents moved to Fairmont, and they took it with them; they pruned it back, and it survived the transplanting to flourish in their new yard. A few years later they moved again, but there was no place for the grapevine at that house, so they gave it to us. We planted it in what was then the corner of our garden, now the yard of our new house. That was not a particularly good place for it... too wet and shady... but it survived, and remains there now, 50 years old plus whatever age it had attained before I met it.

I pruned the vine last spring and

was rewarded by a good growth of new branches, which bloomed well and set on a promising crop of grapes; but the weather turned dry in June and they all shriveled up. Late last summer I was sitting on the porch one evening contemplating my cigar, the state of the world, and the field mice in the flowerbed when a gray fox appeared under the grapevine. It sniffed at the mummified grapes, trotted over to the plum tree in front of the house to sample the fruit on the ground, and then investigated the mouse trails in the flowerbed. I watched it several minutes until the neighbor's dog started barking and it darted away.

We have two kinds of foxes in this area. The red fox, which is more abundant but also more wary, is variable in color; it sometimes is gray, and may range from the textbook tawny reddish color to almost black. It has a long nose, which gives it a shifty, devious look. The gray fox is more consistently colored, grizzled iron-gray on the back and tail, reddish on the neck and head, white under the throat, and with a black tear-streak extending from each eye down to its muzzle. Its nose is shorter and more shapely, resulting in an alert, intelligent look; it is a beauti-

ful animal in every respect. It eats mice, insects, and whatever else it can find; it can climb small trees if the branches are right, to reach fruit or to escape from pursuers.

The first time I saw a gray fox around here was in the spring of 1989, when we still lived in the old house across the alley. It was a warm, sunny afternoon in April; I was recovering from the flu, and had a backlog of exams that needed urgently to be graded and returned to my class. I was desperate to get out of the house, so I bundled up, got a lawn chair, and sat down in the sun in the back yard with a pile of exam papers in my lap. Now, reading exams is the most boring task ever invented by God or man; the sun was in my eyes; and heat waves were rising off the ground, giving a wavy, dream-like motion to the landscape. All this, plus my flu medication, had its predictable effect. I was just nodding off when a gray fox slipped through the barberry hedge and started across the yard. It seemed to be trotting along in slow motion, but its feet weren't touching the ground... it appeared to be floating on the heat waves. I stared at it in wonderment; the realization dawned upon me that gravity doesn't work on foxes. Then it occurred to me, still in slow motion, to go and get my wife so she could share the excitement of discovering this new law of physics; but as soon as I moved, both I and the fox came back to reality. The fox turned in mid-air and hit the ground running, and was through the hedge and gone before I was out of my chair.

We built our new house that summer, and the fox took up residence in a brushpile behind the back yard. We surmised that it was a female with a litter, because we often saw it carrying food toward its burrow. That winter,

we regularly saw it eating crabapples under the tree in the back yard, and I was concerned because it seemed to be injured; it walked on three legs, carrying its left front foot, although it would run on all four when alarmed. One evening as I watched, it limped behind the crab tree, but when it came out the other side it wasn't limping any more; and then I noticed that it had lost two-thirds of its tail! After a moment I realized that there were two foxes under the tree. The newcomer was a big, rough-looking male who bore a strong resemblance to T. S. Eliot's Growltiger cat; he was obviously the survivor of many battles, and had ragged ears to go with his battered tail. A relationship was evidently well under way.

There is a narrow line between lovemaking and aggression among most carnivores, and our foxes were no exception. We heard them yapping and snarling at each other late into the night for the next several days; from the bedroom window we could see them darting among the shrubbery like shadows, and each morning brought to light additional tracks in the snow all over the yard. They especially seemed to like the area behind the boxwood by the porch. The male left after a while, but we saw the female occasionally throughout that spring; and late in June, still limping, she brought five kits out to play in the back yard on sunny afternoons. They were in the puppy stage, falling over each other and tumbling about, while she sat in the shade and watched them with an anthropomorphic expression of mixed weariness and pride on her face.

She stayed around for the next three years. She was courted by another male, this one with a full, handsome

(See Ecologist on page 16)

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
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# One Winter Night: Remembering ice and fire

BY JEANETTE THOMAS  
Dispatch Writer

When I first began writing a column for the *Dispatch*, I was a little afraid that I was putting too much of my own story in the sketches of life in Rocky Ridge.

But then someone gave me an issue of a stamp-collecting magazine and right there on the front page, the editor said something like: "In sharing our hobbies, we also talk about our own lives. So you get to know us." So then I figured my approach was all right!

I have been away. Gettysburg, Randallstown, work and more work. Now I'm back in Rocky Ridge. I haven't had a chance to see what is going on now in this small town. I thought I'd just reminisce a little.

It seems like lots of people in this area talk about how much colder and how much "worse" the winters were long ago, compared to now.

That is something I, too, seem to remember. And lately I've been remembering a vivid picture from childhood here in rural America. I don't remember how old I was, but it was the first year my growing feet were big enough to fit my mother's slender white ice skates. I was overjoyed! And they were so pretty!

My brothers had some old brown leather hockey skates my grandfather had given us, and they took me up to the old fire pond behind Mt. Tabor Church.

The pond was thick with ice, and I

remember the thrill of setting out there on my own while my brothers played between themselves. I don't remember having difficulty getting the hang of it—it seemed to come naturally. And I thrilled at the smooth gliding, and the bumps in the ice, and the heart-stopping when suddenly a cracking let loose in the silence.

But the time I remember best—and this plays like a silent movie in my psyche—and a treasured memory among them all—is one night when we went out to the pond.

We walked up through deep snow, following the trail in the field, and trekked through the square and down over the hill. I don't remember first getting there. I just have the feeling of the sacred dark, and the stars, and being far out there on the ice, complete in my solitary dance.

And there on the shore, a bonfire. It seemed as if the whole town of Rocky Ridge was gathered around this climbing flame, laughing and talking, and their joy carried over the ice. I could feel the joy and the gaiety even though I was way too shy to approach the circle around the fire. Years later I was told that Bobby and Kenny Mumma got out their small yard tractors to clear the pond of snow for just such gatherings. And that it happened other times, as well.

I just remember that once—feeling far, far away—with the scritch, scritch of my blades in the night. And the fire on the shore.

Warming my heart in the dark.

# Rocky Ridge News

BY EMMA KEENEY  
Dispatch Writer

## Birthdays for February

Happy Birthday Greetings to: Emma Lous Harris, Johnathon Moser, Jeanette Miller, Philip Dinterman, David Dinterman, Bruce Bealle, Scott Moser, Albert Stambaugh, Chris Roser, and Greg Moser.

Happy Anniversary to Donald and Betty Brown

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Carrolton Houck who passed away December 30th.

MT. Tabor Lutheran Church and Mt. Tabor UCC Church will have a worship service on Ash Wednesday, Feb 17.

Jan 6: The Mount Tabor Lutheran Church installed members for the Council, Park, and Cemetery Boards.

Council: Arlene Bowers, Helen Burrier, Lois Late, Betty Ann Mumma, Pat Haines, Carolyn Keilholtz, Kathy

Sixx and, Bonnie Sanders

Park Board: Helen Kling, Dennis Mathias, Vernon Keilholtz, and Dave Wiles

Cemetery Board: Mary Ellen Cummings, Betty Lee Mumma

Jan. 13 - The Mount Tabor United Church of Christ installed Council, Park Board, and Cemetery Board members. Council: Michael Smith, Emma Lou Harris, Kathy Wolf, Wand a Smith, Bill Dinterman, Rosie Stambaugh, Betty Moser, and Anna Mae Wachter

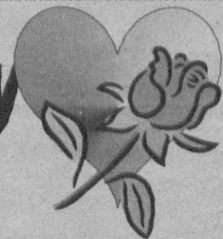
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tail, and she appeared to be lactating when we saw her in the summer, but she did not bring families into the open yard any more. Eventually she disappeared.

On my walks over that period of time, on several occasions I found dead foxes; most were young ones found in the early winter, killed by dogs or shot by hunters. Gray foxes have been known to live 10 years in captivity, but in nature they lead a precarious existence; even in the best of times, not more than one in four survive their first year. Through the '90's we occasionally heard them barking in the woods behind the house in the springtime, and would see them in the winter under the crab tree or sniffing for mice around the woodpile; but for the past few years there were none. But then, last month the one that came to the yard last summer reappeared under the crabapple tree, accompanied by an enthusiastic partner. Hope persists:

*There are shadows in my yard at night;*

*They run and play and growl and fight,*

*And dart behind the yews and boxes*

*To work at making little foxes.*

The old grapevine still waits in the corner of the yard where the crippled vixen and her bob-tailed mate courted twelve years ago. It hasn't produced many grapes, tender or otherwise, in recent summers; but maybe this year will be different. It would be nice to have some little foxes to share them with.

*(To read more articles by Bill Meredith visit the Dispatch on emmitsburg.net)*

**Rocky Ridge** from page 15**CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN NEWS**  
By Patsy Free

Belated Birthday wishes to: Pat Eichelberger, Mary Knipple Andrew, Lucas Putman, Wanda Stover and Elmer Lambert

February birthday wishes to: Lacey Wolfe, Naomi Rice, Patricia Lutz, Frances Bostian, Rachel Eichellberger, Daisy Smith, Orville Black, Wayne

Hooper, Greta Lambert, Vic Kelly Jr., and Shayna Beard

Happy Anniversary to Brian and Lynn Ott and Dick and Nancy Glass

**Rocky Ridge Fire Company News**  
By Linda Northrup

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary held their annual Christmas Party on December, 2 at the Rocky Ridge Activities Building with the delicious dinner being prepared and served by the Rocky Ridge Fire Company members. To get us in the

Holiday Season spirit the entertainments was provided by Bonnie Sanders and Rocky Birely playing Christmas songs, and the singing of some songs. It was an enjoyable and relaxing evening.

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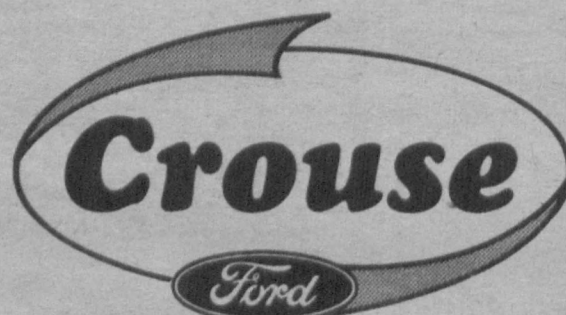


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# St. Anthony Shrine/OLMC News

BY ANN MARSHALL  
Dispatch Writer

The past weekend included three special events for the sister parishes of St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Father James Hannon, who has been serving the parishes of St. Anthony Shrine and Our Lady of Mount Carmel for the past year, was officially installed,

to much applause, as pastor on Sunday, January 27, 2002, at the 9:30 Mass at SAS. Bishop Francis Malooly, vicar for Western Maryland, presided at the Mass and installation service. A reception in the parish hall followed the ceremony.

The Archdiocesan Medal of Honor was awarded to Ralph Snyder of St. Anthony Shrine and to Kathy and Chris Cashiola of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday afternoon, January 27, at St.

Ann Church, Hagerstown. They were among 18 people from the Central Region of the Archdiocese who were so recognized and honored. The medal was bestowed by Bishop Francis Malooly. The parishes congratulate the honorees and thank them for their years of care and commitment.

OLMC Parishioner John Hawkins, who is preparing to become a permanent deacon, has reached the halfway point in his three-year course of studies. On January 25, he and 17 others were installed as lectors and acolytes at

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Towson, MD

The permanent diaconate flourished in the early centuries of Christianity and was restored by the Second Vatican Council as a partial solution to the shortage of priests. Most permanent deacons are married men with full-time secular jobs who devote their free time to the Church. Mrs. Hawkins and the couple's four young children, as well as his mother and several staff members from SAS/OLMC attended the installation. He will be ordained in May 2003.

The Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated after Masses next weekend: on February 9th after the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Anthony Shrine, and on February 10th after the 11 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This ceremony seeks the healing touch of God for anyone who is ill in body, mind, or spirit.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at OLMC Parish Center on February 12th. This is a service project of the current Confirmation class.

Ash Wednesday Masses are 8:00 a.m. at OLMC and 7:00 p.m. at SAS.

Stations of the Cross will be recited each Friday except Good Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. at OLMC Church.

The Rosary is recited after the 8:00 a.m. Mass each weekday.

Altar Flowers for Both Parishes for the last weekend in January were donated by Sharon Ochoa and Family in memory of Isidro and Vivian Flores.

The February Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21, at St. Anthony's Upper Hall at 7:00 p.m. The budget process will begin at this meeting.

Offertory Statements for 2001 may be requested by calling the Parish Office 301 447 2367 as soon as possible.

Envelopes for 2002 have been mailed. If you have not received envelopes and would like to, please call the Parish Office, 301 447 2367. Children's envelopes are also available.

New deadline to submit items for the parish bulletin is Wednesday Noon, a week and a half before the weekend when the bulletin is published.

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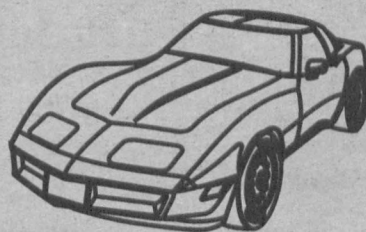
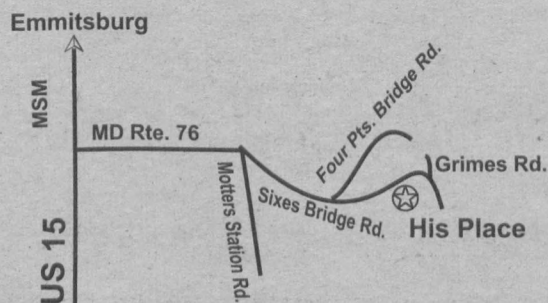
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## Library News

BY SUE CARDELLA  
Children's Librarian

The days are already noticeably longer, and February brings with it the midpoint of winter, but it's still cold outside. Come in out of the cold to your local library and check out our entertaining, informative, and warm events.

We will continue with preschool story time on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This month Babies with Books, which is held the third Thursday of each month, will be on February 19th at 10:30. As stated last month we now ask that you register for all programs, which may be done in person or by phone. Programs, in order to be held, need at least five participants.

Beginning Tuesday, February 26th, we will introduce a new program called Two's Terrific (ages 24-36 months), which will run as a three-week series: Feb. 26th, March 5th, and March 12th. We ask that you sign up for all three weeks. There is limited space available, so be sure to sign up soon.

The Tuesday night Book Club, which meets on Feb. 12th, will discuss *The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya*

*Sisterhood*. The Friday afternoon Book Club, which meets on Feb. 8th, will discuss *John Adams*.

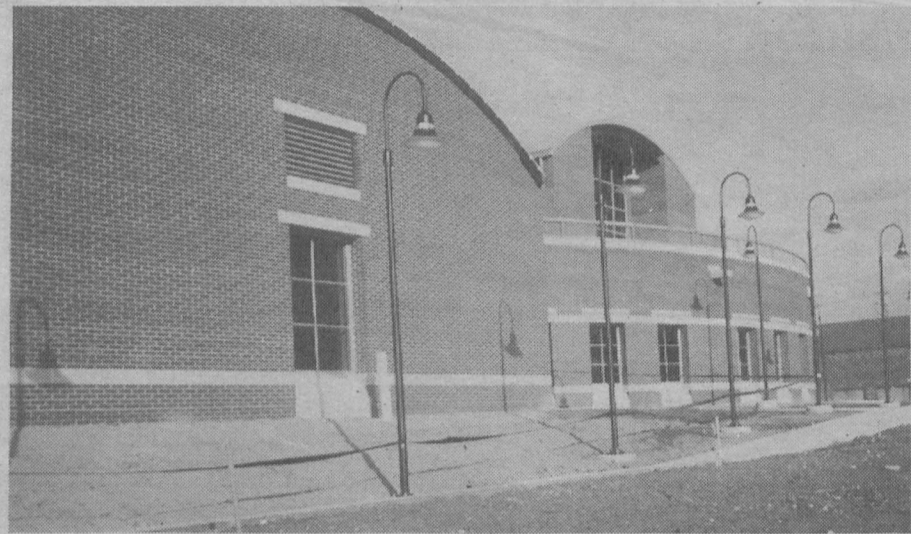
Our adult program for the month is Valentines Vittles; it will be held on Monday, February 4th, at 7 p.m. This program features Chef John Hovde of the Carriage House, who will demonstrate the preparation of a special valentine dinner, including a chocolate fondue tasting. Registration is requested and the snow date is February 11th.

On Friday, March 1, at 10:30 we will have an introduction to FCPL databases for home-schooled families. These databases encompass a variety of topics, including art, literature, facts, and general student resources. Most of them can be accessed from home via the Internet, using your library card number.

The Teen Advisory Board will also hold its first meeting this month. We do know that the meeting will be held at Pizza Hut, but the date has not yet been determined. If you are interested contact me, Sue Cardella.

Please note that we will be closed on Monday, February 18th, for Presidents' Day.

For information or to register for programs call 301-447-2682. We look forward to seeing you.



Facing Carroll Creek, and almost opposite Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, the new C. Burr Artz library in Frederick awaits final landscaping along walkway. Photo courtesy Caryl Austrian

### New user-friendly power for library patrons

BY ERIN DINGLE, FCPL

Frederick County Public Libraries have launched their brand new automated system, Sirsi's iBistro Electronic Library. The iBistro system will put the power of information in the hands of Frederick County Library patrons. With iBistro, patrons will have easy online access to library holdings and services and be able to do more than ever from their home computers. Password-protected access to accounts via [www.fcpl.org](http://www.fcpl.org) will allow library users to see what they have checked out and due dates, plus they'll be able to renew items for an additional three weeks. The power of iBistro now allows patrons to place their own holds on titles in the FCPL database. Just a

click on the library catalog icon will bring iBistro's powerful search capabilities, account information, links to best seller lists and important information about Frederick County Public Libraries right into homes, offices or laptops. Available wherever there's a hookup, FCPL and iBistro will provide an impressive connection to the 21st century.

Frederick County patrons who want to take advantage of iBistro's patron enhanced features will need to obtain a PIN number at their local branch. Library staff can now add an e-mail address to patron information so that library users can be notified via e-mail when requested materials arrive at their branch library. Library staff in all branches would be happy to share information or give instruction on the new iBistro electronic library features, so stop by soon.

### New for Teens

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# Guerrilla LEARNING reviewed by ...

**JACK DEATHERAGE, JR.**  
Dispatch Writer

"I try never to let my schooling get in the way of my education" -  
—Mark Twain

My first two days of school are recalled with a clarity that still upsets me after 41 years. My opinions on "schooling" are tainted by those days. Betrayal, fear, and anger will always be foremost when I think of school.

My dad later added confusion to my schooling; He was a 36-year-old sergeant in the Air Force, father of four at the time, coming home and spreading his school books on the living room floor. Dad had dropped out of school, but he completed his high school education while in the military and continued to take courses as they caught his interest. Dad enjoyed his studies! I hated mine!

I've realized it wasn't "schooling" Dad wanted for us, it was "education." Dad was as confused about the two as I was. He thought education occurred in school and I was learning that it occurs everywhere, sometimes anywhere but school!

From the "New Books" shelf at the Emmitsburg branch of the Frederick County Public Library, I recently pulled a book called *Guerrilla LEARNING: How to give your kids A REAL EDUCATION* with or without school, by Grace Llewellyn and Amy Silver. I'm a fan of the Guerrilla series of business books, so the title caught my eye. None of the home-schooling books I've read impressed me, other than the curriculum we're using, and I didn't have much hope for *Guerrilla LEARNING*, despite its title.

Within a few pages I had confirmation of my views. Schooling does not mean education! Oh, schools can and do provide some benefit to a minority

of children, those who can thrive in such places. Because school systems have to control large numbers of children, schools have little choice but to curb natural learning processes. Children have learning rates and interests as varied as the children themselves. While schools of today offer a more varied system of instruction, they can not begin to accommodate every child's needs. Add a few generations conditioned to believe that schools provide education beyond anything parents can do and we find ourselves with children abandoned to incapable schools by confused, ignorant parents.

*Guerrilla LEARNING* offers parents choices for getting their kids the education all of them desire and too many are denied. While schools often blame parents for kids failing academically, I have only recently had a couple of teachers tell me that home-schooling was the best thing I could do for my child. Even if I didn't do a very good job of it, any effort I made was more valuable than all they could do! Parents are the primary educators of their children!

Rather than merely listing sources for various subjects, *Guerrilla LEARNING* explains the "why" and "how to." More importantly the authors urge the parents to get back into "learning" themselves.

Learning is a life-long process, always a beginning. Give children a chance to use their inborn desire to learn and many more of them will retain their desire for education in spite of "school."

Check out *Guerrilla LEARNING*, especially if you aren't home-schooling. If you haven't stopped educating yourself, you'll learn something and your kids will benefit from it. Come to think of it, anyone capable of seeing a child languishing in or suffering through school could get a clue from this book.

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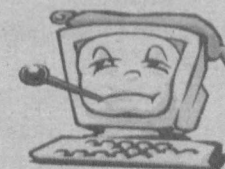
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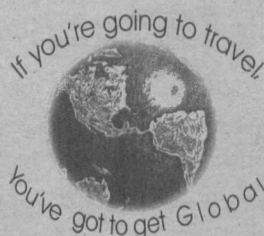
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# From the Desk of Dr. Bonita J. Portier, D.O.

## Domestic Violence

Outwardly, at least, all of the TV commercials would have it that the winter holidays— Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year's—are times for celebration, family bonding. Lots of love and dollars are spread around as if there is an unlimited supply. The reality is sometimes the stress and pressure of unlimited expectations can push folks to their limits. Sometimes folks are always at their limits anyway. The concern is that tension leads to shouting leads to violence. Or maybe violence without any warning. Perhaps 40 percent of the population are affected.

Neither money nor education nor life status seems to influence or protect folks from being either perpetrators of violence or victims of violence. There is greater risk for the elderly as frustrated care takers "let loose" on the dependent person in their charge. Women are at greater risk than men, but men also are abused. Children suffer and do not know how to protect themselves or their loved ones. Children who have been physically or sexually abused are at greater risk of doing the same to others. When I was doing my internship, a 7-year-old boy

was admitted to our psychiatric center because he had sexually violated his 5-year-old sister multiple times. Investigation showed an adult had sexually violated him. One could see in his eyes how broken he was and that he would probably be broken forever. It broke my heart, both for him and his sister. Too often physical injury, sometimes costing a life, is the result of another's unchecked rage. Regret later does not heal the damage.

Medical influences can be high blood pressure, chronic illnesses such as asthma or diabetes and arthritis, alcohol dependence, depression, and anxiety. Other predisposing illnesses include personality disorders, autistic traits, schizo-affective disorders to mention a few.

Cultural influences include family history of violence where the yelling and screaming and hurting seem just the way folks communicate. Seventy percent of victims of such violence carry the tendency to perpetuate that same violence. Much of our music, movies, TV all support violent answers to complex problems. Violence as a nation seems to be the ultimate solution. It is hard for us to rise above this flood of data input and set aside our physical power and work toward solutions that take more time and energy.

As with any medical problem, a chronic illness that can lead to bodily injury or demise needs intervention. Avoiding treatment whether perpetrator or victim is not an acceptable option. If you recognize this tendency in yourself or if others have noticed a problem, do not hesitate to seek medical assistance and social assistance. Folks have dedicated their whole education just to be there for you. If you are a witness to such situations, do everything you can to obtain help for those involved. Sometimes medical attention is enough. In some situations legal assistance—part of the social arm of help—is needed. Psychiatric and social services are also sometimes needed.

It takes courage to get help, it takes courage to go with the slower non-violent solution, it takes courage to trust formal institutions of assistance. Brave we must be. Talk to your primary care provider: we are not there to judge, but to help any way we can. In Maryland, victims of violence can call the Heartly House at 301-662-8800. In Pennsylvania, the organization is Survivors, reachable at 1-800-787-8106 and (717) 334-9777.

God bless us one and all this season.

## Healthy Families/ Healthy Communities

Frederick County Comprehensive School Health Program

BY JENNIFER BARCHERS, RN  
School Nurse

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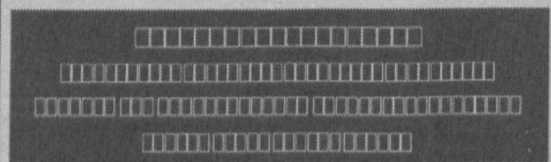
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# Mother Seton School News

BY VAL MENTZER

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week! Each year, our Nation's Catholic Schools celebrate their heritage with many activities, appreciation days and school events. This year Catholic Schools Week was celebrated from January 26 -February 1. This year's theme, "Where Faith And Knowledge Meet" sparked many creative and fun activities for our parents, students and staff at Mother Seton School. Here was the schedule of our Mother Seton School Catholic Schools Week Events:

### Saturday, January 26

The Mother Seton School Band performed at the FSK Mall in Frederick at 11:00 a.m. Mother Seton School representatives hosted a booth in the Mall from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with information about the school and registration.

### Sunday, January 27

This was "Parish Appreciation Day" where our students attended Sunday Liturgies in their school uniforms. Also, our students, along with their Prayer Partners, designed posters for our Parishes entitled "Experience Catholic Education".

### Monday, January 28

A delicious luncheon was served to the MSS Staff for today's "Staff Appreciation Day".

### Tuesday, January 29

In celebration of "Community Appreciation Day", Father John Dietzenbach from St. Peter's Church in Libertytown and our 6th Grade students led our MSS Community in prayer at the Family Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.. Students also wrote letters of gratitude to members of our community: Pastors, Board of Directors, Volunteers, etc.

### Wednesday, January 30

Wow - out of uniform and no homework! Must have been "Student Appreciation Day"! Students were



**Happy Birthday, Guy Ridenour!**  
Our terrific maintenance man celebrated a landmark birthday in January. The MSS staff and students treated him to a brand new tool kit.

entertained with a Puppet Show (K - 5) at 9:00 a.m., and Prayer Partner Bingo (K - 8) at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.. Today was "National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools".

### Thursday, January 31

Today, the students did the entertaining with the Talent Show (K - 8) at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m

### Friday, February 1

Father Steve Trzeciecki from St. Joseph's, Emmitsburg, led the MSS Staff in retreat at ThorpeWood for "Staff Retreat Day".

### It's Open House Time At MSS!

On Sunday, February 10th at 2:00 p.m., Mother Seton School will hold an Open House. The Open House begins with a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and is followed by school tours. Anyone planning on attending the Open House must call the Front Office at (301) 447-3165 to register.

While you're visiting MSS for the Open House, enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by the MSS Home/School Association. The dinner is held from 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. and the prices are: Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.00 and Children 2 and Under are Free!

## Mother Seton School Annual "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner

The Home School Association for Mother Seton School in Emmitsburg, MD will be holding its annual "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, February 10, 2002 from 1 - 5:00 p.m. This event coincides with our Open House for all new and prospective families to Mother Seton School.

The menu includes plain, meatball, mild and hot Italian sausage sauces, a fabulous salad bar, Italian bread, dessert and beverages. Cost for the din-

ner is \$6.00 for adults and children 10 and over. Children under 10 are only \$3.00 while children 2 and under eat FREE!

Everyone is welcome to attend. Our food is great and our fun and warm hospitality is contagious? "To Go" orders are available. For further information or directions, please contact the school at 301-447-3161 or the Chairperson, Mary Patil, at 301-607-6126.

## Free Computer Classes Offered

Basic Course in Windows 98, Word 97, and Excel 97 will begin on February 21 and run for 10 Thursdays. The maximum number for the class is 10. Sign up early to insure a place.

You will need to make a commitment to practice for 2 hours each week. This may be done at home or, if you choose, use the computer Lab. Contact Sr. Lucille, Margaret Naseau Literacy Center, St. Joseph's Provincial House, Emmitsburg, Md.



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## Fitness

### Healthy Eating: Small portions, big benefits

By LINDA STULTZ  
Certified Fitness Trainer

We, as a society of plenty, think bigger is better. However, that's not true when it comes to helpings of food. Advertisers today want you to think that they have the best deal so they make you want larger meals to get your money's worth. Try this: super size the meal, but share it with a friend. That way you are getting the best deal for the money and the best deal for your health.

More and more people are dining out because of the hectic schedules of work, school and practices or meetings. You can eat out and still maintain a healthy eating plan. If you know there is more on your plate than you should be eating, put some aside, eat the correct amount and ask for a container to take the rest home. You can make two meals out of one, great money savings, you get a second tasty meal without going out again and, best of all, you are controlling your weight and food intake for a healthier you.

Eating meals at home should be the easiest to control, but sometimes portions can get out of hand there too. Fix a plate with a balanced variety of foods and don't go back for seconds. Take a

heartily helping of vegetables and grains, a sensible helping of protein, a small amount of carbohydrates and use the fruit as your dessert. Eat this amount slowly. Have a glass of water with your meal and give your body time to digest the food. Studies have shown that it takes about a half hour to feel full. Eat small portions and get up from the table. Continue with your daily activities and you won't think about more food.

Childhood obesity is a huge problem in our country and is only getting worse. Children need to be guided in a healthy direction when it comes to food. Start them out as babies eating healthy foods and correct amounts. I know the old story of cleaning your plate. I don't believe in wasting anything, especially food, so teach your child to take smaller portions right from the start. As they grow and need more food, instruct them on how to increase their portions appropriately. It is better to avoid second helpings to prevent overeating just because the food tastes good. Don't force them to clean their plates. If they do overload their plate with something, put it in a container and they can eat it at another meal. That teaches them to eat only a sensible amount and still not waste the

food just because it is too much for now.

If children start eating nutritious food from the start, they will make healthier choices all through life. This will also prevent the problem of being overweight because your choices of food are just as important as the portion sizes in maintaining a healthy weight. Even being overweight by 10 to 20 pounds can cause health problems later in life. Obesity starts slowly and creeps up on you before you know it. Keep your weight in check from the start and it will be easier to correct if it does get away from you for a short while. If your weight has already increased beyond a few extra pounds, don't panic. Get help from your doctor, family members, a trainer or a weight management program. The most important thing to remember is that the weight did not accumulate overnight and it is not going to go away overnight. There are NO QUICK FIXES! Don't get discouraged, you can improve your health and lower your weight. Portion size control and regular exercise are the two best ways to achieve your goal.

Look for more on childhood obesity and weight management in next month's *Dispatch*. For more information, please call me at 717-334-6009.

### American Legion Auxiliary Melting

By LOIS HARTDAGEN  
President

The January 2002 meeting of Francis .X. Elder Unit #121 was held recently at the Post home with the President, Lois Hartdagen, presiding. Roll was called and there were 12 members in attendance.

In the absence of the Secretary, Pennie Adams, the President read the minutes of the December meeting which were approved as corrected. It

was noted that Melva Hardman also attended the District Meeting in November.

The Treasurer, Anna Adams, gave her report which was accepted subject to audit.

The Chaplain, Patty Troxell, reported she had sent Christmas Cards to eleven shut-ins.

The Membership Chairman, Lois reported we have 129 members sent into Department. We need five more to make our goal of 134 members.

The President reported that the Auxiliary Christmas Party in December was a success. She thanked everyone who made it so. She announced the winners of the 10/50 that was drawn that night. Ken Fair of Taneytown was first at \$150.75 and Kenny Andrews at \$50.25.

Under New Business, there will be a District Meeting at Boonsboro on January 27, 2002. Melva Hardman, Mary Goetz, Anna Adams and Lois will be attending. The President announced that our annual covered dish refreshments for the Post's Birthday will again be held in March.

The Hours of Service was then taken by the President.

Jane Shorb's name was called for the door prize of \$33 but she was not present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 and the ladies joined the men for refreshments.

## Health from page 20

environment and to enhance the student's physical, psychological, and social well being. This team consists of: School Health Supervisor, School Community Health Nurses, Health /room Technicians, Hearing and Vision Technicians, and Secretarial Support.

School Community Health Nurses (SCHN) are Registered nurses. They supervise and evaluate the Health Room Technician (HRT). They delegate duties to the HRT and monitor Health Room activity. The SCHN performs health assessments and classroom observations, assesses long term illnesses, makes home visits, coordinates screenings, attends ARD's and School Teamings, develops and writes the health component of the IEP, writes Health Care Plans, provides health counseling, coordinates and monitors compliance with state immunization laws, monitors communicable diseases, acts as a resource for staff and community, and makes referrals to agencies as appropriate.

The HRT functions under the direction and license of the SCHN. They provide first aid and routine care for students with chronic illnesses, perform treatments and administer medications after approval by the SCHN, review health records, refer health concerns and Issues regarding injury/disease/illness, to the SCMN, assist with the monitoring of communicable diseases, and assist the SCHN with vision/hearing/scoliosis/blood pressure/height/weight screenings.

The FCCSHP is funded by the Frederick County Commissioners and is managed by the Frederick County Health Department (FCHD). The information number for the FCHD is 301-631-3301.

See the Online edition of the Dispatch for the services provided by the Frederick County Health Department.

(To read more r about this topic visit the Dispatch on [emmitsburg.net/dispatch](http://emmitsburg.net/dispatch))

### Parenting Classes

The Frederick County Health Department will hold STEP classes for parents with children ages 7-12 and 12-18.

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# Looking Ahead

**Sunday, February 3,**  
**Pampered Chef and Basket Bingo to Benefit Catoctin High School's Safe and Sane Program** will open at 11:30 a.m. and games begin 1:30 p.m. Twenty-five games and more. Tickets \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. A ticket must accompany each person seeking admittance. For tickets or more information call Brenda Nowell at (301) 271-4214 or Denise Valentine at (301) 447-6816

**Monday, February 4**  
**"Valentine Vittles"** at the library at 7 p.m. The program features Chef John Hovde of the Carriage House Inn, who will demonstrate the preparation of a special valentine dinner, including a chocolate fondue tasting. Registration is requested. Snow date is February 11.

**Wednesday, February 6**  
**Evening of Healing** with Fr. Robert DeGrandis, National Grotto of Lourdes, Glass Chapel, Emmitsburg, Maryland, from 7 - 9 p.m. Father is member of the Society of St. Joseph, serving the worldwide charismatic Catholic community, since 1979, reminding us, all of the Gospel to heal and love. Thousands have been touched by his radio and national television messages, across the US and in more than 33 countries. He is the author of more than 20 popular books, including *Renewed by the Holy Spirit*, a collection of Catholic priest-witness stories. Fr. DeGrandis will give priestly Laying on of Hands to all in need and want of healing. Literature and tapes will be available. All are welcome!

**Friday, February 15,**  
**Basket Bingo, sponsored by the Blue Ridge Fire and Rescue, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa.** 20 games, 3 specials. Tickets \$15. Doors open 6 p.m. Games begin 7 p.m. For information call John at 717-794-2323.

**Saturday, February 16,**  
**Buffet Breakfast sponsored by Rocky Ridge Fire Company Auxiliary** will be served from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the Rocky Ridge activities Building. Price: Adults \$5 Children \$3

**Saturday, February 16,**  
**Country Butchering** sponsored by the Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire company. Advance orders by Feb. 13. Call Bob Kaas at 301-447-2488 or Helen Ogle at 301-271-2880. Pick up meat Saturday from 6 a.m. until 12 noon at the Activities Building.

**Sunday, February 17**  
**A Good Old Country Breakfast at the Taneytown Rod & Gun Club,** 12380 Shoemaker Rd will be held from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect the breakfast will be held on Feb. 24 at the same times. Menu is pancakes, buckwheat

cakes, sausage, eggs, toast, sausage gravy, chipped beef gravy, pudding and hominy, fried potatoes, hot apples, hot cheese, fruit cocktail, orange juice, coffee, and tea. Adults \$5, Youth 8-12 \$3.50. For more information call Godfrey or Florence Miller at (410) 751-1685.

**Monday, February 18,**  
**Emmitsburg Historical Society** meets at the Library at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

**Monday, February 18,**  
**The Taneytown Rod & Gun Club** and Rays Guns is sponsoring a Hand Gun Safety Course to be held at the Taneytown Rod & gun Club, 12380 Shoemaker Rd., Taneytown, Md.. Call Ray to register or for more information at (410) 756-6164.

**Saturday, Feb. 23**  
**Tom's Creek United Methodist Church on Tom's Creek Church Road** (off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg) will be having a Buffet Breakfast (all you can eat), from 6:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, home fries, sausage, chipped beef and sausage gravies, fruit cocktail, coffee and juice. Adults \$5.00, Ages 5-10 \$2.25. Bake & Craft Table available. Advance orders for sausage @\$2.25/LB, pork chops @\$2.60/LB, and scrapple @\$1.50/LB can be made by calling 410-756-2034 or 301-447-6384 by February 17, 2002.

**Saturday, March 2**  
**Elisas Lutheran Church of Emmitsburg** will hold its annual Spring Supper and Bazaar starting at 1:00 p.m. Beef, Turkey & Ham will be served with apple fritters, mashed potatoes, filing, gravy, green beans, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, applesauce cake. Adults \$8, children \$3, Carryouts \$9

**Tuesday, March 5**  
**The Taneytown Rod & Gun Club and the Department of Natural Resources Police** are sponsoring a Hunters Safety Course March 5, 6-9 p.m.; March 7, 6-9 p.m., March 12, 6-9 p.m. and March 24, 9 a.m. until finished. Upon completing the course and passing the test and the live firing, you will be given a certificate that will permit pre-registration please call 410-751-1685 between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. only.

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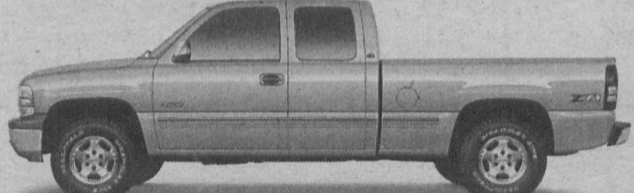
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